



## Rabbinic word

In the 12th century, Rabbi Mosheh ben Maimon (Maimonides, 1138–1204) wrote in his work Mishneh Torah (Hilchot Anijim 8): “There is no greater mitzvah than the ransom of abductees.” A kidnapped person is hungry, thirsty, lacks clothing and is in danger of death. All of the Torah’s commandments about compassion, charity, active help and saving lives culminate in this commandment. There are still over 130 hostages in the hands of Hamas terrorists. Their names follow here to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

—Your Rabbi Ulrike Offenberg



Avraham Munder (78), Agam Berger (19), Elyakim Shlomo Libman (24), Alexander Lobanov (32), Sasha Trufanov (27), Alexander Danzig (75), Almog Saroussi (26), Almog Meir Jan (21), Alon Ohel (22), Amiram Cooper (84), Amit Buskila (28), Andrej Koslov (27), Arbel Yehud (28), Omer Shem-Tov (21), Kfir Bibas (1), Ariel Bibas (4), Shiri Bibas (32), Yarden Bibas (34), Ariel Cunio (26), David Cunio (33), Eitan Horn (37), Yair Horn (45), Avraham Mengistu (36), Avinatan Or (30), Chanan Yablonka (42), Bar Avraham Kuperstein (21), Bipin Joshi (23), Dror Or (48), Carmel Gat (39), Chaim Peri (79), Ohad Yahalomi (49), Daniel Peretz (19), Daniela Gilboa (19), Dolev Yahud (35), Romi Gonen (23), Doron Steinbrecher (30), Idan Alexander (19), Eden Yerushalmi (24), Eitan Mor (23), Elad Katzir (47), Lior Rudaeff (61), Liri Elbag (18), Matan Angrest (21), Matan Zangauker (24), Maxim Herkin (35), Michel Nissenbaum (59), Naamah Levy (19), Nadav Popplewell (51), Eliyahu Sharabi (51), Ofer Calderón (50), Nimrod Cohen (19), Noa Argamani (26), Norberto Har (70), Oded Lifshitz (83), Ohad Ben-Ami (55), Or Levy (33), Ori Danino (25), Omri Miran (46), Orión Hernández Radoux (30), Qaid Farhan Alkadi (53), Ran Gvili (24), Omer Neutra (22), Rom Braslavski (19), Ron Benjamin (53), Sagi Dekel-Chen (35), Segev Kalfon (25), Shay Levinson (19), Elijah Cohen (27), Elkana Bochbot (34), Eviatar David (23), Omer Wenkert (22), Fernando Shimon Marman (60), Gadi Moshe Moses (79), Guy Gilboa-Dalal (22), Shlomo Mansour (85), Hamza Alziadna (21), Youssef Hamis Alziadna (53), Ziv Berman (26), Hersch Goldberg-Polin (23), Hisham al Sayed (36), Idan Shtivi (28), Gali Berman (26), Ilan Shlomo Weiss (56), Itai Regev (18), Keith Shmuel Siegel (64), Itai Chen (19), Itzik Elgarat (69), Karina Ariev (19), Yitzchak Gelernter (58), Tal Shoham (38), Tamir Nimrod (19), Tamir Adar (38), Tsachi Idan (49), Josef Ochana (24), Uriel Baruch (35), Yagev Buchshtab (34), Shlomi Ziv (39), Yair Yaakov (59), Joram Metzger (80)

## An old prayer from the Siddur:

Our Jewish brothers,  
our Jewish sisters,  
who were plunged into suffering,  
in suffering and imprisonment  
between sea and mainland.  
May the Eternal have mercy on them,  
have mercy on them and lead them out of  
narrowness and distress into wideness,  
from the darkness into the light,  
from slavery to redemption,  
now soon and if possible within this hour.  
To that let us say:  
Amen

Achejnu kol bejt Jisrael,  
Achjotejnu kol bejt Jisrael,  
hanetunim bezarah,  
bezarah uweschiwjah  
haomdim bejn bajam  
uwejn bajabaschah.  
Hamakom jerachem,  
jerachem alejhem  
wejotzi'em mizarah  
lirwachah  
umeafelah leorah  
umischibud lig'ulah  
haschtah ba'agalah  
uwisman kariw, wenomar:  
Amen

אֲחֵינוּ כָּל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל  
הַנְּתוּנִים בְּצָרָה וּבְשִׁבְיָהּ  
הַעֹמְדִים בֵּין בַּיִם וּבֵין הַיַּבֵּשֶׁת  
הַמְּקוֹם יְרַחֵם עֲלֵיהֶם  
וַיּוֹצִיאֵם מִצָּרָה לְרוּחָהּ  
וּמִמַּעְבֵּל לְאוֹרָהּ  
וּמִשִּׁבּוּד לְגִּלְוָהּ  
הַשְּׂתָא בְּעַגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב  
וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן

Laut gegen  
Rechts!

Kommt alle am 10.2. um  
11 Uhr zur  
Hochzeitshaustrasse  
nach Hameln



Bunt statt braun  
Hameln-Pyrmont

## January Review

### New Year's reception

On Sunday, January 14, 2024, a reception was held to mark the beginning of 2024. Dora and Valeri B., Sveta and our Buffdis provided music and festive food — thank you very much for your commitment. The afternoon was well attended and enjoyed by everyone.

### Tu BiShvat

We celebrated Tu BiShvat, the New Year of the Trees, with a special Seder. Just the sight of the table with its many nuts and colorful fruits was a feast for the eyes. While reading traditional texts from the Jewish tradition about the meaning of trees, singing, eating all the fruits and enjoying the different colored glasses of wine or grape juice, our other senses also were tickled. We would like to thank Liubov and Sveta for setting up this beautiful table for us and all who took part. It was greeting spring in the middle of winter, and therefore a sign of hope in the midst of a dreary time.

