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This Week in Town

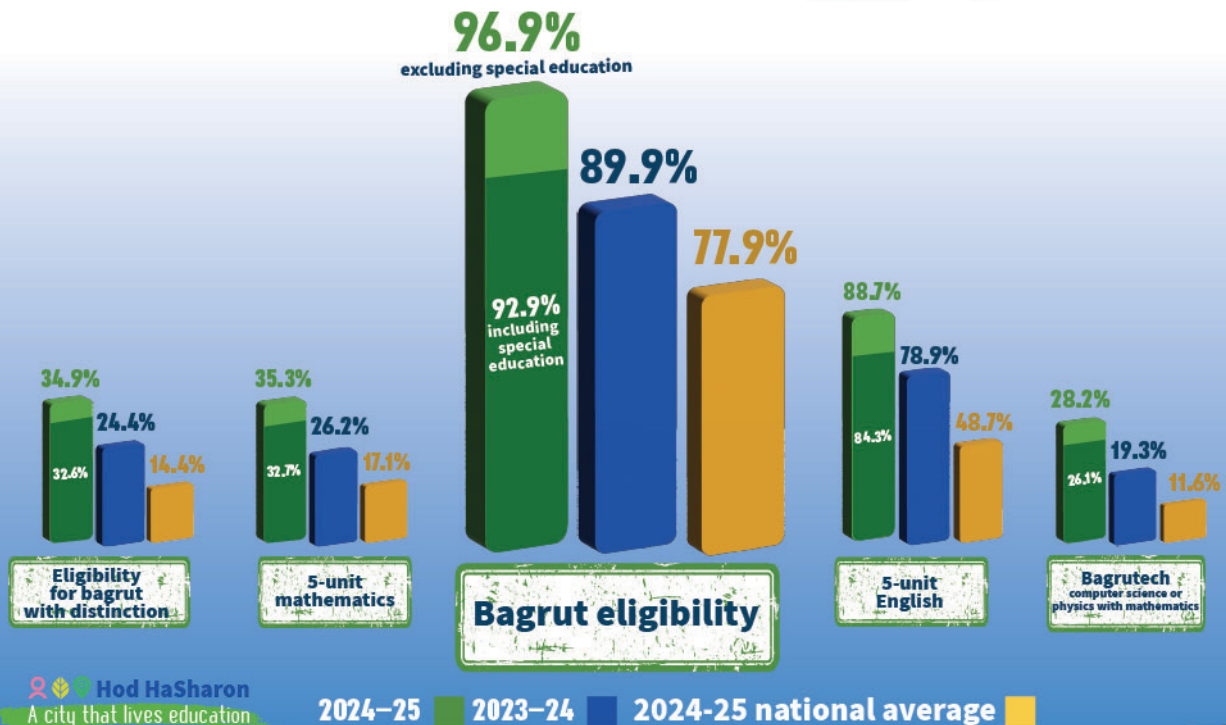
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Hod HaSharon
community and nature in the center

Hod HaSharon's education system

leads in excellence



Senior Community Month
in Hod HaSharon gets underway

November 2026

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Education, prevention and enforcement: Hod HaSharon's municipal security committee discusses bolstering youth safety

The Hod HaSharon Municipality's security and enforcement committee held a meeting on bolstering the safety of young people in the city, with an emphasis on combining education, prevention and enforcement, and on cooperation between the security services, the education system, parents and the community.

The meeting was opened by committee chairman and city council member Motti Liter. Omer Caspi, director of the security and enforcement division, and Liat Zilberman, head of the security department, presented the division's security and enforcement work.

The meeting also heard about the work of the education department's values-led and preventive education team, including prevention programs in schools, workshops, training for educational staff, parent meetings and the work of safety counsellors in the middle schools. Alongside these, the municipality is developing personal support for teenagers who need extra help, young leadership programs, and opportunities for vocational training and employment.

Particular emphasis was placed on cooperation between the education and security teams, in line with the principle that "what happens at night is dealt with during the day", which makes it possible to respond educationally to incidents that take place in public spaces in the evening and at night.

Revital Ben Shahar, representing the parents' patrol, presented the work of the volunteer parents at the places where teenagers hang out and meet up. The patrol provides a supportive adult presence, identifies risk situations and offers help when needed.

The meeting stressed the importance of building trust in our young people – the vast majority of whom are responsible and have strongly-held values – alongside the need to set boundaries and prevent risky behaviour.

