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This Week in Town

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Hod HaSharon
community and nature in the center



17th Shlomo Ilani Children's Triathlon in Hod HaSharon



>>>> Sport as a way of life <<<<



**Congratulations to the students who have reached the end of the academic year.
We wish you a safe and enjoyable summer holiday!**

A range of summer
activities and events
Coming soon...



The municipal security committee discussed the security division's preparedness ahead of the summer holidays

The municipal security committee, led by committee chairman Motti Liter, met on Thursday for a discussion on the preparedness of the security division ahead of the summer holidays.

The session included briefings from department directors within the security division, with a discussion including members of the council, representatives of the parent leadership and youth council.

Among other things, there was a briefing on the municipal patrol in line with the guarding plan – 25 municipal patrol officers along with nine additional ones in the motorbike patrol team. The security division is also ready to bolster its security and guard teams during the summer nights at youth hotspots. The main public parks will also have security guards on site during the evenings and at night.

Enforcement of the law against dangerous and illegal use of two-wheel vehicles is also ongoing and will be bolstered.



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Another significant step in the urban regeneration of Hod HaSharon: The local committee has recommended submitting the plans for the urban regeneration of the Ben Gurion 51-59 complex

The local committee on planning and construction discussed the urban regeneration plan for the Ben Gurion 51-59 complex and recommended its submission to the regional committee on planning and construction.

This is an important milestone for the plan that is being developed in the city's Old Ramatayim neighborhood, near the city center and in an area earmarked for urban regeneration.

The complex as it stands today includes six residential buildings of 3-4 floors each and a total of 80 residential units. Under the proposed plans, the existing buildings will be taken down, with four new buildings erected in their place with a total of 202 residential units and accompanied by significant renovations to the public spaces and infrastructure in the area.

The complex is included in a national register of complexes put forward as part a local authority framework, under the terms of which the Hod HaSharon Municipality and the Israeli Authority for Urban Renewal lead the planning, with funding from the government authority.

This framework has significant benefits for residents of the units and the surrounding area, including objective and public-facing planning adapted to the needs of the neighborhood, certainty surrounding planning, a transparent process with

developers and residents and a streamlined process for the planning authorities.

The project includes a comprehensive planning approach which includes preservation of the existing grove to the south of the complex, preservation of mature trees and landscape development, as well as widening of Ben Gurion St., underground parking, development of cycle lanes and intersections with HaShlosha, Mashabim and Shikmim streets. The purpose of the processes is to create a green, accessible and safe environment within the urban space, that facilitates walking and cycling and connects the disparate areas of the neighborhood.

The next step in the process is a discussion in the regional committee, which will examine the plan and decide whether to submit it. After it has been submitted, the plan will be published for public objections, as set out in law. Once the period of time for objections has passed, the regional committee will hold a further meeting, after which it will reach its verdict on approving the plan.



17th Children's Triathlon in Hod HaSharon

Last Saturday, Hod HaSharon hosted a wonderful morning of sport, community and inspiration. The Hod HaSharon Municipality, the Sportan, Trilaniz Triathlon Club and the Israeli Triathlon Association hosted the 17th edition of the Children's Triathlon for ages 8-13, a wonderful event in memory of Lieutenant Shlomo Ilani, who fell during the Yom Kippur War. The Ilani family has continued to lead this event, year after year, as part of its contribution to the Hod HaSharon community and to keep Shlomo's legacy alive.

Hundreds of young athletes came to take part in a unique sporting occasion, displaying grit, determination and inspirational sportsmanship, proving once more that the future of Israel's triathlon program is in excellent hands.

We were especially proud to welcome teams from the Upper Galilee and Gaza border regions, who came to compete and to maintain some semblance of normality.

Alongside the children's triathlon there was also an open competition with more than 100 athletes taking part. The existence of the open competition, which followed a period of free introductory training sessions, is not something to be taken for granted. It's remarkable success is testament to the efforts, professionalism and hard work that has been done bringing triathlon to new audiences.

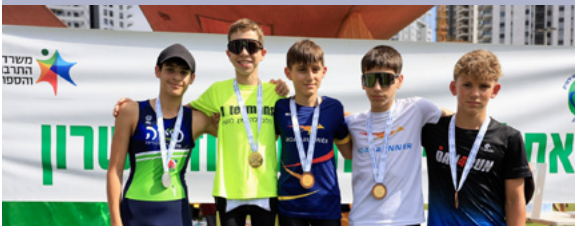
A huge thank you to all those who came to help, and to the many volunteers who took part in putting on this event, which has become such a resounding celebration of sport.

