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**JEWISH CADETS IN TRADITIONAL WHITE ATTIRE OBSERVE YOM KIPPUR AT THE CHAPEL**



# Chapel News

Greetings from the Jewish Chapel!

Of all the heroic moments in George Washington's career, perhaps none is as iconic as his leadership at Valley Forge. By the time the Continental Army encamped there in the winter of 1777, its soldiers lacked basic ammunition and supplies, and a quarter of them were declared unfit for duty from malnutrition and exposure. Under such circumstances, the fact that Washington maintained any morale and discipline among his troops at all, much less led them to victory at Trenton on Christmas Eve, seems difficult to believe. And yet, perhaps it was indeed a miracle that lifted his spirits when things seemed hopeless in those fateful winter nights.

According to legend, Washington encountered a Jewish soldier at Valley Forge, lighting candles for Chanukah, and was moved by his explanation of the Maccabees and their improbable triumph over the Greeks. While the historical record cannot prove this conversation took place, Washington's

familiarity with the biblical accounts of ancient Israel, his adoption of Maccabean military tactics to offset Britain's advantages, his public encouragement of America's Jewish communities during his presidency, and his openness to the miraculous, all lend an air of possibility to the tale. Whether or not Washington in fact learned the story of Chanukah as the legend tells, it was certainly his abiding faith in the righteousness of freedom and the power of Divine providence that fortified his courage during the nadir of the war effort—just as it did for our Jewish ancestors in the face of similar challenges.



**Cantor David P. Frommer**

Jewish holidays teach us of ancient wonders, like the oil that lasted for eight days on Chanukah, or the ten plagues that afflicted the Egyptians on Passover, but as critical thinkers, we are prone to forget that events of modern history are no less miraculous, even if they look a little different. For Washington, the formation of the Constitution was as incredible as any story in the Bible. "That the Delegates from so many States, different from each other in their

manners, circumstances and prejudices, should unite in forming a system of national Government," he wrote in 1788, "appears to me little short of a miracle." For American Jews, seeking refuge from centuries of European discrimination, Washington's assurance of equal treatment under the Constitution, expressed in a letter to the Jewish community of the Touro Synagogue in Newport, RI, must have seemed equally miraculous. "The Government of the United States," Washington famously promised, "which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens, in giving it on all occasions their effectual support."

Today, American Jews continue to answer Washington's call for support through military service—and in greater numbers than is often realized. This year, the Class of 2026 features 35 known Jewish plebes—the highest number of any class in the history of West Point! With the total number of Jewish Cadets at West Point now right at 100, we have requested unprecedented amounts of funding from the West Point Jewish Chapel Fund for travel and kosher food expenses, and it has stepped up to the challenge, thanks to the generosity of donors like you. I hope this report will demonstrate both the outstanding engagement of our Jewish Cadets, and the direct impact your contributions have on their experiences. Given the societal trends of our day, their commitment to Jewish identity and military service inspires all of us, just like the miracles of our history, and I'm pretty sure they would have inspired Judah Maccabee and George Washington as well.

Warmest regards,

Cantor David Frommer

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*Shofar Salute: CH Frommer sounds the ram's horn to motivate the Class of '26 (and signal his Uber driver) during March Back at the end of Cadet Basic Training.*

## WEST POINT JEWISH CHAPEL CADET SUMMER TRAINING

This summer was highlighted by the arrival of the Class of '26, which included 35 Jewish New Cadets—the most of any class in the history of West Point! Jewish basic trainees and cadre gathered at the Chapel in unprecedented numbers on Sunday mornings during Beast, where they enjoyed sumptuous breakfasts courtesy of the Jewish Chapel Fund, with extra goodies provided by the Bardales family. In addition to communal meals, Chaplain's Time included a Jewish Chapel scavenger hunt, a viewing of the Chapel Fund's award-winning documentary, "Diversity in the Long Gray Line," music preparation for Shabbat services, and guest appearances by Chapel Fund Board Members COL (USA Ret.) Glenn Goldman and Dr. (COL USA Ret.) Al Beitler. CH Frommer also supported Jewish Cadets at a variety of other summer events, including Air Assault School, where he celebrated with new graduates (top right), and Cadet Field Training, where the Fund sponsored Saturday evening Havdalah dinners at Camp Buckner (bottom right).



