



This Week in Town

31.3.2026



Hod HaSharon
community and nature in the center



Happy Passover

**Wishing us all a holiday of
freedom, peace and growth**



Dear residents,

Every year, when we gather around the Seder table, we hope for freedom - both personal and national. We celebrate the arrival of spring, a season that symbolizes change and renewal, and we hope to see that renewal in our own lives, too.

This year, as we observe Passover and honor our traditions, our present is clouded by uncertainty, and we worry for our troops even as we hope for peace.

The ongoing state of emergency that has now become part of our daily routine highlights a core value of our society: the value of Arvut Hadadit – mutual responsibility. We see it in our community: we show up for each other, reaching out, offering a helping hand, supporting our senior citizens and the families who bear the brunt of this burden.

Here at the municipality, we continue to work hard to provide you with the best possible support. We have opened emergency childcare services for security and medical staff to provide immediate assistance to the men and women keeping us safe and healthy. We reopened special education frameworks as soon as we could, recognizing their urgency and importance. We were the only city in the region to open the holiday camps for kindergartens and grades 1 and 2, and thanks to our wonderful staff, we have given the children and their parents a week of social connection, a sense of normalcy, and a much-needed break from the wartime routine.

We are the only city whose waste management services have been running almost without a hitch from the very beginning of the war. We have ensured that the bomb shelters and secure spaces in our schools and kindergartens remain clean.

We have even refreshed the local greenery and added flags to ensure our surroundings reflect the spirit of the upcoming holidays.



Our security teams continue to work around the clock, from apprehending undocumented workers to conducting drills and ensuring preparedness across all municipal units. I am moved to see the collaboration between our professional staff and volunteer units in the search and rescue service, the civil guard, and the city watch as they train together to ensure we are as prepared we can be. Our safety is in good hands.

Despite the challenges, infrastructure projects continue to move forward, and we have even launched some major new public construction initiatives.

I want to thank our municipal staff from the bottom of my heart for their hard work and dedication in these challenging times.

Passover is a holiday that symbolizes optimism. It is up to us to preserve that spirit and find joy in it. Despite the hardships, we have strong communities that make our city a supportive and safe place to live. It is a privilege for me to witness this resilience and to work toward our continued growth.

May we know happy holidays and quiet days of freedom, peace and safety.

Amir Kochavi


Mayor of Hod HaSharon

City Council Meeting, March 25, 2026

At the regular city council meeting for March, which was held in the protected space in the Lea Goldberg School, the criteria for support for organizations and amutot for 2026 were approved, and advance payments were approved for eligible organizations.

Discounts on property tax (arnona) were also approved for Amichai, an organization that operates accommodation for people with disabilities in the city. Furthermore, rates for the infrastructure development levy (drainage and paving) were updated, as required once every five years.

At the meeting, the financial reports for the third and fourth quarters of 2025 were presented, which showed an annual profit of ILS 2.8 million over the course of 2025.

The council approved by a large majority a real estate contract with the state to establish a public transport terminal in the 1400 Complex in the Neve Ne'emán employment hub. This terminal will upgrade bus services in the city, improve the existing lines and increase the frequency of services.



Steps to root out undocumented workers

As part of heightened preparedness ahead of the upcoming holiday, the municipality carried out a search and supervision operation at construction sites across the city.

As part of the operation, checks were carried out to identify and verify the identity of workers, in an effort to rule out the presence of undocumented workers. There was an emphasis on maintaining an operational presence and upholding the public's sense of security.

Over the holiday, there will be a municipal patrol working together with the Israel Police in reinforced teams to ensure public safety.



The municipal security department patrols the city 24 hours a day, conducts spot checks and visits construction sites to locate undocumented workers

**Please contact the municipal hotline 24/7 with any concerns at
WhatsApp 09-8894000 | 108**

Flags of Israel and Hod HaSharon have been hung up across the city ahead of the memorial days and Independence Day



Planning and Construction Subcommittee approves the updated policy for Neve Ne'eman

The Planning and Construction Subcommittee this week gave its final approval to the updated policy for the Neve Ne'eman employment hub, after considering and responding to public input.

The update formalizes the allocation of building permits based on the zoning plan between the plots in the area and creates confidence among contractors and landowners to develop plots.