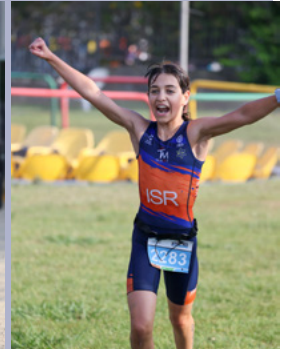
In the prestigious boys U13 heat, the winners were:

1. Arnon Kander from Kfar Saba
2. Be'eri Tsamani from Lehavim
3. Ori Cohen from Hod HaSharon
4. Tomer Levi from Hod HaSharon

In the equivalent girls heat, the winners were:

1. Liat Liebster from Herzeliyya
2. Shir Spiegel from Haifa
3. Yaela Levi from Lehavim
4. Lia Reznik from Alon HaGalil





To see the pictures

Hod HaSharon fencing team continue to do the city proud

The Israeli National Fencing Championships took place last Friday, with an impressive group from the Hod HaSharon Fencing Club. The city's young fencers displayed determination, professionalism and sportsmanship, and performed exceptionally well on the national stage.

Among the notable achievements:

Sagi Uman – First place – Boys U12

Yanai Levi Bloch – Seventh place – Boys U12

Looking ahead, the national trophy competition is set to take place in three weeks' time.

We wish our fencing team continued luck in the next tournament.



Coach Elisha Levi participates in the final of the football tournament at Yael Rom School

Yael Rom School hosted a fun and exciting morning this week, with the conclusion of the 2nd-6th grades football tournament.

The highlight of the event was a guest appearance by Elisha Levi, the respected coach and former player, and grandfather of students Dor Friedman and Maor and Amor Levi, who came along to participate in this celebration of sport. Levi refereed games, handed out trophies to the winning teams, spoke with the students and signed autographs for his young admirers.

Levi's presence was the source of much excitement among the students, and inspired them to pursue values of persistence, excellence and sportsmanship.

The tournament was run by the school's PE staff, who led the activity throughout the year and gave the students an opportunity to experience fair competition, teamwork and the joy of sport.

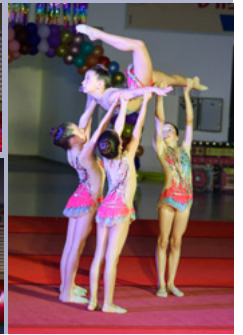


Rhythmic gymnastics club celebrates its 20th birthday

The rhythmic gymnastics club, led by Elizabeth Asmolov Black, celebrated its 20th birthday with a showstopping "Decades"-themed show, featuring the greatest hits of all time. The celebration was split into two separate shows, with a total of 350 girls taking part from the club's various activities and teams.

The climax of the event was a joint closing show featuring all the girls – a particularly touching and joyful moment that lit up the stage, especially after a challenging period.

Well done to the wonderful girls for your commitment and determination throughout these difficult days, and our deepest appreciation to the coaching staff for their hard work, professionalism and dedication!



An evening of year-end shows at the rollerskates club at the Yigal Allon Sports Center

The evening capped an important and exciting year for three teams of skaters – beginners, second year and advanced.

Over the course of the year, the girls trained hard, gained confidence, skills and teamwork, and put it all together in an evening of colourful performances in front of families and the general public.

The end of the year was particularly emotional, after a challenging year under the constant shadow of war. Through it all, the rollerskate clubs were able to give the girls a sense of normality, stability, joy and belonging.



The joint committee on education and tackling violence in Hod HaSharon held a special meeting on youth safety

The joint committee on education and tackling violence in the Hod HaSharon Municipality held a special meeting this week on safety and wellbeing of the city's youth, with a focus on the upcoming summer holidays and the challenges facing the young generation as a result of the instability of the past few years.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the education system, welfare department, municipal parent leadership and student and youth councils. The participants emphasised the importance of close collaboration between parents, schools and the local authority, recognising that reinforcing parental authority and community spirit is central to tackling the current challenges. During the discussion, the municipality's prevention strategy was presented, based on data analysis and mapping of needs on the ground. Through this process, ages 12-15 were identified as being of particular importance for preventive action, reinforcing a sense of belonging and building a positive identity among young people before they enter high school.

Also presented at the meeting was the municipality's individual and social resilience model for its youth, which focuses on developing digital resilience

and imparting tools for safe and careful online activity, among other things. This includes a focus on encouraging critical thinking, reinforcing the importance of empathy in the online space and coping with peer pressure.

A key element of the meeting was dedicated to an introduction to the juvenile law enforcement and legal system, with a guest visit by representatives of the Central District Prosecutors' Office as part of the "Prosecutors in the Community" program. The professional overview included the latest trends in juvenile delinquency, along with an explanation of the unique circumstances of the legal system for minors, which combines rehabilitation and deterrence.

