Shabbat Ḥol Hamo'ed Pesaḥ / שַׁבַּת הֹל הַמוֹעֵד פֶּסָח Remove two sifrei Torah 27 Apr 2024 Day 4 of the Omer

Aliyah	Etz Hayim page	Book Chapter:Verse	Reader
Kohein(Rishon)	538-539	Exodus 33:12-33:16	David Keet
Levi(Sheni)	539	Exodus 33:17-33:19	David Keet
Shlishi	539-540	Exodus 33:20-33:23	David Keet
Revi'i	540-541	Exodus 34:1-34:3	David Keet
Chamishi	541-542	Exodus 34:4-34:10	David Keet
Shishi	542-543	Exodus 34:11-34:17	David Keet
Shvi'i	543-544	Exodus 34:18-34:26	David Keet
Maftir	932	Numbers 28:19-28:25	David Keet
Haftarah	1308-1309	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Alan Daroff

Conclude Haftarah blessing with the Shabbat Berakhah with no mention of Pesah

## Announcements

Thank everyone who helped with services. Show the Celebrate! Havdalah on April 27 at 8:37pm

- Sisterhood Pizza Dinner on April 28<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.
- Services for Pesach
  Services for the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Pesach will begin at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Congregation B'nai Jacob (Starr and Manavon Streets, Phoenixville, PA 19460) has invited us to join them for their services on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Pesach. Those who cannot attend in person may watch the livestream through their website: https://www.congbj.org/ Monday, April 29 (Seventh morning of Passover) 9:30am

- Jewish Federation event: Uncomfortable Conversations with a Jew: Featuring Nao Tishby and Emmanuel Acho
   Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 8:00 am at Temple Har Zion. RSVP by Friday, April 26th at Noon. https://jewishphilly.org/tishby-acho/
- Shabbat Honoring Rabbi Kami Shabbat Evening Services Friday, May 3 Join us in person, if possible, on Friday Evening, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, for a special Kiddush to honor Rabbi Kami Knapp Schechter, who has been our spiritual leader for the past 5 years.
- Adult Ed class Hybrid on alternate Mondays, 12-1 pm concludes May 6<sup>th</sup> Understanding Torah through the teachings of Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks z"I
- Lox n' Talks May 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM
  Come hear our own Dr. Jay Katz speak about The Aging Eye. RSVP to the office by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Community Event: Yom Hashoah March May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 pm. Start behind Art Museum
- Please sign up using the SignupGenius links in the weekly email for days you plan to attend services.

Friday evening Sign Up Saturday Morning Sign Up

### • Day 203: Hamas Hostage Profile: Oren Goldin, 34



From <u>The Times of Israel</u>: Oren Goldin, 33, was murdered by Hamas terrorists on October 7 in Kibbutz Nir Yitzhak.

He is survived by his wife, Oshrit Masala, and their two-year-old twins, Aviv and Ilay, as well as his parents Adi and Yair and siblings Rani and Shai.

For more than a month, Goldin was considered missing, and he was thought to be held captive in Gaza. Then on November 9, his family was informed that his death had been confirmed.

Goldin, a native of the kibbutz, ran its mechanic shop. An obituary on the Nir Yitzhak website described him as "leaving his mark everywhere he went, with a smile, empathy, sharp thinking, honesty and humor."

He met Oshrit when she came to the kibbutz with a group of lone soldiers during her army service — and the pair fell in love, and married in 2019.

"My bonbon — my heart hurts and refuses to believe," wrote Oshrit following the news of his death. "We waited so long for you to come back to us. I don't know how we can part — how do we go on without you???"

#### • Day 203: Hamas Hostage Profile: Romi Gonen, 23



From <u>National Post</u> and <u>New York Post</u>: Romi Gonen, 23, was kidnapped from Israel's Supernova music festival on Oct. 7. Over a harrowing four and a half hours, her mother, Meirav, listened as her daughter described the horrific things she was witnessing.

"She was terrified," Meirav told the <u>National Post</u> last October. "She told me, 'Mommy, I'm afraid. I don't know what to do. I don't know where to go.'"

Ultimately, their car was ambushed, and she witnessed the deaths of her best friend, Gaya Halifa, and traveling companions, Ofir Tzarfati and Ben Shimoni, "the Angel of Nova."

Half a year later, Romi remains a captive of Hamas. "People think she's in prison, but she's not in prison, she's in hell," Meirav says. "Just imagine the impossibility of communication with hell. This is the same."

Meirav said the last update she received came from hostages who were returned during the temporary ceasefire last November. They told her that Romi tried to play dead, but when she peeked out at one point, a terrorist hit her in the head with the butt of a shotgun, leaving her with a black eye and a broken back. Romi had been shot in her right arm and the released hostages said that her hand wasn't functioning, with her fingers barely moving and changing colors. That is the last information the family received for 125 days.

In the face of Romi's absence, Gonen says she continues to draw strength from her family, including a Canadian cousin that is now in Israel, her husband and four other children as well as from the Hostage and Missing Families Forum, a volunteer-run organization dedicated to reuniting hostages with their loved ones.

# From Nashuva: A Prayer for Israel in this Time of War

#### by Rabbi Naomi Levy

God, our Strength and Protection, we pray for the State of Israel in this devastating time of war, shock and grief. Our hearts are breaking, God. We pray for the lives of the innocent civilians who have been heartlessly kidnapped by Hamas, bring them home, watch over them, God. We pray for the lives of the soldiers who have been taken captive, we pray for their safe return, shelter them, God. We pray for the souls of the innocent victims who were brutally slaughtered. Send comfort and strength, God, to the grieving. Send healing to the injured, and strength and wisdom to their doctors and nurses. We pray for all our brothers and sisters in Israel in this time of tragedy and crisis.

Watch over Israel, God, spread Your shelter of peace over the land and over all our brothers and sisters who live there. Shine Your light upon Israel's leaders, officers and advisers, help them to overcome all divisiveness and to act with clarity and determination. Protect the men and women who defend Israel, let them be safe and may they be victorious over the Hamas terrorists who attacked our people. Watch over them, God. Hear their prayers. Bring peace, God. Let it rain down from the heavens like a mighty storm. Let it wash away all hatred and bloodshed. Peace, God, please, God.

God of the brokenhearted, God of the living, God of the dead, gather the souls of the victims into Your eternal shelter. Let them find peace in Your presence, God. Their lives have ended, but their lights can never be extinguished. May they shine on us always and illuminate our way. Amen.