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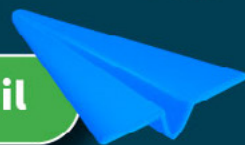
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Dear residents,

This week, the schools' end-of-year ceremonies ended and the summer camps started, with over 6,000 children registered for the official municipal frameworks, and yet more participants in other frameworks in the city.

This is an opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the education staff in the city: to the principals, teachers in kindergartens and schools, assistants, special education staff, administrative staff and all those who were there for our children over a challenging and highly irregular year.

With the security situation forcing us to deal with difficult situations, their commitment, presence, sense of duty and ability to maintain an educational routine should never be taken for granted. That's before any discussion of the manifold challenges facing the Israeli education system.

A huge thank you also goes to the parents' leadership for their genuine partnership throughout this craziest of years, which was as steadfast as in previous years. This partnership between the municipality, the education system and the parents is a core pillar of Hod HaSharon's community resilience.

As well as the summer camps, the municipality is already hard at work in the educational institutions – renovating, building and getting them ready for the next school year. The most extensive renovation is taking place at Hadarim High School, for the first time since it was founded. During the most recent round of fighting against Iran, we started extensive renovations at the school, and we are working hard to ensure we are able to stay on schedule and complete the work by the end of the high holidays.

Thank you to the staff who will be working through the summer months to improve and enhance the educational space for the city's students.

Alongside everything mentioned above, there is also a wide range of summer activities designed to keep our city's youth busy throughout the summer. At the same time, there is also increased enforcement of public order, to ensure the holidays are safe and enjoyable for everyone. Please make sure you know where and how your children are spending their time.

I'll take this opportunity to wish all the boys and girls of Hod HaSharon, as well as the education staff and the parents, a fun, safe and relaxing summer holiday, full of positive experiences. We look forward to seeing you all again soon

Amir Kochavi


Mayor of Hod HaSharon



Summer renovation update

Summer renovations in the education system 2026

The Hod HaSharon municipality is preparing for extensive renovations ahead of the start of the new school year in September. The various projects include new construction, extensive renovations, and improvements to personal safety and accessibility across the city. The primary focus this year is on adapting learning environments to current needs, special education and ventilation for shelters.

21 schools are undergoing a renovation process.

11 kindergartens are undergoing renovation and modernisation processes.

Extensive renovations in the following schools:

- Hadarim High School: Extensive renovations that include improvements to shared learning spaces, facades and infrastructure.
- Nitzanim School (special education): Construction of a new, adapted and modern campus.
- Democratic Primary School: Extensive renovation of infrastructure and plumbing and renovation of bathrooms.

Eighteen additional schools are also preparing for various renovations and upgrades, including to air conditioning systems, power supply and acoustics, new and advanced pedagogic spaces and more.

Extensive renovations in kindergartens:

Extensive renovations are taking place in Egoz, Karkom, Tsabar and Hadar kindergartens. Gan Sahlav will undergo a transformation to a special education kindergarten, which will include a dedicated treatment room, and at Gan Admonit, work is underway to make it fully accessible. A string of additional kindergartens will be undergoing facelifts and upgrades to systems and safety.



Hadarim High School – Extensive renovations that include improvements to shared learning spaces, facades and core infrastructure.



Nitzanim School (special education) – Construction of a brand-new, adapted and modern campus. Occupation of the building is planned for the new school year, September 1, 2026.



Egoz kindergarten



Karkom kindergarten

Completed projects:

Some of the planned works were completed over the Passover break. These include renovations at Atidim, renovations to the labs and computer classroom at HaShachar Middle School, the construction of a Ninja course at Rabin School, new grass areas at Ramot and Neve Ne'eman and new decks and doors at the Democratic kindergarten.

A summer of activities: The municipality's frameworks are in full swing

Summer camps at schools and kindergartens are underway, and we are delighted to see thousands of children taking part in a wide range of municipal activities. Some 2,100 students from grades 1-3 are taking part in "Summer Holiday School", and a further 2,013 kindergarten children are enjoying morning activities run by "Kito Marom", 1,518 of whom then carry on to afternoon frameworks. This year, we have expanded our offering with the new "Summer Plus" program for grades 4-6, with a total of 918 children participating in the program across 12 schools in the city. At the same time, we have once again extended the school year until mid-August for "communication" kindergartens and classes of all age groups, as well as the Nitzanim special education school.

