

HAR CHALUTZ COMMUNITY VILLAGE  
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WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY DECLARE  
AT THIS, THE FIRST KINUS OF GARIN GALIL,  
OUR COMMITMENT TO ESTABLISH & STRENGTHEN  
THE LINKS BETWEEN THE DIASPORA AND THE  
STATE OF ISRAEL THROUGH ALIYA AND DO  
HEREBY AFFIRM THAT THE JEWISH PEOPLE IS  
INEXTRICABLY LINKED TOGETHER.

AS EVIDENCE OF OUR LEADERSHIP IN OUR CAUSE, WE PLEDGE TO  
SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE THE ESTABLISHMENT IN THE GALILEE OF  
A JEWISH PIONEERING SETTLEMENT TO BE LOGATED ON HAR CHALUTZ  
- A FULL LIFE CYCLE, FREE-ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY DEDICATED TO  
A SPRITUAL AND PRODUCTIVE LIFE STYLE WHICH WILL ENHANCE THE  
QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ITS MEMBERS AND THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

OUR COMMUNITY SHALL INCLUDE AMONG ITS GOALS THE QUEST FOR  
RELIGIOUS PLURALISM, FRIENDLY INTERACTION WITH THE  
NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES OF ALL RELIGIONS, AND THE  
ENCOURAGEMENT OF POLITICAL ACTIVISM BY ITS MEMBERS.

TO EACH OTHER WE PLEDGE OUR UNSELFISH ENCOURAGEMENT AND  
SUPPORT IN THIS MEANINGFUL BUT DIFFICULT ENDEAVOR.

# HAR CHALUTZ POLICIES

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## I. GOVERNING STRUCTURE

### A. DEFINITIONS

1. POLICY DECISIONS: THOSE DECISIONS WHICH AFFECT THE PERMANENT OR LONG TERM LIFESTYLE OF THE YISHUV.
2. GENERAL DECISIONS: ALL OTHER DECISIONS, GENERALLY OF IMMEDIATE CONCERN.
3. RESOLUTION: A PROPOSED POLICY OF GENERAL ISSUE BROUGHT BEFORE THE MEMBERSHIP FOR APPROVAL.
4. AMENDMENT: A PROPOSED ALTERATION OF AN EXISTING POLICY OR GENERAL DECISION.
5. MEMBER: IS A MEMBER OF THE GARIN RESIDING IN ISRAEL. WHEN FAMILIES HAVE MOVED TO THE YISHUV SITE, "MEMBER" SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS MEMBERS OF THE GARIN LIVING AT HAR CHALUTZ. WHEN FAMILIES HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED AS MEMBERS OF THE YISHUV (AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE CANDIDACY AND MEMBERSHIP CHAPTER) - "MEMBER" SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS MEMBER OF THE YISHUV.

### B. MAZKIRUT

1. GOVERNING BODY. THE YISHUV SHALL BE GOVERNED BY A MAZKIRUT COMPOSED OF A MAZKIR, A GIZBAR AND COMMITTEE HEADS. (COMMITTEE HEADS SITTING ON THE MAZKIRUT MUST HAVE THE APPROVAL OF THE ASEFA KLALIT.) THE MAZKIRUT SHALL MEET TWICE MONTHLY TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OR COMMITTEES, AND TO PREPARE SAID ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AT GENERAL MEETING. ADDITIONAL MAZKIRUT MEETINGS (ABOVE THE MINIMUM 2 PER MONTH) CAN BE CONVENED UPON REQUEST OF TWO MAZKIRUT MEMBERS AT ANY GIVEN TIME WITHIN REASON.
2. MAZKIR. THE MAZKIR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CALLING MEETINGS OF THE MAZKIRUT. S/HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR EXECUTING THE DAILY FUNCTIONING AND ADVANCING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE YISHUV.
3. GIZBAR. THE GIZBAR SHALL BE A FULL VOTING MEMBER OF THE MAZKIRUT AND SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR QUARTERLY REPORTS TO THE GENERAL MEETING ON ALL FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS ABOVE THE LEVEL OF PETTY CASH. THE FIRST REPORT SHALL BE GIVEN AT THE FIRST MEETING CLOSEST TO THE END OF FISCAL YEAR 1984, WITH SUBSEQUENT REPORTS TO BE GIVEN AT THE MEETING CLOSEST TO THE END OF EACH QUARTER.

