

Rabbi Josh Stanton's statement:

“Some feel a Shabbat dilemma about the upcoming Lights for Liberty: NYC (Foley Square). There are multiple Jewish responses. I plan to attend — and bless Shabbat there. Jewish tradition calls us to treat wrongful and cruel imprisonment as a life-and-death situation. In this case it truly is, and many of the victims are children. Some of us can join in words and actions of solidarity within our synagogues and around Shabbat dinner tables. Others can attend Lights for Liberty in-person, proudly donning prayer shawls and Kippot, and perhaps even lighting Shabbat candles. However you honor Shabbat and show solidarity on July 12th, please do something of meaning. In this time of pain, we can stand together, even if we do so in different places and different ways.”