

## Israel Recruitment

Haim revealed that there are already some Anglo-Saxon families in Israel interested in the garin, but the Jewish Agency is hesitant about sending Sabras to an "Anglo-Saxon" settlement. All serious recruitment in Israel must wait until enough garin 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.

## 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 garin members would not be cost-effective.

A decision was made to build a public shelter in the village, which could be used otherwise when not needed as a shelter.

Various suggestions were made about limiting the time a member may remain in the temporary housing. After much discussion and a confusing array of numbers, Dvora's somewhat amended motion was accepted: Within six months of arriving in the temporary housing, a member will place a down-payment with a builder and contract for the building of his house. Within the next eighteen (18) months, he will leave the temporary housing and occupy the new house, even if it is still incomplete.

A motion to form a housing committee to provide guidelines was accepted.

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## Hal & Esti Applebaum Move to Israel

Hal Applebaum arrived in Israel early this summer. After spending eight-nine months at an absorption center, he and his wife, Esti, a native-born Israeli, will go with the first group of settlers to Mitzpeh Har Halutz, the Reform free-enterprise community that is being established in the Galilee.

Hal grew up in Tuscaloosa, Ala., and belonged to Temple Emanuel there. While an undergraduate at Washington University in St. Louis, he attended the UAHC's College and

Kibbutz program in Israel in 1975-76. He met his future wife at that time, and then stayed for a second year of study at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Hal and Esti were married in 1978, after Hal's graduation from Washington University. During the last six years they have lived in Tuscaloosa, where Esti studied at the University of Alabama and Hal worked in the retail shoe business. In Israel, Hal will be employed as the mazkir (general secretary) of the new community.

*Hal and Esti Applebaum*