4. EACH MEMBER OF THE MAZKIRUT SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE POLICY-MAKING BODY.

5. ELECTION OF MAZKIRUT.

A. THE MAZKIR AND GIZBAR AND SHALL BE ELECTED BY DIRECT AND SECRET BALLOT AT ELECTIONS HELD BI-ANNUALLY ON THE FIRST MOTSEI SHABBAT IN TAMMUZ. A LIST OF CANDIDATES SHALL BE PRESENTED FOR EACH POSITION. IN THE EVENT OF A TIE VOTE, OR WHERE THE CANDIDATE WHO RECEIVED THE MOST VOTES RECEIVED LESS THAN 40% OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST, A RUN-OFF ELECTION BETWEEN THE TOP TWO CANDIDATES FOR THAT POSITION SHALL BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING MOTSEI SHABBAT.

B. THE FIRST ELECTION UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE HELD BETWEEN TWO AND FOUR WEEKS PRIOR TO THE OFFICIAL OPENING DATE OF THE SITE AS AUTHORIZED BY THE SOCHNUT.

C. COMMITTEE HEADS ARE CHOSEN BY THEIR COMMITTEE AND THEIR NAME IS SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL MEETING FOR APPROVAL. (VAADAT KLITA, WHICH IS AN ELECTED COMMITTEE, NEED NOT SUBMIT THEIR CHOICE FOR COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON FOR APPROVAL.)

NOMINATIONS. ANY MEMBER AGED 18 OR OLDER MAY BE NOMINATED FOR ANY POSITION BY ANY OTHER MEMBER AGED 18 OR OLDER. SUCH NOMINATION REQUIRES THE SECONDING BY A MEMBER. NOMINATIONS SHALL TAKE PLACE AT A GENERAL MEETING NO EARLIER THAN 4 WEEKS AND NO LATER THAN 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF ELECTIONS.

6. ELECTION OFFICIALS. THE GOVERNING BODIES COMMITTEE SHALL SERVE AS ELECTION OFFICIALS AND SHALL PRESCRIBE REULES AS NECESSARY, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL MEETING.

7. VOTING. EACH MEMBER AGED 18 OR OLDER IS ENTITLED TO VOTE. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR THOSE LEGITIMATELY UNABLE TO VOTE IN PERSON WILL BE PERMITTED IN WRITING ONLY, AND MUST BE SUBMITTED NO EARLIER THAN 2 WEEKS AND NO LATER THAN ONE HOUR BEFORE THE ELECTION.

#### C. COMMITTEES

1. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. TO MEET BI-WEEKLY AND DISCUSS ISSUES THAT AFFECT SAID COMMITTEE.

B. TO EXECUTE DECISIONS AND ACTIVITIES WHICH FALL WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION.

C. TO BRING POLICY SUGGESTIONS TO THE MAZKIRUT AND IF NECESSARY, THE ASEFA KLALIT, WHICH AFFECT THE PERMANENT LIFESTYLE OF THE YISHUV.

D. NOTE: NEITHER THE COMMITTEES NOR THE MAZKIRUT CAN ESTABLISH POLICY. THEIR PURPOSE IS TO FOCOS ON THE ISSUES WHICH AFFECT THE ENTIRE YISHUV AND BRING THOSE ISSUES BEFORE THE ASEFA KLALIT.

#### D. MEETINGS

1. GENERAL MEETING. A GENERAL MEETING SHALL BE HELD ON REGULARLY SCHEDULED BASIS WITH AT LEAST ONE MEETING HELD PER MONTH.
2. EMERGENCY GENERAL MEETING. AN EMERGENCY GENERAL MEETING MAY BE CALLED BY A PETITIONING BODY OF 25% OF THE MEMBERSHIP, OR THE MAZKIRUT. SUCH MEETING SHALL BE CALLED TO DISCUS A SPECIFIC ISSUE OR ISSUES. FOLLOWING DETERMINATION OF SAID ISSUE(S) SUCH MEETINGS SHALL BE ADJOURNED. NOTICE OF EMERGENCY GENERAL MEETINGS AND THE ISSUE(S) TO BE DISCUSSED SHALL BE POSTED AT A CENTRAL PLACE AT LEAST FOUR DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.
3. DATES OF MEETINGS. GENERAL AND EMERGENCY MEETINGS SHALL NOT BE HELD ON SHABBAT OR HOLIDAYS, OR THE EVENINGS OR SUCH DAYS.
4. QUORUM. FOR PURPOSES OF CONVENING EITHER A GENERAL OR EMERGENCY GENERAL MEETING, A MINIMUM OF 40% OF THE MEMBERSHIP SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.

