



קישור שלום ~ Kishur Sholom
Staying Connected with
the Temple Shalom Community

1 November 2023 ~ 17 Heshvan 5784
Parashat Vayera

Shalom, chaveirim - hello, friends -

My wife, Rabbi Amy Wallk, and I share teaching resources occasionally. So ... if you were to get her column for her synagogue of Temple Beth El in Springfield, MA, you might wonder: "Gosh, that sounds a lot like what Rabbi Cohn wrote..."

Amy has a congregant whose son, Meir Dashevsky, made aliyah this past year and lives in Jerusalem with his wife and their four children. Meir is an ER doctor. During the war, he has been writing various posts, one of which I shared a couple of weeks ago. I'm sharing another one today. You will hear about the war, its impact on Arab and Jewish Israelis, moral implications, and real-life realities. [Meir's post of 31 Oct 2023](#). The post is long - but a meaningful read and well worth the time.

As always, I welcome conversation: whether you agree or see things differently. Now is not a time to walk away from one another but rather to bring thoughtful conversation to the table.

Am Yisrael Chai - N'natzeach b'yachad - The people of Israel lives - we will succeed together!

Bivracha, with blessing,

Rabbi Mark Cohn

Recommended Resources from the Rabbi's Desk(top)



Constant and important updates, podcasts, blogs, and articles from [Times of Israel](#) and [Tablet Magazine](#).

ARTICLES

[Propaganda, Lies & More Rockets – Hamas Wages War on All Fronts](#) from The Focus Project: A Joint Initiative of a Broad Coalition of U.S. Jewish Community Organizations.

["Are we Tipping into a New World War,"](#) by Bari Weiss in *The Free Press*.

["J'accuse - An Open Letter to Hamas Apologists,"](#) by Daniel Wolf on *LinkedIn*.

[A Long, Hard and Painful War,"](#) by David Horowitz, Founding Editor of *The Times of Israel*.

AUDIO

["Kiddushin 79 - Becoming Adults"](#)

There is a practice in Jewish life of reading one page of Talmud a day (Daf Yomi). Listen to this brief (3 minute) teaching

Shabbat Services & Study

Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday Evenings 6:30PM

**IN PERSON:
Nov. 3 & 17**

**VIA ZOOM:
Nov. 10 & 24**

Shabbat Morning Torah Study - 9:30am

IN PERSON with CJ Kelly

from Liel Leibovitz of Tablet Magazine about when you become an adult. Previous Talmud study not required.

"Israel at War: Our Leadership Void"

Most recent episode of the Shalom Hartman Institute's "For Heaven's Sake" with Donniel Hartman and Yossi Klein Halevi.

VIDEO

Lord David Wolfson on the floor of the UK House of Lords.



RED, WHITE AND JEWISH!

"Jewish Participation in the American Revolution" With Eric Chandler

When: Thursday,
November 2nd at 7:00
PM

Where: The New Milford
Historical Society &

TUESDAY LUNCH & LEARN

**ISRAEL ON OUR MINDS:
SO NOW WHAT?**

**NOVEMBER 7, 14, 21,
28
12:00 PM**

Rabbi Mark Cohn will lead an hour-long study/discussion related to the current war in Israel. Using text, story, songs and more, come explore how we can frame and understand the realities of this moment in Jewish time and Israeli history.

Museum, 6 Aspetuck
Avenue (on top of the
Green)

LEARN more from [this
flyer!](#)

Countering Active Threat Training

NOVEMBER 5TH AT 12:30 PM - THIS SUNDAY!

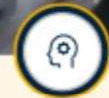
Walzer Family Community Campus, 444 Main Street, Southbury
FREE and open to members of Temple Sholom



GET INVOLVED. GET EMPOWERED.
GET TRAINED.

COUNTERING ACTIVE THREAT TRAINING (CATT)

A comprehensive training program
to counter an active threat
event developed for faith-based
institutions and houses of worship.



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Identify and explain the steps to survive an active threat incident: RUN, HIDE, FIGHT.
- Understand how to prepare for an active threat event.
- Know how to respond to law enforcement's arrival.
- Recognize the importance of additional trainings such as Stop the Bleed™.
- Commit to action during an active threat event.



DATE & TIME: Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 12:30 PM

LOCATION: Walzer Family Community Campus
444 Main Street, North, Southbury

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Three ways to help in Israel

[Achva BaKerem](#). Later, I was planning to introduce you to a friend of mine, Rabbi Tamir Nir, who lives in Jerusalem. He is one of the sweetest, kindest men I know. He is a Reform rabbi with a lovely community in Jerusalem. **[Please read Tamir's email to me as his community seeks support for the war effort](#)**. As you consider organizations to assist, I know his community will do good work with your generosity. In his note, you will find links for donation.

[SPNI: Society for Preservation of Nature in Israel](#) is an Israeli NGO that normally works on matters related to environmental education and advocacy. They also have many "field schools" and are opening them to residents who have been dislocated given the horrific attacks in the South and also communities being evacuated in the North. Please consider their campaign - to learn more **[visit here](#)**.

[Brothers and Sisters for Israel](#) is an organization that started with the protests of the last 40 weeks and has shifted its focus to working on helping Israelis face the war with Hamas. You may donate to **[Brothers and Sisters for Israel here](#)**.

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