

Aliyah	Etz Hayim	Book <u>Chapter:Verse</u>	Reader
Rishon	722	Leviticus 22:17-22:20	Jerry Satlow
Sheni	722-723	Leviticus 22:21-22:25	Jerry Satlow
Shlishi	723-724	Leviticus 22:26-22:33	Jerry Satlow
Revi'i	724-725	Leviticus 23:1-23:3	Jerry Satlow
Chamishi	725	Leviticus 23:4-23:8	Jerry Satlow
Shishi	725-726	Leviticus 23:9-23:14	Jerry Satlow
Shevi'i	726-727	Leviticus 23:15-23:22	Jerry Satlow
Maftir	727	Leviticus 23:19-23:22	Jerry Satlow
Haftarah	735-737	Ezekiel 44:15-31	Laurie Katz

Announcements

Thank everyone who helped with services. Show the Celebrate!

Yesterday was day 24 of the Omer (Page 63,67). Havdalah on May 18th at 9:01 pm

- **Lox n' Talks – May 19th at 10 AM**
Come hear our own Dr. Jay Katz speak about The Aging Eye. RSVP to the office by May 15th.
- **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.
- **Yom Ha'Atzmaut – Israel's 76th Independence Day – Sunday, May 19, 1-4pm**
Celebrate Israel 76, Now & Forever! This event is a community-driven initiative that brings together people of all backgrounds to enjoy an Israeli-themed day, filled with entertainment, cultural experiences, and delicious cuisine. Our community's local kosher food vendors will be on-site for a fun, family-friendly, picnic-style event!
At the Kaiserman JCC. Tickets - \$18 per family. <https://iac360.org/iac-events/israelpa/>
- **Shavuot**
Wednesday, June 12th 9:00 AM – Zoom only
Thursday, June 13th, 9:00 AM – In-Person and on Zoom, Hybrid
- 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 224: Hamas Hostage Profile: Orión Hernández Radoux, 30](#)



The parents of Mexican citizen Orión Hernández Radoux remain in the dark about the status of their son, a traveler who was attending the Nova desert rave in Israel before being taken hostage in Hamas' Oct. 7 surprise attack. His girlfriend, 23-year-old tattoo artist Shani Louk, was abducted alongside him, tortured, killed, and then paraded as a trophy, semi-naked on the back of a pickup truck in Gaza.

Orión is a music producer who attends and DJs at festivals around the world. He has both Mexican and French citizenship and is the proud father of a small daughter.

Though they haven't heard anything official since late October, his father, Sergio Hernández, and mother, French-born Marie-Pascale Radoux, say they still have hope that their son is alive.

"Hope obviously exists," Hernández told CNN en Español this week. "We presume that he is alive because [his friends called] Orión's phone, and a terrorist or a person from Hamas said that Orión was alive, that they had him prisoner and that he was going to be used as exchange for political purposes."

- [Day 224: Hamas Hostage Profile: Hersh Goldberg-Polin, 23](#)



Many of us have heard of Hersh Goldberg-Polin. He was born in Berkeley, California before moving to Richmond, Virginia. He and his family immigrated to Israel in 2008 when he was 7 years old. Hersh has two younger sisters. He was reportedly working with an initiative that was using soccer to bring Israeli and Palestinian children together. He reportedly planned a two-year world travel trip to start the last week of December 2023.

Goldberg-Polin was at the Supernova music festival when Hamas attacked on October 7th. He sent text messages to his family around 8:00 am saying "I love you" and "I'm sorry." During the attack, he took shelter in a field shelter. Hamas militants repeatedly threw grenades into the shelter. Hersh's arm was blown off from the elbow down during the attack. He fashioned a tourniquet for his injury before militants abducted him and put him on a pickup truck to the Gaza Strip.

His parents have worked tirelessly to bring him back, speaking at the UN, meeting with Pope Francis, Elon Musk, President Joe Biden, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, 25 US senators, seven governors, and multiple celebrities and influencers. His mother wears a shirt with the number of days of his captivity taped to it.

On April 24th, Hamas released a video of Goldberg-Polin while in captivity. In it, he identifies himself, and says the Israeli government should be "ashamed" for "carrying their mission in Gaza" as the Israeli captives are stuck in an "underground hell with no food or water."

Prayer for Kidnapped Israelis

By Exploring Judaism

Aḥeinu kol beit yisrael, For all our family of the House of Israel, fellow Jews who face anguish and captivity, whether on sea or on land:

May the Divine have compassion upon them, and bring them from distress to relief, from darkness to light, from subjugation to redemption, now, speedily, soon, and let us say: Amen

Shomer Yisrael, Guardian of Israel,

We call out to You with fervent plea and prayer to bless and protect the civilian men, women, and children brutally kidnapped by Hamas and held captive in Gaza, along with the members of Israel's Defense Forces missing in action or held captive.

May it be Your will, speedily and soon, to bring them out from darkness and the shadow of death. May the Holy One of Blessing break their bonds, deliver them from their distress, and release them swiftly back to the loving embrace of their dear ones.

Do all that must be done so that relief, rescue, and long life may be the lot of every one of the soldiers and the civilians who have been taken hostage.

Act on their behalf, Lord. Take up their cause without delay, so that You fulfill through them Your verse from Isaiah: "Those redeemed by the Lord will return; they will enter Zion with singing, and everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away."

So may it be Your will, and let us say: Amen.