#### E. DECISION MAKING PROCESS

1. DECISION MAKING BODY. THE DECISION MAKING BODY OF THE YISHUV SHALL BE THE GENERAL MEETING.
2. RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS. ALL MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS SHALL FIRST BE PRESENTED TO THE MEETING BY A MEMBER. IF SECONDED BY A MEMBER, THE FLOOR SHALL BE OPENED TO DEBATE ON THE MOTION.
3. GENERAL DECISIONS. MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS FOR GENERAL DECISIONS SHALL REQUIRE A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND ELIGIBLE TO VOTE FOR PASSAGE, AND SHALL BE ACCEPTED OR REJECTED AT THE MEETING OF PRESENTATION.
4. POLICY DECISIONS.
  - A. MOTIONS FOR POLICY DECISIONS SHALL BE PRESENTED TO THE GENERAL MEETING BY A MEMBER. IF THE MOTION IS SECONDED BY A MEMBER, IT SHALL BE DEBATED AND VOTED UPON AT THE FOLLOWING GENERAL MEETING. DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD SAID MOTION SHALL BE POSTED IN A CENTRAL PLACE.
  - B. POLICY DECISIONS MAY BE PROPOSED AND PASSED AT ONE GENERAL MEETING PROVIDED THAT THE MAZKIRUT PROPOSES THE POLICY DECISION AND POSTS NOTICE, INCLUDING THE ACTUAL LANGUAGE OF THE PROPOSAL, AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE GENERAL MEETING.
  - C. A MAJORITY OF 2/3 OF THOSE PRESENT AND ELIGIBLE TO VOTE SHALL BE REQUIRED TO ADOPT A POLICY DECISION.
  - D. ON THE REQUEST OF EVEN ONE MEMBER, THE VOTING FOR A POLICY DECISION SHALL BE BY SECRET BALLOT.

5. APPEALS. A MOTION FOR A POLICY DECISION REJECTED AT TWO MEETINGS SHALL NOT BE PRESENTED FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST 6 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF ITS SECOND REJECTION.
6. VOTING, EACH MEMBER AGED 18 AND OLDER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO VOTE. ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE PERMITTED FOR POLICY DECISIONS FOR THOSE LEGITIMATELY UNABLE TO VOTE IN PERSON, SUCH AS THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMY, STUDYING AWAY FROM THE YISHUV, BED-RIDDEN, ETC.

## II. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

### A. CRITERIA

1. JEWISH FAMILIES. SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS, BUT NOT FOR SHLAV ALEPH.
2. ANGLO-SAXON, OR CULTURES OTHER THAN ANGLO-SAXON WHO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.
3. OLIM WHO MADE ALIYAH TO ISRAEL WITHIN THE LAST THREE YEARS. (LONGER THAN THREE YEARS REQUIRES JEWISH AGENCY APPROVAL.)
4. CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL WHO HAVE MET THE REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO THE SECURITY SERVICE LAW.
5. PARTICIPATION IN AN ULPAN OR A KNOWLEDGE OF HEBREW.
6. POSSESSION OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO INSURE SELF-SUFFICIENCY.
7. DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY-LIVING SITUATIONS.
8. COMMITMENT TO START BUILDING A PERMANENT HOME WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF AVAILABILITY OF PERMANENT LOT, AND TO FINISH WITH EIGHTEEN MONTHS AFTER THAT.

