

TEMPERATURES LOWER BUT WHERE OH WHERE IS THE RAIN?

While the weather has been bad in Europe here in Israel it's been cooler than usual with a winter sun shining down us but what did they do with the rain?



(previously the Ulpan moadon) old plus residents to come and

KIBBUTZ COMMITTEE REPORT

Matzuva Youngsters: The kibbutz committee has been in session and they report that they met with a group of young people born at Matzuva who expressed a desire to be involved with community affairs on the kibbutz. Yishai Efroni is to be their contact person on the committee. It was decided that the Matzuva Pub ("The Miflat") is to be just for Matzuva residents and their guests and is not profit making. The pub that is located below the hall has been renovated and invites all our 18 year join in the great atmosphere there.

Communications: An appeal was lodged and rejected by the committee regarding the new direction for telecommunications and Internet commencing in 2009. However, the final contracts with external service providers has still not been finalized.

Absorption: At the end of this week a ballot will take place to ratify or reject recommendations of the absorption committee for candidate new members. The results of this ballot will be published in the next update with a description of those accepted as members. An interesting point is that among the candidates is an heir to the property of a deceased Matzuva family.



newsletter to state their support for

Archives: At the same ballot members will be asked if they agree to pay 5 shekels per month to reopen and activate the archive. The previous curator retired a long time ago and there is a need to clear the considerable backlog and move over to a modern virtual archive. Members wrote in to the kibbutz the continuance the Matzuva archive.

Apartment Rentals: The general assembly decided to set us a team to prepare a new code of rental rules. At the moment, the kibbutz committee is still waiting for volunteers to sit on this team.

Security: A new team has been setup with responsibility for security matters on the kibbutz. Among other things there has been an agricultural equipment theft of late. A review is to be performed on security procedures.

Budget 2009: The budget has been approved by the kibbutz committee and will be presented before the general assembly for ratification.

'Nofey Matzuva' (community village): A think-tank liaised by Ilan Meyer, who's company works in an advisory role at the Mateh Asher regional council, is to be set up to work on creating a cooperation mechanism between the Matzuva kibbutz and the community village. The regional council has allocated 52 hours for this counseling. A call has gone out to members and community village settlers interested in participating in this important team to come forward. Meanwhile Yigal Kanar and Dana from the Matzuva team met with the kibbutz committee and offered to organize "breaking the ice" get-togethers between both sections of 'greater' Matzuva.

Children's Houses: All the overhead electricity cables are being replaced with underground cables. The large children's play area is now being prepared to house more modern and safer installations.

More on Kristallnacht: Veteran member Avri Gershon was born and bred in a village in Germany – the only Jewish child at the school and suffered as such. He was subsequently transferred to a Jewish school of Zionist/religious leanings. This was the first time he met with other Jewish kids and things improved. On the morning of November 8th 1938 the entrance door bell rang and about 15 males entered in ordinary dress (hiding their membership in the SS*). They began to systematically break and destroy everything. They arrested the teachers and instructors (the principal was away at the time) and the children were assembled in the schoolyard while they continued their vandalism. In the afternoon they marched us off (about 40 children) to a stable and placed us on a straw floor. Avri was 15 at that time. Towards evening we were taken by the SA* to clear up the destruction at the synagogue. We were surrounded by locals who swore and spat on us. This continued for a few days with the children being returned to the stable every night.

After a few days they were transferred to Cologne and distributed among Jewish institutes and there they were organized into groups ready for emigration to countries prepared to take them in. Avri arrived in Holland and was signed up for Youth Aliya and spent a year training in Amsterdam before arriving in Palestine in 1940.

The only things he had left after the "pogrom" was a small photo album, a prayer book and tefillin.

**SA (Sturmabteilung) Stormtroops – brown shirts who established the Nazi party in 1921*

**SS (Schutzstaffe) – originally special guard unit of Hitler established in 1925. In 1929 Heinrich Himmler transformed them into the elite group of the Nazi party.*

Ultras Matzuva Potjie Boys" – A strange name for a Soccer Team
(Potjie is an iron cast cooking pot for general use – Afrikaans origin)



Despite the name the Matzuva soccer team goes from strength to strength. Their home "stadium" is the field below the tennis and basketball courts. Their coach cum manager is Ori Samushi. In line with the current economic crisis the inflated wages of the team have been cut drastically and now stand at 0.0 New Israeli Shekels. As a soccer team consists of 11 players some of the team have to sit on the tribunes cracking sun seeds (that the birds have dropped!). The surface of the playing fields has seen better days and thanks to Noam, the auditor, a princely sum of NIS.10,000 was allocated for replacing and renewing the turf (sorry – I meant grass). The team is so grateful to Noam that they have awarded him with a season ticket on the piece of concrete called the tribune. Thanks are also due to the gardens department who's dedication assures that there is some living grass between the opposite goal posts. Uri Kadoshi, the insurance man, is in advanced discussion with Ori to ensure that these gladiators have cover and the hope that insurers will be the sponsors for this season. A

further NIS.2,000 had been contributed by the kibbutz committee towards personal insurance for all the players against knee-knack and such like....

And now to the real news – UMPB Matzuva trounced a team from Shavey Zion 5-1 on Saturday afternoon last meaning the team actually won a game of football!

Go-Go-Matzuva – You'll Never Walk Alone – running is another story altogether!

Seriously though, they're a source of pride to anyone that loves the beautiful game.

Until next time
Take Care
Baruch

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p.s.

YES IT'S OPENED UP ITS
DOORS ONCE AGAIN!

