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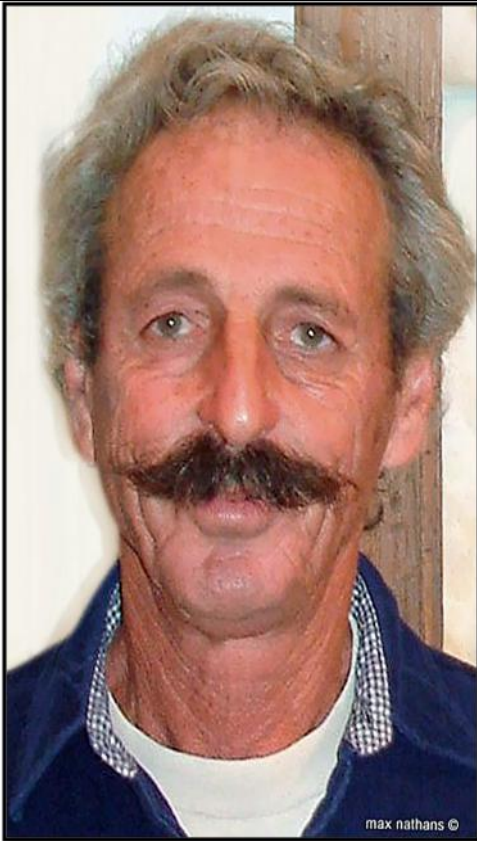
HI EVERYONE – APOLOGIES FOR NOT CONTACTING YOU EARLIER. TODAY, THE GROUP INVOLVED IN THE "FOUNDER'S HILL PROJECT" ARE BUSY DAY BY DAY (NITZAN REUVEN, BOAZ BEN-SHACHAR, LEX AND MAX NATHANS, ITZIK BEN-DAVID OUR RESIDENT ARCHITECT AND BARUCH KADMON AS WELL AS TREASURER YAEL MIMON ARE ALL FOCUSED ON TURNING THE PROJECT INTO A REALITY. OUR APPROACH IS TO APPEAL TO PHILANTHROPY AND ALL THE FOLKS THAT SPENT PART OF THEIR LIVES AT MATZUVA. AS TIME GOES BY WE WILL ALSO BRING MANY MEMBERS AND RESIDENTS TO ALSO BE INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT NOT ONLY ON AS DONORS BUT ALSO VOLUNTARY HELPERS AT THE SITE DURING THE COMING YEAR. 68 PIONEERS LEFT THE LOWER HANITA COMPOUND AND CROSSED THE NORTHERN ROAD IN FEBRUARY 1940 AND ONCE AGAIN TURNED THE BARREN HILL INTO THE VIBRANT COMMUNITY THAT IS CALLED MATZUVA AS MENTIONED IN THE TALMUD AS ONE OF THE SETTLEMENTS IN THE TRIBLE AREA OF THE BIBLICAL ASHER TRIBE OF ISRAELITES. We need your support /Baruch



TIME USUALLY KEEPS US ACTIVE BUT SOMETIMES IT ALSO GIVES US TIME FOR REFLECTION ON WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED HERE AT KIBBUTZ MATZUVA ALONG WITH OTHER ELEMENTS THAT SHOW THAT TIME DOESN'T WAIT FOR ANYONE AND UNFORTUNATELY IT HAS LEFT US MOURNING OUR DEAR FRIENDS DEPARTED AND WISHING THOSE NOT IN THE BEST OF HEALTH AND WE WISH THEM THE BEST OF HEALTH AND A SPEEDY RECOVERY.

High temperatures are the norm this month, the swimming pool is open, construction work continues throughout the kibbutz

During the past few months we have made our way, too frequently of late, to the Matzuva Cemetery to bury members of Matzuva. The 50+ Group of Members and Residents have a program of activities for that age group including coffee mornings and breakfast at the moadon (club house), day tours in Israel. Education Trips abroad, Evenings at the Achshiv Beach and many other activities. Among the 50+ team we have Orna Zeira at the helm for tours along with Max Nathans, Andrea, Mirale Levi, Esther Tzerkevitz and many others.



