

Season's End 2021 at the Nitza Pool



A snapshot: no wind, no waves. Nothing moves. Just sunshine and the reflection of the neighboring buildings. Photo: Jacques

Dear shareholders, dear friends,

The season has ended and the new season will start in April.

Another difficult year has passed. Management and Vladimir are already active with the preparations for the new season 2022 at the **beginning of April**. The "to do" list is quite long and filled with issues such as taking the inventory, replacing accessories, cleaning, repairing and of course assessing 2021.

Bottom line: we expect that 2021 will be confirmed as a better year than 2020.

We welcomed many more Pool members from abroad than in 2020, as they eventually succeeded in travelling to Israel. We also hosted more guests of members attending the Pool on a monthly fee basis. This created more traffic and was an important pillar in our 2021 income. Not to forget that the Pool was open for adults throughout the whole season whereas we had to close for a short time for children under 12 due to COVID regulations. All in all we registered more people. Now we are waiting for the financial results.

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Geoff Marks ז"ל - we mourn a true friend who passed away so suddenly.

A day before returning home to England he came to the Pool to say goodbye. On the way to the airport he didn't feel well and eventually left us for a better world.

ברוך דיין האמת



Rachel & Geoff with their 9th great grandchild - days before he died.



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Stricter entrance control

Pool visitors had to show their green pass or an equivalent document confirming a Corona negative status. Non vaccinated persons were not admitted to the Pool.

Thank you

The Management wishes to thank **all Pool members and guests** for having chosen the Pool as their island of relaxation, swimming, sunbathing and socializing as well as for their support during the difficult Corona times.

Sara runs the Pool's back office. We thank her for her efficient administrative assistance.

We thank **Vladimir** for running the Pool professionally. We also admire his cooking and baking improvements. We thank him for taking such good care of all the guests.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Best wishes, stay healthy and we hope to see you again soon.

Joyce Berman David Marriott Jacques Korolnyk

"All life is encounter"

2021: a year of Pool activities and social encounters

2021 was the first year we could take advantage at night of our newly refurbished Pool with enough space and furniture to accommodate all kinds of small and large functions. The Pool is a place to bring our members and guests together, to meet and to socialize. Quoting Martin Buber the well known German-Swiss psychiatrist and philosopher Karl Jaspers once said: "All life is encounter".

How true. With an extended programme - see calendar of Pool events below - we made the Pool a source of new friendships and helped to bridge the barrier between the various language groups. On page 3 we highlight the Sunshine Café idea, promoting the same approach. On page 4 we publish pictures bringing us back to great moments of the 2021 season.

Shabbat April 10



Season's Opening

We celebrate the Pool opening with a special L'Chayim. The Pool family meets and enjoys all the goodies prepared by members and guests. Thank you all.

Tuesday May 25



The Italian Night

was certainly the key evening of the Pool season: Spaghetti, Chianti, Gelati, a synchronized swimming group, an Italian tenor and a more than happy crowd of approx. 60 Pool members and guests.

Tuesday July 20



Just Desserts

was the great Emunah idea of a unique party around the Pool. 80 Emunah members spent a successful evening rich in entertainment and calories.

Shabbat Oct 30



Season's End

It used to be the last activity of the season (see season's opening). Sunny November brought us to the idea of the SUNSHINE KIOSK - another platform to meet friends at the Pool...this time without swimming.

Sunday Dec 5



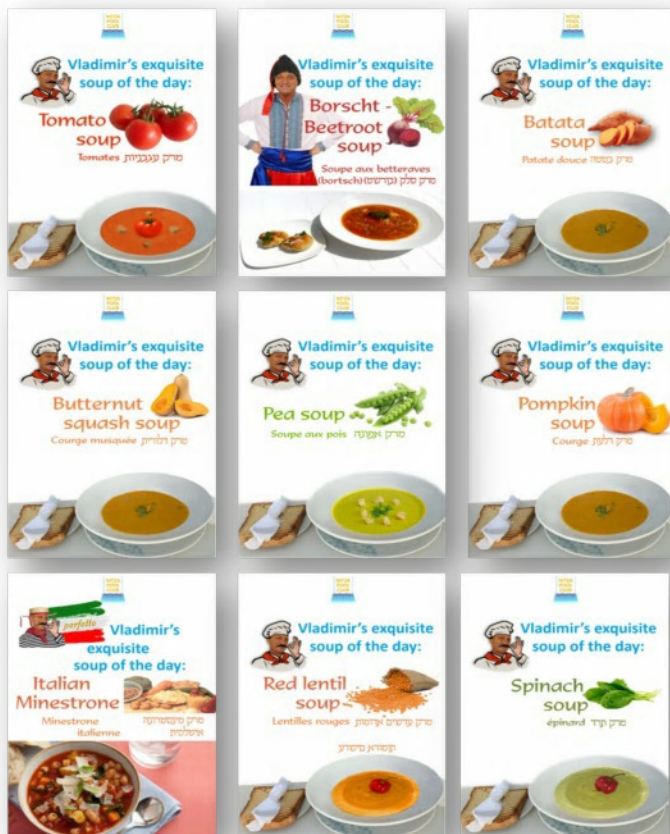
Chanukah Last Candle Lighting, again with Vladimir's tasty sufganiot - a joint event with the Vaad of the Shapiro buildings

For the 2nd time the Pool Management initiated this event for the whole Shapiro complex.

Pool Kitchen 2021: Year of the soup

One of the pillars of the Pool is the kitchen. Much thought and hard work was invested in this project. Vladimir is experienced in running our kitchen having spent many years in the kitchen of the Sanz Hotel. All our kitchen tools are toiveled under supervision in Sanz, he only buys fruit and vegetables at certified suppliers respecting shmitta regulations. All the rest he gets at the nearby Sanz supermarket. Before Pesach a Rabbi from Sanz came to certify that the kitchen was in line with the Pesach standards. The rest of the time the kitchen is without external supervision.

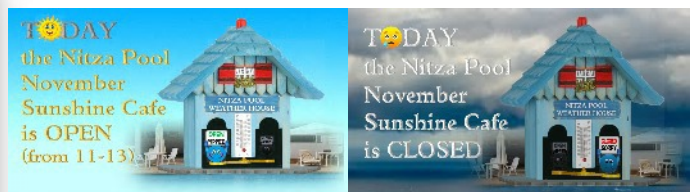
Pool visitors enjoy his food and his creative cooking and baking. Highflyers are chips, salads, cakes and a huge variety of soups (see pictures). His preferred tasters are ladies of the Pool family.



"Never change a winning horse"... last year we initiated the idea: no swimming but sitting around a table at the Pool for a chat with friends whilst enjoying a tea or coffee and a piece of cake. This year we attracted an even larger crowd, especially on the last day when we celebrated Vladimir for his contribution to a great season. In the name of the Pool Management he received a voucher for two at a chef restaurant of his choice.



Photo: Ivor Newman



Open? Closed? Each morning the Pool WhatsApp group received the message according to the weather forecast

**FOR MARINA & YOU.
ENJOY.**



Thank you Vladimir, enjoy your evening with your wife. Bon appétit.

2021 Review in pictures

Italian Night



Just Desserts - Emunah evening at the Pool



November Sunshine Café - Presenting the gift to Vladimir, the "lifeguard chef"



Chanukah Candle Lighting & Sufganiot - a joint Vaad & Pool function