## The month of February

### Rally: Demonstration against the Far Right!

On February 10th, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m., a demonstration will take place in front of the wedding house at Hamelner Markt, which will be directed against the rise of right-wing extremist forces. A broad coalition of institutions and organizations in Hameln is organizing this rally. Here is your call to participate in large numbers.

Demonstration against the Far Right! For visible solidarity, diversity and cohesion in Hamelin! It's time for ALL of us to raise our voices. The recently uncovered deportation fantasies of the AfD and its supporters have shown once again: Right-wing and populist structures are a real, ever-increasing danger to our democracy and the people who live here. Now we are all called upon to actively stand in the way of this development.

### Limmud Rabbah

This year, the Shiurim of Limmud Rabbah, led by Rabbi Ulrike Offenber, are dedicated to the study of the Megillot and special text readings of the Jewish holidays. We will now study the book of Esther until Purim, and this is a rare opportunity to get to know this story in more detail. In the clatter and noise of Purim celebrations, the subtleties of this ornate text are often lost. This time we will look in detail at the historical background of this Megillah, its structure, its special features and its profound humor.

### JLEV Shabbaton

On the weekend 1st–3rd in March our community will host the JLEV Shabbaton. JLEV stands for Jewish Liberal-Egalitarian Association, the association of liberal communities founded last year under the umbrella of the Central Council of Jews in Germany. The Shabbat services are organized by Rabbi Offenber and the Hanover cantor, Yoed Sorek. In addition, the rabbi of our sister community in Hanover, Alex Kovtun, and the chairwoman of the General Rabbinical Conference, Rabbi Prof. Dr. Elisa Klapheck, will be involved in services and lead shiurim. Our members are invited to participate in the entire Shabbaton from Friday to Sunday. We're looking forward to seeing everyone there!

### Donations — Tzedakah

We thank everyone who made donations received over the past few weeks for our community life and the synagogue. Our gratitude goes in particular to Wolfgang Schultner, Ursula Niedert, Reinhard Richard Hampel, Rachel Dohme, Sabine Demuth, Heidemarie Braun, Maryna and Lucy Zaychenko and Christina Jaffe.

May the donors be blessed for their generosity.



### Tree of Life

New leaves on our Tree of Life were donated by Christina Jaffe for “Monte Mordechai Jaffe 1940–2023” and by Maryna and Lucy Zaychenko “In Memory of Arkadij Zyryanov”.

## Yahrzeit in February

Michael Lazer	February 5, 2012 / 12. Shevat 5772
David Zaks	February 3, 2008 / 30. Shevat 5768
Adel Gurevich	February 5, 2019 / 30. Shevat 5779
Vladimir Legkov	February 7, 2003 / 5. Adar I 5763
Anna Raik	February 12, 2000 / 6. Adar I 5760
Janna Weinberg	February 13, 2022 / 12. Adar I 5782

May their memory be a blessing.



**Shalom,  
Your Community Board**

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## Program for February 2024 • Shevat–Adar I 5784

Office hours: Thursday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m

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Friday, February 2	5:00 p.m.	Kabbalat Shabbat, followed by Kiddush
Saturday, February 3	10:00 a.m.	Shacharit Shabbat "Yitro," Kiddush and Shiur
Wednesday, February 7	6:00 p.m.	Limmud Rabbah, via Zoom
Wednesday, February 14	6:00 p.m.	Limmud Rabbah, via Zoom
Thursday, February 15	6:00 p.m.	Digital Bible Dialogue. Prof. Dr. Klaus Grünwaldt and Rabbi Offenberg talk about the First Book of Samuel. This time: 1st Sam. Ch.18
Friday, February 16	5:00 p.m.	Kabbalat Shabbat, followed by Kiddush
Saturday, February 17	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Shacharit Shabbat "Trumah," Kiddush and Shiur Youth Kehillah
Wednesday, February 21	6:00 p.m.	Limmud Rabbah, via Zoom
Wednesday, February 28	6:00 p.m.	Limmud Rabbah, via Zoom

### Outlook for the month of March

Friday, March 1	5:00 p.m.	Kabbalat Shabbat, followed by Kiddush, JLEV Shabbaton
Saturday, March 2	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Shacharit Shabbat "Ki Tissa," Kiddush, JLEV Shabbaton Youth Kehillah
Sunday, March 3,	10:00 a.m.	JLEV Shabbaton
Wednesday, March 6	6:00 p.m.	Limmud Rabbah, via Zoom
Sunday, March 10	3:00 p.m.	Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, March 13	6:00 p.m.	Limmud Rabbah, via Zoom
Thursday, March 14	6:00 p.m.	Digital Bible Dialogue. Prof. Dr. Klaus Grünwaldt and Rabbi Offenberg talk about the First Book of Samuel. This time: 1st Sam. Ch. 25
Wednesday, March 20	6:00 p.m.	Limmud Rabbah, via Zoom
Friday, March 22	5:00 p.m.	Kabbalat Shabbat, followed by Kiddush
Saturday, March 23	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Shacharit Shabbat "Vayikra," Kiddush and Shiur Purim celebration with reading of Megillat Esther
Wednesday, March 27	6:00 p.m.	Limmud Rabbah, via Zoom

### Outside the community

Friday, March 22	8:30 p.m.	"Shabbat Shalom", NDR Info, Hameln 99.9 MHz Torah interpretation by Rabbi Offenberg
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### Regular courses via Zoom:

Tuesdays, 4 p.m.: Bar Mitzvah classes  
Wednesdays, 4 p.m.: Bat Mitzvah class  
Wednesdays, 6 p.m.: Limmud Rabbah