*Broken Algorithm: Jewish Cadets, New Cadets, and friends rewrite the record books for summer attendance at the Jewish Chapel, and cause rolling bagel blackouts throughout Rockland County in the process.*





The West Point Jewish community welcomes its newest Cadets, who must survive a gauntlet of group photos organized by CH Frommer throughout the weekend.



## WEST POINT JEWISH CHAPEL PLEBE RETREAT

The Jewish Chapel welcomed the Class of '26 with a fun-filled Plebe Retreat at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires during Ring Weekend on 26-28 August 2022. The Plebes were joined on the retreat by Jewish upper class Cadets, Jewish faculty lay-leaders, and two special delegates from the West Point Jewish Chapel Fund Board—MG (USA Ret.) Jeff Jacobs, and CPT Ramona Fastow Jones, accompanied by her sons, Jacob and Benji. Friday evening featured Shabbat services led by CH Frommer with musical support from Cadets (pictured at right), followed by dinner (pictured below), Jewish community bingo for an ice breaker, and free time in the camp game room. On Saturday, the group enjoyed several activities including hiking, swimming, climbing, ultimate frisbee, and a visit to the camp farm. Shabbat concluded with Havdalah and s'mores around a bonfire, and the Cadets returned to West Point the next day.







At left, CH Frommer's daughters, Talia and Eliana, astonish Dr. Beitler with their muscles, but decline to join the group nature walk, at right, describing it as a "death march."



At left, Cadets enjoy a high stakes game of corn hole (the loser must play infinity games of chess with CH Frommer's son, Aaron). At right, the camp pig relaxes with Cadets, mistakenly assuming that all of them keep kosher...

Below, Jacob and Benji assist with the conclusion of Havdalah, while Cadets get the bonfire started with bingo sheets from CH Frommer's ice breaker.





# SFC CHRISTOPHER CELIZ MEMORIAL SHABBAT



During the weekend of 16-17 September 2022, the West Point Jewish Chapel Fund organized a series of events to honor the memory of SFC Christopher Celiz, a

The weekend culminated in a Friday night service officiated by CH (MAJ) David Frommer, and attended by several distinguished guests, including the senior Jewish West Point graduate on Active Duty, BG David W. Gardner (USMA '94), Commanding General, JRTC and Fort Polk; COL Anthony J. Bianchi and CSM Michel R. Fraser, the U.S. Army Garrison-West Point Command Team; and several USMA instructors who had served with SFC Celiz in the Special Operations community.

commitment to the Jewish faith. Following the service, the WPJCF officers and board members assembled in front of the Medal of Honor display in the Chapel's main hallway, where Katie and

## JEWISH MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT HONORED AT WEST POINT

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Jewish Army Ranger who was killed in Afghanistan in 2018 and posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor three years later. The Fund hosted SFC Celiz's widow, Katie, and daughter, Shannon, as its guests at West Point during the weekend, which began with a Thursday evening dinner at the Thayer Hotel. The Celiz family was joined for the meal by WPJCF officers, including MG (USA Ret.) Jeff Jacobs, Board Chair; LTC (USA Ret.) Terry Bresnick, President; Scott Lichtenberg, Treasurer; and Vice Presidents COL (USA Ret.) Woody Goldberg, LTC (USA Ret.) Bob Wolff, and LTC Ben Wallen. On Friday, The WPJCF sponsored a lunch at the Jewish Chapel where West Point Superintendent, LTG Steve Gilland, met with Katie and Shannon to express his condolences and admiration for SFC Celiz's service.

