Modiin
Maccabim Reut
In the winter of 1993, then prime minister, Yitzchak Rabin z"l, laid down the cornerstone of the City of the Future – Modiin. The city was named after the ancient city of Modiin, the home of the Hashmonaim, the dynasty that personified the glorious heritage and heroism of Israel.

Now, twenty-one years later, Modiin Maccabim Reut is a successful model of urban development in Israel. The city is an attractive location for young couples and families as well as their parents who are moving to the city to live near their children and grandchildren.

The city is located in the center of the country close to central traffic routes including Highway 1 which connects Jerusalem to Tel Aviv, Highway 6 - a trans Israel highway that connects the north to the south of the country, Route 443, Route 431, the Modiin-Tel Aviv train line and Ben Gurion Airport.

The city has evolved and grown over the years in many aspects:

**In the area of education** - the city has invested in bringing advanced technologies to the educational institutions turning Modiin into a forerunner in education. The teenagers, the city's greatest pride, have become national leaders in volunteering. Data released by the Ministry of Education over the last several years ranks the city with one of the highest percentages in matriculation in the country.

**In the area of construction & development** - the city has successfully completed many projects including the development of Einav Center, the city's light industrial area, which is also a vibrant shopping and craft center. The Technology Park is one of the largest employment and development areas in our region. Park Anabe, the city's nature park, is situated in the center of the city and has green rolling hills, walking trails and a man-made lake making it a favorite attraction for residents and tourists.

**In the area of culture** - the city has a range of activities and events for children, teens, pensioners and the entire family throughout the year and especially during the summer. The city's flagship event, the International Circus Festival on Chol Hamoed Sukkot, draws tens of thousands of visitors from Modiin and around the country.

We continue in our endeavor to develop the city and provide our residents with a quality lifestyle in a progressive and modern city. We take pride in our city being one of the most beautiful and foremost cities in Israel.

Yours truly,

Haim Bibas
Mayor
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The ancient city of Modiin was known as the hometown of the Hashmonaim - the place where the Hashmonaim Revolt took place and where Judah the Maccabi and his brothers were buried. The history of the Hashmonaim serves as a historical example of the heroism of the Jewish people for generations. The modern city of Modiin was built near the findings of ancient Modiin. The first residents brought with them their pioneering spirit and community involvement which resonates throughout the city even today.

The establishment of Modiin, a large new city in the center of the country was granted, in part, for the strategic need to create an urban continuity from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and to meet the needs of the housing shortage in the center of the country. The city provides a solution for people who want to live in the center but without the hustle and bustle of a big city while enjoying plentiful landscapes, clean air and nature. The city is comprised of a young diverse population that chose the city with all its unique advantages in which to live and raise their children.

Modiin, the country’s first planned city is spread over 55,000 dunams - half is comprised of developed areas and the other half green areas. The city was planned in two phases: the first phase will house approximately 125,000 residents and the second will house close to a quarter of a million residents.

Modiin was designed to benefit from the natural terrain spreading over the hills and valleys. The roads were laid out to outline the valleys and green public areas. Modiin is known for its comfortable temperatures, being 300 meters above sea level, is open to the north-west breeze and has low humidity.

Modiin is divided into four main zones: residential areas, main business centers, a light industrial zone and a technology park. Each zone is surrounded by green areas.

The planning of the city distinguishes between residential areas, industrial zones and commercial areas in order to ensure quality of life for residents. The city's cemetery, the last resting place for local residents, is set close to the tree tops of the Ben Shemen forest.

The residential neighborhoods are built around the heart of the city - the urban business center and the central train station. Upon completion, the City Center will encompass public institutions, municipal buildings and commercial centers. In the heart of every neighborhood is a shopping center which provides a convenient shopping solution for the residents.
Modiin Maccabim Reut is nearing completion of stage one of the city building plan which will house 125,000 residents.

In 2013, the city started building a new neighborhood, Tziporim which will include 991 housing units over an area of 370 dunams. Its northern border is Park Anabe, the southern border passes over Route 431, and the western border is adjacent to Sderot Hashmonaim and inner-city Route 3.

Building commenced in the Nofim neighborhood and will include 1700 housing units and is located west of the Tzipporim neighborhood, adjacent to Route 431. Nofim and the other approved projects will substantially increase the supply of new homes in the city, making it easier for families and young couples to purchase a home in the city.

The future City Center of Modiin Maccabim Reut will usher in a new reality for the city that will include residential areas, commercial areas, and offices. Four hundred and seventy housing units have been approved for the City Center of which there will be three, four and five-room apartments. There will also be two-room apartments allotted for students and young couples, and an additional 617 housing units along Sderot HaHashmonaim which will complete the City Center. The project will change the face of the city and City Center and will transform the area into one of the most beautiful Centers in the country.
In 2014, the population of Modiin Maccabim Reut grew to 90,000 residents. The socio-economic level of the city was rated at 8 (on a scale from 1-10), which is higher than the national average and on par with other leading cities in the country.

