



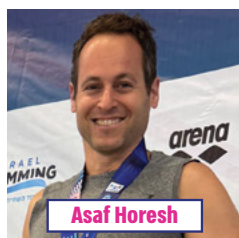
This Week in Town

17.7.2026



Hod HaSharon
community and nature in the center

Our 2026 Maccabiah Games medallists



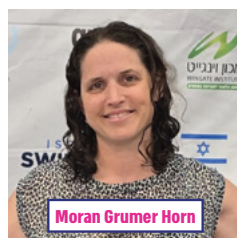
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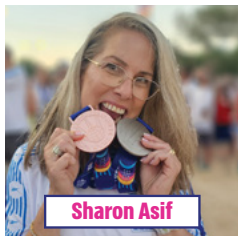
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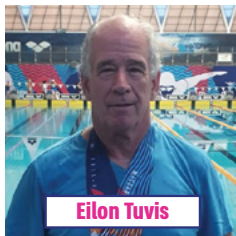
Moran Grumer Horn



Annie Relles



Sharon Asif



Eilon Tuvis



Yona Tadir



Maayan Weisman



Ohad Besa



Yuval Bar Noi



A range of events and activities for all ages. Details inside.



Achievements and medals for Hod HaSharon's athletes at the Maccabiah Games

Athletes from Hod HaSharon participated in the Maccabiah Games and racked up a string of impressive achievements and medals across swimming, running, triathlon, football and catchball.

Swimming

Eilon Tuvis, who competed in the men's 75+ age category, took three gold medals in the 50m freestyle, 50m backstroke and 50m butterfly. After his races, Tuvis asked to thank his coach, Daniel Leibowitz.

Yaron Rosenbaum, who competed in the men's 50-54 age category, took the gold medal in the 200m breaststroke, as well as silver medals in the 100m and 50m breaststroke. Yaron is due to participate in the challenging 20 Bridges Swim around Manhattan at the end of August, and next year he will take part in an event crossing the English Channel between England and France.

Rotem Poran, who competed in the women's 50-54 age category, took the gold medal in the 1,500m freestyle, silver in the 200m and 400m freestyle and bronze in the 3,000m open-water competition.

Asaf Horesh, who competed in the men's 45-49 age category, took the gold medal in the 200m butterfly and silver in the 200m backstroke.

Moran Grumer Horn, who competed in the women's 40-44 age category, took home bronze medals in the 200m freestyle and the 50m backstroke.



Prof. Yona Tadir, who competed in the men's 80-84 age category, took the gold medal in the 50m front crawl in the "Masters" competition for senior citizens, which took place alongside the Maccabiah Games. Prof. Tadir's time was faster than the winning times of the three age groups beneath him.

Running and Triathlon

Annie Relles took two silver and two bronze medals in the constituent events of the triathlon and another silver medal in the overall standings for the 60+ age category.

Sharon Asif took third place in the 50+ age category in the 5km heat in Herzliyya as part of Maccabi Run, the running events at the Maccabiah Games, as well as second place in the 1.5km race in Eshkol Park.

Football

Three players from Hod HaSharon in the Maccabiah-winning U15 Israeli national team.

Yuval Bar Noi, Ohad Besa and Maayan Weisman, residents of the city and members of the Israeli U15 national football team, who were crowned Maccabiah champions after overcoming Brazil in an impressive 2-1 victory in the final in Herzliyya. All three players are part of the Israel Football Association's prestigious academy program to nurture future talents of Israeli football.



Catchball

Catchball tournament final in Hod HaSharon.

Today (Friday), the gymnasium on Hadarim St. hosted the finals day of the Maccabiah Games' catchball tournament. Hod HaSharon's catchball team participated in the finals tournament after reaching the upper playoff in the Maccabiah Games, an impressive achievement which placed it among the top 16 teams out of 36 at the tournament. At every stage, the Hod HaSharon team, led by coach Yoni Almog, displayed determination, fighting spirit and an admirable team ethos, ensuring its place among the top teams in the tournament.

The squad included 14 players who represented Hod HaSharon with determination and dignity.

Pazit Ellenbogen Shoval (head of the team), Alex Skiyof, Efrat Derdikman, Eti Itach, Dana Davidowitz, Daphna Arieli, Hila Israelson, Chen Stein Inbar, Liat Borenstein, Moran Haimowitz, Noa Katz, Nitzan Tikotshinsky, Sigi Or and Shenhav Tamam.

