

Want has an A!

Level 5

To my children Naveh, Malachi,
Mevaser, Talya, Tohar & Noam

May you be
as brave and righteous as
Team Kalmanson.

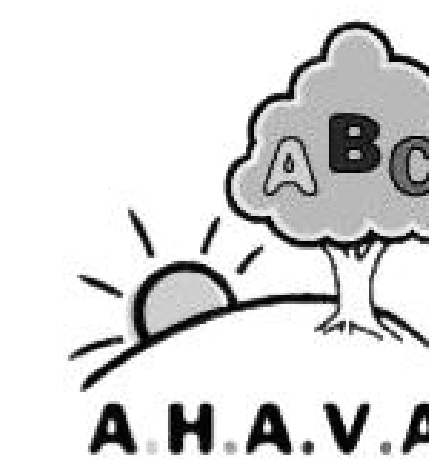
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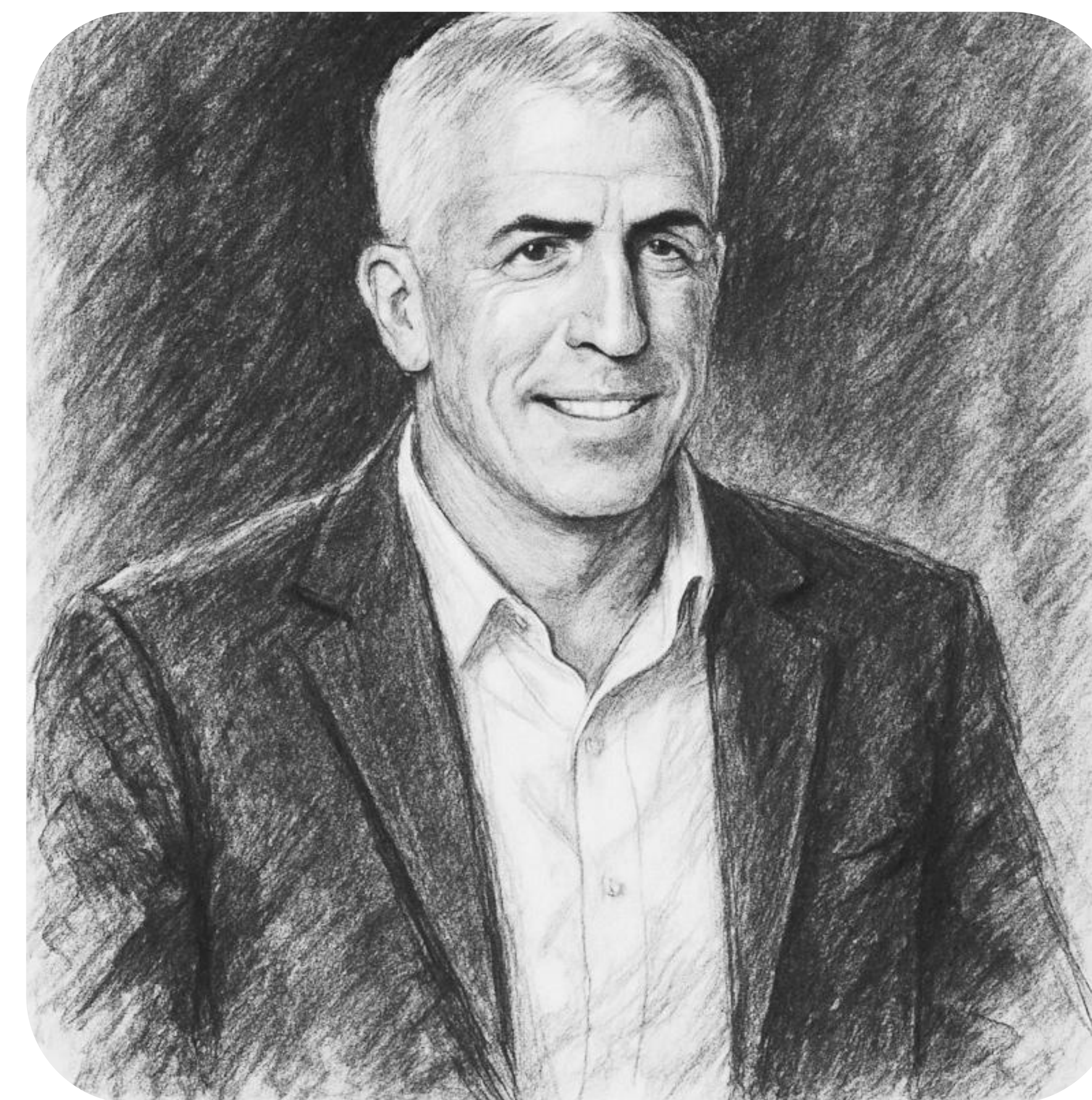
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Menachem Kalmanson



