

Municipal Council of
Ganey - Tikva



Ganey Tikva – number 10 on Israel's list of best cities to live in

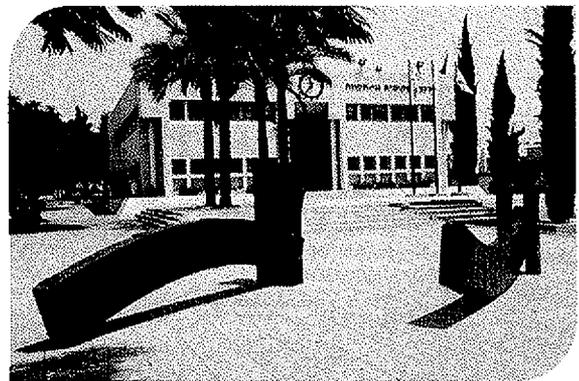
Ganey Tikva was founded in 1949 by the Jewish Agency for Israel as a new immigrant community, when part of it was an area of Petah Tikva called Shikun Hayovel. The community absorbed families from Romania, Poland, Yemen and Morocco, who were housed in about 240 wooden huts ('Swedish' huts). In 1953, the community was afforded municipal status as a Local Council, and changed its name to Ganey Tikva.

Municipal boundaries: Petah Tikva to the north, Savion to the south, South Sharon Regional Council to the east, and Kiryat Ono to the west.

Peripherality Index: Ganey Tikva is very central.

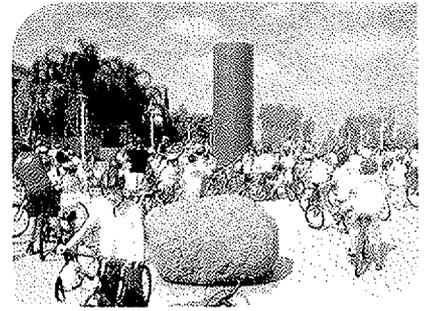
Ganey Tikva covers 220 hectares and has a population of 15,000. In 1995, Ganey Tikva annexed 70 hectares from Petah Tikva, 60 hectares in the north and 10 in the east. In 2006, Ganey Tikva annexed a further 30 hectares to the south of Maccabib Road (Route 471).

Ganey Tikva plans to reach a population of 25,000 in about ten years.



Population breakdown:

Approximately 70% of residents live in apartment blocks on about 30% of the municipal area, and some 30% live in single-family homes on about 70% of the municipal area. Approximately 25% percent of the population is Orthodox, and live in Yismach Moshe, a neighborhood built in the 1960s by the Admor of Sasov, and in Nof Savion, a neighborhood which was built and populated in the 1990s. Religious and secular residents live in complete harmony in Ganey Tikva.



Socio-economic status:

Ganey Tikva is designated at level 8 on the socio-economic scale (10 being the highest).

Average age (not including those in military service): 43, according to 2008 Central Bureau of Statistics figures.

Income:

Average monthly income: NIS 10,013 (men: NIS 12,507; women: NIS 7,722)

Unemployment benefits (monthly average): 83.

Transport :

Number of cars per family - motor vehicles: 4,817

Private cars: 3,877

Average age of private cars: 7 years

Accidents with casualties: 14

Security:

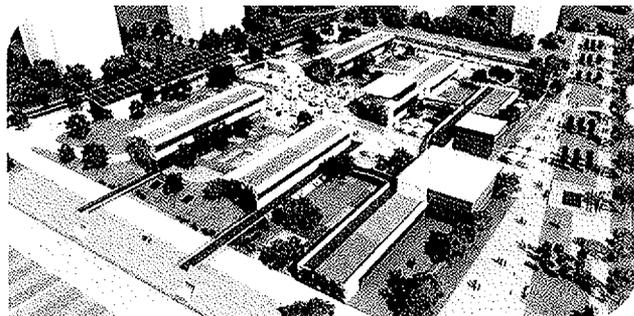
Ganey Tikva residents enjoy a reasonable level of security and crime levels are not high (according to police reports). During the summer vacation, the Council employs security services to patrol public parks in order to prevent late-night noise and vandalism, as well as an Owl Patrol – a voluntary/educational program.

