

Gilad Shalit

Gilad Shalit was born on August 28, 1986 in Nahariya, and grew up in Mitzpe Hila in the Western Galilee. He has a brother, Yoel, and a sister, Hadas. His parents are Aviva and Noam. Gilad chose to be in a combat unit and was serving as a corporal in the Armored Forces of the Israel De-



fense Forces when he was kidnapped in the Gaza Strip by Hamas on June 25, 2006. He had only been in the army for one year. Gilad turned 20 while in custody of Hamas. At the time this publication was made, Gilad had been away from home for 261 days.

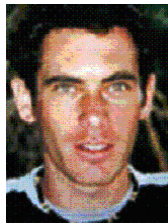
Ehud (Udi) Goldwasser

Udi Goldwasser was born on July 18, 1975 in Nahariya. Udi married his wife, Karnit, 10 months before his kidnapping. He also has two brothers, Yair and Gadi. His parents are Miki and Shlomo. Udi was a graduate student at the Israel Institute of Technology and was serving his 28 day reserve duty when he was kidnapped by Hezbollah on July 12, 2006. Udi was kidnapped on the 28th day of his reserve service, one day before he was to go home. At the time this publication was made, Udi had been away from home for 244 days.



Eldad Regev

Eldad Regev grew up in Kiryat Motzkin and is 26 years old. His mother, Tova, passed away when he was in 12th grade. Eldad's father is Zvi, and he has three brothers – Benny, Ofer, and Eyal. He served three years in the elite Givati infantry brigade. Eldad was a law student at Bar Ilan University and was serving his 28 day reserve duty when he was kidnapped by the Hezbollah. He was also kidnapped on July 12, 2006, one day before he was to return home. At the time this publication was made, Udi had been away from home for 244 days.



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**TONIGHT, AS WE TELL THE STORY
OF OUR ANCESTORS' SUFFERING
IN EGYPT AND THEIR JOURNEY TO
FREEDOM, WE MUST RECALL OUR
ISRAELI BRETHERN WHO ARE
STILL NOT FREE...**

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Dear Seaboard USYers, Family, and Friends,

Each year at the Passover seder, we recall the story of our slavery in Egypt, saying “*Avadim Hayinu l’Pharaoh b’Mitzrayim*” (“We were Pharaoh’s slaves in Egypt”), and then celebrate our people’s escape to freedom. This year, however, there are those who will not be celebrating their freedom. Last summer, three Israeli soldiers, Gilad Shalit, Ehud (Udi) Goldwasser, and Eldad Regev, were kidnapped by Hamas and Hezbollah, two Arab terrorist groups. As you sit around your Passover seder with your family and friends, celebrating our freedom from Egypt, we ask that you also remember these imprisoned soldiers, our brothers in distress, and their empty places at their family’s seder. This year, when saying “*Avadim Hayinu*,” please take a moment to honor the soldiers at your seder by remembering that this Passover, not everyone is free. Join with us as we pray for the lives and freedom of Gilad Shalit, Udi Goldwasser, and Eldad Regev.

L’Shana Ha’ba’ah B’Yerushalayim, Next Year in Jerusalem,

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The Symbol of the Broken Egg

1) After singing “*Avadim Hayinu*” hold up an egg and say:

“This egg is the symbol of the lives of Gilad Shalit, Ehud (Udi) Goldwasser, and Eldad Regev. On June 24, 2006, (the day before they were kidnapped) this egg was still thriving, however, between June 25th and July 12th, this egg was cracked three times”

2) Crack the egg three times so that the egg breaks and the yoke falls into a bowl, and say:

“Now, this broken egg symbolizes the lives of these three Israeli soldiers: shattered and broken due to their respective kidnappings by Hamas and Hezbollah.”

3) Take a new egg and grasp it in your hand. Pass the egg around so that everyone can hold the egg and say:

“By holding this egg and supporting its structure, it will not break. In the same way, by coming together as a Jewish community, we can and must always support the lives of these heroes of Eretz Yisrael.”

“Brothers in Distress”

“A merchant once came to R. Moses, the rabbi of Pressburg, and asked the rabbi’s blessing for his business. R. Moses said to him: “I heard that your brother is a very poor man, and you aren’t helping him.” The merchant justified himself: “My business isn’t doing well, and I cannot afford to help my brother now.” R. Moses answered him: “It states in the Torah: “I too have heard the sighs of the Children of Israel, whom Egypt is enslaving. We know that the word too is meant to be inclusive. What does it include here? This teaches us that even though all the Jews were enslaved, and that each one sighed for his own sorrows, nevertheless all heard the sighs of their brothers and felt their distress. It was because of this that G-d, too, heard their sighs.”

