

What goes around comes around.....

NOVEMBER 2009 UPDATE

Three weeks ago I moaned about the ongoing lack of rainfall and maybe it irked someone somewhere because we have been blessed with nearly 220 mm plus of rain accompanied sometimes with strong gales interspersed with hot spells of "hamsin" winds from the east around the 30⁰C mark. After a lull of a week the heavens have opened up once again. But enough talk about the weather.

The first residents of the former children's farm site moved into their new homes and there is a lot of construction going on that will continue until the last of these young members receive the keys to their new home.

Finally there is activity in communications with most members now being able to directly upgrade their Internet connections in order to purchase it from the server to the connection speed they desire. The Bezeq company did not meet its time target causing a lot of distress and in certain cases anger. One thing they didn't forget, however was to charge credit cards even before they got round to upgrading the Internet. This seems to be the way conglomerates work as we experienced a similar scenario with the digital satellite TV company. This meant that members were being charged from the former and new providers for the same period of time.

The kibbutz committee (the "Vaad") has introduced three representative residents from Stage A of the community village onto the committee in an effort to involve new residents in joint issues common both to the kibbutz and the community village. This is a calculated step to gel together the old and the new not just on municipal issues but also on everyday issues such as education, culture, infrastructures, etc. This gelling process is already well underway on the cultural committee, the education and informal education committees, the "[Matzuva – Towards the Future](#)" think tank planning for the future with persons from both entities being active in committee work. As mentioned before, this process is essential based on the experience of neighbouring kibbutzim that have run into difficulties of cooperation and coordination between their two populations. The jury is still out on what basis and form Matzuva will be managed in the future at a municipal level.

[Meanwhile](#), as mentioned above the kibbutz committee has co-opted 3 Matzuva community village residents onto the committee and decided to hold its last meeting at the home of Yoram Rothstein, a committee member who lives in the community village to the south of the road leading from the main gate. The step, despite the social aspect, was a deliberate one in order to highlight that we are all residents of this northern village called Matzuva. Sometime in the not too distant future decisions will be taken regarding the future status – an umbrella municipality with an agricultural entity (Kibbutz Matzuva) within or a different legal status still to be decided upon!?

[Open House](#) – There is an “icebreaker” initiative at the moment by Oshara Abrams to have families host other families for tea “from over the fence” between kibbutz members and residents of the community village. This is to take place on Friday November 20th in the evening. A list is on the notice board and we all hope for a successful evening of getting to know each other. This as Oshra writes “*Is over and above meeting somebody on the path or at the mini market and just saying Shalom*”. (Nov. 26th - Unfortunately, the sign-up on the list didn’t exactly spill over and the wet and welcome weather didn’t help neither. But the organizers will try again to get the idea off the ground).

[The Matzuva Choir](#) has again been restarted within the framework of the 70th Anniversary of Matzuva”. The choir is managed by Limor Freidman and meets every Monday for rehearsals. Anyone who likes singing is invited to join in this pleasant and enriching cultural activity. During the year the choir will perform at festivals and events.

70 YEARS MATZUVA ANNIVERSARY

The 70 Years Matzuva committee is active within the limits of its small budget. The committee chaired by Tamar Reuven and aided by Yigal Kanar and other committee members would have liked a more grandiose year of events but are working hard to mark the occasion in a fitting way throughout the year.

The 70 Years Matzuva emblem was designed by Avner Galilee one of our members. Avner works for a well-known publishing firm in Tel Aviv. → → → → →



STATE PROSECUTOR – Not everyone of our readers is aware that one of the Matzuva’s sons is now Israel’s State Prosecutor. Moshe Lador who celebrated his 65th birthday this month was born and bred at Matzuva.

Moshe is a graduate of the Hebrew University and Harvard. He worked at the State Prosecutor’s Office for 25 years, and has been working in the private sector since his retirement in 2003. In 2007 he was installed as the State Prosecutor and is respected for his forthright actions in upholding the democratic system of both the government and the civil sector. Moshe still keeps contacts with his childhood peers.

MATZUVA versus THE ISRAEL ELECTRIC COMPANY

Matzuva has turned to the Haifa district court through its attorney to compel the electricity company to connect the national electricity grid directly into the homes of Matzuva members as is the case with the rest of the country except for kibbutz and at the regular tariff rate for electricity in Israel. This is a test case for all the kibbutzim in Israel

The electric company for its part is opposed to this claiming that the lines within the kibbutzim are not according to specifications and are potentially unsafe. At

the moment the company wires in only to a central point at a kibbutz. They maintain that connecting directly to the houses is too expensive. The presiding Haifa judge accepts the principle within the law (1996) that the electricity company is obligated to provide this service to all equally and without discrimination. Negotiations are ongoing but it seems likely that a compromise solution is in the offing finally ending with the electricity being wired into each individual building at the national tariff rate.

[Mateh Asher Regional Council Website](#): The editor of the Matzuva Newsletter, Edna Nathans, and the writer of these lines attended the launch of the council's new website. Department heads and representatives of many of the 32 villages in the region assembled to hear about and view the imposing website. At the moment the website is large and only in Hebrew with an addition of English to be added sometime in the not too distant future. It will enable residents of the region to obtain information, view videos, read the council monthly newspaper on-line and write in with queries, etc.

[Felafel at Matzuva](#)

On Mondays and Thursdays 11:30-18:00 portions falafel in a pitta, chips, soft drinks will be on sale at the swimming pool kiosk with pleasant background music. It's certainly not the cuisine for weight watchers but the younger generation and the young at heart will welcome this new social and gastronomic outlet. This new attraction is the brainchild of kibbutznik Yigal Kanar and Haim Shraga (a resident of the community village who by the way is a police officer).

In conclusion, celebration of Hannuka, Christmas and the 2010 New Year celebrations are in store for us all in December –enjoy!
So until the next update... have a great month

Sincerely,

Baruch Kadmon
Kibbutz Matzuva