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# This Week in Town

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**Hod HaSharon**  
community and nature in the center



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on his final journey**



## Accompanying Liav on His Final Journey

Staff Sgt. Liav Kababia z"l of Hod Hasharon, a graduate of Mosenon High School's film program and a combat soldier in the 401st "Iron Tracks" Armored Brigade's 52nd Battalion, was laid to rest on Sunday, June 21. He was killed fighting in Lebanon. He was just 20 years old.

Hod Hasharon's residents paid their respects as he made his final journey, lining the route of the funeral procession and waving Israeli flags.

The funeral was held in Kfar Saba's military cemetery.

Michal, Liav's mother, shared a heartbreaking eulogy: "Blessed with looks and stature' - you had both outward beauty and inner purity. Salt of the earth.

We raised you and you were a great kid and an exceptional young man. You liked a wide range of music, and the songs you used to listen to will stay with us and remind us of you. You loved serving in the army. You loved your friends and the guys from the tank. You felt like you were doing something meaningful. You and your friends encountered challenges, and you were all so young! You were lucky to experience a great love story. Choshen - I'm so happy you are part of our family!

We will carry on living in your light, and your light is vast."

Liav's father Dudi shared: "We received you as a gift for 20 years. As your name suggests, you had a huge heart that was full of goodness. In the past two days we have met so many people whose lives you touched, and we have heard so many stories about the goodness of your heart. None of these stories were surprising to those who knew you.

Raising you was a walk in the park. You never had any problems at school and we never struggled with you as a teenager. You were a wonderful son and brother. Despite the challenges, you chose significant military service out of the desire to do something important to protect those you love most. You were doing what you loved and you loved what you were doing.

Because you wanted to protect us, you never complained and there were some things you didn't



share with us, which we realized only later. 'I don't want to tell my kids I was shredding papers in an open base,' you said."

Liav's sister Alona shared: "Liavi, where do I even begin. How can you be gone like this? How can we write a eulogy for a kid who was so full of life? Liav, you probably didn't realize this, but I admired you so much during your time in the army. I was so proud that my brother was fighting wherever he was needed. I was so worried about you, and I loved you so much. I wanted to serve in a combat unit just like you. When I heard you speak about how meaningful it felt, and how much you understood the importance of what you were doing, I knew right then my mind was made up. I knew I would always have you to turn to for advice.

Liav, I am grateful for every minute we had. I'm sorry if you felt it wasn't enough, I'm sorry if you needed more. I'll miss joking around with you. You were such a bright light in our lives, you were so happy. We were lucky to be part of your time on this earth, which was all too short. We will be there for Choshen and all the friends and family you loved. I'll take care of Mom and Dad, and I'll look after Guy just like you would have wanted. Liav, watch over us from above, and give us a sign from time to time that you are still here with us.

I love you so much. I'm so proud of you. You were the best, most beautiful thing we had."

Choshen, Liav's partner, said: "You were my first love. You were my best friend for a year and a half. You were more than a boyfriend for me. You were my person. I was more open with you than with anyone else in the world. You knew everything about me, and I tried to know everything about you. I pushed in asking questions to learn more about you.

A big part of me was shaped by your presence. You





taught me how to laugh at things that should be laughed at, and most importantly, not to take life so seriously. You took everything lightly. I can't believe I'm actually writing your eulogy. You were such a calm person, you took whatever came to you calmly. I always admired that trait of yours. I never stopped respecting and appreciating you. I appreciate you so much, and I'm thankful for everything I experienced with you. I'm thankful for our time together. I learned so much from you in every area of life."

Hod Hasharon mayor Amir Kochavi also gave a eulogy: "Liav was 20, a student in Mosenson High School until just a few years ago. A graduate of the school's film program, he had kind eyes, an active imagination and

endless dreams. Liav loved music and the beach. He wanted to make an impact and be the best he could be.

This was how he came to join the tank crew of the 52nd Battalion Commander, which he served with on multiple fronts and through many dangerous incidents that never shook his resolve - until that final moment when his tank was severely hit.

Liav's crewmates Nave Habshoosh of Geva Binyamin, Yoav Klein of Herzliya and Lieutenant Colonel Dor Ben Simhon of Beit HaShita were also killed.