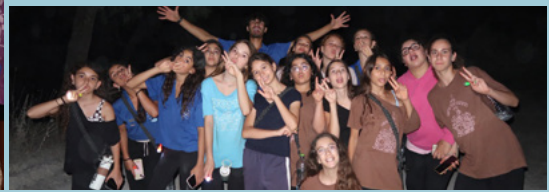


Congratulations to all the athletes for their impressive achievements and for representing Hod HaSharon so well at the Maccabiah Games.

HaNoar HaOved VeHaLomed's summer camp

Members of the HaNoar HaOved VeHaLomed youth movement in grades 3-6 from the Ramatayim and Tziporim branches set off for the annual summer camp in Kfar HaHoresh Forest.

The participants had a unique and meaningful experience at the camp, which included educational activities and events around the theme of "Avatar", based on values of friendship, forgiveness and accepting the other. At the same time, they learned campcraft and successfully constructed and erected camp structures in their groups.



Young leadership

Two representatives from Hod HaSharon were elected this week to the board of the National Student and Youth Council.

The two, Tommy Danieli and Michal Tal, are both 12th-grade students at Ramon High School. They were elected as chair of the ethics-legal committee, and spokesperson and chair of the spokesperson's committee respectively.

Good luck to them both!

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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Dozens of signups for the teaching conversion program

The Hod HaSharon municipality's campaign to encourage people to consider career changes to teaching and to join the municipality's education system has been a resounding success.

Ever since the campaign, "the education system in Hod HaSharon – a home in which to grow" launched last week, dozens of people have signed up for the teaching conversion program and to join the municipal education system. 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. It is intended 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 campaign has been published on the municipality website, on billboards, social media and municipal publicity channels, and includes information on conversion pathways and opportunities to join schools in the city.

You can also make a change.

Join the municipal education system in Hod HaSharon.



To watch the video



For more information



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

הוד השרון
עיר הלימודים



Join the education system in Hod HaSharon

a home in which to grow

Summer renovation update



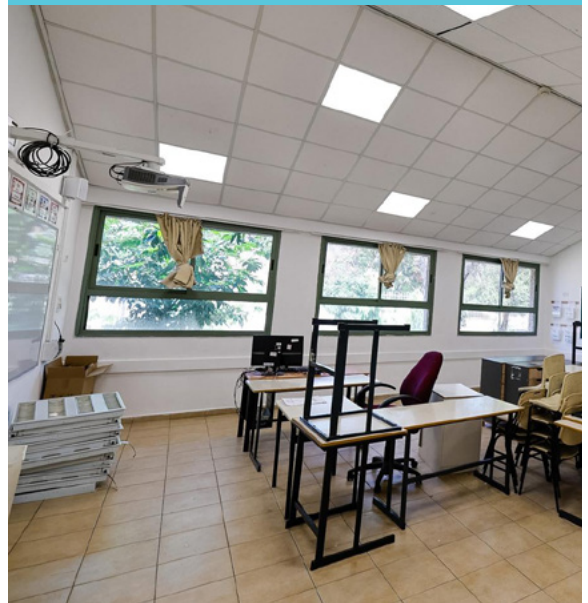
Tsurim School – Dismantling and installing new ceilings for the two main hallways



Extensive renovations to the bathrooms at the Democratic Elementary School



Replacing lighting fixtures and sensors in the classrooms at Ron Arad Mamlachti Alef Community School



Celebratory end-of-year event at Hod HaSharon's "Fighting Spirit" judo club

Last Friday, the gymnasium on Hadarim St. hosted a celebratory end-of-year event for Hod HaSharon's "Fighting Spirit" judo club.

Some 280 young judokas aged 5-12 participated in the event, performing in exhibition fights in front of family and members of the public, showing off all the skills they've acquired over the year.

At the end of the event, all the participants were awarded a gold medal, symbolising their completion of a challenging year, full of hard work and achievements.

The proud parents who filled the bleachers saw up-close the remarkable development of these young judokas over the course of the year.



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

Advanced technology to monitor water quality within minutes: "Maya" has installed a continuous water monitoring system in Hod HaSharon



of criteria that are not included in basic sampling. The results are received in real time, eliminating the need for the prevailing process today, which involves taking the sample to a lab for testing and analysis which takes several days. The new system, which drastically reduces the time it takes to test, from a whole day to a matter of minutes, is compatible with outdoor conditions and all weather conditions relevant to Israel. The monitoring systems installed will serve as a pilot to assess the quality of the measurements, and the company is planning to roll out additional systems on a broader scale.

