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The Education System in Hod HaSharon Started Here



Have a Good School Year

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Municipal Activities Hod HaSharon • 2026-2027

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Hod HaSharon's Complex 200 Is the Safest Neighborhood in Israel!

According to the ranking of Israel's safest neighborhoods by Ynet and Madlan, based on Israel Police data

The detailed ranking also emphasizes the city's overall safety. An overview of Hod HaSharon shows a decline in crime rates and an increase in public safety, despite the security situation, proximity to the Green Line and an increase in the presence of illegal residents across the region.

This is according to official Israel Police data, and it is a direct result of the municipality's ongoing investment in both fixed and mobile security measures.

Among the tools the municipality has employed to ensure rapid security responses are additional security cameras, the municipal security team, patrols and the motorcycle patrol unit, in cooperation with the Hod HaSharon and Kfar Saba police, volunteer assistance and increased public vigilance, together with the municipal hotline's fast and efficient response.

Using all these tools, the municipality will continue to act to prevent, thwart and investigate, while continuing our efforts to advance a full municipal policing service that will allow us to further strengthen security in our city with additional authority and trained personnel.

Our presence at the top of the list of Israel's safest neighborhoods is the result of extensive and intensive work, and we will continue to put in the effort around the clock to provide the city's residents not only with a high quality of life, but also with protection and security.

Thank you to all the teams working day and night to ensure a safe environment for all of us, and to all the municipal bodies that make it possible.



The 10 Safest Neighborhoods

Based on number of criminal incidents per thousand residents in 2025



1	Complex 200	► Hod HaSharon	2.3
2	Givat HaRakafot	► Kiryat Bialik	3.5
3	Mamshit	► Dimona	3.6
4	Green Park	► Modi'in Illit	3.7
5	Ramat Alon	► Haifa	3.8
6	Schneller	► Nazareth	4.5
7	Hamaniot	► Shoham	5.3
8	Hazon Ovadia	► Beit Shemesh	5.3
9	Tzur Yigal	► Kochav Yair	5.4
10	Neighborhood M3	► Beit Shemesh	5.9

*The index includes only those neighborhoods with over 2,500 residents that were included as part of the project

,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**

Ahead of the 2026–27 School Year

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The new school year is just around the corner, and the excitement is building.

This year, 14,827 students will begin the school year in Hod Hasharon's schools and kindergartens.

Every boy and girl is a whole world of dreams, questions, hopes and a journey that we are privileged to be a part of.

We start the new school year with hope, and with an understanding that a good education is built through the classroom, in the kindergarten, at home and in the community, day by day, in cooperation between educational staff, students and families.

This year, the municipal education system includes 100 kindergartens, 22 special education kindergartens, 15 elementary schools and 11 secondary schools. In preparation for the new school year, we have continued to invest in infrastructure and learning environments to ensure that they are fit for purpose. We have completed the new building for the Nitzanim special education school at an investment of NIS 30 million – an unprecedented sum that makes good on our municipal vision of promoting full equality.

Also over the summer, additional work and renovations were carried out at educational institutions throughout the city, with an investment of NIS 24 million, to improve the quality of life of our students and educational staff.

But education is about far more than buildings and numbers. Despite the many challenges facing the public education system, the education department and the municipality as a whole will continue striving for a system in which every student feels seen and feels that others believe in them, and knows that they have the space to become whoever they want to be.

In a changing world, we will continue to do what is necessary to ensure that every child receives the tools they need to cope, develop and thrive. No less importantly, we will ensure that our educational staff receive the support and resources they need to carry out their vitally important work, as well as the backing of the municipality to do it in the right way.

This year, too, we will continue to promote progressive and personalised education, respond to the needs of the city's diverse communities, strengthen STEM education, and create even more opportunities for our children to learn and gain new experiences.



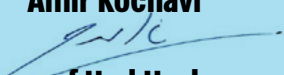
In a populist world, shaped by social media and increasing polarization, we will work to promote critical thinking, a deeper appreciation of the core values of democracy, and stronger community resilience in the face of constant changes. We will work to address rising violence and improve the educational and social climate, whilst recognising the fundamental importance of providing a safe and protected environment.

Dear parents, we all share a great responsibility. It is still possible to change our current trajectory, and there is no reason to leave this task to future generations. Let us set an example for our children through respectful dialogue, working together in pursuit of a better future, and building foundations that strengthen our values, nurture our humanity and continue to produce outstanding young people in Hod HaSharon who step up to the challenges of the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of our educational and administrative staff, new and old, for their dedication, care and patience, and to wish us all a peaceful and successful school year. May it be filled with curiosity, friendship, growth and opportunity.

Above all, may it be a year in which we take another step towards making this a better place for all of us. Together.

Amir Kochavi


Mayor of Hod Hasharon
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Major Renovation at Hadarim High School

Major renovations and infrastructure upgrades were carried out at Hadarim High School over the summer, at a cost of NIS 20 million.