Volunteer cyclists also patrol the community until the small hours of the morning during summer vacation, speaking and interacting with teens. These activities help improve the community's level of security.

Education:

Ganey Tikva has five elementary schools, a junior high school and seventeen preschools. The Local Council is currently working on plans to construct the first high school, to be built on the educational campus in the north of Ganey Tikva.

The architectural firm of Eliakim Architects was selected from among five leading architectural firms competing for the high school project. The examination committee members recommended the winning architect's office



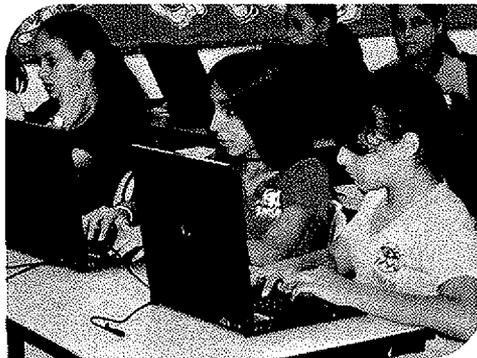
after examining the extent to which their plans complied with the educational program criteria prepared by Dr. Dorit Tubin, who is an expert in successful and world-leading educational institutions. The high school is designed to be as 'green' as possible, in accordance with the most stringent American standards. A laptop for every student – computerized education in Ganey Tikva 2006 saw the start of a program that marked the change to educational technology for the first time in Israel. Five grade-levels already learn using personal laptops.

The Meshi program

The program was designed to enable "study at any time and place" (ubiquitous learning) – creating a new form of learning that springs from the inherent potential of advanced technologies to be an integral part of the learning process in a continuum of learning environments. This means that students can study whenever their curiosity is aroused and in a variety of contexts, and they use the computer as an intermediary between themselves and knowledge.

Technology is only a means of implementation, and the essence of the program is much broader.

The MESHI program represents educational innovation in practice, in accordance with the Ministry of Education's goals for the 2009-2010 school year, as set out by Dr. Shimshon Shoshani, General Director of the Ministry of Education, "To adapt the learning environment and educational programs in the educational system to function optimally, in the 21st-century culture of technology and communications. To enable technological and professional education to reach international standards..."



Development Plans for Ganey Tikva

2011 began with signs of recovery in real estate, giving us great hope for a good year that would let us carry out projects that were still on the drawing board. The year did indeed prove to be a good one, during which a number of plans progressed, and we were even able to see the beginning of construction in the northern Ganim neighborhood.

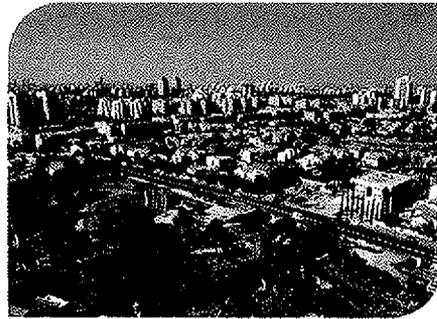
In the coming year, we will see further plans go through the statutory processes, some of which will be finally authorized.

Two projects of major importance for the whole community will be carried out this year. The first is the planning stage for the high school. After a long and complex process, a planner was chosen for the project, and he has begun work by building a team of planners and professional consultants.

The second project is the foundations and infrastructure for the whole of Block 6717,

on which construction will commence, after more than a year of detailed planning. The work will be carried out such that additional building can commence on those plans that have been authorized.

We will be completing improvements on the final two roads that have not yet been upgraded, including infrastructure work. Following intensive planning work, we will be able to present the regional planning committee with detailed plans for Block 6716, which currently comprises Ganey Tikva's last land reserves. At the same time,



a large-scale process has been launched to set up a committee to investigate boundaries, in order to acquire additional areas of land to the north and to the east of Ganey Tikva, up to Route 40 in the east. These areas include Moshav Gat Rimon and Kfar Maas.

