



# The Jewish Center

## SHABBAT BULLETIN

**AUGUST 5, 2017 • PARSHAT VAETCHANAN • 13 Av 5777**

### EREV SHABBAT NACHAMU

7:00PM Minchah (1st floor)  
7:30PM Young Professional Kabbalat Shabbat (The Max and Marion Grill Beit Midrash)  
7:51 PM Candle lighting

### SHABBAT NACHAMU

7:45AM Hashkama Minyan (The Max and Marion Grill Beit Midrash)  
9:00AM Shacharit (3rd floor)  
9:15AM Hashkama Shiur, with Rabbi Elie Buechler  
9:29AM Sof Zman Kriat Shema  
9:30AM Young Leadership (1st floor)  
10:00AM Youth Groups: Under age 3 (drop-off optional, babies must be able to independently sit upright), 3-6-year-olds: Geller Youth Center, 2nd-6th graders: 7th floor  
Kiddush (5th floor)

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Community Kiddush, sponsored by **Susan Kensky & Sam Goldman** in honor of the forthcoming marriage of their son, Jonathan Sandor Goldman, to Sara Notkin Haralson

4:00PM Bikkur Cholim/Bikkur in the Home (meet at 730 Columbus Ave.)  
6:55PM Daf Yomi  
7:00 PM Chabura Summer Series (The Max and Marion Grill Beit Midrash), given by Tzvi Mercynski-Hait, *MiSheyakir Bein Techeilet Le'lavan: An explanation of Rambam's Opinion on Techeilet in Tzitzit*  
7:40PM Minchah

### WITH THANKS TO OUR SEUDAH SHLISHIT SPONSOR:

**Roberta, Jessica and Jeremy Sigall**, in commemoration of their beloved father and grandfather, Rabbi Milton E. Kramer, R' Yechiel Michael ben Avraham Dov Ber Halevi z"l

Seudah Shlishit Speaker, Alex Rychin, *The Anti-Israel Agenda: Inside the Political War on the Jewish State*

8:50PM Shabbat Concludes

### WOMEN'S TEHILLIM GROUP

Monday, August 7th at 7:15PM  
Contact Joyce Weitz for more info. at 212-877-1176

### DAILY SERVICES

Sun. Aug 6	Mon. Aug 7- Thurs. Aug 10	Friday Aug 11
Daf Yomi 7:45AM Shach 8:30AM Minchah 7:50PM	Daf Yomi 7:45AM Shach 7/8AM Minchah 7:50PM	Shach 7/8 AM Daf Yomi 7:45AM Minchah 7PM Candle Lighting 7:42PM

### SAVE THE DATE

**Investiture of Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman  
Fifth President of Yeshiva University**  
Sunday, September 10th at 11:00AM  
The event will take place in the Nathan Lampert Auditorium in Zysman Hall on the Wilf Campus, 2540 Amsterdam Avenue



Welcome to our new Rabbinic Intern, Rabbi **Elie Buechler**, a third year rabbinical student at Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and doctoral student at its Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies studying Medieval Jewish History. He's an AIPAC Leffell Fellow and graduated from Brandeis University majoring in Near Eastern & Judaic Studies with a minor in Art History. Elie, and his wife, Tamar, look forward to joining The Jewish Center.



### Shabbat August 5th Seudah Shlishit with Alex Rychin The Anti-Israel Agenda: Inside the Political War on the Jewish State



Alex Rychin was born in Kiev, Ukraine. His family left the Soviet Union as refugees and refuseniks in 1987, when he was 3 years old. He attended Sydney Boys High School and went on to study law and politics at the University of New South Wales.

A prominent speaker and writer on the Arab-Israeli conflict, foreign and national affairs, and religion and identity, he writes for leading publications throughout the world including The Guardian, Fox News, The Australian, The Daily Telegraph, The Spectator, The National Post (Canada) and The Age, and is a regular commentator on TV and radio.

### Shabbat August 12th Seudah Shlishit with Sam Sokol The Forgotten Jewish Refugees of Ukraine:



Sam Sokol is a research fellow at the Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy (ISGAP). He has worked as a correspondent for the Jerusalem Post and the Israel Broadcasting Authority and is a recipient of the 2015 B'nai B'rith World Center Award for Journalism for his work on revolutionary Ukraine. He is originally from the Upper West Side and studied at Yeshiva University.

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THANK YOU TO OUR USHERS

Amanda Nussbaum and Stephen Rutenberg

#### THANK YOU TO CSS

We would like to once again thank CSS and our dedicated CSS members for providing the security for our synagogue this week.

#### DAILY MINYAN REMINDER

As many of our regulars now disperse for the summer, we encourage you to strengthen our daily minyan. Come once or come often! We would love to have you with us.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

The **YL lecture series** continues August 22nd with speaker Temimah Zucker, LMSW, *Eating Disorders in the Jewish Community: What to Know and How to Help*.

Save the date for the **YL end-of-Summer evening BBQ** - August 27th. More information to come!

There are still 2 spots left on the **JC Centennial NYC Marathon team!** Will you join us? For more information please email [batsheva@jewishcenter.org](mailto:batsheva@jewishcenter.org). To support the team visit the JC website.

**West Side Judaica** has been part of the West Side Jewish community for many years. The landlord once again drastically raised the rent and the proprietors are operating at great sacrifice. Please purchase all your Judaica needs at West Side Judaica to support this communal establishment.