The Hod HaSharon Municipality will continue working with the education and security services, parents and the community to strengthen young people's sense of safety and create a safe, supportive and nurturing environment for the city's teenagers.

Traffic arrangements on Highway 531 this weekend

On the night of Friday to Saturday, October 23–24, and during Shabbat, Israel Railways will carry out infrastructure works on Highway 531 near the Hod HaSharon and Kfar Saba stations, from 22:00 until 16:00 the following day.

The expected traffic arrangements are as follows:

- One westbound lane will be closed between Kfar Saba–Nordau and Hod HaSharon–Sokolov stations.
- One eastbound lane will be closed between Kfar Saba–Nordau and Hod HaSharon–Sokolov stations.

Have a pleasant weekend

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**

The Hod HaSharon Municipality is gearing up for Tuesday's general election

In recent weeks, coordination talks have been held with the Central Elections Committee and the Israel Police on security arrangements in the area.

Polling stations have been inspected and any faults fixed, to ensure that everything runs smoothly throughout voting hours.

Now all that's left is to make your choice and go and vote! In the last election, Hod HaSharon was among the cities with the highest turnout. This time, let's make it to the very top.

Voting is the most basic way to have a say in our lives. Don't give up your right – and your duty – to vote.



2022

**74.36% turnout
is almost good!**



2026

**80% or more
is excellent!**

**Let's raise
the city's
voter turnout!**



WINTER

**CLOCKS GO BACK
ONE HOUR**

TIME

THE CLOCKS CHANGE ON THE NIGHT
BETWEEN SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, AND SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 25





A leap in the quality of Hod HaSharon students' bagrut certificates

96.9% bagrut eligibility,
compared with a national average of 77.9%

A significant rise in bagrut eligibility and excellence – Hod HaSharon leads the cities of the Sharon region in bagrut with distinction, Bagrutech and 5-unit English.

Educational Picture data for Hod HaSharon's education system in 2024–25, published today by the Ministry of Education, show a significant improvement in every bagrut indicator compared with 2023–24: bagrut eligibility rose to 92.9%, and eligibility for bagrut with distinction jumped from 24.4% to 32.6%.

Hod HaSharon's education system is showing a significant rise in bagrut eligibility, in excellence and in the number of students taking bagrut exams at 5-unit level. According to the Educational Picture data for 2024–25, the bagrut eligibility rate among all students, including special education, rose from 89.9% in 2023–24 to 92.9% in 2024–25 (compared with a national average of 77.9%).

There was also a significant improvement in eligibility for 5-unit mathematics, which rose from 26.2% to 32.7% (national average: 17.1%). In 5-unit English, the eligibility rate rose from 78.9% to 84.3% (national average: 48.7%), and eligibility for a bagrut that includes technological certification with distinction rose from 49.5% to 58% (national average: 13.8%).

In addition, eligibility for Bagrutech – which combines computer science or physics with mathematics – rose from 19.3% to 26.1% (national average: 11.6%), and eligibility for bagrut with distinction jumped from 24.4% to 32.6% (compared with a national average of 14.4%). These figures are especially important, as they reflect a leap in the overall quality of

Hod HaSharon students' bagrut certificates. In both of these measures, as well as in 5-unit English, Hod HaSharon students' results are the best of all the cities in the Sharon region.

Excluding special education students, the bagrut eligibility rate reached 96.9%, compared with 93.1% the previous year. On the same basis, eligibility for bagrut with distinction reached 34.9%, 5-unit mathematics 35.3%, 5-unit English 88.7% and Bagrutech 28.2%.

*Hod HaSharon Mayor Amir Kochavi: "The improved achievements and excellence of Hod HaSharon's students reflects our investment in the city's education system and the kind of education we promote here – equitable, tailored to every student, expanding opportunities, nurturing abilities and strengthening responsibility towards the community and the country. A big thank you to our educational teams for their dedication, professionalism and hard work. We will keep investing in the city's education system so that every child can find their own path and go far."

Michal Efrati, director of the education department: "The significant improvement across a range of indicators – and above all in the overall quality of Hod HaSharon students' bagrut certificates – is a source of pride for the city and a shared achievement of our school principals, teaching staff, students and, of course, parents and families. We will continue working with school staff to meet students' diverse needs, strengthen their sense of capability and enable them to succeed and excel."

100% pride!

