

Hi Everyone

The weather during the summer in Israel is nearly always predictable. In fact, despite any memory loss advanced age brings on, I can't honestly remember when the day temperature actually dropped below 30<sup>0</sup> C. Luckily we do have the swimming pool and the beach close by. Nevertheless, surprise, surprise as last week we had a cloudburst with about 3 mm. of rain for about 10 minutes – it was nice while it lasted.

**Leaving the "Nest" – temporarily!** –Good luck to Gilai Levi the latest Matzuva conscript to the I.D.F. for a 3-year stint. Finally, leaving the Matzuva "Nest" we wish our youngsters, Carmel Zvi, Matan Meyer, Asaf Abrams, Brit Kadoshi, Teneh Am-Ad, Gat Goren and Oded Gil our very best wishes as they embark on a national service year and/or going into the army.



**Mazal Tov** and congratulations to Yuval Molcho on his bar-mitzva (son of Michal and Eli Molcho)



**70 Years Matzuva** – Some veteran volunteers may recall that Matzuva was the first farm in Israel to grow mushrooms commercially in the country. The name of Matzuva was synonymous with quality mushrooms in Israel being the sole grower in the early years of the State of Israel. It was said that it was initially grown in caves but later around 1953 it was already being cultivated in the old tobacco curing buildings near the northern gate and later in custom-made buildings near the dining room. The growing of gourmet

champignons demands ideal conditions and expertise and Matzuva had such an expert in Shmuel Cohen assisted by Shauli Gutwillig (later the kibbutz electrician). Both of them no longer live at Matzuva and when Shmuel left in 1965 and his replacement the late Gabi Reudor also moved on in 1970 the branch finally closed its doors.

**Education** – As we have been reporting for some time, due to the influx of new families the children's houses at Matzuva are bulging at the seams and the kibbutz education committee is hard at work coping with this new and pleasing reality. In order to partly address the problem extramural activities will now move over to the serving area of the defunct dining room. The area has been separated off and will continue to be used until the Anna Frank building becomes available.

The swimming pool hired out to a contractor is very much in demand and a number of evening events for Matzuva residents are taking place. Yigal Kanar and Aryeh David, kibbutz members, run the facility on behalf of the franchise holder and work to promote cultural activities at the pool.



The Metal Shop is no more! – Well it's no longer located next to the garage and the building made of building blocks and corrugated roofing has been bulldozed as have some sheds on the southern side of the garage. This area will eventually be emptied and the main entry circle branching off into the kibbutz and also to the new residential areas of the community village will be sited there. However on the positive side, our metalworker, Phillip Erlich, originally from the "Big Apple", has moved over with his equipment into the agricultural branch compound.



Going...going



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### No More Looms



The building housing Arigei Matzuva, that once was a single hand-operated weaving loom that eventually exported fabrics and products worldwide before finally going under financially is now an empty shell and just history. All the textile equipment has been removed



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The desire to be masters of our own destiny is ever in our minds when all the debts have been returned. We are now in the process of setting up the sub-committees that will each concentrate on a particular aspect of what we want in the future. A number of members have volunteered to sit on these committees but more volunteers are needed for the six-month process.

[Communications](#) – The telephony provider [Bezeq](#) and the Internet provider Bezeq International are scheduled to begin setting up improved Internet services at Matzuva at competitive prices at the beginning of September.

Thanks once again to Max for supplying photos.

Have a good week

Shalom  
Baruch

p.s.

[The chocolate making circle](#) at Matzuva is ever widening and as a social activity it's great - [It's naughty but nice!](#)

