



# Autumn 2021 at the Nitza Pool



Dear shareholders, dear friends,

These were the opening words of our Newsletter last September: *"...2020 started with a fulfilled dream: We were ready to celebrate with you in April the opening of our beautifully refurbished Nitza Pool. The plans were ready. All of us were excited to open the curtain for a new area in the history of our little Pool paradise. Man proposes, G'd disposes...."*

We all experienced what it meant to be limited in our freedom of movements, to comply with the Corona rules in order to protect oneself and one's environment. And when the numbers of this deadly pandemic slowly decreased and we already saw the end of the story a new version of Covid hit us this year again affecting our Pool, which had suffered last year a small loss (before depreciation).

The good news: we did not need to close the Pool, but had to limit the entrance to vaccinated or tested guests only (except toddlers up to 3 years of age) and since end of August tested children from 3-12 years of age.

These restrictions did not prevent us from enjoying every moment when the Pool was full of life with a lot of children. We could improve the quality and - very important - the feeling of togetherness.

## Pool Operating times: Sept 5 - Sept 30

Opening

Closing

Chagim



Closed on Rosh Hashana Sept 7/ 8:  
from Monday Sept 6 14:00

Closed on Yom Kippur Sept 16:  
from Wednesday Sept 15 14:00

The Pool guests became a homogeneous family. With some memorable activities such as the Italian evening and the Emunah function we helped to strengthen these values and bring people from different backgrounds closer to each other. There is still a lot to do but we will succeed.

Thank you all who have contributed to this exceptional atmosphere: especially Vladimir, Sara and the many volunteers helping out at the entrance desk.

This newsletter covers some topics which we feel necessary to publish, such as the costs of the refurbishing and the improvement of the Pool security.

Shana tova, for a better year next year - stay healthy

Joyce Berman David Marriott Jacques Korolnyk

## Less children, but more than we expected

August 18: The Ministry of Health rules that children from 3-12 have access to the pools if their parents present for them either a 72 hours valid PCR or a 24 hours valid Rapid Antigen test or equivalent, i.e. serological antibody test.

August, the Pool's busiest month, started nicely. We welcomed friends from abroad with their Israeli children and grandchildren. It was *lebedig*, as one says in Yiddish, meaning full of life although some times a bit noisy. But we adults were not born as adults and we certainly also made noise at the time.

But this new restriction reduced our expectations, because it meant that parents have to run each day or every third day to have the kids checked. We thought they would prefer to go to the beach... without all this hassle. We were quite surprised: some parents prioritised the Pool and came with children... which helped to save the situation.

Volunteers at the entrance desk will allow to enter the Pool only if guests (and new also small children from 3-12) can present one of the tests marked on the Welcome pass below.

### Welcome Pass Nitza Pool

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Green passport/תו ירוק / Serological test**

☐ **PCR Test 72 hours**

☐ **Rapid Test 24 hours, valid 1 day**

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3
Date	Date	Date

## Protecting children from danger situations in the complex car park



The poster on the right hangs in the Infoboard of all complex entrance lobbies to warn car drivers of small kids running to and from the Pool. They might not see them in the „dead angle“. The poster on the left in large size hangs on the inner door of the Pool showing small children the danger of running into a car. These posters have been produced after an apartment owner noticed only in the very last moment a little girl rushing behind his car when he started to exit his parking.



## Financial news

### Fiscal years 2019 and 2020

Already for the second year Covid 19 prevented us from holding our AGM which generally takes place end of Pesach, when Pool members from abroad are here. Accounts for 2019 and 2020 were audited on time. All reports will be published at an ordinary AGM, taking place as soon as possible. Nevertheless, here some information in brief:

#### Fiscal year 2019:

This was a successful year generating benefit.

#### Fiscal year 2020

In March we finished the refurbishing project, just at the beginning of the Corona year marked by lockdowns, periods of closing the Pool and weeks of excluding children. We invested in tools to meet our and the regulations of the Ministry of Health. The fiscal year ended with a small loss (before depreciation), much smaller than we expected.

#### Pool refurbishing cost

On the graph below you see the final costs of the project, exceeding the budget by only 11.3 %, which we think is more than acceptable. Details will be published at the next AGM.



## More installations to improve safety at the Pool

### Handrails



Handrails on most of the pillars...



...in the toilets...



...and on both sides of the small "ramp" near the entrance door.

We installed additional handrails. This will increase safety and make life easier for many of our members having difficulties to walk uphill or steps.

### Wet floor slippery sign in the restrooms



Wet floors are a wellknown risk in swimming pools areas. Although we have installed no slip tiles and Vladimir regularly cleans and dries the floor the sign draws our attention to be cautious all the time.