

Summer 2011: – Matzuva Update

Hot & Humid ...for a change!?

They say the older you get the humidity combined with high temperatures just gets worse each ensuing year. Luckily, we've got our swimming pool and the sea isn't that far off neither. All the kids are on their summer vacation and engaged in various organized activities and the toddlers continue to populate our kindergartens.

THE BIG SUMMER "CRAZY" PARTY (so the advert proclaimed) took place and literally got off to a **Big Big B-A-N-G!** Alcohol was guaranteed along with the disco but around midnight plus a really loud bang was heard from the dining room area. Nobody ran to the bomb shelters but as you know due to the proximity of Matzuva to the Lebanese international border people are a bit edgy as they know what a mine or another explosion sounds like. The event was a success and the pyrotechnics originated from a new kibbutz member who promotes events and also markets fireworks. However, the opening firework was inappropriate for our geographical location.

GILAD SHALIT

Gilad Shalit the IDF soldier has been incarcerated for over 5 years by the Hamas who rule in Gaza. Very little is known of his condition and the International Red Cross has been denied access or news of his situation.



The kibbutz movement projects division has organized visits of kibbutzim to the family's protest tent outside the residence of the Israeli prime minister in Jerusalem. The turn of Matzuva together with neighbours Kabri took place this month. Two buses loads plus private cars left Matzuva to show support and solidarity with Gilad's parents and family for a "*Kabalat Shabba*" (welcoming in the Sabbath) on Friday evening. It was an emotional experience for the many Matzuva residents who participated.

Gilad Schalit

Gilad Schalit (22) born in Nahariya, raised in Mitzpe Hilla in the Western Galilee. He is the son of Aviva and Noam and brother of Yoel and Hadas. He joined the Israeli Defense Forces a year ago. Gilad is held in Gaza Strip by the Hamas since - 06/25/2006.





TO EITAN, JOHNNIE AND ALL THE MATZUVA AGRICULTURAL BRANCH

WELL DONE AND THANKS
FROM EVERYONE AT MATZUVA

1st Place – New Israeli Shekels per acre

2nd Place – Tons per acre

3rd Place - Income per ton

In the Western Galilee & Haifa Bay Area

AVOCADO SEASON 2010/2011



יו"ל יובב בערי – It's with much sadness we have to convey the untimely passing of Yovav aged just 52 years old. Yovav was born at Matzuva and lived there all his life. Due to a childhood illness Yovav was a person with special needs but he contended with his disability and although he didn't make the IDF draft he led a full life. He worked in the turkey run, the citrus plantation, the dining room. with his father, Avri, in the carpentry shop. Yovav loved to listen to modern music and had a large collection of recordings. He also had a special talent in gardening and when the Aluma

Vocational Rehabilitation Centre for persons with special needs opened up at Matzuva he settled in quickly tending to the various plants around the centre. He later moved to another vocational centre at Moshav Shomera and continued gardening there. Yovav was a nice person and loved animals, music, hiking and photography. A few years back he was hospitalized for heart problems and recently complained of not feeling well. Yovav passed away at his home in Matzuva and his mother, Lea, and sisters Ronit and Osnat to mourn his untimely death. Yovav was laid to rest at the Matzuva cemetery close to his late father. May his dear soul rest in peace!

THE NEW MATZUVA COMMITTEE has begun its term of office with a new and vibrant group of members. The team is as follows:

Yishai – infrastructures, quality of the environment, team chairperson

Yigal – youngsters, culture

Inbar – education

Dorit – welfare, veterans, health, mutual aid

Amir – security

Absorption – a representative of the Matzuva community village to be elected.

A number of new residents from the community village have volunteered to join the committee and elections will take place in mid-August.

The committee agenda includes a person to be responsible for welfare issues on a part-time salaried position with a chance that the regional council will cover expenses. Education will receive special attention and Netta and Ronit who are in charge of education will be invited to update the committee on this important subject.

Bachelor Pads for young persons – the actual situation today will be presented by Yigal after investigating the reality today in comparison to the situation in other kibbutzim in the area.

Streamlining readiness in the sphere of security will be handled by Amir. A larger security emergency unit has been formed and has undergone successful training.

The future of the presently closed Care Center for Seniors is to be ascertained following the meeting to be held by the Matzuva trustee with the owners of the "Amal" Group. Road Safety on the kibbutz is also to be reviewed.

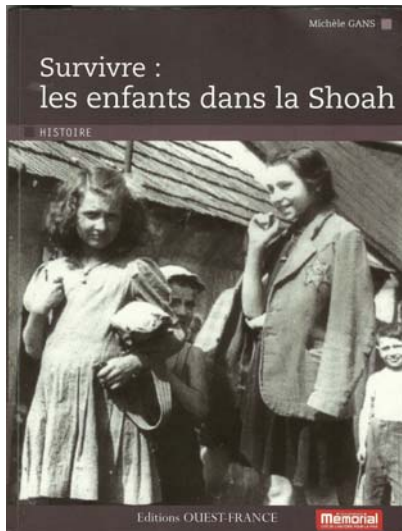
Quality of the Environment in the community needs tackling urgently. With the welcome building comes waste and litter that is an eyesore and needs addressing such as building materials, mounds of earth all over the place, etc.

Dogs – are a man's best friend except for what they leave after them that immediately becomes a menace. Some of our lawns are like minefields and owners are requested to respect and do the right thing. A member's dog bites another member etc. – enough is enough – look after your animal and be responsible.

Road Safety is another important issue on the kibbutz – to ride on a motorbike on the kibbutz without a helmet holding a child while riding must stop. Apparently

for some within the kibbutz you can do what you like – riding on the wrong side of the road, speeding, driving the wrong way on a one-way road, parking and blocking others. Traffic police have been asked to make spot checks on road safety on Matzuva and to deal with offenders.

We wish the new committee every success in their work.



We congratulate member **Michal Gans** on the publication in France of her new book "**Survivors – Children of the Holocaust**" Michal, a survivor herself as a child in occupied France is well known to hundreds of Matzuva Ulpan students as a Hebrew teacher. She has been working for many years as the head of the European department at the Lochmei HaGetaot (Freedom Fighters) Museum and as a freelance as well as being involved in research relating to Righteous Gentiles from France. In another update we'll bring you interesting interview held with Michal by the editor of the Matzuva Newsletter in Hebrew, Edna Nathans.

Until the next update – keep well and be in contact.

Best wishes
Baruch
Matzuva – August 2011



MATZUVA'S 71st YEAR



101 YEARS OF THE KIBBUTZ MOVEMENT