The meeting also covered online crimes, dangers in the digital space and the importance of the "Video Law", as well as a presentation of the warning signs that could help parents and teachers with early detection and identification of crisis situations and risk behaviours.

Ahead of the summer holidays, the members of the committee were informed that a broad program of lectures, workshops and explanatory and preventive activities was recently completed in all educational institutions in the city, working with enforcement authorities and the 105 hotline.



Ceremony for outstanding participants in the 2025-26 "Academia in High School" program

On Thursday, June 11, the Open University complex hosted a ceremony in recognition of the outstanding participants in the "Academia in High School" program. At the ceremony, certificates of excellence were awarded to students who demonstrated outstanding achievements in their academic pursuits whilst still in high school.

Among those to receive certificates this year were four 12th-grade students from Ramon High School:

Lian Eliassi – Excellence in biology.

Idan Har – Excellence in computer science and mathematics.

Kfir Arie – Excellence in computer science and mathematics.

Sahar Caspi – Excellence in computer science and mathematics.

Congratulations to the students for their remarkable achievements, to the teaching staff at Ramon High School and to their families for their support along the way.



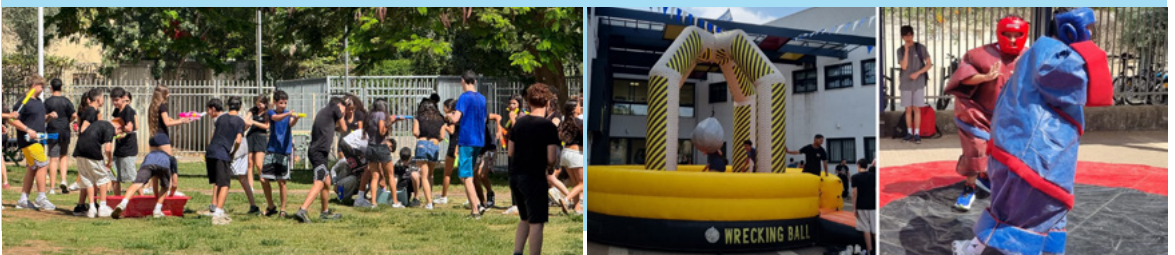
Atidim Middle School celebrates Water Day

This week, Atidim Middle School celebrated Water Day.

The students held a foam party and enjoyed cool ice lollies. A lot of water was sprayed, and a fun and memorable day was had by all.

The school also hosted an extreme sports day this week which included a breathtaking ropes course, climbing wall and zip-line, among other things.

The students tried their hands at a range of challenges, overcame obstacles, displayed courage and commitment and enjoyed an unforgettable, adrenaline-fuelled and engaging activity.



“Motek Shel Alufim”: A heartwarming morning at Begin School dedicated to the children of those who serve

Photos taken by 4th-grade students as part of the “Water Protectors” competition by the Maya Water and Sewage Corporation were put up on billboards across the city this week. The winning photos were taken by Gali Dayan from Lapid School, Omer Dar from HaYarok School and Noa Ben Haim from Menachem Begin School.

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The competition was part of the year-long “Water Protectors” program for 4th-grade students from 13 elementary schools across the city.

Through the program, the students learned about the importance of water resources, water preservation and looking after the environment, and even participated in a fascinating visit to the Ecological Park.

As part of the activity, the students were asked to use the camera to document their individual perspectives on water. The winning photos were selected from among dozens of contenders which are currently on display across the city.

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program, which has been running for several years with great success among staff and students alike, makes the children ambassadors for environmental awareness, and their projects prove to us all the value of educating for environmental awareness.

We give our warmest congratulations to the winning students and to all the participants. Keep looking after our water!”.



Gali Dayan
Lapid School

Winning image in the Maya Water Corporation's "Water Protectors" Competition
4th grade - Hod HaSharon Schools

Photos on the theme of water taken by young students put up on billboards across the city

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Noa Ben Haim

Menachem Begin School
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Omer Dar

HaYarok School

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Fantastic fun at Tamar High School graduation party



Bidding a fond farewell to Orit Koren – principal of HaShikmim Middle School, and Perach Aaronheim – principal of HaShachar Middle School

On Thursday, HaShachar and HaShikmim middle schools held emotional farewell ceremonies for their long-serving and respected principals, who are leaving their posts after years of dedicated leadership.

In HaShikmim Middle School, the students and staff of the school said goodbye to the school's founding principal, Orit Koren, who is leaving after eight years of management. The school community welcomed her with a guard of honour, holding flowers and singing songs for her. In HaShachar Middle School, the students and staff said goodbye to principal Perach Aaronheim, who is leaving, having led the school community for the past 10 years. At a ceremony, the students gave her flowers and balloons and thanked her for her devotion, leadership and incalculable contribution to the school. Hod HaSharon Municipality and the schools' communities thank Orit Koren and Perach Aaronheim for their years of leadership, dedication and profound educational service to the students of the city. We wish them success, good health and enjoyment in whatever comes next.