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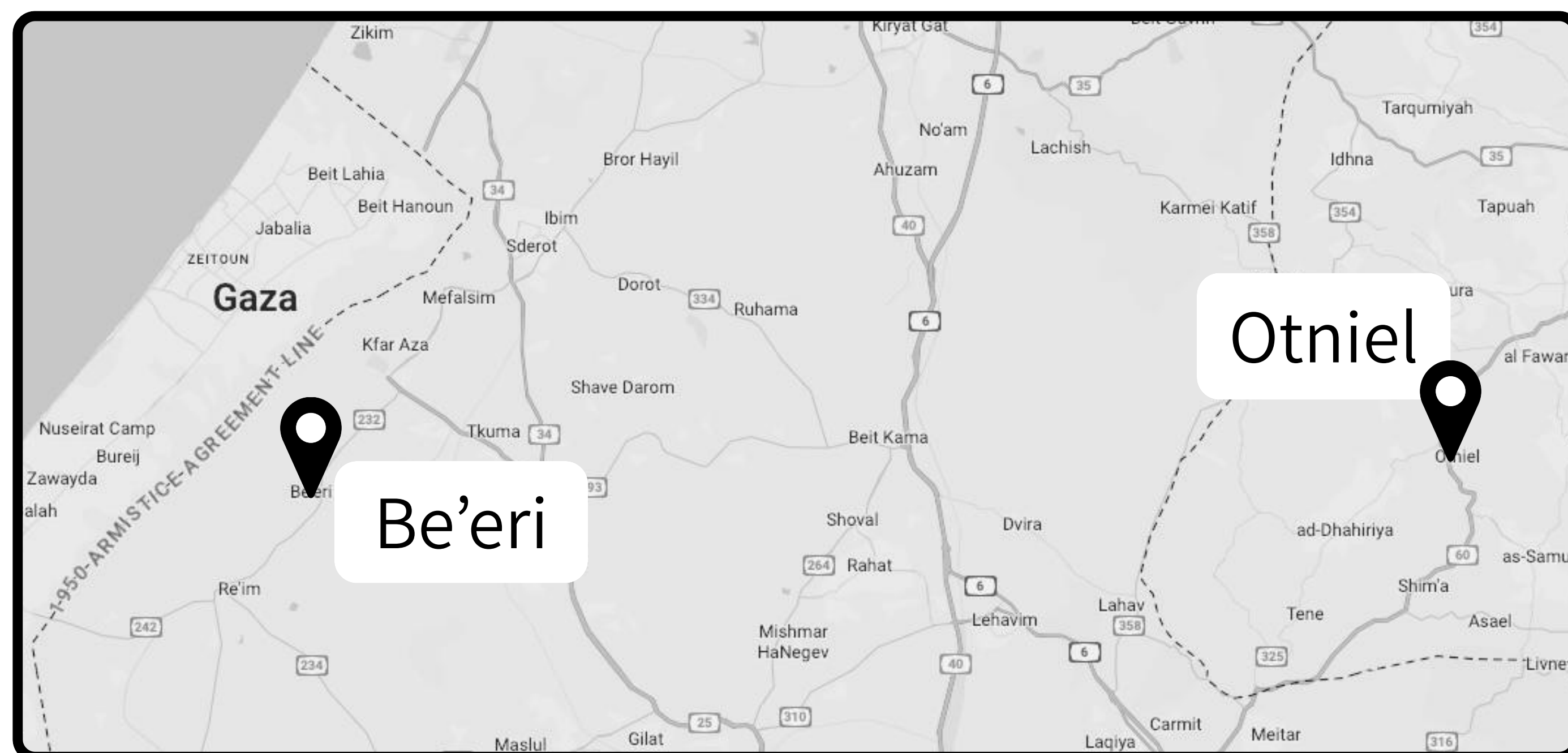
This booklet is about Oct. 7th.
Suggested for 7th grade and up.
Discretion is advised.