Since the outbreak of the war with Iran, the subcommittee has held three meetings, in addition to the local committee's assembly. It continued to discuss plans, objections and permit requests in the face of the security challenges, because a functioning municipality is part of the necessary resilience, and planning work must continue even under fire.

This is also an opportunity to thank the members of the committee, the team at the Engineering Administration and the Legal Counsel Bureau for their commitment and for showing up, even in such challenging times.

Thank you to the families of active duty and reservist service members

Staff at the Hod HaSharon Municipality took time out this week to deliver holiday gift bags to the families of career and reservist service members.

The gift bags are a token of our gratitude and appreciation for the families who are bearing such a heavy burden in this particularly challenging and prolonged period. We hope they will give them a small moment of peace and quiet - a distraction from the current situation.

The gift bags came with a special greeting for the families.



An action-packed week in education institutions

Over the last week, children's camps and the special education system were reopened, as well as a day care center for the children of service members which has been running in recent weeks.

Over the past week, 2,000 boys and girls benefitted from activities, valuable socializing time and a change of environment. Thank you to the Education Department for taking the lead, the parents for their trust and the parents' leadership for their support and cooperation. Last but not least, thank you to all the municipal teams who worked behind the scenes to ensure educational activities could take place.

We continue to hope that by the time the holiday is over, the situation will allow all educational frameworks to safely reopen.



Sale of chametz and hagalah

The traditional sale of chametz took place in the mayor's office, in the presence of Hod HaSharon Chief Rabbi Erez Elcharar; head of religious affairs, councilmember Haim Shabi, head of the religious council, Ophir Tuil, and Mayor Amir Kochavi.

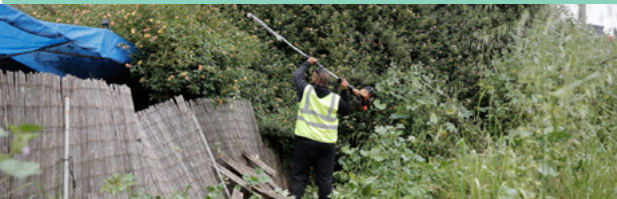
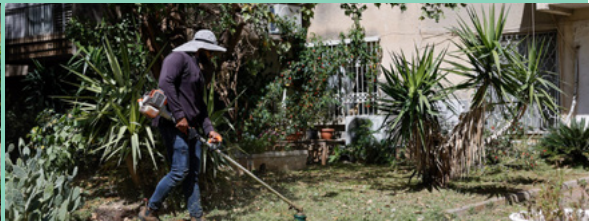
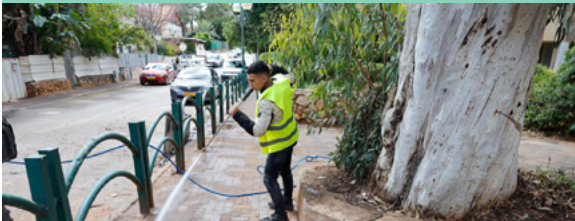
The religious council offered a public hagalah across the city for residents.



Passover Cleaning

This year, as always, the municipality has stepped up its efforts to clean up the city ahead of the holiday.

Municipal teams collected trash and garden waste, scrubbed sidewalks, removed weeds across the city and more.





The Hod HaSharon Municipality is preparing to collect household trash and garden waste on Passover

- ✓ Place your garden waste in an organized manner at the edge of the pavement near the house
- ✓ Ensure the trash does not "slide" into the street or block safe pedestrian passage on the pavement
- ✓ Check collection dates. It is absolutely forbidden to place garden waste outside on the holiday eve and during the holiday

It is absolutely forbidden to place garden waste and large items outside



Garbage collection

Wednesday, April 1
(holiday eve)

Collection will begin at 4 a.m
in the Wednesday and Thursday
collection areas

Wednesday, April 8
(after the second holiday)

Please note, there is no waste removal on the days of the holiday



[Click for information on waste removal days](#)



So, where are you recycling this holiday?