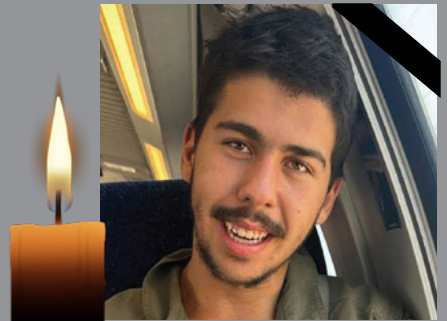
There is no comfort for this terrible loss; only hope that we will be able to stop this cycle of bereavement and pain and create a society that is worthy of the sacrifice, pain and terrible loss.

In the camaraderie of tankers and with a heavy heart, may the memory of Liav and his friends Yoav, Nave and Dor be forever a blessing."



## In memory of Staff Sgt. Yoav Klein z"l

With profound sadness and a heavy heart, we share the tragic news that Staff Sgt. Yoav Klein z"l, 21, a graduate of Hayovel High School in Herzliya, was killed in action in southern Lebanon. Staff Sgt. Klein was a combat soldier in the 401st "Iron Tracks" Armored Brigade's 52nd Battalion. Yoav was a tank loader with the 52nd Battalion tank that was hit last week. Alongside him, the battalion's commander Lt. Col. Dor Ben Simhon, tank commander Nave Habshoosh, and tank driver, Hod Hasharon resident Liav Kababia, were also killed. Just moments away from his military discharge, Yoav chose to stay and fight alongside his crewmates out of a profound sense of duty, even after surviving several brutal operational incidents with his tank and with previous battalion commanders. Speaking at the funeral and shiva, his friends and commanders remembered a brave, sensitive and moral soldier who dedicated his time to supporting his crewmates. Yoav was the beloved son of Einat and Eran and brother of Ido and Tamar. He is survived by a heartbroken family and community mourning the loss of a beautiful, caring young man who loved life and always put others before himself. The Hod Hasharon community stands



in sorrow with the entire Klein family and sends its warmest condolences to Yoav's grandparents, Sara and Menachem Milo, and his aunt, Sivan, and her family, who are part of our community. The memory of Yoav and his crewmates will remain forever etched in our hearts as a symbol of friendship, love of country, and the values thanks to which the State of Israel exists. May his memory be a blessing

## June city council meeting

At the regular city council meeting held on Wednesday, budgetary updates were approved in light of the direct and indirect effects of Operation Roaring Lion.

The council was also presented with the municipality's financial report for the first quarter of 2026 (which continues the trend of budgetary balance seen in 2024 and 2025), alongside the annual reports of the Economic Company and the Maya Water Corporation.

The council unanimously approved renewing the allocation agreements for the Hebrew Scouts (on Shvil HaTichon Street) and HaNoar HaOved VeHaLomed (in Park Atidim).

Finally, the council approved the appointment of councilmember Vardit Aradi-Gad as director of the Economic Company, replacing councilmember Yoav Yechiam.

## Enforcement and security operation conducted throughout the city

From Thursday night through early Friday morning (June 25-26), the municipal patrol conducted a large-scale enforcement and security operation throughout the city, with the aim of bolstering residents' sense of security and reducing noise pollution, vandalism, and traffic violations involving electric bicycles and e-scooters.

During the operation, patrol teams were dispatched in public parks and playgrounds, youth recreation sites and major thoroughfares. Security guards were stationed in public parks and playgrounds to provide immediate response to incidents of noise and vandalism. Meanwhile, patrol vehicles were deployed on the main thoroughfares to enforce violations involving electric bicycles, e-scooters and other motorized vehicles.

The patrol teams also addressed incidents of noise pollution, littering, and eggs being thrown from vehicles at passersby. Additionally, parking tickets were issued. All the tickets issued during the operation were issued to youth.

The operation included the city's main roads, youth hang-out centers, public parks and playgrounds, and areas where residents have filed complaints.

The municipal security patrol will continue to operate both within the framework of enforcement operations and as part of ongoing activities, with the aim of maintaining public order and bolstering personal security.