אזהרת תוכן:

הספרון מדבר על אירועי ה-7 באוק'.
מומלץ לכיתות ז' ומעלה.
יש להפעיל שיקול דעת.

Menachem Kalmenson lives in Otniel.
Otniel is a small, **religious community**
near Kiryat Arba.

Otniel is **far away** from Kibbutz Be'eri. It is
80 kilometers away from Kibbutz Be'eri.



religious - דתי
community - קהילה
far away - רחוק
hero - גיבור

In the **early** morning **hours** of October 7th,
Menachem went to **rescue people**. He
went to rescue people in Kibbutz Be'eri.

He went with his brother Elchanan and his
nephew Itiel. They jumped into his
brother's car to **drive** to Kibbutz Be'eri.
They went to rescue people from the
terrorists who were in the kibbutz.



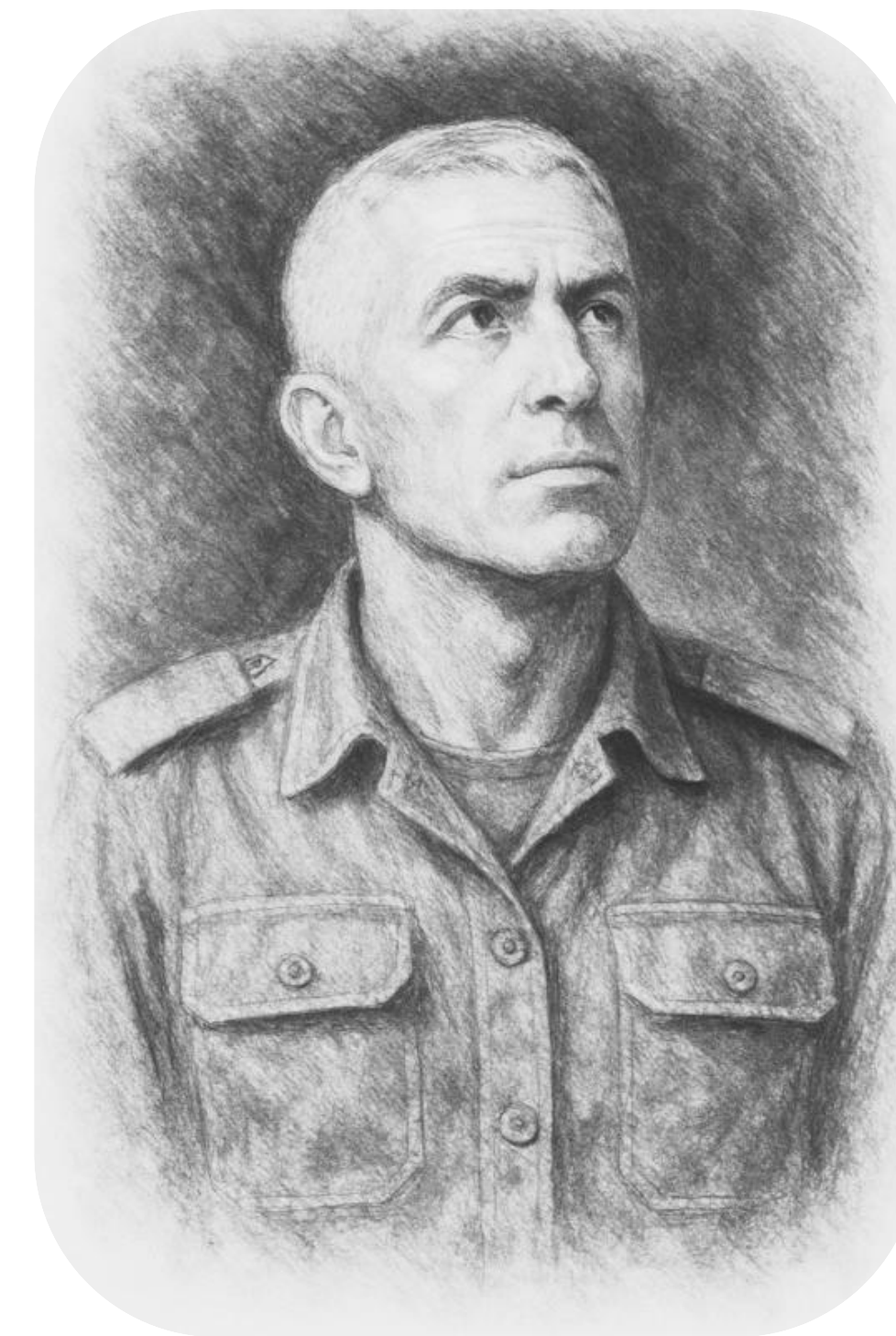
early - מוקדם
hours - שעות
rescue - להציל
people - אנשים
nephew - אחיין
drive - לנהוג