PASSOVER
in
Hod Hasharon



- The blue bin = paper
- The purple bin = glassware
- The orange bin = packaging
- Textile recycling bins
- Electronic recycling collection station
- Large carton bins

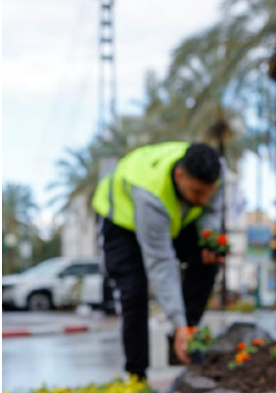


[Click here for locations of recycling bins throughout the city](#)

*Images are for illustrative purposes only

The Garden and Landscape Department planted a variety of flowers throughout the city this week.

Next week perennials will be planted in traffic circles and along streets.



Meeting regarding landscaping in local authorities

On Wednesday a group of inspectors and contractors who work in landscaping in local authorities visited the Ecological Park, as part of a Ministry of Agriculture course.



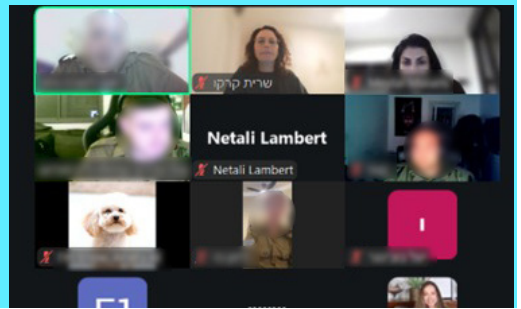
The participants heard a lecture about the Ecological Park and the principles behind its design and establishment, by Ido Rubenstein, the Hod HaSharon Municipality forest ranger, who was involved in the process. Rubenstein also spoke about irrigation and landscape planning, and the legal and practical aspects of tree conservation.

Lecture for parents in preparation for children's first IDF recruitment order (Tzav Rishon)

Parents of Hod HaSharon 11th grade students participated in a Zoom lecture this week presented by the assistant to the director of the Community of Local Authorities Department at the Tel Hashomer recruitment office, in preparation for their children's first IDF recruitment order (Tzav Rishon).

The lecture, which was organized by the Youth and Community Department, provided parents with information on the recruitment process, its various stages, and how to come prepared for the initial screening meeting.

Good luck!



Architecture workshop at the library

This week the municipal library hosted a special crafts workshop for Passover, run by Dana Brostowky Gilboa of "Studio Dana".

At the workshop, children learned about the architect Zaha Hadid, studied her creations and received inspiration. They read together from the book "Iggy Peck, Architect," and identified familiar buildings from drawings.

To conclude, the participants constructed folding houses that they personally designed, using their imagination, creativity and newfound familiarity with the world of architecture.





Infrastructure works in the city



Renovating and upgrading the Ecological Park

The Economic Corporation has renovated the entrance to the Ecological park.

The work, which was done using environmentally friendly materials, included renovating the washrooms and the central building and replacing the sun umbrellas alongside the lake.

A performance stage was also constructed out of safe and aesthetic concrete, replacing the old wooden stage.

Additionally, paths were upgraded and three washroom stalls were added at the northern end of the park, near the Dov HaYarok complex.



Replacement of 30 streetlamps has begun along HaGibor Street





Infrastructure works in the city



Repaving work has begun on the sidewalks along HaBanut Street



This week, the Electric Company trimmed trees adjacent to power lines on Asirey Zion Street



Enabling works at the public car park on Janusz Korczak St.

The works include sidewalks, paving, lighting and landscape development. During the works, which are set to conclude at the end of August, some of the parking spaces will be out of



Major renovations underway at Hadarim High School

Hod HaSharon Municipality will be undertaking major renovations at Hadarim High School, as part of an extensive project to upgrade aging infrastructure, build new study spaces and enhance the school's appearance. The renovation work will include replacing infrastructure, facades and flooring, upgrading the auditorium, building two additional protected spaces, a new robotics complex and a dedicated space for special education classrooms.

To shorten the work time and prevent the project from becoming drawn out, the renovation will proceed at high intensity over four months. The Education Department and school administration are putting in place dedicated measures to ensure the academic program can proceed with minimal disruption, including matriculation exams and graduation events. Some of the exams will take place on school grounds, whilst others will be moved to nearby academic institutions, subject to the progress of the work and in full coordination with the school's administration.