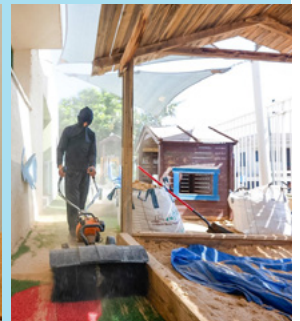
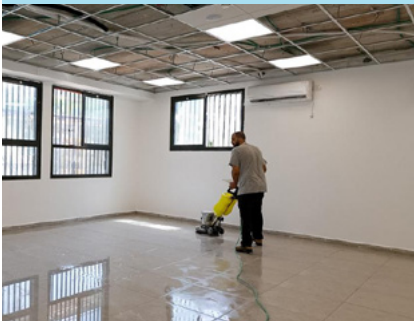
The comprehensive renovation includes facelifts for shared learning spaces and facades, the construction of two new shelters, renovated administrative and staff rooms, and improvements to the fire-safety, plumbing, air-conditioning, lighting and electrical systems.

New bleachers were installed in the auditorium, which also received a new roof, and seating areas, lighting poles and a new irrigation and landscaping system were installed in the schoolyard.



Cleaning and Painting Kindergarten Yards

Ahead of the new school year, the kindergarten yards were thoroughly cleaned and the kindergartens themselves were painted.



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Upgrading Road Safety Measures at Educational Institutions Across the City

Ahead of the new school year, the Hod HaSharon Municipality has led a large-scale project to upgrade road safety measures at educational institutions throughout the city.

The project's goal is to create a safer environment for students using advanced engineering solutions that will reduce vehicle speeds and increase pedestrian safety.

The project included three main types of work carried out near schools: raising entire intersections to create a continuous and safe walking route; raising pedestrian crossings that also serve as wide speed bumps; and paving pedestrian crossings with interlocking stones to improve visibility and highlight the crossing area.



Outside Rabin School



Nachshon St.



Mamlachti Alef



Pduyim St., at the corner of Eshkol St.



Pduyim St., outside HaRishonim School



HaHumash St.



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The Education System in Hod HaSharon - A Place to Grow Four new principals in Hod HaSharon schools, all from within the municipal education system

The Hod HaSharon Municipality and the education department have completed the appointment process for school principals ahead of the 2026–2027 school year. Four new principals have been appointed, all of whom have come up and developed professionally within Hod HaSharon's education system. The municipality will also be launching a new program this year to train the next generation of educational leadership in the city.

With the appointments completed, the municipality wishes to thank the outgoing principals: Erin Dolev, who led HaMagen School; Orit Koren, who led HaShikmim Middle School; and Perach Aaronheim, who led HaShahar Middle School, for their years of educational work, dedication and significant contribution to the municipal education system. Best wishes as well to Sefi Saltzman, who stepped down from her role

as principal of Begin School but will continue her educational path as head of the Pisga Center in Kfar Saba, where she will continue contributing to the advancement of teaching and learning processes in Hod HaSharon.

Orit Avraham will lead HaMagen Elementary School; Sharon Peleg will lead Menachem Begin Elementary School; Ruthy Barco Mann will lead HaShikmim Middle School; and Maya Grant will lead HaShahar Middle School.

Orit Avraham, a Hod HaSharon native and resident, was chosen to lead HaMagen School. Avraham worked for 22 years at Mamlachti Alef, including as deputy principal for the past seven years, helping drive significant pedagogical processes at the school.



Good luck!



Orit Avraham
Hamagen School
Principal



Ruthy Barco Mann
HaShikmim Middle
School Principal

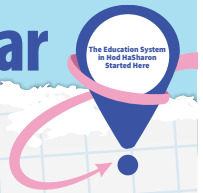


Maya Grant
HaShahar Middle
School Principal



Sharon Peleg
Begin School
Principal

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Sharon Peleg, a Hod HaSharon resident, was chosen to lead Menachem Begin School, where she has worked since 2017 and currently serves as deputy principal. Over the years, Peleg has held a variety of pedagogical and management positions, built relationships of trust, established impactful work processes and educational programs, and developed a deep familiarity with the school and its community.

Ruthy Barco Mann, a Hod HaSharon resident, was chosen to lead HaShikmim Middle School. Over the past decade, she has worked at Hadarim High School, where she held a range of roles, including grade coordinator, coordinator of the science and technology excellence program, and civics coordinator, alongside classroom teaching and leading educational initiatives.

Maya Grant, a resident of Yarkona, was chosen to lead HaShahar Middle School. Grant began her professional career in preschool education and later held a variety of key roles at Mamlachti Alef in the city. For the past five years, she led Keshet Elementary School in Kokhav Yair, guiding it to notable achievements and success.