CEO of "Maya", Haim Zarbiv: "Every year, we make sure to carry out water quality tests at the very highest standard available, and every year we release a comprehensive water quality report to the public, in addition to the findings that are published on the Ministry of Health website on an ongoing basis. The new system is a further step forward in our abilities, giving us a constant, real-time picture of the quality of the drinking water that flows through the municipality's pipes and taps, giving us the opportunity for immediate professional intervention where necessary to prevent pollution."

"Maya", Hod HaSharon's water and sewage company, will be monitoring the water quality in the municipality's water grid on a continuous basis. The new technology will complement the continuous monitoring that the company currently carries out through the connecting points that carry water into the city from "Mekorot". The new monitoring system will enable rapid identification of water pollution, replacing the existing system which is based on spot monitoring and lab testing that can take an entire day.

"Maya", Hod HaSharon's water and sewage company, has installed an advanced system that will be monitoring the water quality of the drinking water in the municipality's water grid on a continuous basis. The new system complements that existing national sampling protocol, which involves frequent sampling from the water grid, with the samples sent to labs for testing. At the same time, a new system is being added of continuous sampling of water quality, that the company carries out in the connecting points into which the water passes from "Mekorot".

Now, "Maya" is carrying out continuous water quality tests, including within the municipality's internal water grid, and not only at the points at which the water enters the grid. This new technology will enable identification of pollution and water incidents in real time, alongside monitoring of a greater number



Sustainability and Environment Committee



Working meeting to update the municipal climate change preparedness plan

This week, the municipality held a unique working meeting at the educational farm to update Hod HaSharon's climate change preparedness plan.

The plan, which was completed in 2024, received the highest mark from the Ministry of Environmental Protection of any local authority in Israel that submitted plans. This achievement is proof of its quality, but from our perspective it also spurs us on to continue to learn, improve and update it as the situation changes.

We learned a lot in the first two years of the implementation of the plan. Climate change is intensifying and continues to pose new challenges, there have been personnel changes in the municipality, and there is a lot of new experience that has been gained as part of the implementation of the plan. All of these factors led us to stop for a moment, reassess the action points we set for ourselves and ensure that the plan remains relevant, up to date and feasible for years to come.

No less importantly – the plan is being put into action on the ground. Of the 73 action points set out, 39 have already either been completed or are underway. In other words, more than 50% of the plan is already being put into practice. This is a significant achievement that underscores the extent to which Hod HaSharon's plan is practical and meaningful, rather than something that gathers dust on a shelf. The action points set out within it are integrated every year within the work of the municipality's various departments, in accordance with the deadlines for implementation, ultimately going from vision to reality.

Hod HaSharon's climate preparation plan is based on four key action areas:

Cooling the city | Run-off management and reducing flooding | Climate resilience in the community | Climate education

The meeting brought together the four working teams for the different action areas, together with the senior leadership of the municipality and the relevant professional entities, to go over the action points set out in the plan, in detail. The teams examined the progress made so far, assessed which action points required adjustment or update, and which new initiatives should be added.



Sustainability and Environment Committee



During the work day, new and innovative ideas kept cropping up that were not part of the original climate change preparedness plan that was drafted two years ago. The fact that today, just two years later, new issues have already come up that have to be addressed, is proof if any were needed of the extent to which the subject of climate change preparedness is dynamic, requires ongoing learning, flexible thinking and the ability to adjust to changing circumstances.

Hod HaSharon is among the first local authorities to be updating its preparedness plan. The meeting ended with important insights, new ideas and important action points to carry forwards. Over the coming weeks, we will continue to refine our work, and at the end of the process, we will publish an update document for Hod HaSharon's climate change preparedness plan, to ensure that the city continues to be ready and innovative and to lead the way in coping with climate-related challenges.





Sustainability and Environment Committee



The sustainability and environmental awareness committee visited the Hadas Stream ahead of upcoming rehabilitation works

The Hod HaSharon municipality's committee on sustainability and environmental awareness, led by Deputy Mayor Ran Yakir, visited the Hadas Stream this week. The visit took place in the section where work is underway on the stream's rehabilitation, one of the city's most significant environmental projects.