We wish all the children and staff an enjoyable, enriching and safe summer.



City Council Meeting, July 1, 2026

General Meeting 10/26 of the Hod HaSharon City Council took place this week in the municipality's conference room. The agenda for the meeting included several administrative issues, along with points of order.

District court – appeal by real estate developers and landowners against the Hod HaSharon local committee dismissed

In an appeal submitted to the central district court, real estate developers and landowners asked the court to intervene in the local committee's considerations regarding the process for advancing the Har/1202 plan – the 531 Complex, regarding a change of designation of over 320 acres of land to the east of the Magdiel neighbourhood from agricultural to residential. With the support of both parties to the case, Judge Moti Firer ruled that the appeal had become redundant, and decided not to order payment of expenses.

The developers who submitted the appeal requested that the court obligate the local committee to speed up the approval process for the plan, or to transfer it to the district committee, which made the decision to reopen the approved plan previously, leading to further delays. The court was impressed by the pace of progress on the plan in the local committee and chose to reject the plaintiffs' petitions.

As part of the discussion on the objections and the comments from the district committee, the local committee dedicated three sessions to discussing the objections submitted, and affirmed its decision regarding the

objections and comments submitted by the district committee. As part of the verdict, the committee approved changes to the plan.

In a statement, the Hod HaSharon municipality stated that the court had found that the appeal was no longer relevant and should be dismissed. Furthermore, it rejected the plaintiffs' request to have its expenses paid. The planning processes in the local committee and the decisions regarding the various objections were taken with the utmost professionalism and care, taking into account all the relevant professional planning considerations. The court was therefore right to discontinue the unnecessary appeal.

Hod HaSharon's position: will continue to act to further the proper and responsible development of the city, upholding a careful blend of residential and mixed development that takes into account the tapestry of the city and maintains the status of Hod HaSharon as the leading city in the Sharon region for demand for housing, community and business.

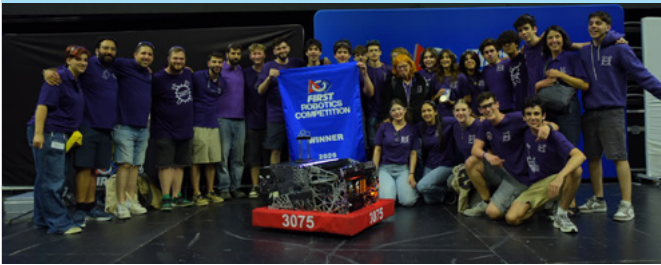


The Hod HaSharon and Hadarim High School robotics team, HaDream Team #3075, takes first place in a regional competition

After taking first place in a regional competition that took place in the Enerbox Hall in Hadera, the team has made it through to the national competition that will take place next week at the same venue.

The team also won the competition's Creativity Award. Their hard work through countless days and nights, with the support of student mentors who are themselves graduates of the team, paid off, with their robot doing incredibly well and the team emerging victorious in the competition.

The pride of Hod HaSharon and Hadarim High School – good luck in the national competition!



Ron Arad Mamlachti Alef Community School recycles and takes care of the environment

With the end of the school year, it was time for drawers to be emptied, shelves to be organised and classrooms arranged for the start of the next school year. But at Ron Arad Mamlachti Alef Community School, they decided to turn this routine act into an important lesson about environmental responsibility.

Instead of throwing away the workbooks, old notebooks and papers, students and staff led a process of sorting and recycling for the paper, as part of the school's commitment to sustainability.

"School is a place to learn not only from books, but also through action", say staff at the school. "This was an excellent opportunity to demonstrate how even the simplest day-to-day tasks are an opportunity to protect the environment".

By taking part in this process of preparing the classrooms for next year, students at the school helped to look after the environment and showed how every one of us can make a small change that has a big impact.



Wrapping up a year of learning, nature and excitement at the Ecological Park

On Thursday, the unveiling ceremony took place for the banner that celebrates the activities of the kindergartens in the Ecological Park – a joyful moment that wraps up a year of research, discovery and connection to nature.