MG Jacobs provided opening remarks for the service, honoring SFC Celiz: "Chris' memory lives on as an example to us all. His heroism will undoubtedly inspire American Soldiers for years to come. Certainly he is an inspiration to those of us Jewish Americans who wear or have worn our nation's cloth." COL (USA Ret.) Goldberg introduced the guest speaker, Medal of Honor recipient COL (USA Ret.) Jack Jacobs, the only living Jewish MOH recipient among the 18 awarded since the creation of the decoration during the Civil War. COL Jacobs provided his unique perspective on Jews serving in the military and his appreciation for the Celiz family's

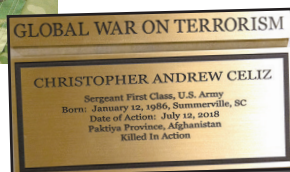
**“ SFC CELIZ’S SELFLESS ACTIONS SAVED THE LIFE OF THE EVACUATED PARTNERED FORCE MEMBER AND PREVENTED FURTHER CASUALTIES. THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE ENGAGEMENT, SFC CELIZ SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGED THE COURSE OF BATTLE BY REPEATEDLY PLACING HIMSELF IN EXTREME DANGER TO PROTECT HIS TEAM AND DEFEAT THE ENEMY, AND IT ULTIMATELY COST HIM HIS LIFE.”**

- MEDAL OF HONOR CITATION

Shannon unveiled the plaque with SFC Celiz's name. COL Jacobs offered remarks and LTC Bresnick presented the Celiz family with a book, published by the WPJCF, honoring the 18 Jewish Medal of Honor recipients. Following the service and unveiling, the community gathered in the Social Hall for Shabbat dinner, sponsored by the WPJCF, while COL Jacobs met with Cadets in the library and signed copies of his book that was offered free to everyone in attendance. "We were extremely proud to have hosted the Celiz family and COL Jack Jacobs for this event," reflected LTC Bresnick. "I can't think of a better example for Cadets of what it means to live by the Army Values of Selfless Service and Personal Courage." The weekend was a tremendous success and an opportunity for the WPJCF and the West Point Jewish Community to honor a true American Jewish hero.



*SFC Christopher Celiz: Army Ranger, Medal of Honor Recipient, and American Jewish Hero*







*BG Gardner (at left) and LTG Gilland (at right) meet with the Celiz family to offer condolences and appreciation.*



*Above, COL Jacobs honors the Celiz family from within the Medal of Honor community. Below, MG Jacobs presents COL Jacobs (no relation) with a gift on behalf of the West Point Jewish Chapel Fund.*







*Somewhere, Over the Hudson: CH Frommer's dreams of staying dry really do come true, as a biblical-style monsoon abates just in time for the Jewish community's Tashlich service at South Dock.*

## WEST POINT JEWISH CHAPEL

# JEWISH HOLIDAYS – ROSH HASHANAH AND YOM KIPPUR

The West Point Jewish Community welcomed in the New Year of 5783 with Rosh Hashanah services on 25-26 September 2022. COL (USA Ret.) Woody Goldberg and his wife Susan (pictured at right) opened the celebration with candle lighting and CH Frommer delivered a sermon urging an end to Jewish organizational restrictions placed on weddings officiated by Reform Chaplains. Yom Kippur services on 04-05 October 2022 were highlighted by the participation of several Cadets, including three who performed a beautiful rendition of Kol Nidre on piano and strings (bottom left) and fifteen who chanted Torah and Haftarah (bottom right). High Holiday meals, including Break-the-Fast, were sponsored with generous donations to the West Point Jewish Chapel Fund by the Ryley, Cyprow, Nachman, Agran, and Furlong families, with additional food provided by the Crossman and Raykhman families. Craig Williams and Emily Lapisardi, Music Directors of the Cadet and Catholic Chapels respectively, volunteered to accompany the services on piano, and attendance remained strong despite all the holidays yet again conflicting with weeknights and school days—a true testament to Cadet commitment!







*Inset: CH Frommer's two assistants 'lighten his load' by each carrying one apple while he carries both of them!*

## RELIGIOUS CLUB - HILLEL HOLIDAY APPLE PICKING

The West Point Jewish Chapel's Hillel Club organized a trip section for Rosh Hashanah apple picking at Weed Orchard in Marlboro, NY on 02 October 2022. In a recurring theme for this year, the number of Cadets at this event doubled from 14 in 2021 to 29 in 2022! The morning began with a delicious snack of fresh cider and donuts, sponsored by the West Point Jewish Chapel Fund, and a myth-busting Torah study by CH Frommer on the famous fruit in the Garden of Eden. The group then enjoyed free time at the farm, highlighted by some tactical ambush training (bottom left) and freshly picked pizzas for lunch (bottom right).







