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Hod HaSharon
community and nature in the center



Upgrades to bus service from Sokolov train station to Hod HaSharon city center

Good news for public transport users in Hod HaSharon: Following a request to the Ministry of Transport from Deputy Mayor Ran Yakir, as of July 1, 2026, the service from Sokolov train station to the city center and center of Magdiel has been upgraded.

Previously, travellers leaving the station had to choose one of two options: Waiting in the car park for the 1, 4 and 5 bus lines, or crossing Sokolov St. and getting on one of the buses coming from Kfar Saba that passes along Sokolov St., Magdiel and Ramatayim Road.

Following the request to the Ministry of Transport, a new stop has been approved for city lines 1, 4 and 5, at the same bus stop on the other side of Sokolov St. This means travellers to Magdiel center and the city center will be able to enjoy a higher frequency of services across more lines, without having to gamble on one of two possible stations.

This is a targeted and immediate change, with no significant budgetary expense, that will improve the user experience and cut down the waiting time for residents who use public transport.



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Today, Supreme Court justices David Mintz, Khaled Kabub and Yael Willner held a hearing on the various petitions regarding the metro plan. It was the Supreme Court that decided to combine the different petitions, which

related to different and significant issues, into one. Among these was the petition by the Hod HaSharon municipality regarding the planned route, in addition to petitions by the Kfar Saba municipality and Drom HaSharon regional council on the completely distinct question of the location of the line's depot hub. Now the justices have noted the breadth of the issues that have been brought before them and added that they do not intend to go into the details of the claims made in the petitions. They have left it up to

the petitioning local authorities to decide whether they are interested in pursuing a ruling.

In his remarks before the judges, Mayor Amir Kochavi said: "Hod HaSharon is the only local authority through which the metro is intended to pass for which the three guiding principles of the planning process – servicing areas with high residential density, servicing employment hubs, and connectivity with other public transport links – have not been followed. This is neither logical nor reasonable.

"Over the coming decades, the city is expected to more than double in size from 70,000 residents at present to 150,000, based on the master plan, and even more should the state have its way. Should the current route be approved, we will be unable to continue to accept an influx of residents without becoming a city that is dependent on the state. For eight years we have tried to get this message through to every relevant political and professional entity. The district planning committee accepted our position, but that is where the situation stalled and so we have appealed to the courts."

After the judges expressed their position that they would not be going into the details of the issues brought before them, Kochavi stated: "Irrespective of the verdict the Supreme Court reaches, Hod HaSharon municipality will continue to work with the expert teams and the political hierarchy to find a way to improve the route of the planned metro line. This is to ensure the residents of Hod HaSharon enjoy the best

mass transport system possible, one that will facilitate the continued municipal demographic and economic growth of Hod HaSharon as a leading city."

Attorney Erez Kaminitz, the former deputy attorney general who today works for the law firm EBN, represented the Hod HaSharon municipality in the case. He noted in the hearing that the chosen route bypasses approximately a million square meters of employment spaces, as well as 9,000 residential units that are either planned or in advanced stages of development, all to shorten the line's journey time by three minutes.

Kaminitz added that the data on which the route was determined, as submitted to the investigator, was inaccurate. Specifically, the data on the number of anticipated residential units in the Ramat Hadar station area was overstated by 1,500 whilst the data regarding the Derech HaYam station (that was struck off from the plans) was understated by thousands of residential units.

"To save three minutes on the journey time for the line, Hod HaSharon will pay a very heavy price – an employment area with no mass transit system and 9,000 residential units with no mass transit system on the horizon. This is a situation that is extremely unreasonable," said Kaminitz.

At the end of the hearing, the plaintiffs requested that the justices issue a ruling, in view of the significant public interest regarding the petitions.

Summer renovation update

Renovations to the yard of Gan Admonit are now complete

The renovations to the yard of the kindergarten included infrastructure work – dismantling a platform, levelling the land, putting in access paths, dismantling the old apparatuses and installing new ones, replacing the shade cover and installing a grass carpet.