The three went door-to-door. In **each** house there were terrorists. In each house they were **fighting** with terrorists.

In each house **people** from the kibbutz were in fear. In each house Menachem, Elchanan, and Itiel **rescued** the people. In each house they made the people **safe**.

each - כל (אחד) **fighting** - נלחמו
people - אנשים **rescued** - הצילו **safe** - בטוח

The three men risked their lives the whole time. **Each** time they left the kibbutz, they had to **think** and **decide**.



Should we **return again**?
 Should we return again
 and risk our lives?
 Should we risk our lives
 to save people we
 do not **know**?

And each time they did.

each - כל (פעם) **think** - לחשוב
decide - להחליט **return** - לחזור
again - שוב **people** - אנשים **know** - יודע

They **would** come to a house where a family was hiding. The family was hiding in the **safe** room.

They were holding the door handle down. They were hiding in **fear** of the terrorists.



When they heard Menachem, they **thought** he was a terrorist.

would - היו **safe** - בטוח **fear** - פחד

Menachem had to talk to them. Menachem **would** say “Shema Yisrael...”



Then the family knew Menachem was not a terrorist. They **knew** Menachem was a Jew. The family knew they were **safe**.

would - היה **knew** - ידעו **safe** - בטוחים

The three **continued fighting** and **saving people** all day and all night. They continued fighting and saving people until the morning of October 8th.

Then something very sad **happened**.

continued - המשיכו **fighting** - להלחם
saving - להציל **people** - אנשים **happened** - קרה

Menachem, Elchanan and Itiel came into a house to **rescue** a family.

A terrorist was behind a door. They did not **know** the terrorist was **behind** the door. The terrorist was **waiting** for them.



Sadly, Elchanan was killed and Menachem was **injured**.

rescue - להציל **know** - להכיר behind - מאחורי
waiting - חיכה **injured** - נפצע

**Menachem, Elchanan and Itiel
saved over 100 lives that day.**



*“He who saves one soul -
it’s as if he saved an entire world.”*

(Sanhedrin, 4:5)

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