*Sukkot teaches Cadets to appreciate the blessing of food that is sometimes unavailable in life due to unpredictable factors, like insufficient rain, CH Frommer's lengthy pre-dinner song-session, or a swarm of his children devouring the pizza ahead of anyone else at dinner.*

## WEST POINT JEWISH CHAPEL

### JEWISH HOLIDAYS – SUKKOT AND SIMCHAT TORAH



The Jewish holiday fun continued with Sukkot during the week of 09-16 October 2022, featuring sukkahs all over post—in the garden at the Jewish Chapel, in the front yard of the Frommers' Stony Lonesome residence, and in the Cadet Area below Davis Barracks. The Cadet Area's smaller sukkah (pictured at left), purchased by the West Point Jewish Chapel Fund, offered a convenient space for Jewish Cadets and faculty to stop for lunch and lulav-waiving in between classes, while the Jewish Chapel's larger sukkah hosted major gatherings like the holiday kick-off, *Pizza in the Hut*, sponsored by the West Point Jewish Chapel Fund, and Shabbat dinner, sponsored by a generous donation to the Fund by Arnold and Susan Garelick from the New City Jewish Center. The week concluded with a Simchat Torah dance party (bottom left) on 17 October 2022, highlighted by the ceremonial rolling of the Torah from Deuteronomy back to Genesis (bottom right) and the Frommer children's excitement at not having to attend another Jewish holiday event at Chapel for the next several weeks!







*Maccabean Might: The Jewish community gathers in force to celebrate the triumphs of ancient Judean warriors and the new generation of Jewish military leaders that carry on their legacy.*

## WEST POINT JEWISH CHAPEL JEWISH HOLIDAYS – CHANUKAH

Since the official dates of Chanukah coincided entirely with Winter Break, the Jewish community observed the Festival of Lights a few weeks early at the Chapel on 02 December 2022. The massive celebration was attended by over 100 people, including Cadets, families, and a delegation of Jewish War Veterans, who sponsored dinner with a generous donation to the West Point Jewish Chapel Fund, thanks to the coordination of JWV’s West Point Liaison (and former National Commander), Ed Goldwasser. Services featured a performance by the West Point Jewish Chapel Choir and a guest sermon by Dr. Andrew Rehfeld, President of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, while a culinary cadre of Cadets in the Chapel kitchen (bottom left) assiduously converted several tons of potatoes into mountains of sizzling latkes. Two days later, the Jewish community traveled to the Koshers Troops charity organization in Suffern, NY (pictured at right), to assist with packing Chanukah care packages for Jewish men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces around the world, including colleagues, friends, and even siblings!







*Wild 'White Over Gray' Yonder: West Point's delegation of 35 Cadets exceeds the number of JWW participants from Air Force, Navy, and Coast Guard combined. It's still the Army Air Corps as far as we're concerned! Below: The Budoff family provides a warm welcome to chilly Colorado with gift bags of treats for the Cadets.*

## RELIGIOUS CLUB - HILLEL

### JEWISH WARRIOR WEEKEND

This semester, the U.S. Air Force Academy hosted Jewish Warrior Weekend on 28-30 October 2022, convening Jewish Cadets and Midshipmen from across the country to strengthen their sense of Jewish identity and community in the military. The event was a resounding success, attracting more than 80 participants from 12 different academies, military colleges, and ROTC detachments, including the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, The Citadel, Virginia Military Institute, Texas A&M University, Norwich University, Cornell University, Boston University, and the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. The