Hatikva Road will be completed and linked to Kiryat Ono, providing quick access to Maccabib Road. The remaining eastern section of Hatikva Road is in the planning stages and will require considerably more work before it is authorized.

The Ganey Tikva Vision

- An urban community on an urban scale
- A community whose borders are: Maccabib Road on the outskirts of Zerubavel Junction to the north, Savyion to the south and the Green Road skirting Kfar Maas to the east.
- A built-up community (with a variety of building styles) on 70% of the area, the remaining 30% comprising less intensely-developed areas.
- A pedestrian-accessible community – with access by foot from all place.
- A community in which preschools and play areas are close to residents' homes.
- A community providing for the needs of its residents! (Shopping centers, sports and leisure centers, religious institutions, educational institutions – including a high school – cultural institutions and social clubs for different sectors).
- A beautiful community! One with aesthetic experiences in every corner.
- A community whose public buildings and facilities are built to a high standard, and whose parks and gardens are among the most beautiful and advanced in Israel.
- A community with a varied and mixed population.
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An urban community which both residents and non-residents view as excellent and excelling, and which serves as an example to other communities.

Ganey Tikva - All about Excellence

Pioneering in education, culture, quality of life and the environment, sports, beauty and aesthetics...

Ganey Tikva – winner of many awards:

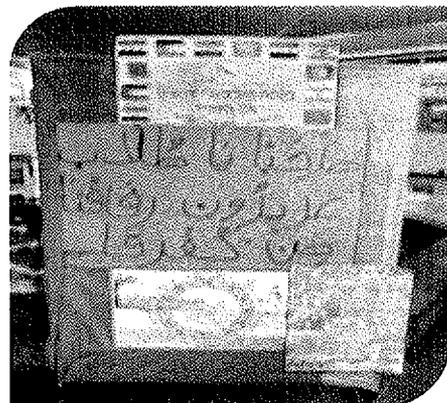
- National Education Award
- Council for Beautiful Israel Award
- Youth Movement Award
- People and Computers Award – for developing a program for psychological services.
- Ganey Tikva is safe from violence towards children.
- A great place to live. In Yedioth Aharonot's Ofer Petersburg's "20 Top Towns to Live In," Ganey Tikva ranked number 10.



For over ten years Ganey Tikva has won the 5-star prize in the Beautiful Town Competition held by the Council for a Beautiful Israel. In 2004, Ganey Tikva won the Beautiful Town Flag for the first time. In 2006 it won the Decade of Excellence Shield, and in 2010 Ganey Tikva was chosen as one of the four leading communities in the country as candidate for the Beautiful Town Flag for the second time.

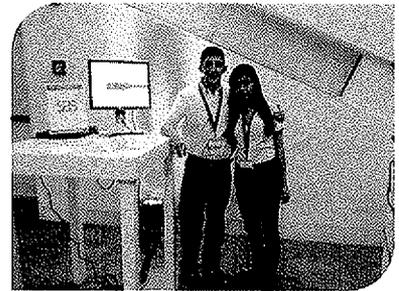
Its high quality education, focus on quality of life, beauty and aesthetics, professional and efficient management and physical location have transformed Ganey Tikva into a prestigious and sought-after area, where property values are constantly rising.

- **Friday Culture-Society** is a program unique to Ganey Tikva run every Friday and devoted to various subjects, in addition to the required school curriculum.
- **Magic and Hope program in Rishonim Junior High School**
Based on the Center for Educational Technology's Makom Mikan website, the program facilitates exciting interactions between Jewish and Arab students.
The goal of the meetings is to get to know each other and find issues shared by teens living in the same country, in order to counter stereotypes and prejudices and to promote values such as tolerance, equality and acceptance of those who are different from us.



