

BRING THEM HOME

THE FAMILIES OF HADAR AND ORON NEED YOUR TEFILLOT AND SIGNATURES

This past summer marked seven years since Staff Sgt. Oron Shaul and Lt. Hadar Goldin were killed during Operation Protective Edge in the Gaza Strip.

They gave their lives to protect the State of Israel. Tragically, Hamas refuses to release their bodies, and continue to use the issue as a bargaining chip to try to secure the release of Palestinians imprisoned in Israel for terror offences.

The Goldin and Shaul families have experienced the unspeakable pain of losing their beloved sons in war, with the additional agony of not being able to bury them.

These families have committed themselves to recovering the bodies of their sons and giving them the burial that they deserve in Israel.



Hadar's Story

Hadar Goldin, a Lieutenant in the Givati Brigade of the IDF, was a Jewish patriot, humanitarian and artist, and only 23 years old when he was killed and kidnapped in Gaza by Hamas terrorists.

On August 1, 2014, during Operation Protective Edge, two hours after Hamas agreed to a ceasefire, terrorists ambushed three Israeli soldiers from a tunnel located in the basement of a house in Gaza. The terrorists killed two of the soldiers, and shot Hadar Goldin, dragging him into a tunnel in order to kidnap him.

Hadar was a gifted young man – a painter, a poet, and an inspiration to all who knew him.



Oron's Story

On July 20, 2014, Sgt. Oron Shaul entered the Shejaiya neighborhood of Gaza City in an armored personnel carrier with six other soldiers. Hamas operatives opened fire on the vehicle. An anti-tank missile penetrated the APC and exploded.

Oron was wounded and dragged by Hamas terrorists into a tunnel. Hamas rapidly claimed to have captured an IDF soldier, backing up its claim with the soldier's photo ID. Oron's body was never found. He was only 21 years old.

Oron was quiet and humble, and always put the needs of others before his own. He was characterized by his love of the universe, nature, and above all, his homeland.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

- 1 The Religious Zionists of America–Mizrachi is spearheading a petition to the US government to facilitate the release of their bodies, which will be presented to Secretary of State Antony Blinken and signed by a broad spectrum of the American community. Please sign the petition at rza.org/BringThemHome.
- 2 Educate yourself about the plight of the Goldin and Shaul families. There are numerous resources online, including hadargoldinfoundation.org.
- 3 Keep Hadar and Oron's memories alive and their names in our tefillot. Recite the *Av Harachamim* prayer on the facing page, and make it a weekly addition to your shul services.

תפלה לנעדרים

Prayer for the Return of Hadar and Oron

Keep the memories of Hadar and Oron alive, and their names in our tefillot. Please recite this prayer, and make it a weekly addition to your shul services

אב הַרְחָמִים שׁוֹכֵן מְרוֹמִים,
בְּרַחֲמֵי הָעֲצוּמִים הוּא יִפְקֹד בְּרַחֲמִים אֶת הַחַיִּלִּים הַקְּדוּשִׁים
הָדָר בֶּן שְׂמֻחָה וְחֵדָּה לָאָה וְאוֹרוֹן בֶּן הַרְצֵל וְזִהְבָּה
שְׁמָסְרוּ נַפְשָׁם עַל קְדוּשַׁת הַשֵּׁם. מִנְשָׁרִים קָלוּ וּמְאָרִיּוֹת גָּבְרוּ
לַעֲשׂוֹת רְצוֹן קוֹנֵם וְחֹפֵץ צוּרֵם בְּעַז וּבַעֲנָוָה. יִזְכְּרֵם אֱלֹהֵינוּ
לְטוֹבָה עִם שְׂאֵר צְדִיקֵי עוֹלָם. יְבִיאֵם לְקִבְרֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, כְּכַתוּב,
וְאֵל עַמּוֹ תְּבִיאֵנוּ, וַיְנוּחוּ בְּשָׁלוֹם עַל מְשֻׁכְבָּם, וְנֹאמֵר אָמֵן.

FATHER OF COMPASSION, WHO DWELLS ON HIGH:

May He remember in His compassion the holy and pure soldiers,
Hadar Goldin and Oron Shaul
who sacrificed their lives for the sanctification of G-d's name.
They were swifter than eagles and stronger than lions to do the
will of their Maker and the desire of their Creator, with courage
and humility. O our G-d, remember them for good with the other
righteous of the world, and may He bring them to their final resting
place amidst their people, Israel, as it is written: "And bring him
home to his people." May they rest in peace, and let us say, Amen.

