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NEWSLETTER

Avraham explained that the Philadelphia section of Gar'in Galil was willing to take responsibility for publishing a small format monthly newsletter to act as a supplement to the current large "Newsletter". Haim had already agreed and there was no disagreement from the assembled members. The first edition should appear in Sivan/June.

Israel Recruitment

Haim revealed that there are already some Anglo-Saxon families in Israel interested in the gar'in, but the Jewish Agency is hesitant about sending Sabras to an "Anglo-Saxon" settlement. All serious recruitment in Israel must wait until enough Gar'in people are there to interview and decide on applicants.

Change in Family Status

Haim also explained that a couple can move from the M-K to an apartment if a change in the family status makes such a move desirable.

Jewish/Hebrew Studies

In a recapitulation of this morning's discussion of religion in our Kfar, it was further suggested by Akiva that an ongoing program of Jewish and Hebrew studies be maintained. Such a program would be partially subsidized by the Regional Council. Akiva and Nitza were appointed to investigate local cultural programs in preparation for the arrival of more members. Though some decisions had been made about Shabbat, further discussion on holiday celebration was deferred to Israel.

COMMUNALISM

By consensus agreement the operation of certain municipal services was authorized, among which: transport, prekindergarten education, swimming pool. Details of implementation were left to specific cases. Other concepts, such as unscaled taxation and village-owned industries were discussed but no decisions were reached. Nir reminded us of the Israeli system of loan guarantors and then suggested that the kfar not get involved in guaranteeing loans.

Name for the Kfar

Avraham noted that we still have no name for our village, Gar'in Galil being the name of the settlement group only, and Har Chalutz being the name of the hill but not necessarily the name of a town on that hill. Hal suggested that because of the late hour this was not the time to discuss the question. Some discussion nevertheless ensued, and Haim offered the hill name as our village name.

Housing

Much time was spent on recapitulation of earlier discussions concerning modular construction and different systems of construction. Some members expressed preference for block construction, some for prefab. Bram will continue his research into the subject when he gets to Israel. Hal suggested that on-site employment in construction for gar'in members would not be cost-effective.

A decision was made to build a public shelter in the village,