Thank you and congratulations on this achievement
To the management, the staff, the students
and the entire school community



Hadarim High School

97.7% bagrut eligibility

62.9% Technological certification with dis-tinction	34% Bagrutech	37.8% Bagrut with distinction	44.4% 5-unit mathematics	90.3% 5-unit English
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Ramon High School

97.9% bagrut eligibility

75% Technological certification with dis-tinction	37.9% Bagrutech	51.6% Bagrut with distinction	46.3% 5-unit mathematics	97.9% 5-unit English
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Mosenson High School

90.7% bagrut eligibility

55.2% Technological certification with dis-tinction	24.9% Bagrut with distinction	78.6% 5-unit English
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HaShikmim High School

99.4% bagrut eligibility

27.4% Bagrutech	29.3% Bagrut with distinction	30.6% 5-unit mathematics	87.9% 5-unit English
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Tamar High School

92.9% bagrut eligibility

42.9% Bagrut with distinction	92.9% 5-unit English
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Hod HaSharon's education system bids farewell to Ministry of Education supervisors

This week, the Hod HaSharon Municipality's education department said goodbye to Ministry of Education supervisors Yoram Simcha and Galit Haruvi, after years of working together, professional partnership and leading important processes in the city's education system.

The farewell ceremony was attended by the heads of the education department, the city's school principals and representatives of the supervisory staff. Students from Ramon High School's music track entertained guests with music and songs, and 2nd graders from Orna Porat School greeted the supervisors and sang in their honour.

In their closing remarks, the supervisors spoke of the great professionalism of the city's education system and the significant changes it has undergone in recent years.

Michal Efrati, director of the education department, thanked them both for their partnership, trust and work together, and expressed her deep appreciation for the journey they had shared.

Mayor Amir Kochavi thanked Yoram and Galit for their contribution to the city's education system and to the processes they led over the years, highlighted their role in developing solutions tailored to the city's needs, and wished them both every success in the future.



Picnics and social activities at Yigal Allon School

On Thursday this week, classes at the school headed out into the yards and open spaces to enjoy picnics, group games and team-building activities.



40 years since Ron Arad was taken captive

Last Friday, October 16, Ron Arad Mamlachi Alef Community School marked 40 years since navigator Ron Arad was taken captive.

The students watched a presentation about milestones in Ron's life and wrote messages of hope. Afterwards, they sang together and released blue balloons.



Schools mark the 31st memorial day of the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin

To mark the 31st memorial day for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, HaMagen School held an educational Dilemmas Day.

Dilemmas Day, a school tradition for several years now, is a chance to pause the usual school routine, think together, listen to different opinions and explore how the values we believe in show up in everyday life.

Through thought-provoking texts, group discussions and debates, students are invited to express their views, grapple with complex situations, encounter other perspectives and develop critical thinking alongside respect for others.

During the activities, students practise active listening, forming reasoned opinions, handling disagreements and finding ways to keep talking even when they don't agree. Alongside the discussions, they are encouraged to think about how values can be turned into actions, and to lead initiatives that promote tolerance, acceptance and mutual respect at school and in the community.



Think, play, discover: the "Thinking Kindergarten" program in Hod HaSharon kindergartens

The "Thinking Kindergarten" program runs in 10 pre-compulsory kindergartens in Hod HaSharon, giving 312 children the chance to develop important thinking skills from an early age.

It is an international program for developing 21st-century skills, combining board games, digital activities, stories and challenges designed for young children.

Through play and hands-on experience, the children learn to plan, solve problems, make decisions and explore different ways of tackling challenges, in a fun atmosphere that encourages curiosity, creativity and independent learning.

The program helps children develop perseverance and a sense of capability, cope with success and disappointment, learn from their mistakes and try again – valuable tools that will stay with them throughout their lives.

The learning continues at home! With the Accelium system, children can keep practising their skills in a fun, engaging way, and parents can follow their progress and receive insights and tips for further practice.

This partnership between kindergarten and home creates a meaningful learning continuum that encourages every child to think independently, discover their abilities and grow through enjoyment and experience.

Because play is much more than fun – it's a chance to think, discover and gain tools for life!

Aliyah Week gets underway at Yigal Allon School

Aliyah Week at Yigal Allon School began with a range of activities and events, including a special and moving “welcome to Israel” for new immigrants, complete with a flight crew. Students heard from Dudik and Simcha Azoulay – parents of Nadav and grandparents of Noam and Mili – about their family’s aliyah from Morocco to Israel.