program included a tour of USAFA and local attractions, Shabbat services led by USAFA Jewish Chaplain, Capt. Rabbi Saul Rappeport, and keynote addresses by Lt. Gen. Richard Clark, USAFA Superintendent; Gen. (USAF Ret.) Norton Schwartz, Air Force Chief of Staff; Col. (USAF Ret.) Nelson Mellitz, JWV National Commander (bottom left); and Marine Corps Master Sgt. Brad Colbert (bottom center), represented in the book *Generation Kill* and the related HBO mini-series. The West Point Jewish Chapel Fund, represented at JWW by board members David Niekerk (USMA '78) and LTC Wallen, generously underwrote the



registration fees for all 35 Cadets in the West Point delegation and sponsored the attendance of two Cadets from Norwich University (bottom right) who could not have afforded the travel expenses otherwise. Special thanks also to MAJ Michael Greenberg, for organizing flights and traveling as the trip section OIC, and to CDT Jacob Foster, for coordinating logistics with Air Force's Cadet leadership team as Hillel Club CIC.







*Florida Everglades: Far from its natural habitat, the Jewish Chapel Choir redefines casual Florida attire during its visit to Boca Raton.*

## RELIGIOUS CLUB - CHOIR

### TRIP SECTION TO FLORIDA

The West Point Jewish Chapel Choir traveled to Boca Raton, FL on 11-13 November 2022, for a musical engagement at B'nai Torah Congregation in honor of Veterans Day Weekend. Jewish Choir OIC, Elaine McConnell, coordinated the transportation logistics, while CIC Sophie Cohen provided professional musical direction for the performance. After singing at Shabbat services and a dinner concert on Friday evening, the 18 Cadets on the trip section enjoyed a free day on Saturday, relaxing on the beach (bottom left) and dining Ben's Delicatessen (bottom right) as guests of WPJCF Board President Terry Bresnick, who organized the concert for his synagogue, hosted Cadets at his home, and even joined them on stage to sing the Alma Mater (pictured at right). Thanks to Terry and his wife, Andrea, for a wonderful visit—the Cadets are looking forward to Semester Abroad opportunities in Boca Raton in the future!





# JEWISH FACULTY MEMBER PROFILE

MAJ MICHAEL GREENBERG, INSTRUCTOR, USMA DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY



### Where are you from, why did you join the Army, and what have been some highlights of your career thus far?

I was born in New York City and we moved to Larchmont, NY, just before I turned four. After graduating Northwestern, working at the International Institute for Counter Terrorism in Israel, and completing my MA in Terrorism, Security & Society at King's College London in the United Kingdom, I joined the Army



*"Toto, I have a feeling we're not at Northwestern anymore."*

to gain a practitioner's perspective – but mostly out of a sense of obligation to serve my country in the Global War on Terror. The 9/11 attacks deeply affected me as a New Yorker and as an American. I also felt a generational sense of duty - my great grandfather and grandfathers served in the US Army in World War I and II and I felt that my own service would be the best way to honor their legacy. Some of the highlights of my career as an intelligence officer include service in the 10th Mountain Division, I Corps G2, Military Intelligence Company command in 1-2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team, and an S2 assignment at 2-3 Infantry, 1-2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team at Fort Lewis, WA. Teaching American History at West Point has been an amazing opportunity to give back to our Army and mentor future leaders.

### What have you found most meaningful about Judaism throughout your life?

My parents are both Jewish and raised us with strong connections to our faith. We joined Larchmont Temple when I was a child, and I attended Hebrew School there from age five through my

Bar Mitzvah and confirmation. It was a very special place for me and my sister. Most importantly, we learned the deeper meanings of Judaism with my parents at home and my maternal grandparents in Hartford, CT. We celebrated many of the Jewish holidays together as a family, and I have vivid memories of big family meals and all the amazing smells of the matzah ball soup and brisket recipes my great grandparents brought with them from Eastern Europe. Being together as a family was very important. My grandfather's patriotism and perspective on service from World War II and subsequent access to the GI Bill and economic opportunities was passed on to all his grandchildren. And my father also shared his understanding of world affairs with us which was deeply influenced by his father who served at the Battle of the Bulge and helped liberate death camps as an Army intelligence officer. I later

found additional connections to my Judaism through MEOR Northwestern and trips to Israel, where I connected with my heritage and understanding of Jews' struggles and triumphs. When I was deployed to Afghanistan (pictured at left), I leaned heavily on my faith to try and make sense of what was happening around me – and to me. I've always been grateful for the chance to practice my faith in garrison, training, and in a combat zone. This is something the US Army gets right – and through the Jewish Chapel, I've now learned more about how these support processes work via the Jewish Welfare Board (JWB) and the



*MAJ Greenberg's Jewish Chapel family (at left) would like to thank his actual family (at right) for authorizing his participation in multiple Jewish Warrior Weekend events.*

Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America (JWV).