EZRA SEGALI R.I.P
6.10.1948 –5.5.2017

Ezra was born at Matzuva and lived a full-life excelling in everything he was involved in. He was a professional gardener and a large part of the gardens spread around Matzuva are a living testimony to his expertise. When the kibbutz was in financial difficulties Ezra saw his proven knowledge as a gardener as a source of income in the Western Galilee.

Many Ulpan students and volunteer guests at Matzuva will also remember his expertise also as a travel guide throughout Israel. Ezra was a wonderful guy always willing to give advice and guidance with a smile.

As a private in the Israeli Army Ezra was awarded a glowing citation from General Arik Sharon and the Israel Defense Forces for Valour and Outstanding Courage near the Suez Canal in the spring of 1970. A second private from Givat Shmuel named Reuven Alperin (R.I.P.) was also awarded a posthumous award for Valour that was received by his widow at the ceremony.

These young soldiers were on a half-track on a mission to repair the construction work on defence on the northern banks of the canal. This took 3 days and on the third day they were ambushed by the Egyptian army. Reuven was shot dead.

Ezra who was with others in the half-track saw a rifle grenade on its way and he jumped out but was hit by a bullet that struck his helmet and he felt blood streaming down his face. He made his way back to the vehicle and began to dress the wounded. The Egyptians closed in and he grabbed an Uzi automatic from one of the injured and thus kept the Egyptians from closing in but in the distance our tanks approached and then the enemy fled.

In presenting the citations General Sharon said the following
"...it is thanks to soldiers such as these we can face the future with optimism"

Ezra will always be in our thoughts....we wish Amy and the rest of the family and his brother Gidon our condolences on this great loss to the family and the kibbutz.

Sarah Cohen ל"י

8.12.1930 - 19.5.2017



Sarah's nickname was "Sarita" and many members made the short journey to the cemetery not far from the northern gate. In her 40's she and her husband Yeshayahu left the Argentine and arrived at Matzuva and lived at the kibbutz for nearly 50 years. She was the eldest of her parent's children living in a Jewish section of Buenos Aires. Her grandfather was a Rabbi and she later served as his aide and secretary. In 1953 she married Yeshayahu and the following year their eldest son Menachem was born. Sarah gave up her social worker studies and a further 4 children were born Hava, Ahuva, Yehudit and Danny. In 1969 the family with 5 children emigrated to Israel and joined Matzuva. Regarding their initial absorption at Matzuva Sarah admitted that it was difficult but we appreciated the kibbutz as a quiet community. Sarah initially woke up at 4 in the morning in order to prefer drinks and porridge for the members leaving for work. Moving from Argentina to Israel was not so difficult. In 1997 Sarah suffered a heart

attack that brought with it a need to be aware of changes from a woman who had been active in caring for her family was now dependent on the support of her family. She continued to work at the clothing department for a number of years always with a smile on her face. This continued until the age of privatization became the norm. In 2005 her beloved husband Yeshayahu passed away after 52 years being together. Sarah decided to study at the school for adults at Moshav Amka. She really liked these studies just like her grandchildren at school. A short time ago Sarah's health deteriorated and her children decided to move her to a nursing home. Just 4 days later after arriving at the nursing home Sarah passed away with her family of sons and daughters and 15 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren and another 2 on the way.

May her dear soul be in everlasting peace.

Miluot Corporation for Development of Haifa Bay Settlements

The **Matzuva Agricultural team** sends greeting to all the members & residents of Kibbutz Matzuva during the **Festival of Shavuot celebrations**



Since ancient times this festival is was always of an agricultural nature in Israel and also at Matzuva the farmers and workers would bring in their produce for all the community to see and enjoy.

This year the outlook is one of progress and innovation to achieve the best and thus leading to one of the top agricultural set-ups in the Western Galilee. The chicken runs are to be upgraded and extended. The fruit orchard\s will see a new variety of avocado next season. I wish to congratulate Johnnie and his staff for their work expertise in agriculture at Matzuva and the first-class team of local and Thai workers

/Report by **Eitan Shefer of the Miluot Corporation**



Our Avocado has completed a fantastic and very profitable season – we have picked around 1,200 ton (2.2 ton per dunam mostly for export).