## How Can One Find Solace?

[Guest Dvar Torah from Professor Simcha Goldin, father of Hadar Goldin z"l, a chayal lost in battle during Operation Protective Edge, Shabbat Nachamu 5774]

Our ancient sources teach us that the city of Beitar, the final stronghold in the battle against imperial Rome, fell on the 9th of Av, the very same date as the earlier destruction of our two Temples. But the mighty empire that sought to obliterate the Jewish people forever did not just destroy the Temple during the first war and overrun the land in the second war; it also chose to humiliate and debase our brave warriors. At the end of the battle, the siege of Beitar, the Romans were not satisfied with the ruin of the city and the killing of all who fought there. They forbade approaching the city and burying the dead. Wives could not attest to their marital status and could therefore not remarry, parents were uncertain of their children's fate, and the nation, in its indignity, could not find closure.

In time, the Romans permitted the fallen to be buried, and the Jews entered the city and interred them. On that very day, as we are informed by R. Mattenah in Tractate Ta'anit (31A), "[the recitation of] the benediction 'Hatov u'Meitiv – [God] who is good and deals kindly' was instituted in Yavneh."

This fourth blessing of Birkat HaMazon was codified only after the Jewish people buried their captive war dead. As long as fallen soldiers had not been brought to a proper burial, it was inappropriate to recite this blessing. The blessing "Who is good and deals kindly" is very special. Many of us know it by heart. But what does it really mean and why can we not recite it while fallen soldiers are not yet buried? God grants us the simple, daily, most basic things - consolation, means of support, life, peace, and all that is good. But what is the essence of the connection between this blessing and burying fallen soldiers?

It is gemilut chasadim – acts of kindness! The act of kindness to which we must commit with regard to a body is to engage in its burial and this is what makes it fitting to request from God the daily simple acts of kindness as we do in this blessing. Only those who perform this act of kindness are worthy to recite the blessing, for if we do not engage in acts of kindness ourselves how do we come to request all this from God? We refer to this Sabbath as Shabbat Nachamu, the Sabbath of Consolation, for the solace we are seeking in the wake of the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. This Sabbath also marks three full years that Lt. Hadar Goldin and Sgt. Oron Shaul have not been brought home to Israel for a Jewish burial. How can we continue to recite the blessing "Hatov u'Meitiv", petitioning God for grace and kindness while Hadar and Oron are still in enemy hands? How can we petition for support and sustenance when we continue to trample on the principle of mutual responsibility? How can we ask for consolation when we have not fulfilled the commandment of acting kindly?

Every day that passes without redressing this injustice is another day in which we as a people fail to meet our own obligations to act mercifully and with kindness to one another. All Jews, both in Israel and in the Diaspora, must strive to make the return of Hadar and Oron for proper burial in Israel a religious, moral and political priority for the State of Israel and its allies around the world.

To learn more, visit <https://www.hadargoldinfoundation.org/>

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### PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN A SURVEY OF THE ORTHODOX COMMUNITY



## Israel Update

August 4, 2017

### Treasury Department Sanctions Key Ballistic Missile Entities in Iran

On July 28, the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) sanctioned six Iran-based entities tied to Iran's ballistic missile program in response to "continued provocative actions," including the July 27 launch of the Simorgh space vehicle. "The U.S. Government will continue to aggressively counter Iran's ballistic missile-related activity, whether it be a provocative space launch, its development of threatening ballistic missile systems, or likely support to Yemeni Houthi missile attacks on Saudi Arabia such as occurred this past weekend," said Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin. "These sanctions target key entities involved in Iran's ballistic missile program, and underscore the United States' deep concerns with Iran's continued development and testing of ballistic missiles and other provocative behavior." The six entities— Shahid Karimi Industries, Shahid Rastegar Industries, Shahid Cheraghi Industries, Shahid Varamini Industries, Shahid Kalhor Industries, and Amir Al Mo'Menin Industries—are all subordinates of Shahid Hemmat Industrial Group (SHIG), a key entity in Iran's ballistic missile program. SHIG is also currently sanctioned by the United States, United Nations and European Union.

Our Synagogue partners with AIPAC, America's pro-Israel lobby, in educating our community on issues affecting the U.S.-Israel relationship. We encourage you to learn more by contacting AIPAC at [synagogue@aipac.org](mailto:synagogue@aipac.org) or by visiting [www.aipac.org](http://www.aipac.org).

The Jewish Center has been invited to participate in a survey of the Orthodox community. Many synagogues throughout the US are participating, and anyone age 18+ who attends an Orthodox synagogue may respond.

Recognizing that The Jewish Center is a flagship of Modern Orthodoxy, the survey organizers reached out to us and will be happy to share the aggregated data - data we know will help us in our future decision-making.

The survey is online and can be accessed at <http://bit.ly/Orthodox-Survey>. It covers a wide range of issues, such as shul and davening, Jewish education and learning, raising a family, issues of concern to women, success and challenges of living in today's society, etc.

The survey is totally anonymous. This is a great opportunity to learn what issues are on people's minds, so we encourage you to participate.

Note also that there will be ten \$100 gift cards awarded to randomly selected respondents.

The survey will be available online through August 31.

### COMMUNITY SECURITY SERVICE



Looking for an easy and fun way to get involved with The Center while getting some exercise and meeting people? If so, have you considered volunteering for CSS to help with the shul's security on Shabbat and Chaggim? CSS will be holding training sessions this summer. The L2 course will be for six weeks starting August 6 for 2 to 2.5 hours each and will involve some physical training. Both the L1 and L2 courses are open to all -- no prior experience is necessary. If interested, please contact Steve Graber at [steve.graber@gmail.com](mailto:steve.graber@gmail.com). All members are welcome.