



RACHEL FROM OFAKIM

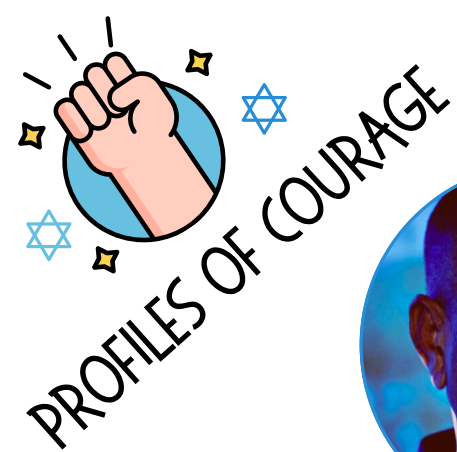
Rachel Edry was born to Iranian parents in the city of Ofakim, a city in the Western Negev of Israel. She grew up speaking Arabic to her parents and had 11 siblings. In Grade 11, she had to withdraw from school in order to help support her family who struggled financially. She went to the army at the age of 18 and served as a clerk. At the age of 24, she married her husband, David and they chose to raise their three children in Ofakim as well. She worked on an army base near Ofakim where she was in charge of the canteen, helping give soldiers food for over 40 years. She was known in her town as a person who always helped people, sometimes even if they didn't want help! She would check in on people who to her looked sick or pale.

On October 7, 2023, five terrorists burst into Rachel's home in order to either kill or take Rachel and her husband David hostage. Instead of panicking, Rachel demonstrated extreme courage and instead tried to hold off the attackers from physically harming her and her husband until people came to rescue them.

When one of the terrorists mentioned that Rachel looked like his mother, she took advantage of the opportunity to say that she was like his mother and asked how she could help them. Rachel offered them food and spent many hours serving the terrorists drinks and cookies to keep them calm. She engaged them in conversation and even provided one with a bandage because he was bleeding. She even sang with them as well. Following many hours of doing this, a rescue operation was carried out in which the Israeli security forces rescued Rachel and David.

Rachel has become known throughout Israel as someone who demonstrated extreme bravery and resourcefulness to save her and her husband's lives.





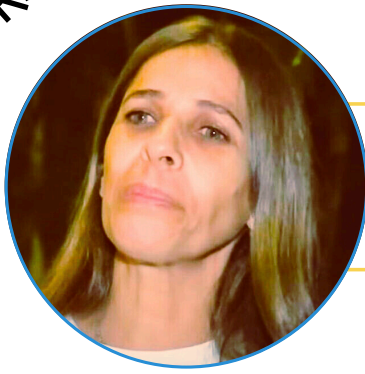
RAMI DAVIDAN

Rami is a 58-year-old farmer from a community near Gaza. He was woken up by a friend from a different community on October 7th who asked him to go save his daughter who was nearby and was in a community that had been attacked. When he left his community to go save his friend's daughter, he saw others who needed help as well. Rami posted on his community WhatsApp group asking for others to come to help him save as many people as possible and asked his sons-in-law to join him as well.

For the entire day, Rami drove back and forth between the area where people needed help and a safe location where he brought those he had rescued. He rescued over 750 people that day who needed to be brought from the dangerous areas that they were in. During this time, Rami too encountered many dangerous scenarios but did not stop, utilizing his energy to continue his mission, to save as many people as possible. He was chosen to light a torch in Israel's official Yom Haatzmaut ceremony because of his bravery.

Rami's nephew, Oz, also saved 120 people that day through similar rescue missions.





NASREEN YOUSEF

Nasreen Yousef is a Druze mother of four who lives in the mostly Jewish village of Moshav Yated, just 2.5 miles from the Israeli border with Gaza. Yousef learned about the Hamas attacks taking place on the morning of October 7 and went outside of her home to confront the terrorists that began to approach.

She spoke to them in Arabic, convincing them that she was on their side. She brought the terrorists into her home, giving them food and water, and holding them off from being able to enter her community. When the IDF began to arrive, she secretly passed on intelligence to them about what she had learned about Hamas's plans. Thanks to her help, the IDF was able to capture all of the terrorists that entered Moshav Yated and no members of the community were harmed.

Nasreen and her family continue to support Israel, with her husband serving in the IDF in Gaza. Her story has made it around the world, though Nasreen says she never wanted to be a hero - she just wanted to protect her home and her community.