### B. GARIN/YISHUV MEMBERSHIP - PROCEDURE

1. A POTENTIAL FAMILY IS INTERVIEWED BY VAADAT KLITA.
2. VAADAT KLITA CONFERS CANDIDACY ON A POTENTIAL FAMILY BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE.
3. CANDIDACY WILL CONSIST OF A MINIMUM ARRANGED BY VAADAT KLITA.
4. AFTER THE CANDIDACY PERIOD A GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL VOTE ON MEMBERSHIP IN THE GARIN. ALL FAMILIES WHO WISH TO JOIN THE GARIN MUST DECLARE THEIR PLANNED MOVING DATE TO THE SITE.
5. GARIN MEMBERSHIP WILL CONSIST OF THREE TO SIX MONTHS. DURING THIS TIME MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ALL ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS, ETC., BUT THEY DO NOT HAVE VOTING RIGHTS AT THE MEETING. DURING THIS PERIOD THE MEMBERS WILL UNDERGO SOCHNUT SCREENING AS WELL.

6. GARIN MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO PAY MONTHLY DUES.
7. AFTER THE THREE TO SIX MONTH PERIOD, THE YISHUV WILL VOTE WHETHER OR NOT THE FAMILY CAN MOVE TO THE SITE AS CANDIDATES FOR THE PERMANENT YISHUV.
8. AFTER SIX MONTHS THE CANDIDATES WILL BE VOTED ON FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE PERMANENT YISHUV. THIS REQUIRES A 2/3 VOTE BY THE ASEFA KLALIT.
9. GARIN MEMBERS ARRIVING FROM THE U.S. ARE EXEMPT FROM THE 3-6 MONTH "POTENTIAL" PERIOD, BUT ARE REQUIRED TO LIVE ON THE SITE FOR 6-9 MONTHS BEFORE BEING VOTED ON FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE PERMANENT YISHUV.
10. NEWLY-ARRIVED IMMIGRANTS WITH NO ISRAEL EXPERIENCE MUST LIVE IN THE MERKAZ KLITA OR PRIVATE APARTMENT IN KARMIEL FOR AT LEAST THREE MONTHS PRIOR TO MOVING TO THE SITE.
11. GARIN MEMBERS MUST MOVE TO THE SITE NO LATER THAN ONE YEAR AFTER THEIR ACCEPTANCE TO THE GARIN, OR ARRIVAL IN ISRAEL, UNLESS DELAYED BY THE JEWISH AGENCY. OTHERWISE, THEY FORFEIT THE AUTOMATIC RIGHT TO MOVE TO THE SITE AS A YISHUV CANDIDATE. THE RIGHT OF APPEAL IS GIVEN TO ANY FAMILY, BUT RE-ACCEPTANCE REQUIRES THE APPROVAL OF BOTH THE YISHUV MEMBERSHIP AND THE JEWISH AGENCY.

### III. TRANSITION FROM GARIN TO YISHUV

- A. ALL FAMILIES THAT MOVE UP TO THE MOUNTAIN PRIOR TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PERMANENT YISHUV WILL BE THE POLICY-MAKING BODY OF HAR CHALUTZ. ONCE THE PERMANENT YISHUV IS STARTED, MEMBERS OF THE PERMANENT YISHUV WILL BE THE POLICY-MAKING BODY.

### IV. COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL LIFE

- A. PUBLIC FACILITIES AT HAR CHALUTZ WILL MAINTAIN KASHRUT.
- B. HEBREW-ONLY PRAYER BOOKS WILL BE USED FOR SERVICES, BUT ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AS WELL. THE LEADER OF THE SERVICE DECIDES WHETHER ANY ENGLISH IS USED DURING THE SERVICE.
- C. PUBLIC FACILITIES AT HAR CHALUTZ WILL INCLUDE A BET KNESSET.
- D. A BUDGET WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE PURCHASE AND MAINTENANCE OF RELIGIOUS ARTIFACTS.