- **Ness Technologies - Technology Leadership Development**

An annual program (ninth and tenth grades) promoting technological leadership and information management. The program provides thinking and learning tools in a technological environment, developing styles of leadership and creativeness. It includes visits to successful hi-tech companies.



- **The Etgar Program for Gifted Students**

about 120 gifted and talented students from kindergarten to sixth grade participate in the program. The program provides one day of enrichment at schools in the community. In the program, students are exposed to a wide range of subjects: science and detective work, emotional intelligence, chemistry, geniuses and inventors, archaeology, cinema, etc. In addition to cognitive content, the program emphasizes the relationship with the community. Fifth and sixth graders study a course on initiative in the community, in which they meet children from a special education kindergarten in the community. The program also has a student council, and some students act as mentors for the Junior Etgar program (preschool-second grade).

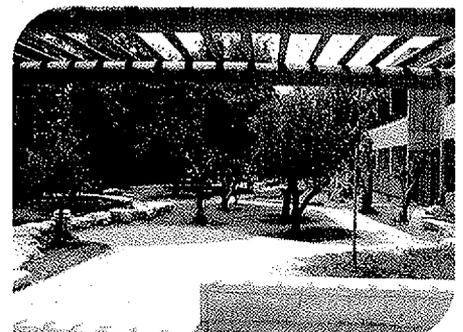
- **Yuvalim – music at school.**

A Ganey Tikva program giving local students good quality musical education on a range of musical instruments. The program offers instruction on wind instruments, piano, guitar and percussion. Students give a number of "open stage" concerts for parents throughout the school year.



- **Revivim Elementary School is recognized as a community ecological school, working to further environmental education.**

The four criteria on the basis of which the school was recognized are: the school's detailed theoretical curriculum on environmental issues; its community-environment program; intelligent use of resources, and green leadership and involvement in furthering green processes in the school.



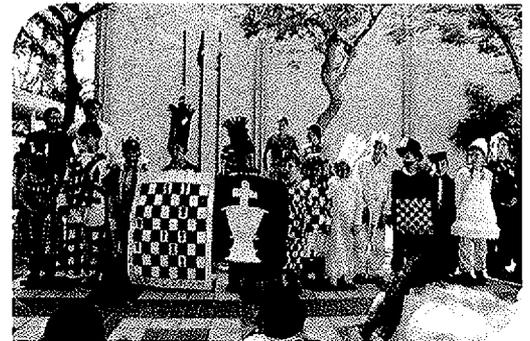
The school has its own educational garden that has been granted an ecological seal. It is a unique project authorized by the Ministry of Education at Ganey Tikva, in partnership with the Antiquities Authority and the Local Council, whose archaeological garden with outdoor study areas was established at considerable expense. The garden is an integral part of the educational campus.

As well as its educational aspects, the garden area also encourages students to participate in ideological, educational and social processes.

● **Ganey Tikva – Chess Empire**

Ganim School team won the Israel National Championships for elementary schools!

Ganey Tikva's Chess School takes Israel by storm. Five years after the establishment of the chess team at Ganim School, after gradually making its way to the top of Israeli chess rankings, an additional goal was reached: The Ganim School team won the Israel National Championships for elementary schools! Thanks to its championship title, the school was now able to represent Israel for the first time at the European School Chess Championships held in January in Moscow! The ambition to strive for excellence embodied in Ganey Tikva's Chess School is showing successes in education and in intellectual development, and it can be stated unequivocally that Ganey Tikva this year officially became a Chess Empire.



● **The Youth Movements**

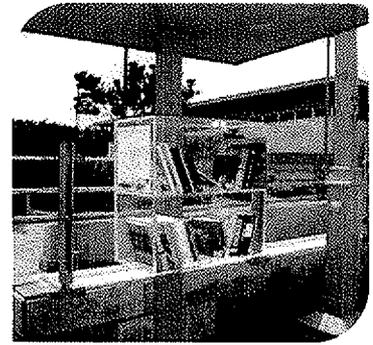
About 1,200 youngsters belong to the following youth movements: the Scouts, Bnei Akiva and the Ezra. Council Head Avishai Levine was awarded the 2009-2010 Youth Movement Award of Honor for leading the way in his support of the youth movements and for allocating funding and buildings for youth movement activities.