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**

## **A morning for reservists' children at Lapid School**

Last week, Lapid School students whose family members are serving in the reserves were invited to a communal morning that gave them support, strength and a sense of togetherness, with a sweet ending to help them start their day with a smile.

Additionally, sessions were held in classrooms throughout the week, which focused on empowering reservists' children and recognizing the strength they demonstrate every day.

Based on this discussion and learning, students wrote words of thanks and recognition for the parents who are serving in the defense forces.



## **Wrapping up a year of leadership, activity and impact at Yigal Allon School**

Last week, Yigal Allon School's student council held its final meeting of the academic year.

Over the past year, the student council members spearheaded social initiatives, took part in school events, served as the voice of the students and demonstrated responsibility, dedication and compassion as they worked to serve the school community.

Thank you to the student council members for a year of engagement, contribution and setting a personal example.



## **Honoring the special education staff at Ron Arad Mamlachti Alef Community School**

This week a moving event was held at Ron Arad Mamlachti Alef Community School to recognize the special education and nursing staff.

These are the women who see, listen to, embrace and support all the school's students, day in and day out.

The event was a pause in routine to say thank you, and above all to empower them, help recharge their energy, and honor them for their effective, professional and meaningful education work.

Thank you for your big hearts and your work that continually helps our children grow!



## **Fifth youth band evening live in the park**

An evening of local youth bands was held in the Ecological Park on Thursday. The lineup of talented bands - Merlin, HaSavtot, Artikofiko, Masada, and Bazooka - sang and got the large crowd jumping and dancing.



## **Alma Cohen, a 15-and-a-half-year-old student of Tamar High School, places third in the World Ninja League Championships**

Alma Cohen, a 15-and-a-half-year-old student of Tamar High School, placed third in the World Ninja League Championships held in North Carolina.

Alma, who trains at the Flash fitness complex in Ra'anana under coach Adam Malki, competed in the junior division and demonstrated outstanding abilities in all stages of the competition.



She came in fifth out of 63 competitors in the first stage, fourth out of 38 competitors in the second stage, and seventh out of 27 competitors in the third stage. Her cumulative achievements earned her second place in the overall ranking of the stages, and she achieved an impressive third place in the junior division of the World Championship.

The Israeli delegation was made up of 130 athletes, ranging in age from 10 to 40 and older.



Efrat Gottlieb



Dafna Shamir

Alongside Alma, Hod Hasharon was represented by two other athletes: 42-year-old Efrat Gottlieb, who competed in the masters division, and 11-year-old Dafna Shamir, who competed in the preteen division.

## **Final senior table tennis session**

The final session of the senior table tennis club took place this week. The group began playing at Harishonim Middle School around seven years ago with 10 members.



Today there are two groups of seniors, coached by Michael Grinberg, who meet several times a week at Shiloh School.

They play simultaneously on eight tables, enjoying the opportunity for both physical activity and socializing.

## **Maya, the Hod HaSharon Water Corporation, successfully passed the Israel Water Authority's cybersecurity and emergency preparedness inspection**

In the framework of the inspection, Maya, in collaboration with the National Cyber Directorate, conducted a cybersecurity preparedness drill to assess preparedness in the event of a cyberattack, covering a range of scenarios such as damaged management software, disabled systems, infiltration of databases and more.

The drill simulated scenarios involving hostile entities infiltrating the company's internal systems, dealing with malware, continuing to operate without online systems and maintaining uninterrupted service to residents at all times.



## **Between the revealed and the hidden - a different perspective on dementia**

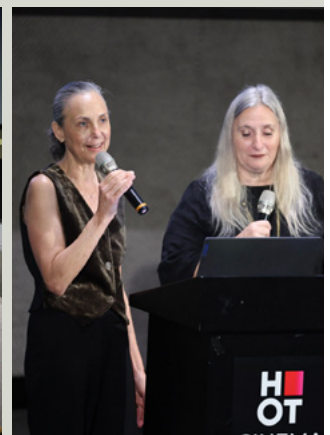
This week the Welfare and Social Services Department's Ogen Center and the Kfar Saba Municipality's Center for Family Caregivers joined forces to lead a seminar at the Oshiland Mall for professional and family caregivers.