Talk to Us

**Open line with the education department
For the 2026–2027 School Year**

**Tuesday, September 1 and Wednesday, September 2
08:00–13:00**

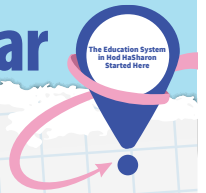


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With an Investment of NIS 30 Million, the Nitzanim Special Education School Has Moved to Its New, Advanced Home

Ahead of the new school year, the Nitzanim Special Education Elementary School in Hod HaSharon has moved into its new permanent facility, constructed with an investment of NIS 30 million. The new building's design is based on the recognition that the educational environment is an integral part of the learning, therapeutic and emotional process, with the goal of enabling every student to develop, gain independence and maximize their potential.

The new building, the most advanced of its kind, combines advanced spatial planning with adjustments to students' sensory and therapeutic needs. The ground floor houses the administration, advanced therapy rooms and a spacious gymnasium and assembly hall. The second floor is dedicated to learning, with every two classrooms sharing a balcony for fresh air and outdoor activities, and each classroom having an adjoining room for individualized learning and for regulation and calming during times of overload.

Special emphasis was placed on developing life skills and independence. The school includes a shared dining room, where students can practice conducting themselves in public spaces and developing positive eating habits, as well as an educational and therapeutic kitchen that enables hands-on experience in cooking and baking, familiarity with different types of food and proper nutrition, as well as providing support for challenges related to selective eating. In addition, a play room and a therapeutic carpentry workshop were built, enabling work on motor skills, practical experience and strengthening students' sense of capability.

The schoolyard was also designed as part of the educational and therapeutic framework. Equipment adapted to sensory-regulation needs was installed, including cocoon swings and nest swings, alongside a conical tent that serves as a learning corner and a quiet, intimate space that provides a sense of protection and security.

Mayor of Hod HaSharon, Amir Kochavi: "Hod HaSharon is one of the most advanced cities in Israel and the world in promoting special education. This is because we understand our role as a local authority committed to the values of equality, inclusion and respect for every person, and because we seek to create equal opportunities for every girl and boy to progress, develop and maximize their potential. Nitzanim School expresses this commitment in practice through a high-quality learning environment and architecture adapted to students' needs, providing them with the tools and conditions they need to succeed."

Director of the education department at the Hod HaSharon Municipality, Michal Efrati: "The Hod HaSharon Municipality invests in the most advanced facilities, but also in human capital. At the heart of this work is the professional and dedicated teaching and therapeutic staff, who know every student and their needs, strengths and challenges. We work to help our educational staff acquire and develop their skills, because the combination of human capital with the most advanced and adapted infrastructure creates the optimal conditions for the academic, emotional, social and functional advancement of every student."



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Alumni of Hod HaSharon's education system took part in a special municipal campaign, sharing memories from their formative years in the city and speaking about the values, tools and experiences they gained during their studies that have accompanied them throughout their lives.

The campaign, designed to present the municipal education system through the personal stories of those who grew up within it, appeared on the municipality's social media pages and on billboards throughout the city.



Watch the Video



Yali Yahav comes fifth at the World Junior Judo Championships after winning first place at the European Championships in the Canary Islands two months ago

An impressive achievement for Yali Yahav, who is starting 12th grade at Hadarim High School and finished fifth at the World Junior Judo Championships held in Ecuador.

Yali opened the competition with three impressive victories over opponents from Mongolia, Colombia and Italy and advanced to the semifinals, but ultimately had to settle for a highly respectable fifth place following an injury.

Her European Championship achievement comes after an exceptional year in which Yali won the European Junior Championship and extended her domestic streak to eight Israeli championship titles.

Congratulations to Yali, her coach Guy Fogel, the Fighting Spirit club, and everyone around her.



*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

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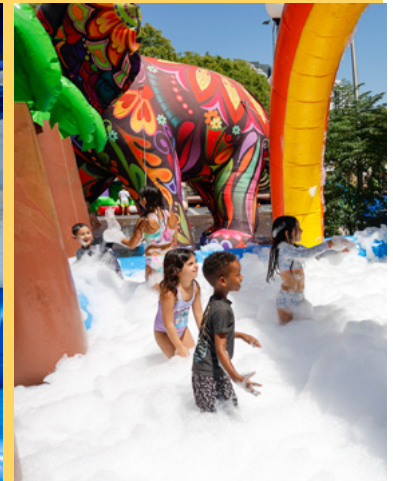


Summer Events in Hod HaSharon

Three Days of Water, Sports and Outdoor Fun at Four Seasons Park



End-of-Summer Party at Azrieli Mall





Summer Events in Hod HaSharon

Intergenerational Arts and Crafts Workshop

Participants created arts and crafts with grandma and granddad using a variety of materials, around the theme of fish and birds, limited only by their imagination.



Moonlit Hike

.A family walk by moonlight, from the Ecological Park toward the Yarkon River and back





Municipal library events



לקרא ולצמח
המספרייה העירונית הוד השדרון

Finished your book?
The municipal library is extending its opening hours and opening its doors



Saturday | 09:00-12:45



New Plants in the City's Squares





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

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Age 60+ updates



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Early childhood
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Children's updates (6-12)



Teenagers' updates (13-18)



Young adults' updates (18-35)



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