This is the fifth year of the program, which is awarded as part of a tender process by the Ministry of Environmental Protection. This year, 10 kindergartens participated in the program, in which they visited the Ecological Park, wandering along the paths, learning about the local flora and fauna, its biodiversity and the importance of finding ways of protecting the environment that are rooted in nature.

The parents, who were also invited to the ceremony, came to see the new banner, which was full of drawings done by the children that summarised their experiences and what they'd learned through the program. The banner will welcome visitors to the park over the coming year, until it comes time for it to be replaced in a year's time by a new banner by next year's participants. It is a touching reminder that every year a new generation of children grow up here, learning to appreciate and care for the local natural environment.

After the unveiling ceremony, the parents, children and staff went for a walk along the same paths the children had walked during the year – among the secret spots underneath the reeds along the Hadar Stream and to the marshland, enjoying a perfect afternoon to wrap up a year full of learning, curiosity and love of nature.



The 4th grade activity in the First Hut has reached its conclusion

Over the course of the year, 44 fourth-grade classes visited the First Hut as part of their academic program. At the hut, the students learned about the early days of the city and saw local history up close.

In the image: Avi Sendak, who grew up in the First Hut as a child, came to visit together with his granddaughter's class, in a heartwarming meeting between the stories of the past and the generation of the future.



"Leaving us wanting more... "From the Kitchen with Love

This week, the educational kitchen at the Democratic School in Hod HaSharon hosted an emotional year-end session to wrap up the first year of the "From the Kitchen with Love" pilot program – an intergenerational program run by the Hod HaSharon municipality and the Ministry of Health.

Over the course of the year, senior citizens joined in the activity, volunteering regularly in lessons and becoming an inseparable part of the learning experience. They shared some of their extensive experience of the kitchen, along with a lifetime of knowledge and stories. At the same time, they learned, experimented and saw the students' own world up close. Whilst preparing and eating the food together, participants forged close bonds across generational lines. The kitchen became a space of giving and learning about the food supply chain, home economics' skills, different traditions and the life experiences that the city's senior citizens bring with them.

Hod HaSharon is the first city in Israel to lead a pilot program of this kind. In light of its success, we hope to continue and even expand it next year.

Thank you to all our partners on this journey – the department for promoting wellbeing, the department for sustainability, the department for senior citizens, the school staff and of course the students themselves.



A heartwarming initiative at Gan Kalanit

At Gan Kalanit, the children and their families enjoy a special community initiative led by Rami, the kindergarten's guard. Thanks to his dedication, commitment and compassion, a pleasant and inviting community garden and library have been set up on-site.

The initiative improved the kindergarten environment, and made it a more nurturing and pleasant space for everyone. As part of his work, Rami is promoting values of reusing, sharing and giving in the community, encouraging donations of games, books and equipment from the kindergartens and parents for the benefit of all the children in the kindergarten and their families.

Rami even made a bird-feed stand for the kindergarten, which adds another touch of nature, inquisitiveness and learning for the children. Thank you Rami for your kind and caring spirit, and your neverending desire to uplift the community.



Yali Yahav is European judo cadet champion

Seventeen-year-old Yali Yahav, who represented Israel in the European judo championships for cadets (U18) in Gran Canaria in Spain, took first place in the -52 kg category.

Yali trains at the Fighting Spirit judo club, led by coach Maayan Alhayani, and is considered one of the most promising young athletes in the sport, having won the national championships eight years in a row.

Alongside her sporting achievements, Yali is also an outstanding student at Hadarim High School. She recently finished 11th grade and is successfully balancing her intensive elite training and competition program with impressive academic achievements.



Arad Levi - Hod Hod HaSharon kindergarten-age chess champion

Last Friday, the municipal chess club at the Interdisciplinary Arts Center hosted the Hod HaSharon Open Chess Championships for kindergarten-age children.

This exciting event attracted 36 young chess players from across the city.

The competition took place in the Interdisciplinary Arts Center, under the Swiss system format, which gave the children an opportunity to show off their thinking, concentration, patience and sportsmanship.

The competition was incredibly close, and eventually two competitors topped the table, each with four wins from four: Guy Cohen and Arad Levi. The two faced off in a special final game, won by new Hod HaSharon champion Arad Levi.



