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This Week in Town

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Hod HaSharon
community and nature in the center



Happy New Year
Hod Hasharon



Dear residents,

Last week, we opened the 2026–27 school year with great excitement and joy, as well as profound hope for a “boring” and dare we say, normal, year. We have had a dignified and warm start to the year for our students who are a year – and a grade – older, as well as for the staff who have returned to the school corridors, and of course the parents. I have met many students, educators and parents over the last few days, and as always, I am struck by just how many wonderful, principled, caring and inquisitive children and young people call Hod HaSharon home. This is a young generation that doesn't shy away from asking questions and expressing opinions, but that also listens to others and knows how to disagree in a respectful and appropriate manner.

We began the school year following a summer of extensive renovations in our educational institutions. We invested in renewing and upgrading our facilities, making improvements to the learning environment in schools and kindergartens around the city. One particularly heartwarming moment was the opening of the new building for the Nitzanim special education school. The new facility is state-of-the-art, developed with careful consideration and resources, based on the belief that every child is entitled to an environment that enables them to grow, learn, feel a sense of belonging and realize their potential.

At the same time, ahead of the Tishrei holidays, the municipality is preparing for clean-up operations throughout Hod Hasharon. Municipal teams are hard at work in neighborhoods, streets, gardens and public spaces, as well as in private spaces in those neighborhoods which require that support, so that we can welcome the new year in a clean, well-maintained and pleasant city.

This is an opportunity for me to thank all the staff at the municipality for their hard work around the clock, whether they're renovating schools, cleaning for the holidays, or patrolling to keep us all safe and ready

for any eventuality. Much of the municipality's work happens behind the scenes, but even when it seems like half the country is abroad, the wonderful men and women of the municipality are here, paving our roads, renovating or building our classrooms, and doing all the things that keep the municipality quietly ticking along.



I also invite you to look through the municipal activities booklet enclosed with this issue, which includes a wide range of activities offering something for everyone – an opportunity to learn, discover new abilities and meet new people.

Rosh Hashanah is a time not only to reflect on what has been, but also to look ahead with hope for the new year – a year that will bring good news on both personal and national levels; a year in which we will grow even stronger as a community working together to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods, our city and our country, and to build a future based on what unites us – which is many times greater than what divides us.

I wish all the residents of Hod Hasharon – children, young people, senior citizens and the whole community – a year of quiet and normality, security and peace, health and growth, tolerance, hope and good news.

Shana tova

Amir Kochavi

Mayor of Hod Hasharon

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Click for information about events during the Tishrei holidays

Increased municipal security patrols during the Tishrei holidays

During Rosh Hashanah and the Tishrei holidays, including the holiday eves, municipal patrol teams and the police will be increasing their presence in the city, patrolling in cars and on motorbikes.

The police's rapid response team will also increase its presence around synagogues at prayer times. Magen David Adom teams are on standby in the city and prepared to respond as needed.

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

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Lieutenant I. from Hod Hasharon successfully completes Naval Officers Course

After approximately two and a half years of intensive training, Lieutenant I. was awarded the lieutenant's ranks and naval officer pin upon completion of the 153rd naval officers' course. The naval officers' course is one of the Israel Defense Forces' most unique and prestigious courses, with hundreds of candidates competing to join each year.

Naval officers are combat officers who command the various navy vessels. Their role requires a high degree of skill and the ability to combine command capabilities with technical expertise in advanced and classified technological combat systems, all in a unique environment and facing a wide range of challenges.

During the course, the new naval officers joined the operational activities of the various vessels in the Israeli Navy and played a significant role in offensive and defensive efforts across all combat arenas. Lieutenant A. was assigned to INS Lahav, a Sa'ar 5-class missile ship. Throughout the war, Israeli Navy personnel have worked side by side with ground and air forces. Navy forces have struck targets, destroyed terrorist infrastructure, conducted maritime surveillance and eliminated terrorists.