After



Before

Summer renovations at Yigal Allon School

The renovations include ripping out and replacing wall cladding, installing new doors and lockers, and an extensive project of air conditioning for the lobby and 2nd-grade areas.



Repairs to the roof of the auditorium at Hadarim High School, part of an extensive project of renovations at the school

The education system in Hod HaSharon - a home in which to grow **The Hod HaSharon municipality has launched a new municipal campaign to encourage people to go into teaching and join the municipality's education system**

The Hod HaSharon municipality has launched a new municipal campaign to encourage people to register for teaching conversion studies for people in the tech and sciences sectors, management, public service and others who are looking to make a meaningful change and impact future generations.

The message: "The education system in Hod HaSharon – a home in which to grow". The campaign invites residents to join the municipal education system immediately, from this upcoming academic year, as part of the teaching conversion program.

The campaign features teachers who chose to undergo a personal and professional change, leaving behind former careers to join the education system in Hod HaSharon. The participants in the campaign include: Racheli Zusiman, a computer science teacher at Ramon High School; Maya Bejaio – vice-principal at Lapid School; Shilo Sela – math and computer science teacher at Mosenson High School; Yael Dor – grade counselor at HaShikmim High School; Hila Nativi Raiter – special education teacher at HaRishonim Middle school; and Or Reshef

– principal at the Democratic Elementary School.

The campaign will be published on the municipality's website, on billboards, social media and municipal publicity channels, and will include information on pathways and opportunities to join schools in the city. Amir Kochavi, mayor of Hod HaSharon: "The municipal education system is the most important place to impact and shape future generations. Having people there with diverse professional experience – including in tech, sciences, management and more – improves the school experience, expands students' knowledge horizons and brings a sense of satisfaction and meaning to the new teachers themselves.

You can be part of the change.

Join the municipal education system in Hod HaSharon.

For more details, see the municipality website.



To watch the video



For more information



This is the time to sign up
to the teaching conversion program



Join the education system in Hod HaSharon

a home in which to grow

Hadarim High School robotics team, HaDream Team #3075, takes second place in the national competition

Thirty-six teams took part in a national competition at the Enerbox Hall in Hadera, having made it through regional qualifying.

The team also won the competition's Creativity Award for building a creative robot with particularly noteworthy abilities.

This is a fantastic end to a long, challenging and unusual year.

The students, led by student mentors and all volunteers, poured their hearts and souls into it, with all their hard work paying off.

The benefits of this experience in terms of education and values cannot be overstated. They are the pride of Hod HaSharon and Hadarim High School.



Choosing their way: The city's youth prepare for service year and pre-military academies

This week, the young people's center hosted an exploratory evening for those starting 12th grade on the subject of service years and pre-military academies.

The young participants demonstrated civic engagement, social responsibility and a desire to contribute to the country. As part of the evening, they were given explanations on the differences between the frameworks, practical tools for asking the important questions, how to choose the right framework for them, and how to prepare for the selection process.



Workshops to reinforce individual and family resilience led by the welfare and social services division

The welfare and social services division continues to develop group solutions to assist residents as part of the municipality's work to bolster individual, family and community resilience, offering tools to cope with life challenges and improve daily relationships.

Recently, the Center for Safe Families and Prevention of Domestic Violence completed a series of workshops on compassionate communication for women and men. During the sessions, the participants gained tools to facilitate respectful and empathetic communication, identifying emotions and needs, setting boundaries, and beneficial approaches to managing conflict situations. The workshops took place in a time of ongoing uncertainty and stress, when individual and family resilience are of particular importance.

At the same time, there was also a workshop on self-defense for women, where participants gained tools for self-defense, increased self-confidence and sense of capability, decision-

making in risk situations and reinforcing their sense of control.

In the feedback surveys, the participants described the workshops as a meaningful experience that gave them practical tools for coping, bolstered their self-confidence and capability and helped them to cope with challenging situations in their lives.

Through a range of group- and community-based solutions, the division continues to work to reinforce individual and family resilience, enhance a sense of safety and build a strong and cohesive community.