### How did you get involved at the Jewish Chapel, what have you most enjoyed about the community, and what will you carry with you from this experience to your next assignment?

In my first year of teaching, one of my students approached me after class in "History 101: Leading Citizen Soldiers – the Army of the Republic," and asked me if I was aware of the Jewish Chapel's contributions to Jewish life on West Point. I'll admit I hadn't considered being an Officer Representative to the chapel until that point because I was already working with the Brotherhood at my local synagogue in Westchester. After attending a Tuesday lunch Torah study, I knew I had to be involved. The Jewish community on West Point is vibrant and growing, and I can see how much the cadets get out of the connection to their faith. It is a wonderful community and support group for cadets as they prepare to serve the Nation. I've made lasting friendships with Chaplain Frommer and LTC(P) Wallen and can truly say that the cadets fill me with hope and knowledge on a weekly basis. Jewish Warrior Weekends have also been a great way to support cadets and meet Jewish officers from other academies and services. Since I'm a junior rotating instructor, I will return to the operational force in 2024 as a newly designated strategic intelligence officer. I look forward to serving in the joint and interagency community in the National Capital Region and plan to seek out the Jewish community upon arrival – either as a participant or lay leader.





# WEST POINT JEWISH CHAPEL FACILITIES UPDATE



While the government is responsible for the maintenance of the Jewish Chapel at West Point, the West Point Jewish Chapel Fund serves as the curator and has funded projects to improve the quality of the building and its use by the Jewish Community.

**Dehumidification of Library.** The WPJCF installed a commercial grade dehumidifier in the library to prevent mold from occurring, particularly in hot summers. This improvement discharges the condensate into a drain

## WEST POINT JEWISH CHAPEL FUND ASSISTS WITH INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS

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in the building and replaces several smaller dehumidifiers that required daily emptying.

**Chaplain and Choir Photos.** The WPJCF funded the professional

framing and installation of photos of the Jewish Chaplains that have served the Jewish cadets since the 1950s. Over the years, photos have been also been taken of the Jewish Chapel Choir but their framing and arrangement in the Chapel did not present a professional look. The photos were elegantly reframed and installed by the WPJCF.

**Musical Instrument Storage.** The weekly Friday night services feature music provided by cadets. The WPJCF purchased several instruments and funded the construction of a storage room adjacent to the sanctuary to store them.

**Reupholstering Furniture.** After more than 25 years in the Chapel, a number of leather benches and upholstered chairs and sofa were in need of repair. The WPJCF funded the replacement of the leather on the benches and reupholstered the furniture so that it gives the Chapel a fresh appearance.



*Above, pictures of the Jewish Chapel's Choir and Chaplains hang in new frames above reupholstered furniture in the gallery off of the Social Hall. Below, a new dehumidifier protects hundreds of books in the Chapel library from mold and other moisture-related damage.*



*The addition of a door for the Music Alcove now allows the instruments purchased by the WPJCF to be organized and stored securely. Musical accompaniment by the Jewish Chapel Cadet Band has directly contributed to increased community attendance at Shabbat services and holiday celebrations.*





*A huge thank you to our Cadet families, community members, and supporting organizations that partner with the West Point Jewish Chapel Fund to provide Kosher meals to Jewish Cadets and sustain their spirits with a taste of home. Please consider joining their efforts by sponsoring a Shabbat Dinner or Torah Study Lunch with a donation to the West Point Jewish Chapel Fund today!*



# **WELCOME TO THE CLASS OF 2026 AND THEIR FAMILIES!**