Our Bananas had a good season mainly in prices and we were able to market the fruit when there was a shortage of fruit on the market and our bananas were excellent. We are now at the end of our season.

Our Persimmon fruit has been discontinued.

Our Mango are in good condition and a larger yield awaits us with the same expectation for our Pomegranates

Our Mandarins – last year we had a good harvest but profits were very low due to competition from Spain it hash fallen 50% - the jury is still out on this!

New Project at Matzuva – We need your h-e-l-p Now !!

"A Miniature Matzuva" ...but not exactly Madurodam!

This new project renamed "Founder's Hill" is the brainchild of Nitzan Reuven. The location is the little hillock to the north of the new traffic circle immediately after the main gate into the kibbutz. The target date is the 77th Anniversary of the establishment of Matzuva in 1940. The project has been designed by architect Itzik Ben-David, a resident of Matzuva, along with the input of kibbutznik the late Ezra Segali and the Matzuva Trustee Noam Netzer. The idea is to include replica items such as the security wall around the new settlement, a watch tower, the first bell tents and huts of the fledgling kibbutz including basic agricultural implements of that period.

"FOUNDER'S HILL" – KIBBUTZ MATZUVA

History

Kibbutz Matzuva was established in 1940 by members of the "Young Maccabi" Youth Movement from Germany and Czechoslovakia. This nuclear group was reinforced by young persons from youth groups from Hungary who survived the Holocaust. The intention was to ensure that the hill and its surroundings remain under Jewish control following the purchase of the area from affluent Lebanese landowners in Beirut a year earlier. With the end of the British Mandate in sight in 1947 the U.N. divided-up Mandatory Palestine with the kibbutz finding itself within the area of the proposed Arab state. The fledgling kibbutz was one of the pioneer textile manufacturers in Israel as well as engaging in agriculture in the Western Galilee and educated their children to love the emerging state and its citizens.

In 2003 the kibbutz experienced a difficult economic crisis and since has moved towards recovery and emergence from this crisis. The number of resident families has increased through an intensive program of absorption with second-generation kibbutz born and families from urban centers in Israel. This influx has brought in its wake a remarkable rise in the number of Matzuva residents. It has also resulted in new children's houses catering for the younger generation at Matzuva.

The Plan

The Master Plan of the entire enterprise is in the hands of architect **Itzik Ben-David** who is a resident of Kibbutz Matzuva. "Founder's Hill" was until a few years ago situated outside the defined border of residential Matzuva. Due to the building of residential neighborhoods it was also included as a part of the kibbutz overlooking the entrance gate to Matzuva. Quite quickly we realized that the Founder's Hill was a gem overlooking a fantastic view of the surrounding area and that its existence was quite visible to everyone entering the kibbutz.

When Nitzan Reuven explained to residents of Matzuva of the need for documentation and commemoration of the birth of the settlement it became crystal clear that the proposed site was the perfect venue for this project. When the mapping of the hillock was revealed we were faced with the challenge to incorporate a replica of the original courtyard and the constructions built when the pioneers settled there included a watch tower, a surrounding security stone wall, work tools and other objects kept in the Matzuva archives.

I recognized the importance of the fantastic beauty spots that afford a marvelous vantage point of the fantastic scenery around Matzuva. With natural growth and an abundance of local natural fauna merging with the regional fauna, the paths and lawns combine to make this Matzuva hill an exciting venue for visitors writes Itzik Ben-David, Matzuva's resident architect.

"I also recognized the importance of planning scenic spots that afford views of the beautiful area surrounding Matzuva as well as a variety of local natural flora and fauna. The pathways, lawns are also in the plans affording visitors a beautiful and friendly environment for visitors to the hillock" /Itzik Ben-David

We encourage our alumni and ex-volunteers to revisit Israel and come up to Matzuva "for a walk down memory lane!"



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**Best wishes to all our readers
Baruch - Matzuva, June 18, 2017**



MATZUVA'S 77th YEAR



109 YEARS OF THE KIBBUTZ MOVEMENT