Enlistment conference

This week, we held an IDF enlistment evening for recent graduates of the 12th grade, who will soon be starting their adult lives with national military or civilian service, in some cases preceded by pre-military academies or service years.

National military or civilian service is an obligation that is also a privilege and an opportunity to grow, develop, shape one's identity and make a significant contribution to the state.

Believe in yourselves and succeed, wherever you end up.

Good luck!



Eyes open – see the signs

Domestic violence is not always visible to the naked eye. Often it is municipal workers, who interact with residents as part of their regular work, who may be the first to see the signs and be able to take the first steps to connect victims with support.

In the last two years, the Center for Safe Families and Prevention of Domestic Violence in the department of welfare and social services, together with the HR division, have been running a training program, "Eyes Open – See the Signs". To date, the training program has been delivered to the HR division, the municipal hotline, the assessment and collection department, municipal library and security division.

As part of the training, municipality employees are given the tools to identify red flags for domestic violence, to navigate sensitive conversations with victims and to become familiar with the professional options available at the city's Center for Safe Families and Prevention of Domestic Violence.

The goal of the program is to train all the municipality's staff to be "gatekeepers" – to identify, listen, guide and connect people to professional services. This is part of the Hod HaSharon municipality's commitment to building an alert, empathetic and engaged community, in which we are all partners in preventing violence and ensuring residents feel safe and protected.





Youth meeting with actress Joy Rieger

As part of the Pride Month events, young residents of Hod HaSharon met with actress Joy Rieger for a frank and open conversation about her career, adolescence, Pride and many other topics.



A relationship in a change of gender

Pride Month events ended with a special event at a bar with Orel Neuwirth on "A Relationship in a Change of Gender".

An open and honest conversation about authenticity and acceptance in an unconventional love story.





Sustainability and Environment Committee



New trees planted in HaOdem St.: More shade, greener, more pleasant

Dear residents of HaOdem St. and the adjacent roads, have you noticed your area is looking greener? This week, a further big step was taken as part of the strategic program to add shade and cool the city using tree cover, with 27 new trees planted in HaOdem St. and the surrounding roads.

The trees were planted in existing planters, after the irrigation system in the area was improved and upgraded, to ensure the trees have the best possible chance to grow and thrive for years to come.

Among the trees planted:

- Fraxinus Syriaca
- Callery Pear, which will bloom every year and add colour to the street.
- Strawberry trees, which will provide broad shade and give a unique character to the area.

The vision is simple: More trees, more shade, better quality of life. Within a few years, the boys and girls living on HaOdem St. will be able to walk to school along a pleasant and shaded route, and all the residents of the neighbourhood will feel the benefits of a green, cool and inviting public space.

Planting work continues, to make Hod HaSharon a green, shaded and more pleasant city for all of us.



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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Municipal library events

Silent disco

For one afternoon, the library became a dance floor, as we invited Guru Zuzu for a silent disco that swept the whole family away. With music that changed in real time, games and a lot of movement, the children, parents and even grandparents danced together and enjoyed something slightly different. An afternoon full of rhythm, laughter and good vibes, that proved once and for all that the library is the most happening place in town.



Finished your book?

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



Saturday | 09:00-12:45





A range of summer activities and events

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To Hod Hasharon | 10:00 To 18:00



The Indian Experience" – a lecture by" Ayelet Eidelberg as part of the Seniors' College at the Interdisciplinary Arts Center

The college offers lectures by leading experts from academia and the media all year round on a range of topics.

Shiron Choir Parents' Meeting at the Interdisciplinary Arts Center

The Shiron Children's Choir held a special and heartwarming meeting with parents to celebrate the end of the year at the Interdisciplinary Arts Center.



Year-end shows at the Interdisciplinary Arts Center

The Orna Porat Theatre Club wrapped up the year with its year-end show at the Interdisciplinary Arts Center, in an uplifting celebration of the children's hard work throughout the year.



Year-end shows at the music conservatory

This week, the Hod HaSharon Municipal Conservatory hosted its year-end shows. Fourteen 12th-grade students completed their studies at the Municipal Conservatory this year – We wish them the best of luck in the future.





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