Annie Relles, a resident of Hod HaSharon, notched up impressive results in the running, swimming and cycling events in the Maccabiah triathlon, taking the silver and bronze medals in her age category

Well done on the achievement and good luck to all the athletes from Hod HaSharon who are still to compete in the Maccabiah Games.



Yali Amit Strolovich, aged 7.5 - national runner-up in gymnastics

Yali Amit Strolovich, a 2nd-grade student at Tamar School, this week took second place in the Israeli national gymnastics competition for boys on the high bar and rings.

Yali registered the achievement at the national Israeli gymnastics championships for boys that took place this week. Yali also came third in the springboard and parallel bars apparatus.

Yali trains at Maccabi Tel Aviv, and he and his teammates also took first place in the team event.

Warmest congratulations to Lieutenant B., a resident of the city and graduate of Hadarim High School, who successfully completed the prestigious IAF fighter pilot training course yesterday

When asked what matters to him, he said, "I was on a course, my friends were out there doing the work." He asked to give thanks to all his friends at sea, in the air and on land who look after all of us around the clock, and to give a particular shout out to his friends from home – a fighter in Shayetet 13, a fighter in Shaldag, a platoon commander in an armored platoon, another in Golan and another in the Navy, and two paratroopers, all of whom are on duty day and night to protect

our people and our country. So thank you to Lieutenant A., Lieutenant Z., Lieutenant N., Sgt. First Class C. and Sgt. First Class A., you know who you are.

With this spirit of friendship, mutual care and dedication – the sky really isn't the limit.

We all salute Lieutenant B. and join him in thanking all the soldiers of the IDF – in regular service, reserves and career roles, and to their families, who carry a heavy burden so they can defend the State of Israel.

B., look after yourself and your friends. We're so proud of you.
Good luck!.





Sustainability and Environment Committee



First birthday celebrations for the Segula community garden

The Segula community garden is celebrating a year of hard work, community and growth. As part of the celebrations, families, children, grandparents and young people came together for an afternoon of nature, learning and sharing.

During the event, everybody worked together in the garden; planting, learning about the importance of pollinators and opening the new "insect hotel" which they filled with natural materials that insects will use to nestle and sleep.

The children, equipped with magnifying glasses and insect guides, set out to explore from up close the wonderful world hiding among the plants.

The participants also used the garden's composter and learned how fruit and vegetable waste becomes a rich compost that nurtures the soil and helps to grow healthy, delicious and plentiful new fruits and vegetables.

And of course – we couldn't end the day without a communal meal. Everyone brought in food from home, as well as tasting the tomatoes and cucumbers grown in the garden itself – which were delicious!



Want to join?

The sessions in the Segula community garden take place every Tuesday afternoon.

For more information: sustainability and environment department

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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



A range of summer
activities and events

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Summer Events in Hod HaSharon

The youth go extreme

As part of the city's summer events, our young residents were taken on a fun day to the Shefayim water park.



This week, the “HaBe’er” Center hosted 200 young boys and girls for a Good Vibes event

The event, for young students about to start middle school and youth in Hod HaSharon, drew many participants who enjoyed a social evening they won't soon forget, in a fun and safe environment. The evening included a silent disco, games tables, sports zones, VR stations, a performance by a mentalist, casual seating areas, treats and refreshments, as well as a social gathering with other young people from across the city.

Safety teams and counsellors were on hand throughout the evening, accompanying the young boys and girls, supporting them and creating a space that was safe, supportive and inviting, encouraging interaction, belonging and new social connections.

Good Vibes is part of the events program of the department for values-driven and preventive education, which continues to offer unique and exciting social events throughout the summer vacation.

The next event will take place next week, and registration is already open on the municipality's website. We invite young people to come for another evening of music, activities, interactions and shared experiences.





Summer Events in Hod HaSharon

A show for families of reservists

A special show for the families of Hod HaSharon's reservists – "Indi Yeled" with songs for the whole family.
Guest singer: Yermi Kaplan.