- **The Scouts** – Ganim Troop has a great tradition of joint activities for children and teens in Ganey Tikva
- **Bnei Akiva** – holds meetings and activities in several places, aimed at instilling Torah values and being involved in social and religious work.
- **Ezra** – a Torah-based movement educating to fulfill the principles of "Torah and Derech Eretz" (courtesy and respect).

- **Reading together**

Time for books – based on love for books, friendship and good neighborliness.



Environmental protection

- **Recycling grey water**

an innovative program, and the first in the country, to recycle grey water in Ganim neighborhood for the irrigation of public parks and Hatikva Boulevard. Home and public gardens are essential to the sense of well being for many people around the world, and also in Israel.

The awareness of the water shortage in Israel on the one hand, and the increasing awareness of environmentally-friendly solutions on the other mean that creative and independent solutions have to be looked for.

The neighborhood was constructed so that each household has two drainage systems. One channels the waste water from baths and showers to be used to irrigate public parks, using special plants – water lilies – grown in a unique park for public enjoyment.

The Technion Israel Institute of Technology has conducted a number of research studies on waste water from baths and showers and found it suitable for secondary use in irrigating public parks. The Water Commission's department for promoting water conservation also encourages this and other projects.



- **Sorting household waste into two types**

The Council will soon be sorting Ganey Tikva's waste into two types: dry waste and wet waste. The transition to waste-sorting, which will begin as soon as stations and end solutions are ready, will immediately lead to a drastic reduction in the amount of waste buried in landfills, while increasing Ganey Tikva's rate of recycling.

- **Recycling stations** – a solution to additional waste will provided at shopping centers, preventing the need to send waste to landfills. Each station will have a dumpster to collect electronic waste, textiles, CDs, and containers for used battery collection. Ganey Tikva will act as a model for environmental protection issues.

- **Rubber flooring in outdoor playgrounds** – made of different thickness recycled rubber, in accordance with the Standards Institution of Israel, as a replacement for sand.

- **Sunken garbage bins throughout the community**

Hidden subterranean garbage containers for household waste, replacing exposed containers and dumpsters.

- **Subsidized compost bins for residents**

In order to improve the environment and increase awareness of recycling organic household waste, the Council offers residents the opportunity to create organic compost at a considerable discount.

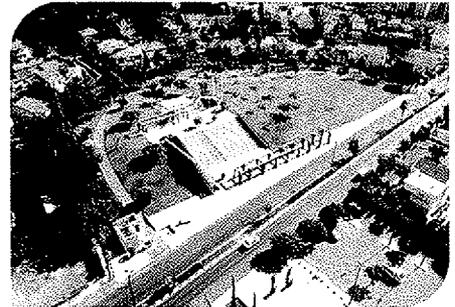


Public parks

- **The Garden of Peace and Love**

winner of the award for public-garden and landscape gardening.

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- **Added parkland areas throughout the community**

Ganey Tikva pays special care to developing green spaces. In recent years, thousands of trees have been planted in Ganey Tikva and several parks have been developed: Hapisga Park, the Water Tower Park and the Garden of Peace and Hope.

Additional parks are in the planning stages: the Children's Park, which will be established on 2.7 green acres and include a play area; the botanical gardens, planned with different families of plants, will provide an experiential educational focus for students and adults alike.



- **Traffic circles and other traffic arrangements**

Twenty traffic circles have been built at central junctions in Ganey Tikva, contributing to a safe community. The result has been zero road accidents with fatalities!

Road safety wardens help students cross the roads safely.

The Kiss and Ride program run by volunteer parents near local schools also contributes to traffic safety.