The Hadas Stream is one of four streams that flows through Hod HaSharon's territory as part of the Yarkon River Basin. It passes through Plan 1202 lands, winds along the perimeter of Gil Amal and the fields of the nearby moshavim, before spilling into the Qana Stream behind the Sharonim shopping center. Like many streams in the area, it is a stormwater (intermittent) stream through which water flows primarily in winter. In the area of the wastewater treatment plant, treated water is also pumped into it as part of the "Geulat HaYarkon" ("Yarkon River Redemption") project.

The tour included representatives of the Yarkon Drainage and Streams Authority, the regional environmental protection unit, members of the committee and relevant

experts, who presented the different stages of the planned project – both immediate- and long-term.

The first stage in the project will include the construction of two pedestrian bridges to connect the Gil Amal employment hub and Mevo Kedem St. with the park that will be set up alongside the stream, as well as laying accessible paths, building leisure and seating areas, planting dozens of trees and restoring local flora in place of invasive species.

The cost of the first stage of the project is estimated at five million NIS, to be funded by the Open Spaces Foundation (three million NIS), the Yarkon Drainage and Streams Authority (500,000 NIS) and Hod HaSharon's development funds (1.5 million NIS).

Work is already underway to clear invasive plant species, whilst calls to tender have been issued for the works to be carried out. Upon completion of the project, a section of the Hadas Stream is expected to become a new urban nature spot, offering residents a quality space for walks and leisure.



To join the WhatsApp group for updates on sustainability and environmental awareness





A range of summer
activities and events

Check out our summer booklet



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Summer Events in Hod HaSharon

Never give up on your dream – actor Daniel Litman meets Hod HaSharon's youth

As part of the city's summer events, this week saw an inspirational masterclass with actor Daniel Litman.

During the session, Litman shared his own story of his road to success, and spoke openly about the challenges along the way. He spoke about overcoming obstacles, about the need for personal responsibility, belief in the path and dedication to it, even when things aren't going as planned.

Litman encouraged the participants to identify their unique talents, to dare to pursue them, to invest in developing them and not to give up when times get tough.

The activity was part of a series of masterclass sessions that the department for values-led and preventive education is running, together with the protection teams, to equip the city's youth with meaningful life tools through meetings with inspiring figures.



קיץ ספורטיבי גם לילדות וילדים

פעילות מהנה משולבת יוגה לילדות וילדים בגינת השחר, בהדרכת חב' "חיים בריא"





Summer Events in Hod HaSharon

This week, the Travelling Play Space came to Magdiel Park and Four Seasons Park, with giant floor games, sporting activities, and juggling and crafts workshops



Lantern-light tour of the Hadas Stream

Ahead of the Gil Amal Festival, people were invited to spend a warm summer night on a lantern-light tour of the Hadas Stream for the whole family – a unique way to learn about the neighbourhood's charming urban nature





Summer Events in Hod HaSharon

Live broadcast of the World Cup semi-finals at the Ecological Park Spain – France



Live broadcast of the World Cup semi-finals at the Ecological Park England – Argentina



,"Theatre performance for children with special needs, "Friends Don't Part by Teatron Chiyuchim at the Interdisciplinary Arts Center





Summer Events in Hod HaSharon

Family-friendly twilight tour of the Safari



The sixth edition of the Gil Amal Local Music Festival

, featured a community picnic, local arts and crafts stalls
, and live performances by musicians from the neighbourhood
in Gil Amal's Pecan Public Garden



Sporting summer for boys and girls

A fun activity that includes yoga for children at HaShachar Park, led by "Haim Bari" ("Living Healthily")





Summer Events in Hod HaSharon

The Sixties Band performed a show full of '60s classics, as part of the city's 60+ shows for senior citizens at the Ecological Park



An intergenerational workshop on crafts and knitting at the Interdisciplinary Arts Center, led by "Knitting in the Community" Hod HaSharon

A colourful and joyful activity for grandmothers with their grandchildren





Summer Events in Hod HaSharon

Creative Fridays in the library – sometimes all you need is a rubber duck and a lot of imagination and creativity

At the "Creative Fridays" workshop, participants decorated their own original and colourful ducks, after an explanation of the history of one of the world's most iconic toys.

The workshop was overseen by Dana Brostowsky Gilboa from Studio Dana.



How does a small idea become a podcast people want to listen to?

At a workshop for boys and girls, led by Ziv Hermelin-Shadar, participants went from coming up with an idea, to developing a format, interviewing and practicing, and even recording a pilot episode. You are invited to listen to the podcasts created during the workshop. We're sure we'll be hearing plenty more about them!



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