A book, a woman, a home - a literary performance inspired by the characters of Shai Agnon

A wonderful performance by the actress Ruti Tamir all about the characters in the works of Shai Agnon, Nobel Prize for Literature laureate and widely recognized as one of the greatest Hebrew authors of all time. The show took place at the Interdisciplinary Arts Center and served as a wonderful celebration of literature, language and theater.



Only love

A heartwarming and inspiring meeting between four talented artists, residents of the city – Michal Suday, Efrat Kuzin, Einat Halperin and Hadas Kadmiel – who took us on an inclusive journey of female voices that covered the creative process, sources of inspiration and the courage to create and perform.





Summer Events in Hod HaSharon

Bridge tournament for senior citizens

This week the Interdisciplinary Arts Center hosted a bridge tournament for the city's senior citizens.

First place: Irit Itzkovich and Bat Oren Falk.

Second place: Michael Pardo and Israel Lavi.

Third place: Anat Dor and Rachel Hayehuda.



Summer on the beach in Herzliyya

As part of the summer festivities, the city's senior citizens were invited on an organized trip to the beach in Herzliyya, where they did yoga on the beach, followed by a 3 km walk along the coast and some light refreshments. A pleasant and refreshing start to the summer.



Travelling + Museum for Islamic Art

A trip for the senior citizens of Hod HaSharon to the Museum for Islamic Art in Jerusalem – featuring an artistic collection from the Islamic world from the 7th-9th centuries, as well as the rare clock collection of Sir David Salomons.



AI – for senior citizens

A new cohort of the AI for senior citizens course started this week, organised by the welfare and social services department and hosted at the Interdisciplinary Arts Center.

In the first lesson, the participants familiarized themselves with ChatGPT and Gemini, and we held a discussion around the advantages of AI as well as the disadvantages and the relevant challenges.





Summer Events in Hod HaSharon

A tradition of yoga practice in parks and nature returns

This summer, Danna Rachlin's yoga community returns to open-air yoga in green, pleasant and pastoral surroundings.

The sessions are free and offer an hour of movement, breathing, calm and connection – a joyful experience for body and soul.

Bring a yoga mat and join us.



Around the World in 80 Days, a talk for boys and girls at the Giora community center

Inquisitive boys and girls learned about bowing in Japan, special snacks, sacred animals in India and more – in a fascinating "talk entitled, "Around the World in 80 Days

Bento workshop at the Barnash The summer workshop calendar at the community centers kicked off with a sweet beach-themed bento cake decoration session at the Barnash community center.





Summer Events in Hod HaSharon

The Travelling Play Space

The Travelling Play Space launched this week with a visit to HaMaccabim and HaShachar parks, offering games and activities for the whole family: Giant chess, dominoes, jenga, floor games – snakes and ladders, noughts and crosses, darts, cricket, juggling, a sporting activity and more





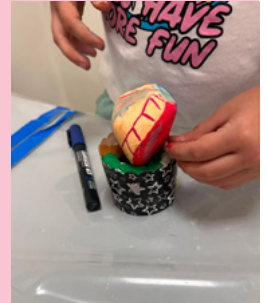
Municipal library events

A cacti-making workshop in the municipal library

Last Friday, the municipal library hosted a "Creative Fridays" workshop, in which participants created colorful and original cacti using pebbles.

The workshop was overseen by Dana Brostowsky Gilboa from Studio Dana. Using acrylic markers, each pebble became a unique work of art, infused with color, imagination and creativity.

There was a fun, relaxing and slightly spiky environment, at the end of which the participants left with big smiles and a small work of art of their own to take home.



National Story Time comes to the municipal library

The Hod HaSharon municipal library, together with counterparts from across the country, launched the summer holiday with a "National Story Time" event. The children enjoyed a performance of "The Smartest Giant in Town" by Asik's Dream Theater, which put on a play full of humor, imagination and values.

National story time is a wonderful opportunity to remind everyone that every Monday, throughout the year, our library hosts story time events for children aged 2-6, in two separate groups, with unrivalled stories and storytellers.





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