Beauty and aesthetics

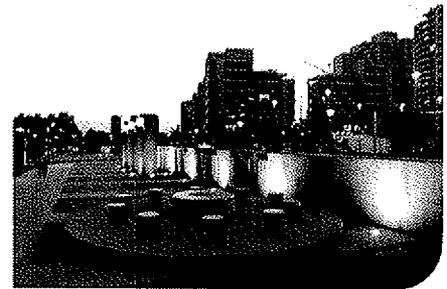
- **Art and environmental sculpture in public places**

Ganey Tikva's public areas are enhanced by dozens of sculptures by some of Israel's leading artists.

Education for art, culture, beauty and aesthetics contribute towards Ganey Tikva's reputation as an art-loving community.

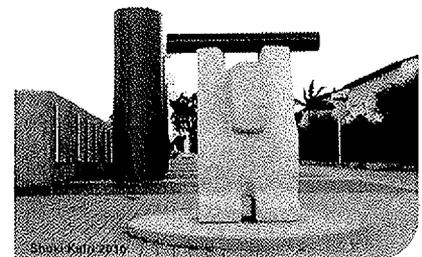
- **Hatikva Boulevard**

built near Ganim neighborhood in the north of Ganey Tikva has sculptures extending along its entire one-and-a-half kilometers. It begins in Nofei Savyion in western Ganey Tikva and will eventually reach as far as Kfar Maas. The boulevard has a bike path, play areas, an open-air museum, fitness equipment and sculptures on the theme of 'Hope'.



- **The open-air museum of mosaics on Hatikva Boulevard**

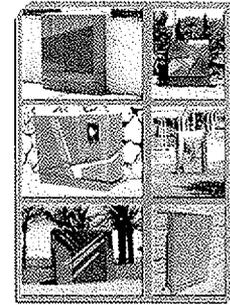
has a collection of magnificent works on the theme of hope, created by the best mosaic artists in Israel. Near the open-air museum are sixteen stone scrolls with the Hatikva national anthem translated into sixteen different languages.



- **The Founders Square** – Ganey Tikva has built its first Founders Square, with a decorative wall containing tablets listing the names of all the Council Heads and Council members over the years, since the establishment of Ganey Tikva.

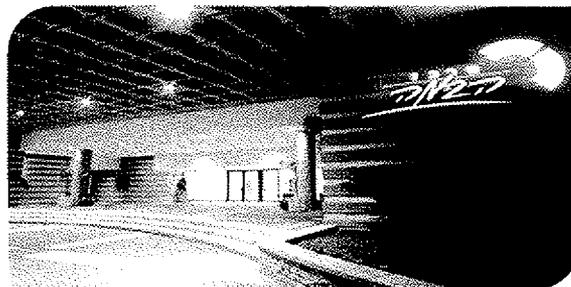
- **Decorated junction boxes**

Ganey Tikva was one of the first places in Israel to adopt the practice of decorating the grey electrical and telephone communications junction boxes, painting them in colorful geometrical motifs. The objective is to enhance grey utilitarian industrial objects to make the environment brighter, more colorful and inviting.



Services for residents

Habama Theater-Gallery Center and the Leader Sports Center are at the hub of the new range of sports and culture opportunities initiated and run in Ganey Tikva. These institutions, operated as municipal associations, work to develop and offer residents a wide range of activities and courses suitable for everyone in Ganey Tikva, children and teens, men and women, religious and secular.