Lieutenant I. lives in Hod Hasharon and studied chemistry and biomedical sciences in high school. During her teenage years, she volunteered with the Scouts and attended a pre-army preparatory program, including a second year. After completing her training, A. said: "I think this is a place that combines combat and command. I love the ship, and being part of it in wartime is meaningful and amazing."



Hadarim High School student Ori Ben Gur presents space-debris recycling initiative at international space conference **A proposal to recycle space debris**

Ori Ben Gur, 15, a 10th-grade student from Hod HaSharon in the cyber track at Hadarim High School, recently presented an innovative initiative at the international COSPAR (Committee on Space Research) conference in Florence, Italy, to establish a recycling facility for space debris in orbit around Earth.

Ben Gur and his project partner, Lisa Vigil-Benitez of the United States, presented a plan for a facility that could collect debris orbiting Earth, separate it into different materials, and enable metals and other raw materials to be reused in space. The initiative is intended to help reduce dangerous space debris while also reducing the need to launch additional raw materials from Earth.

The two worked on the idea for about a year as part of Wolfpack, an international program in which outstanding young people from around the world participate and develop space-related solutions and applications. Ben Gur joined the program at age 13, pursuing his long-standing interest in space and astronomy.

This is not the first time Ben Gur has presented a space-related initiative. As part of his work, he also developed an idea to extend the warning time for missile launches toward Israel using a network of satellites that would detect signs of a launch in real time. After researching the subject and preparing a position paper, he was invited to present the idea at last year's COSPAR conference in Cyprus.



6.5 kilos of sweetness!!

This week at the Reut Community Garden, we enjoyed a watermelon grown in the garden. Yes, even in a small garden in the middle of the city, you can grow big, sweet watermelons.

Would you like to join activities at a community garden? They can be found throughout the city, and there is sure to be one near you!

For more information: Sustainability Department
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Tamar High School student Ori Wilner speaks at memorial ceremony for former Prime Minister and President Shimon Peres

Ori Wilner, a 12th-grade student at Tamar High School, was invited to speak at the state memorial ceremony for the late Prime Minister and President Shimon Peres at Mount Herzl in Jerusalem, alongside President Isaac Herzog and other dignitaries.

In her speech, Ori addressed Shimon Peres's vision and the idea that young people are not only the generation of the future, but also the generation of the present, shaping the future through their actions.

Ori also practices what she preaches. She is an outstanding student with an extremely busy schedule (a highly regarded youth counselor with HaNoar HaOved VeHaLomed and studying computer science and mathematics at the university as part of a high-school program). Last year, she was also selected to participate in the "New Generation" program at the Peres Center for Peace, where she worked alongside other outstanding students from across the country to develop an educational initiative to help at-risk girls and boys.



Conference for medical assistants in kindergartens

This week, the kindergarten department and the municipal health unit held a professional conference for medical assistants in kindergartens.

The conference was designed to expand the assistants' knowledge, preparedness and confidence in carrying out their important role in safeguarding the health, safety and well-being of children in kindergartens.

During the meeting, participants learned about the role of the medical assistant and the responsibilities involved in supporting children with medical needs during the school day. They also received practical medical background on food allergies, recognizing signs of an allergic reaction, and the importance of responding quickly, responsibly and appropriately in an emergency.

A central part of the conference was devoted to practical training in the use of an EpiPen. The aides practiced administering injections using training equipment, reviewed the steps required when a severe allergic reaction is suspected, and discussed ways to create a safe, inclusive and aware environment for children in kindergartens.

The cooperation between the kindergarten department and the municipal health unit ensures a safe and supportive framework throughout the year for children and their parents.





Infrastructure works in the city



A new journey begins!

