

Aliyah	Etz Hayim	Book <u>Chapter:Verse</u>	Reader
Kohein(Rishon)	679-680	Leviticus 17:1-17:7	Laurie Katz
Levi(Sheni)	680-681	Leviticus 17:8-17:12	Laurie Katz
Shlishi	681-682	Leviticus 17:13-17:16	Laurie Katz
Revi'i	682-683	Leviticus 18:1-18:5	Laurie Katz
Chamishi	683-684	Leviticus 18:6-18:21	Rabbi Kami
Shishi	684-685	Leviticus 18:22-18:25	Rabbi Kami
Shvi'i	685-686	Leviticus 18:26-18:30	Rabbi Kami
Maftir	686	Leviticus 18:26-18:30	Rabbi Kami
<b>Haftarah</b>	706-708	Ezekiel 22:1-19	Miriam Sachs Leshem

*Rosh ḥodesh Iyyar yihyeh beyom rev'i uvyom ḥamishi haba aleinu v'al kol yisrael l'tovah.*

Rosh ḥodesh Iyyar will begin on Tuesday night, Wednesday, and Thursday. May it hold blessing for us and for all the people Israel.

רֵאשׁ חֹדֶשׁ אִיָּר יִהְיֶה בַּיּוֹם רְבִיעִי וּבַיּוֹם חֲמִישִׁי  
הַבָּא עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל לְטוֹבָה.

## Announcements

Thank everyone who helped with services. Show the Celebrate!  
Havdalah on May 4 at 8:45 pm

- Annual Congregational Meeting – June 9th at 10:00AM  
If you are interested in volunteering for a committee or volunteering to be an officer, please let Betsy Cohen or Andy Levin know.
- 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"l
- 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>.
- Yom Hashoah memorial candles available in the synagogue lobby. Yom Hashoah begins on Sunday evening, May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Community Event: Yom Hashoah March – May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 pm. Start behind Art Museum
- Yom Hazikaron for our fallen soldiers and terror victims – Sunday May 12, 7:00-9:00pm  
Event at Har Zion Temple. Doors open at 6:30pm. Register online at <https://iac360.org/iac-events/yhzpa>
- 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 210: Hamas Hostage Profile: Ran Gvili, 24](#)



The late Major General Ran Gvili of Meitar, near Beersheba, a fighter in the Negev Special Patrol unit of the police, was a loving person who helped a lot of people and always acted quietly, humbly and under the radar. What characterized Ran most of all was his genuine interest in others. Ran was a laser-focused listener and always the first to help and assist. Ran loved motorcycles, meeting with friends, spending time with his sister and brother, and drinking arak lemonade.

On October 7, Ran was on sick leave and was waiting for shoulder surgery. He could have stayed home due to his medical condition, but Ran was made from the stuff of warriors, a special breed of people who put others before themselves. As soon as he heard about what happened, he took his personal weapon and went out to fight. Ran was kidnapped after he was killed in a battle in Kibbutz Alumim. He was supposed to celebrate his 25th birthday on Sunday October 8th.

- [Day 210: Hamas Hostage Profile: Gad Haggai, 73](#)



Gad Haggai, 73, a retired chef and talented musician, and his wife, Judih Weinstein Haggai, 72, an English teacher and puppeteer originally from Toronto, Canada, were on their regular early morning walk when they messaged relatives to say they were under attack.

The couple, US citizens who have four adult children, had left Kibbutz Nir Oz at about 6.30am on Saturday 7 October, their nephew said.

“At about 6.50am Israel time, they sent a text to the kids, my cousins, that they were under rocket fire and they have to try to hide somewhere in the fields.

“About 15 minutes later, Judih sent a text to the kibbutz security that Gadi, my uncle, was hit badly by the terrorists who were on a motorbike. That was in the first wave of motorbikes, we think.

“She was wounded, but not badly, and she tried to ask for help. But the kibbutz was already under heavy fire, and there is only one bullet-proof ambulance, and they couldn’t move it because the terrorists hit it with a rocket,” Haggai said.

On December 22<sup>nd</sup>, the White House reported that the couple was killed on October 7<sup>th</sup> and their bodies were taken by Hamas to Gaza.

## 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.