- **Habama Center – a culture, arts, events and conference center – enchantment begins here...**

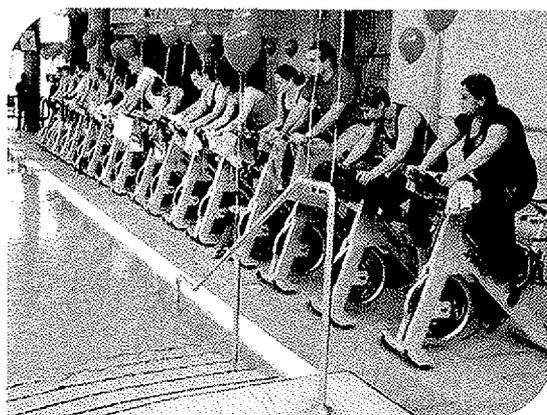
The Center offers a variety of activities in the fields of theater, dance, jazz, film, children's theater and lecture series on different topics such as art, history, philosophy, the Bible, genetics, law, etc.

Shows, musical events and special performances are also held at the center. High-quality professional instruction for children, teens and adults is offered at the Center in the following fields: a theater workshop for children and teens, a dance school and a ballroom dancing school.

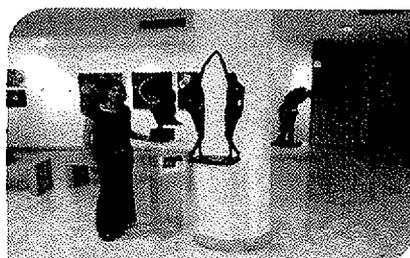
The center has 7,800 members and its wide audience enjoys the finest cultural and artistic events on offer in the country, all within easy access.



- **The Leader Sports Center** – specializes in professional sports training and strives for excellence in a wide range of sports, while focusing on making the first steps towards establishing 'sports academies' for different fields. Today, about 3,500 people use the sports center to practice various sports. Breakthroughs in professional sporting standards depend on the center's excellent facilities: an 8,200 m2 building, one of the most luxurious and advanced in Israel. Ganey Tikva's strategic concept is based on excellence and high-quality service. The Council is managed as a customer-focused economic entity with maximum transparency and impeccable management, and views residents as its important resource.



- **The Center for the Elderly and home support community – a range of services and a friendly response for senior citizens**
 A new and unique service for the third age in Ganey Tikva – a home-support community for Ganey Tikva's elderly. This service enables seniors to continue living in their own homes, while ensuring their privacy and independence. Emphasis is placed on social and cultural activities which include: classes, trips, shows, lectures, parties on holidays – run by the social organizer – as well as advice and assistance in approaching community services, personal contact, and a friendly ear. This new service, run by the municipal Social Services Department, provides senior citizens with attention, care, appreciation and better services.
- **The second exhibition of local artists' works** – over 120 works of art in the fields of painting, photography, sculpture, ceramics, Judaica and jewelry displayed at Habama Center, by 40 young and adult artists, both secular and religious, who are all local residents.



- **The Night Owls program** – education in Ganey Tikva takes place by night, too...

The Night Owls program is an educational project in which parents volunteer to patrol Ganey Tikva's parks and less well-lit areas at night, in order to meet and speak to teens, as far as possible reducing anti-social behavior such as vandalism, drinking and nargila smoking. Night Owls is an educational project and not part of the Civil Guard or the police.

Public Spaces in Ganey Tikva

Public spaces in Ganey Tikva receive a considerable amount of care and investment in the fields of environmental protection, developing green spaces, and expanding public parks and outdoor sculpture.

A pleasant environment expands the mind and influences people's attitude to encourage them to respect their surroundings and ensure that they are clean and well kept, as part of the cultural and educational ethos.



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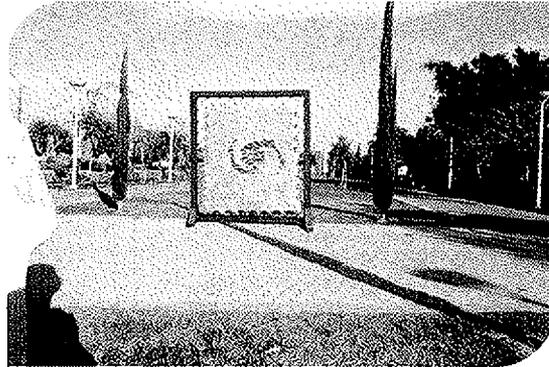
Many roads have been designed and upgraded and some have been turned into moderated traffic roads, with special attention paid to parking space and upgrading street lighting and public gardens.