The municipality will spare no effort to minimize disruption to students and staff and to ensure conditions are conducive to study whilst work is ongoing. The goal is to ensure that the Hadarim community can start the next academic year with upgraded facilities that will enable the school to continue to aim high and lead the way.



Hadarim High School's robotics team will represent Israel on the global stage

Hadarim High School's robotics team, Team Hadream #3075, took third place in a national competition over the Passover holiday at the Hadassah Neurim Youth Village. This achievement means the team will be one of 12 to represent Israel at the global finals.

In addition, team member Yehonatan Borochoy, an 11th grade student at the school, took home the prestigious FIRST Leadership Award, given by the organization that runs the competition.

The team's achievements are especially impressive considering their robot was built in a bomb shelter, during the war, whilst adhering to all the instructions. Congratulations to the team, their parents, mentors and Hadarim High School. You've done Hod HaSharon proud!



FIRST Robotics Competition Israel Robot Exhibition									
1	QAD #1000	820	841	858	6	Chavivim #1000	382	382	378
2	OrpHadar #2221	488	411	5	Mezuzah #1027	352	352	28	
3	Ein Shimon Team #1015	428	348	9	XO #1000	348	348	288	
4	Gedalia in memory of David Silver #1007	427	478	48	BeitLev #1000	338	338	284	
5	Tharshishim #1000	359	396	377	Mishkan Amichai #1000	328	390	396	



Information and Guidelines for Emergencies for the Residents of Hod Hasharon



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Municipal app to help you find public shelters



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Are you sleeping in a public shelter? It's important to let us know



At the moment of truth, every minute counts
We want to reach you, not search for you
Fill out the questionnaire and help us to help you



[Click here to fill out the questionnaire](#)

100%
Likelihood of injury

85%
Likelihood of injury

10%
Likelihood of injury

When outdoors - Lie on the ground

Home Front Command Public Guidance

Unexploded rockets are not toys!

Seen an unexploded rocket or suspicious item?
Move away and immediately call 100

Home Front Command Public Guidance



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HOD HASHARON

נעים בסוכות
חגורה בסופי שבועים
מטעם העירייה

בהוד השרון

Free public transport
From Hod HaSharon to Tel Aviv and back
During Passover

Important Updates
Departures every two hours

<p>Passover Eve (Wednesday) 1.4</p> <p>Hod HaSharon → Tel Aviv 17:30 to 23:30</p> <p>Tel Aviv → Hod HaSharon 17:30 to 23:30</p>	<p>Holiday (Thursday) 2.4</p> <p>Hod HaSharon → Tel Aviv 09:30 to 17:30</p> <p>Tel Aviv → Hod HaSharon 09:30 to 17:30</p>
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Services for the senior community and emergency button service **054-3948893**

All municipal services
***2550**

Fire and Rescue
102

Magen David Adom
101

Police
100

Amir Kochavi, mayor 050-5127756

Sports and play activities for children with special needs

Sports and play activities for children with special needs were held again this week, spearheaded by the accessibility committee and people with disabilities and special needs, together with the special education parents' association.

The activity took place in the Yael Rom School's protected space.



"Newton – Science in Motion" Workshop

The workshop took place at the Interdisciplinary Arts Center. The participating children learned about Newton's laws of motion and then used their newfound knowledge to design balloon-powered vehicles.



Workshop for children on bringing a business or personal vision to life using AI, at Shikmim High School

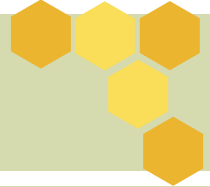


Comic-book workshop for children at the Interdisciplinary Arts Center





A variety of activities for members of the Kaveret community



The activities are being held at the Interdisciplinary Arts Center, in accordance with Home Front Command guidelines.

Board games, dances that will take participants back to their youth, uplifting music, alleviating some of the stress that we're all feeling.

The activities are being run by members of the community.



Owing to the current situation, every week there are two sessions at the Interdisciplinary Arts Center with two different instructors and 20 participants from the Kaveret community who have not stopped working out for a second since the start of the war.





For WhatsApp updates from the municipality by areas of interest and age group

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Age 60+ updates



Sustainability and environmental updates



Early childhood updates (0-6)



Children's updates (6-12)



Teenagers' updates (13-18)



Young adults' updates (18-35)