Waiting for the sunrise to appear

Last Friday, just before sunrise, 6th-grade students from Neve Ne’eman School met their teachers and volunteer parents at the top of the trash heap in the Ecological Park to watch the sunrise and launch their bar and bat mitzvah year of responsibility and commitment.

They gathered in discussion circles about the year ahead, enjoyed photographing the view, the sunrise and a stunning rainbow that appeared in the sky, and finished off with a delicious breakfast.

This is just the beginning of a year full of meaningful experiences.



"Neshama Lo Kovrim" ("You Don't Bury a Soul") a moving evening of film and conversation

On Monday this week, Bayit Mekomi L'Tarbut in Hod HaSharon hosted a special screening of the documentary "Neshama Lo Kovrim", which follows 13 parents who lost their children on October 7 on a shared journey to India.

The film, created and directed by Adi Fainaru, documents a two-week journey through southern India that the parents made together with the team from Adama Tova, a community therapy space that supports bereaved families. The film explores life after the disaster, longing and loss – but also the power of human connection and mutual support.

After the screening, there was a conversation with Menashe Manzuri, father of Norelle and Roya, and Hagit Rahamim, mother of Dvir, about their experiences on the journey and what it meant to them. Filmmaker Adi Fainaru also took part, talking about the creative process and her time with the parents.

The evening was an opportunity to listen to the parents' stories, to share in their pain and remembrance, and to witness a journey of coping, connection and hope.



Municipal Activities

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the Municipal Activities
click here



*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

***Funded by the Hod HaSharon Municipality**



Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Hod HaSharon

Yoga in Pink – breathing in health

On Tuesday, the Yitzhak Rabin School sports hall hosted a Yoga in Pink session as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Dozens of women came together for a shared, empowering practice full of good energy. The event was held in collaboration with the municipal sports authority and the municipal health care department, with the aim of raising awareness of the importance of early detection and encouraging a healthy lifestyle.

Thank you to instructor Sandra Polak Kaner and to everyone who took part!



Getting ready for winter Safety pruning of ficus trees on Jabotinsky St., at the corners of Zamir and Duchifat streets.





Infrastructure works in the city



Works to upgrade central Ramatayim Way

The municipality is currently carrying out works to upgrade central Ramatayim Way, including new, more energy-efficient streetlights, landscaping and signage.

The works are taking place from the HaReshut junction to HaTalmid St.



Raised pedestrian crossings being built at Asirey Zion St., corner of Hankin St.





Municipal library events

New community libraries

This week, four new community libraries were installed in Pashosh Garden, Gan HaEm, Atidim Park and the Four Seasons Park. With these new additions, there are now 14 community libraries in old phone booths on the city's streets and in its public gardens.

You're welcome to borrow or take a book, settle into a chair and enjoy a good read – or bring along books you'd be happy to take home yourself.



Click for community library locations

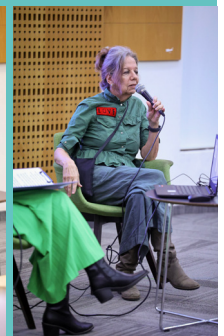


"Sofrot Mesaprot" ("Women Writers Speak") at the municipal library

On Wednesday, the municipal library hosted a special meeting with three multidisciplinary artists who live in the city – Anat Ein-Dor, Galy Carmeli and Aliza Florenthal – moderated by Efrat Kuzin.

It was an intimate, down-to-earth conversation, full of humour and hope, about life, death and everything in between, through art and creativity.

We left with thoughts and smiles that reminded us how powerful human connection and words spoken from the heart can be.





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November 2026 is packed with activities, events, get-togethers, films, shows, sport, talks and plenty more good reasons to get out and meet up.

Please note: some activities require advance registration and the purchase of tickets at a symbolic price.



**Register and join now
Click to view the Senior Community
Month booklet**



For WhatsApp updates from the municipality
by areas of interest and age group

What are you interested in?

▶▶ Click to join ◀◀



Direct WhatsApp updates
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Culture and events updates



Education system updates



Special residents in the
Hod HaSharon community



Hod HaSharon Municipality
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English Speakers
Hod Hasharon



Health and sports updates



Age 60+ updates



Sustainability and
environmental updates



Early childhood
updates (0-6)



Children's updates (6-12)



Teenagers' updates (13-18)



Young adults' updates (18-35)



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