Free-access fitness facilities have been set up around the community. The grey electricity and telephone communications junction boxes have been painted in colorful geometrical motifs to enhance grey utilitarian objects and to make the environment brighter, more colorful and inviting. Ganey Tikva was one of the first communities to start using hidden subterranean garbage containers for household waste, an aesthetic and advanced solution, and soon pairs of garbage containers will be in position, one for wet waste and one for dry waste. New and aesthetic rubber flooring replaces sand in children's play areas.



Gardens and parks for your enjoyment

The Garden of Peace and Love in memory of Yitzhak Rabin won the Avraham Karavan award for garden and landscape gardening and provides a large green area in the heart of the community. The beautiful park covers 2.7 green acres and includes ancient olive trees and unique elements. The colorful, secluded seating areas scattered throughout the park add their own touch of charm and beauty. The park is one of a series of public parks: **Hatabor Park** on Hatabor St., **Hapisga Park** on Hapisga St., **the Water Tower Park** on Hanegev St., **Hagalil Park** on Hagalil St., and the **Children's Park** soon to be built on Emek Zvulon St.



Birds and legendary beasts are some of the sculptures in the Iron Space sculpture garden, in the eastern part of Ganey Tikva. The park stretches along an 820-foot park strip, bordered on the one side by the urban development and pleasant homes of New Ganei Savyion neighborhood and open on the other side to the countryside which is still natural, calm and untouched by human hand. This contrast is ultimately suited to the works of artist Dina Merhav, who specializes in constructing and placing open air sculptures in Israel and elsewhere in the world and whose work is displayed in the park.

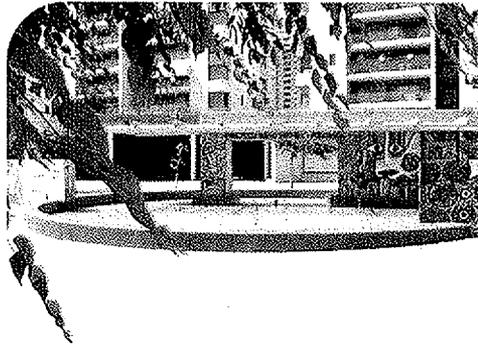
Outdoor sculptures

Ganey Tikva has sculptures by some of Israel's leading sculptors. Most of the sculptors represented in Ganey Tikva have displayed their work at the Tefen and Omer Open Museums, and have become the names in Israeli art and sculpture. The addition of outdoor sculptures to Ganey Tikva's public spaces is gradually turning the community into one big urban outdoor museum.



Hatikva Boulevard

Hatikva Boulevard, built on a 100-foot wide strip, links old Ganey Tikva with its new neighborhoods and forms an additional route linking the three main educational institutes, including the new high school soon to be built in north Ganey Tikva. Sixteen stone scrolls with the Hatikva national anthem translated into sixteen different languages have been placed on the boulevard, near the open-air mosaic museum and outdoor sculptures along the avenue. Hatikva Boulevard has a number of open areas planned as meeting places and for orientation: the obelisk squares, the outdoor museum square and adjacent cafeteria where a coffee shop is planned, and the open-air theater square with a number of play areas and free-access fitness facilities for the public to enjoy.



The biological pools, using recycled grey water from the nearby Ganim neighborhood, with ornamental fish, water lilies and special plants, will soon be opened and the water will be used to irrigate the nearby public gardens and landscaped squares. The boulevard represents an important contribution to the urban layout, constituting a route that enables access from every part of the community to high quality green public spaces and encourages cycling and walking as a means of getting around the community.

Without a doubt, Hatikva (Hope) Boulevard is an important feature that enhances Ganey Tikva's reputation as a green community committed to the arts.



Ganey Tikva – anyone in the know, knows...