The seminar was attended by many and included a screening of the documentary film Look, Soon You Won't See Anything (also known as Gila and Baruch), followed by a discussion with director Matan Abramovitz.

Participants were also treated to a fascinating lecture by Dr. Nati Blum, CEO of EMDA – the Alzheimer's Association of Israel, on dementia and how to cope with it.

The seminar is part of a series of services offered to residents around the issue.

Hod Hasharon Welfare Department - Ogen Center WhatsApp 09-8894556



## City-wide vaccination drive

As it does every June, the Veterinary Services team is conducting its annual home visit vaccination drive for cats and dogs.

Throughout the city on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays | Veterinary Services 09-8895080.



## 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



## Municipal library events

### What is happening in Iran – a talk by Dr. Thamar Eilam Gindin

This week the library hosted Dr. Thamar Eilam Gindin for a lecture on what is happening behind the scenes in Iran. Through stories, history, culture and current events, the audience discovered the gulf between the Iranian people and the regime and learned about the complex aspects of Iranian society that don't usually make the evening news. The evening was enjoyable and enriching, providing a broad perspective on one of our most influential and widely-discussed neighbors in the region.



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הספרייה העירונית חוד השדרן

## Finished your book?

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



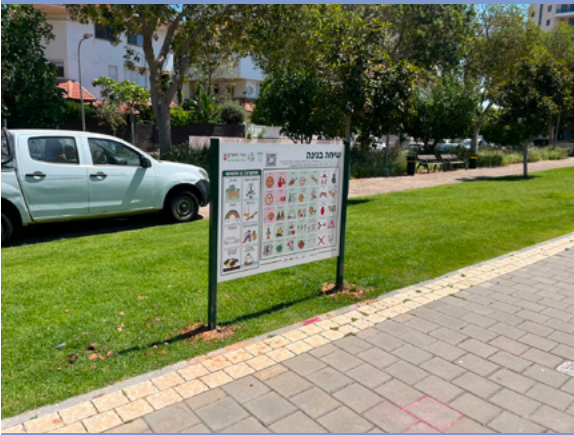
Saturday | 09:00-12:45



## Accessible communication boards installed in public playgrounds and parks

Eight more accessible communication boards were recently installed in parks and playgrounds around the city, in addition to the two existing boards. These boards feature dedicated symbols that facilitate accessible communication for children with communication difficulties.

This project was undertaken in collaboration with speech therapists from the Drom HaSharon Municipal Regional Support Center and parents. A QR code on the boards can be scanned to watch an explanatory video.



Click for the boards' locations and to watch the video

## Gender diversity and autism

As part of the municipality's Pride Month celebrations, HaBarnash Community Center hosted a fascinating lecture on gender diversity and autism, delivered by Arad Levin, a PhD candidate in philosophy.





## 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.



## Free Public Transport

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

### SATURDAY

To Tel Aviv | 09:00 To 18:00

To Hod Hasharon | 10:00 To 18:00



# Infrastructure works in the city



## Improving Cochvan Kindergarten

Removing old playground equipment and installing new structures, replacing the shading  
and renewing the lawn



Before



After

## Yoga in the park

The Municipal Sports Department led a yoga session in the Ecological Park on Sunday to  
mark the International Day of Yoga



## The Gallery Hosts" a dot mandala workshop at the Interdisciplinary" Arts Center



## Looking for Yadida screening

As part of Docu Club Hod HaSharon, the Interdisciplinary Arts Center held a screening of the documentary Looking for Yadida, followed by an open and moving discussion with the film's director, Hod Hasharon resident Israela Shaer-Meoded



## Another series of "Body - Soul - Community" comes to a close

A unique and diverse series featuring unique workshops to strengthen personal and community resilience, which this time included: aerial yoga at sunset, a breathing workshop, ecstatic dance, sound healing, and "The Body's Line," a movement and drawing workshop. These workshops create a space to recharge with fresh energy, rest, create and come together.





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Teenagers' updates (13-18)



Young adults' updates (18-35)

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One phone number  
for all municipal inquiries



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