Residents moved to the city from Jerusalem and Tel Aviv and from cities in the center of the country such as Holon, Ramat Gan, Petach Tikva, Beit Shemesh, Rishon LeZion, Ramla and Lod.

The average Modiin resident in 2014 is 32 years of age, educated, professional, married, Jewish and Israeli-born. The ratio of men to woman is almost equal.

About 12% of the city's residents are defined as new immigrants. A third are from the former Soviet Union and a similar number emigrated from the United States, England and France.

About 65% of the adult residents are college graduates. The remaining 35% is comprised mainly of high school graduates. Most residents work in the fields of teaching, engineering or technical professions, medicine, computers, economics and senior positions in the army. These areas of employment correspond to the city's population of young, educated, dynamic and successful individuals.

The census conducted by the Central Bureau of Statistics in 2008 showed that 79.7% of the residents own their homes and 18.5% live in rentals. Of all the apartments in the city 35.4% are four rooms, 31.8% are five rooms, 92% of households have at least one car, 50.8% have at least two cars, 95.7% of the population owns a personal computer.
Youth & Young Adults

Municipal activities and services for youth and young adults in the city are organized by the city's youth department in collaboration with Amutat Sachlavim. The city offers services for soldiers, discharged soldiers, students and young couples. The services include advice and preparation for discharged soldiers, discounts for young residents, workshops and lectures.

Thousands of teens and youth participate in youth movements throughout the city. These include Tzofim, Maccabi Tzair, Bnei Akiva, Hanoar HaOved VeHaLomed, HaNoar Leumi, Chugui Sayarat, Noar Telem, Noam, Knafaim shel Krembo, Ezra and Hashomer Hatzair.

The municipal youth council takes an active role in planning youth activities, initiatives, and participates in activities for prevention of addiction to drugs and alcohol, prevention of violence, and instilling values.

The youth department runs five youth clubs and organizes many events and activities for children in grades 7 to 12. These include leadership activities, contributions to the community, and meetings between religious and non-religious youth.

Community Volunteering

Modiin Maccabim Reut has more than 60 volunteer and assistance organizations that work in conjunction with the volunteer unit of the Department of Social Services to promote volunteering in the city. There are many volunteer organizations in the city that make significant contributions to the community. Once a year, the city has a festive evening in recognition of the city volunteers.
The educational system in Modiin Maccabim Reut is considered to be the largest in Israel, relative to the number of residents. One third of the residents are students.

Throughout the years over half of the city’s budget has been allocated to education, demonstrating the importance that the city places on promoting education. The local education system has grown from four schools and 10 preschools and kindergartens (about 500 students and preschoolers) during the first school year in 1996 to ten schools and over 200 preschools and kindergartens (tens of thousands of students and preschoolers).

The city’s educational system offers a range of subjects – science and technology, arts and sport – beginning in elementary school. A variety of pluralistic educational approaches exist in the city, allowing students to choose the educational institution which fits their needs and enables students to reach their maximum potential.

Modiin Maccabim Reut has been ranked as one of the top cities in Israel according to national statistics of students passing matriculation exams (bagrut). In 2005, Modiin Maccabim Reut won the National Education Prize, the most prestigious prize awarded by the Ministry of Education, in recognition of the quality of the schools in the city. The Ofek School and the Ironi Beit Yitzchak Rabin High School won this award.

The city operates the Center for Multi-Disciplinary Studies (Rav Techumi) which offers higher education and adult education. The academic learning center offers undergraduate and graduate degrees from the Open University, enrichment classes, culture and recreation, career development and personal advancement. As a result, Modiin Maccabim Reut was chosen to be an equal partner in educational projects funded by the European Union.

The city recognizes that a network of libraries is an integral part of education. Every school has a library with technological resources. There are two public libraries that offer cultural activities during the year and encourage reading and writing.
The city provides an array of recreational and entertainment activities for residents of all ages throughout the year.

Park Anabe is the central park of the city which includes walking and biking trails, lawns, playgrounds, shade and boating on a man-made lake. There is a coffee shop and restaurant for entertainment and events overlooking the park. The Municipal Sports Center includes a pool, tennis courts and a gym.

The Extreme Park, located in the Moriah neighborhood, attracts hundreds of young bike riders and skaters that benefit from one of the largest extreme parks in the country.

The municipal Sportek located on Sderot Menachem Begin offers soccer and basketball courts, tennis courts, walking and biking trails and other sports facilities.

The new Matnas building (community center) is located in the Cramim neighborhood and offers classes and enrichment activities (chugim). The building also provides programming for children with special needs in conjunction with Beit Akim.

The city's long term projects include: an open amphitheater for shows and events for large audiences at a cost of 10 million NIS and a municipal soccer field in the Technology Park area at a cost of 8 million NIS.
World of Culture & Society

The city provides its residents with a robust cultural life. Modiin Maccabim Reut has sport, recreational and cultural activities throughout the year for residents of all ages. The cultural events include festivals, live music, concerts, movies, plays, literature, sing-a-longs, and summer events with free admission. The city invests in the arts by promoting and encouraging urban artists, displaying temporary exhibitions and hosting a variety of events.