The renewed connection between HaMekhonai Street and HaYam Street is now open to traffic

Following extensive infrastructure works, HaMekhonai Street has reopened to vehicle traffic. The street upgrade is part of extensive development works by the municipality through the Hod Hasharon Economic Development Company and the water corporation in the 1400 Complex in the Neve Ne'eman industrial area, where the new "Eco-Park" business, industry and commerce park is planned.

The works included replacing and upgrading water, sewage and drainage lines, building a new roundabout, paving roads and changing traffic flow measures in accordance with the plans for the new park.

A new road will connect to the roundabout, linking HaMekhonai Street with Ramatayim Road and providing an additional entrance to and exit from the industrial area. This is expected to improve accessibility and connectivity in the area and help regulate traffic flow.

We ask the public to be aware, pay attention to new signs, road markings and traffic flow measures, and take road conditions into consideration when driving safely. We thank residents, business owners and road users for their patience, understanding and cooperation throughout the construction period.



Milling and resurfacing works on HaPardes Street





Free public transportation*

From Hod HaSharon to Tel Aviv and back on Rosh Hashana



Fiday - Holiday Eve | 11.9

To Tel Aviv | 17:00 to 00:30

To Hod Hasharon | 17:00 to 01:30

Saturday - Holiday | 12.9

To Tel Aviv | 09:00 to 00:30

To Hod Hasharon | 10:00 to 01:30

Sunday - Holiday | 13.9

To Tel Aviv | 09:00 to 18:00

To Hod Hasharon | 10:00 to 18:00

Hod HaSharon's Haim Cohen takes second place in the MasterChef grand finale

A resident of Hod HaSharon, chef Haim Cohen, made it through to the final of "MasterChef: Dream Team" on Channel 12. Following an impressive season in which Cohen stood out for his creativity, talent and passion for the kitchen, he reached the impressive runner-up position.

Cohen first competed in MasterChef in 2021, ultimately finishing the show in eighth place. This year he returned to the kitchen as part of the "Dream Team" season, in which 12 beloved chefs from previous seasons were given a second chance to compete for the title. This time, Cohen made it all the way to the final, where he competed against Gal Kaspers and the eventual winner, Eliav Sasson.

It was in pursuit of love that Cohen came to Hod HaSharon: She couldn't help but fall in love in return, and the rest is history. Now everyone can take pride in a resident who has brought so much talent, humility and good taste to the city.



Cleaning, pruning and garbage collection ahead of the holiday



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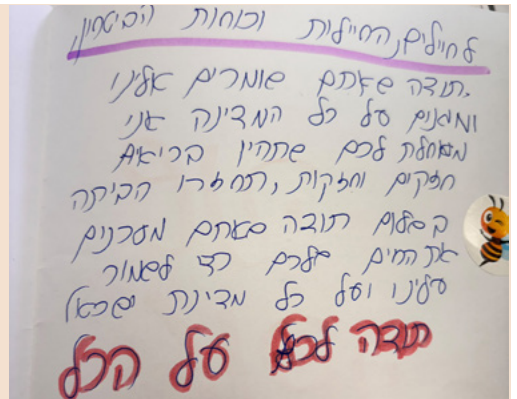


Writing with love to our soldiers

Students at Yigal Allon School prepared touching "Happy New Year" letters filled with good wishes, hope and gratitude.

Children from families of mobilized reservists and mobilized staff members will deliver the letters directly to soldiers in the field.

Wishing you a happy, peaceful and safe New Year, and may they all return home safely soon.



Preparing greeting cards together

At Ron Arad Mamlachti Alef School, 6th-grade students took part in a joint activity in which they mentored 1st-grade students and prepared greeting cards for the new year.



Macramé workshop

A workshop at the HaBarnash Community Center on wrapping crockery in macramé to create a beautifully holiday table.



Visiting Holocaust survivors with love

12th-grade students from HaShikmim High School, accompanied by their homeroom teacher, visited Holocaust survivors living in the city and presented them with festive holiday gift packages, as well as lots of care and attention. Thank you for your generosity, respect and mutual responsibility.





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