

TIME OF REBIRTH

NEWS FROM HASHOMER HACHADASH | MAY 2024

Since October 7, our lives have been filled with many moments of sadness, pain, loss, and uncertainty, with few moments of joy and peace. Hashomer Hachadash has set a goal to act as a driving force to strengthen the Israeli spirit. During May, we participated in significant and moving events of unity, hope, and rebirth. We celebrated Independence Day with bereaved families, families of hostages, dozens of organizations, and thousands of Israelis from all over the country and from all sectors, sharing hope for better days in our beloved country. We are also proud to have been part of two other events: planting two new vineyards in the Golan Heights and in the Gaza envelope with our dedicated volunteers.

HASHOMER HACHADASH – MAY 2024 STATS:

6,747
agricultural volunteers
assisted **142** farmers

754
Safeguarding volunteers
assisted **50** farms

204
groups (companies, organizations, schools,
world Jewry and soldiers)

INDEPENDENCE DAY OF UNITY, HOPE, AND THE ISRAELI SPIRIT

Over 8,000 people nationwide and from all parts of Israeli society gathered in Latrun to mark the 76th Independence Day. This moving event was an initiative of dozens of organizations, including Hashomer Hachadash, who joined together in the Union of Unity and Hope. Together with bereaved families, families of hostages, wounded soldiers, and reservists, a rally of unity was held. The event featured a spectacular kite flight for the hostages, family activities, speeches by representatives of the hostages' families and bereaved parents and concluded with a musical performance



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PLANTING A VINEYARD IN THE GAZA ENVELOPE IN MEMORY OF THE FALLEN

After fighting terrorists on his land, evacuating the wounded, and extracting bodies, farmer Yaakov Hassan from Shuva in the Gaza border region decided to establish a new vineyard to commemorate all those who have fallen since October 7. Participants in the pre-army leadership program, the volunteer youth group and other volunteers planted 2,000 trees—one for each fallen individual. To watch the moving report from News 12, click here.



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EITAN BEN-ZVI: A NEW LEADER FOR THE YOUTH MOVEMENT OF HASHOMER HACHADASH



Eitan Ben-Zvi, the new CEO of our Youth movement, lives in Kibbutz Netzer Sirani with his wife and four children. He comes to this role after 14 years in command and combat positions in the naval commando unit and years of management experience in the business sector and the fields of education and training. Eitan brings a rich education, management, and values background, coupled with a far-reaching vision for the new movement, its members, and HaShomer HaChadash in general.

"I regard this role with reverence," Eitan says, "because I understand that much like during the founding of the state, this is precisely when the roles of organizations and youth movements are needed more than ever. We will be there to build, rehabilitate, heal, and take part in crucial tasks for the future of the country after the war and the severe trauma of October 7th."

HASHOMER HACHADASH VOLUNTEERS PLANT A VINEYARD IN THE GOLAN HEIGHTS FOR TULIP WINERY.

Due to rocket and drone strikes, the vineyard of Tulip Winery, located near the Lebanese border, was heavily damaged and became a closed military area, making it impossible to work, prune, or harvest, causing severe economic damage. Despite the significant losses, the winery owner decided not to give up and to plant a new vineyard in Natur, in the Golan Heights. Hashomer Hachadash volunteers arrived early in the morning to plant over 25 acres of vineyard. Roy Yitzhaki, the owner of Tulip Winery, said: "Seeing the pace of work here, the people working shoulder to shoulder planting anew—it's very moving, and it's a moment of relief amidst the complex situation we have been experiencing since October 7. I am very grateful and appreciative of the Hashomer Hachadash volunteers who came here."



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