V. TAXATION AND MONEY

- A. EACH FAMILY AT HAR CHALUTZ (AS WELL AS GARIN MEMBERS) ARE EXPECTED TO PAY A MONTHLY DUES FEE. THE AMOUNT OF THE DUES IS DETERMINED BY THE GIZBAR, WHO SUBMITS THE PROPOSAL TO THE ASEFA KLALIT FOR APPROVAL. USE OF THE DUES MONEY MUST ALSO BE APPROVED BY THE ASEFA KLALIT.
- B. DUES ARE PAYABLE QUARTERLY. THE BILL IS DISTRIBUTED ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE QUARTER, AND ARE DUE BY THE 21ST OF THE SAME MONTH. MONIES NOT PAID ON TIME ARE SUBJECT TO AN INTEREST PENALTY WHICH IS IN CONJUNCTION WITH CURRENT MARKET RATES.
- C. IN ADDITION TO THE DUES, YISHUV RESIDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO PAY THE VARIOUS DEBTS THEY INCUR (TELEPHONE CALLS, TRANSIT USE, PHOTOCOPY, ETC.) BY THE 21ST DAY OF THE MONTH THAT THE BILL IS PRESENTED.
- D. SPECIAL COMMUNITY MEALS (SUCH AS AT HOLIDAYS) MAY REQUIRE THAT EACH FAMILY PARTICIPATING PAY TO COVER THE COSTS. ALL FAMILIES PAY THE SAME AMOUNT, REGARDLESS OF SIZE AND EATING PREFERENCE BUT IT SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THAT ENOUGH FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR EVERYBODY'S NEEDS.
- E. ANY USE OF THE TRANSIT, OTHER THAN FOR OFFICIAL YISHUV BUSINESS WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED, OF IN ADVANCE BY THE MAZKIR OR GIZBAR, IS SUBJECT TO A FEE PER KILOMETER WHICH THE GIZBAR DETERMINES. (THE GIZBAR MUST INFORM THE ASEFA WHAT THE AMOUNT IS AND HOW IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED.)
- F. IF A PERSON USES HIS PRIVATE CAR FOR OFFICIAL YISHUV BUSINESS WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED IN ADVANCE BY THE MAZKIR OR THE GIZBAR, HE CAN BE REIMBURSED FOR HIS EXPENSE BY THE YISHUV, AT A RATE WHICH IS DETERMINED BY THE GIZBAR. (THE GIZBAR MUST INFORM THE ASEFA WHAT THE RATE IS AND HOW IT WAS DETERMINED).
- G. THE MAZKIRUT WILL DETERMINE WHICH USE OF THE VAN IS PRIVATE AND WHICH IS NOT.
- H. SUGGESTIONS OR COMPLAINTS REGARDING USE OF THE VAN CAN BE VOICED AT MAZKIRUT MEETINGS, WHICH TAKE PLACE EVERY SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.
- I. ALL BUDGET REQUESTS TO THE SOCHNUT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE ASEFA KLALIT FOR APPROVAL AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR TO BEING SUBMITTED TO THE SOCHNUT.

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CANDIDACY AND MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS  
FOR GARIN AND YISHUV

As discussed and approved at 1st Kinus, Nov.23-24, 1984

I. Membership Criteria

- A. Jewish families. Single parent families should be considered on a individual basis, but not for Shlav Aleph.
- B. Anglo-Saxon, or cultures other than Anglo-Saxon who have knowledge of the English language.
- C. Olim who made Aliyah to Israel within the last three years. (Longer than three years requires Jewish Agency approval.)
- D. Citizens of the state of Israel who have met the requirements pertaining to the national security service law.
- E. Participation in an Ulpan or a knowledge of Hebrew.
- F. Possession of financial resources to insure self-sufficiency.
- G. Desire to participate in community-living situations.
- H. Commitment to start building a permanent home within six months of availability of permanent lot, and to finish within eighteen months after that.

II. Garin Membership

- A. Potentials must state interest to current member of the Garin.
- B. Potentials fill out questionnaire and are interviewed by the absorption committee. Absorption committee makes recommendations for candidacy by simple majority vote.
- C. Upon recommendation of absorption committee, potentials begin a 3-6 month candidacy period for Garin membership. They have non-voting participation in Garin meetings to which they are invited, and are strongly encouraged to make informal contacts with Garin members.
- D. During the 3-6 month candidacy period, the potential will also meet with the Jewish Agency representatives who are responsible for approving who can move to the site.
- E. Following the candidacy period, potentials are accepted as Garin members pending a 2/3 vote of the Garin membership. This will confer full rights and obligations of Garin membership upon the family.