The Hod HaSharon Democratic School community celebrates the end of the school year with its traditional "Sunset Event"

On Thursday, the Democratic School hosted its annual "Sunset Event" to mark the end of the school year. Members from across the school community attended the event – boys and girls, staff and parents, students from kindergarten to 12th grade. The evening included moving speeches, a farewell to the members of staff who are leaving the school, and performances by children of every age group in the school – from the kindergarten, elementary, middle and high schools.

As the sun set, attendees enjoyed the young talent on display on the stage, the unique multi-age community and the warm spirit of partnership, unity and gratitude for everything that has been done and achieved over the challenging school year that has now come to a close.



Finished your book?

The municipal library is extending its opening hours and opening its doors



Saturday | 09:00-12:45



The Hod HaSharon Municipality is investing in its human capital to improve and streamline responses for residents: Advanced AI workshops for municipal staff

As part of its investment in professional development of managers and staff in the municipality, to enable them to carry out their jobs in the best way possible, to improve the services for residents and make them more effective, the municipality has introduced a range of courses over the past year in tech innovation and artificial intelligence in the organisational environment. This move is part of a holistic strategic approach that the municipality is using to encourage innovation, improve services for residents and adapt the organisation to the digital age.

At the moment, the municipality's managers are participating in a unique professional workshop on Microsoft Copilot as an advanced management tool, with the goal of improving workflow, streamlining decision-making and increasing daily effectiveness. At the same time, through the "Digital Academy" program, the municipality is developing a range of advanced training tools for staff and managers that covers various AI tools.

The municipality's ongoing investment in its human capital is a reflection of our unwavering commitment to excellence, innovation and continuous improvement – whether in our internal processes or in the services we provide to residents.



Graduation ceremony for the “Young Beekeepers” program at the farm

The “Young Beekeepers” program, that uses the stem approach at the farm, ended with a heartwarming ceremony at the Atidim Middle School auditorium.

It was wonderful to see the journey the students have been on, and their inquisitiveness, knowledge, cooperation and seriousness. Each and every one of them brought something special to our beehive.



A message for those who feed the community's cats

The Hod HaSharon Municipality is continuing its efforts to neuter and spay the city's cats — as part of an ongoing policy to ensure the cats' health, minimise their suffering and protect our shared municipal space.



We need your help!

Every cat undergoes an operation and is then returned to the place from which it was picked up the next day.

Please contact the municipality's 108 hotline or via WhatsApp at 09-8894000. and report any cats that are yet to undergoing neutering or spaying.
Thank you for your cooperation

מופע 'חיות במה' בבית מקומי לתרבות

'חיות במה' מופע מיוחד ומצחיק בהשתתפות ליטל שורץ, דניאלה לוגסי, מיה דגן ומיה בוסקילה. המופע תוכנן להתקיים בחודש מרץ, חודש הנשים, אך נדחה בשל המלחמה.



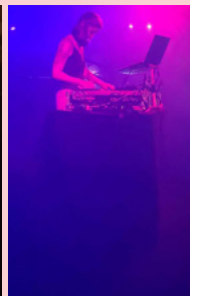
The intergenerational orchestra hosted an end-of-year concert, conducted by Gaddiel Dombrowner, to wrap up the academic year at the Interdisciplinary Arts Center



Micha Shitrit in a wonderful ensemble performance at HaDov HaYarok, Ecological Park



The party season gets underway with a party hosted by Dalit Rechester at HaDov HaYarok, Ecological Park





Sustainability and Environment Committee



Don't let the mosquitoes feel at home Fewer mosquitoes, more collaboration

Hod HaSharon Municipality is actively working to reduce the mosquito population through monitoring, identifying breeding grounds, treating water sources and pest control in public spaces.

As Hod HaSharon is surrounded by streams, open spaces and agricultural land, this task requires collaboration between all the relevant parties, including residents.

Check your gardens, balconies and rooftops for standing water, which serves as breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

- Dry out standing water
- Prevent excessive watering
- Empty out receptacles which fill up with water
- Seal sewage entry points and water containers

Small steps in every house can make a huge difference for us all.



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From Hod HaSharon
to Tel Aviv and back

FRIDAY

To Tel Aviv | 17:00 To 00:30

To Hod Hasharon | 17:00 To 01:30

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To Tel Aviv | 09:00 To 18:00

To Hod Hasharon | 10:00 To 18:00



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Young adults' updates (18-35)

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