

Invitation

To a Happening to save the parks of Ramat Gan!

Friday, Sept 19, from 14:00, Gan Hakofim

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Directions: From Kofer Hayeshuv (Krinitzi/Bialik), continue up Arlozorov St. to Ma'aleh Hatzofim, turn right to reach Gan Hakofim.

One year ago, the mayor of Ramat Gan, **Mr. Zvi Bar**, initiated a plan to build a parking facility within Gan Hakofim as a solution to the lack of parking space in the unlawfully constructed building located at Arlozorov 36. The public opposition and legal actions by the Community Residents Committee of the Gan Hakofim neighborhood resulted in a court decision ordering a halt to all building activity on the site. The mayor subsequently publicly withdrew his plan which would have resulted in irrevocably damage to this historic park.

You are invited to celebrate with the community this first victory to save the historic parks of Ramat Gan and to support our call to restore Gan Hakofim to its original splendor back in the days of Avraham Krinitzi.

Gan Hakofim is a unique natural environment worthy of rehabilitation and preservation. We, the community residents, and the "Society for the Protection of Nature", call for a declaration to officially make the park a protected site, and recognize the park as nature site within the city. This can be accomplished by rehabilitating the southern slope area, adding a decorative pond and playground equipment in the valley, restoring the natural plants, Hyacinth, Iris, and Anemone to the northern slope where there exists a prime example of sedimentary rock formation right in the center of Ramat Gan. A restored northern terrace can serve effectively as a community garden, unique for Ramat Gan.

What originated as a campaign to save Gan Hakofim, drew many city residents into a wider effort to save and preserve all the historical parks in Ramat Gan which all suffer from serious neglect over the past years.



Park King David, the best maintained section annexed to the senior citizen residence.



Gan Avraham, neglected path leading to the peak.



Gan Hakofim, south slope. Many trees cut down and others in danger of falling

This "happening" is a family event with the participation of: actress and singer, Hani Nachmias, singer, Limor Azariah with the "Ashira" band, and singer Anat Ben Yehoshua. Children's activities: laughing yoga, used book exchange, sales of second hand items, and home baked cookie sales.

During the event, contributions will be accepted to finance the continued legal battle, which still await us.

**COME DEFEND WITH US THE ENVIRONMENT, THE RULE OF LAW
AND CIVIL RIGHTS IN RAMAT GAN!**