Taken from The Passover Haggadah: Legends and Customs, Interpreted by Rabbi Menachem Hacohen

As a part of the worldwide Jewish community, we must join together to hear the sighs and distress of Gilad Shalit, Udi Goldwasser, Eldad Regev and their families. We must speak out on their behalf, and remember that this Passover, some of our brothers are not free. By joining together as a larger community, G-d, too, will hear our sighs.

Join USYers and their families across the region in reciting this prayer at the seder table and in supporting these three kidnapped soldiers...

**A Prayer for the Safety of the Kidnapped Soldiers
Gilad ben Aviva (Shalit), Ehud ben Malka
(Goldwasser), and Eldad ben Tova (Regev)**

Translated by Amitai Blüchstein Read Tehillim, psalms 70, 13, 142, and 126

It should be Your Will, Lord, Our God, and God of our parents and ancestors, that these Tehillim that we read before You today will be pleasing, and accepted before. You as if David Hamelech himself had said them! Act for honor of your Holy Name, and mercifully accept our prayer and request, and present our supplication before You, and pity, be merciful on your beloved servants,
Gilad ben Aviva (Shalit), Ehud ben Malka (Goldwasser), and Eldad ben Tova (Regev) and save them with Your Salvation and mercy, together with all the kidnapped and imprisoned Jews of your People, Israel.

Most Able Freer-of-Prisoners: He will redeem them from amongst the kidnapped, and take them from slavery to freedom, from servitude to -redemption, from darkness into light, and fully heal their wounds physical, psychological and spiritual; give them courage and spirit, strengthen their resistance and resilience, surround them with happiness and laughter, and then they shall strengthen themselves and will heal, and enjoy everlasting joy.

And the merit of everyone praying together, our cries and prayers, that beg on their behalf from every corner of the world, may it stand for them (and all others in his situation) to shield and protect them, and to ransom them from his place of captivity. Tear up the evil decree! May all our merits call out to God – and may every good thing they has ever done or made call out with us!!

Fulfill the pasuk in Your holy Torah that says:

“And those Hashem ransoms will return, and come to Zion exulting, singing, and they will be visibly happy forever; joy and gladness will overtake them, and sorrow and sadness shall flee, running.”

May it happen very soon, speedily in our days, Amen.

תפילה לשלום של גלעד, אהוד ואלדד

יהי רצון מלפניך ה' אלהינו ואלהי אבותינו, שיעלו לרצון מזמורי תהלים אלו שקראנו לפניך היום ויתקבלו לפניך כאילו אמרם דוד המלך עבדך משיחך ע"ה .

ותקבל ברחמים וברצון את תפילתנו ובקשתנו ותבוא לפניך תחינתנו ותחוס ותחמול ותרחם על עבדיך

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אלדד בן טובה רגב

ותושיע אותם בישיעה ורחמים יחד עם כל השבויים והאסירים מעמך ישראל.

מוציא אסירים בכושרות הוא ידם מידי שוביהם ויוציאם מעבדות לחירות ומשעבוד לגאולה ומאפילה לאורה וירפאם רפואה שלימה, רפואת הנפש ורפואת הגוף ויאמן את דרום וירבה את כוחם ויאורם בשמחה ובגילה, אז יתחזקו ויתרפאו והייתה להם שמחת עולם.

וזכות תפילת רבים וצעתם ונאקתם, המעתירים בעדם בכל אתר ואתר, תעמוד להם למגן וצינה ולפדותם מבית שביים. ויקרע רוע גזר דינם ויקראו לפניו יתברך כל זכויותיהם וכל אשר פעלו ועשו למען עמנו ונחלתנו. ויקרע גזר דינם בזכות השם הקדוש הרמזו בראשי התיבות קבל רנת עמך שבגנו טהרנו נורא.

ויקיים בהם מקרא שכתוב: “ ופרווי ה' ישוכונו ובאו ציון ברינה ושמחת עולם על-ראשם ששון ושמחה ישיגו ונסו יגון ואנחה .”

במהרה בימינו. אמן.