The flagship event in the city is the International Circus Festival in Israel that takes place each year on Chol Hamoed Sukkot. The city is transformed into a circus arena for three days. The International Circus Festival hosts the best circus artists from Israel and abroad. There are a variety of spectacular shows open to the general public. The shows include acrobatics, air shows, juggling, clowns, dancing, pyrotechnics, pantomime and theater.

The city houses two cultural centers. The municipal Cultural Center (Heichal HaTarbut) has 600 seats, an amphi with 150 seats, and an art gallery that hosts exhibitions and cultural activities. Einan Hall in Azrieli Mall has 350 seats and a spacious lobby and reception area. These two halls host plays and shows from all areas of art and culture on the national level.
Modiin Maccabim Reut has a variety of programs to preserve the environment and heritage of the many archeological and historical sites throughout the city. The city is planning to build a visitors center and other tourist attractions.

Givaat Titora, the site where archeologists found evidence of a settlement from 6,000 years ago, was preserved as a green area in the heart of the city. There are wooden benches and signs explaining the history, heritage and vegetation of the area for those traveling through the site.

In April 2001, researchers in the southern part of the city discovered Um El-Omdan, a part of a Jewish settlement from the Hashmonaim period. The Israel Antiquities Authority estimates that this was early Modiin where Matityahu the Hashmonite and his sons, the leaders of the Hashmonaim Revolt lived.

Researchers uncovered additional archeological sites in the hills surrounding the city, where they found evidence of highly developed communities.

Modiin Maccabim Reut is the first city in Israel to revolutionize waste treatment by separating waste at its source. The residents participate in this process by separating the dry and wet garbage in their homes.

The garbage areas in residential buildings were enlarged to accommodate the recycling containers for wet garbage, dry garbage, paper and cartons. There are containers throughout the city for recycling plastic bottles, glass bottles, cartons and collection areas for electronic waste. There are city recycling centers in the schools and commercial centers.
Modiin Maccabim Reut prides itself on the green areas seen throughout the city. The city sits on 56,000 dunams of which over 50% are green areas - part scenic and the other part landscaped.

A special emphasis is placed on the development and maintenance of the green areas in the city. Modiin Maccabim Reut is one of the only cities in Israel whose main roads have open spaces with gardens and flowers.

There are many parks with unique playgrounds, benches and awnings that enable residents to enjoy the quality parks all year round.

The many open green areas in the city include valleys, public parks, groves and major avenues. The city streets are decorated with a variety of Israeli ornamental and fruit trees, suited to the local climate and environment.
The Technology Park of Modiin Maccabim Reut is located at the northern end of the city next to Ben Shemen Forest. The area is a modern industrial park set in green forest. The building construction is comprised of an environmentally friendly design that combines stone and glass.

The area's operations are primarily industrial offices, hi-tech, industrial manufacturing, and clean industries that meet strict environmental regulations. The area has commercial centers and offices alongside recreation and leisure areas, including a convention hall and restaurants. There is quick and easy access to the Technology Park from Route 443, Route 431, and Highway 1 via inner-city Route 4.

Einav Center, the commercial area of Modiin Maccabim Reut, was designed to provide a range of services to the residents of the city. There are shopping centers, offices, light industry, garages, multi-purpose areas, event halls, and entertainment venues such as cinemas, restaurants and cafes.

Einav Center is located on Route 431 that connects the city to Highway 1 and west towards Ramla, Lod, and Rishon Lezion and inner-city Route 4 that connects Einav Center to the Technology Park of the city. Across from Einav Center is the Patei Modiin Train Station with a large parking lot and maximum accessibility to the area.
About half of Israel’s population lives within an hour’s drive of Modiin Maccabim Reut. The city is located between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

Four main roads link Modiin Maccabim Reut to national traffic routes: Jerusalem -Tel Aviv Highway (Highway 1), Highway 6 - passes near the city and runs from north to south, Route 431 connects Modiin with the Shefela cities of Rishon Lezion, Nes Ziona, Rehovot, Lod and Ramla, and Route 443 connects Modiin to Jerusalem and Tel Aviv via Highway 1 at the Ben Shemen junction.

In the beginning of 2015 the new road on Sderot Hahashmonaim will open and the main roundabout in the center of the city will be completed. Traffic from west to east in the city will bypass the center by traveling under the roundabout. There will be a scenic bridge on the western side of the roundabout that connects the city center to the Azrieli Mall and Park Anabe.

In 2007, Israel Railways opened the train station at Patei Modiin connecting Tel Aviv, Ben Gurion Airport, Modiin Maccabim Reut and in the future, Jerusalem. In April 2008, the Central Modiin Train Station opened its doors. The station stretches across 3,000 meters and in the future will boast a large shopping complex. Thousands of the city’s residents travel to Tel Aviv by train on a daily basis and arrive within 17 minutes.