



LIOR LEVY, AGE 19

Lior Levy was born in Dimona and was the second of 4 siblings. At the age of 18, she joined the IDF and served as a soldier in the Home Front Command, which is responsible for preparing Israel's civilians for crises and for assisting during crises. She was killed while serving on her base on the morning of October 7, 2023.

Lior loved to cook, making pasta in rosé sauce and tea biscuit cakes that she used to bring back to the base for her friends. As a teenager, Lior was always looking for ways to help others. She dreamed of being a doctor and joined the Magen David Adom ambulance service at the age of 14 as a volunteer in order to help others and learn more about the medical field. Even after joining the army, Lior continued to volunteer for MDA, and her co-volunteers described her as someone who cared deeply about the patients and interacted with them with professionalism while treating them like family.

- What specific traits can you learn from Lior's life?
- What can Lior's life teach you about the impact a teenager can have on the world around them?





YONATAN ELAZARI, AGE 19

Yonatan Elazari was born in Alon Shvut, Israel, and was one of 5 siblings. On the morning of October 7th, Yonatan was celebrating Simchat Torah at his pre-army Yeshiva in the city of Ofakim, near the Gaza border. While he was only in basic training for the army, Yonatan tried to defend the city of Ofakim from terrorists that had entered the city. Although he did not have a gun, he tried to use rocks to keep the terrorists from hurting others and eventually used the gun of an injured police officer to try to keep the terrorists away until he was killed.

His mother described her son as "mischievous, sweet, sweet, sweet, just a heartbreaker of a kid, with curls, light, laughing eyes, and always a smile — he was always happy. He dreamed of being a fighter, he was gentle and sensitive but he was very physical, he was into extreme, he did rock climbing and also archery," she said. "He was all bravery and all gentleness, exuberant joy and playfulness," his father wrote in a eulogy. "Full of initiative and originality and with his charm winning over all those around him to fall in love with him and want to be near him. He was a loyal friend who would always jump to help, just as he jumped into battle naturally with bravery and died a hero's death in a battle that stopped a terrorist cell in Ofakim."

- What specific traits can you learn from Yonatan's life?
- What can Yonatan's life teach you about the impact a teenager can have on the world around them?

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Master SGT. (Res.) Noam Slotki, 31, & SGT. First Glass Yishay Slotki, 24

Brothers Noam and Yishay Slotki grew up in Israel in a family of 9. Noam served as a combat medic, and Yishay was a soldier in the Oded Brigade. On the morning of October 7th, the brothers realized the extent of the attack and traveled to the Gaza border area to help even before they were called by the army. According to their father, "They understood that there was a need to help Israel immediately, that the army was not able to arrive at that time to save the towns near Gaza, and they took on the task themselves. Like many others, they enlisted for this task on their own and without being called... it's really an incredible thing — the spirit of heroism, the spirit of responsibility, dedication to the people of Israel."

Both men grew up with a deep love of the land of Israel, Am Yisrael, and their families. They were known for having a lot of energy as teenagers, but as they grew up, they learned to use their energy to work on themselves and accomplish what was important to them.

Noam lived in Beersheba, worked in Tel Aviv, studied at university, and with his wife, Adi, raised their son, Netta Yehuda, who was born just 16 months ago. His grandmother, Hadassah, remembers how Noam would travel to Tel Aviv by train, ride on a scooter to his workplace, and occasionally pop in to visit her and his grandfather on his way home, despite his hectic schedule. He also found time to work out in the gym and run long distances.

Yishay hopped from school to school as a teenager. Yishay had a heard of gold. Regardless of where he went, he developed many close friendships with others. Yishay had a heart of gold and a large group of good friends. When their close friend died of an allergic attack, he and his twin brother Yonatan took it upon themselves to support the family, phoning and visiting them constantly.

Noam and Yishay both left behind a wife and a child.

- What specific traits can you learn from Noam and Yishay's lives?
- What can you learn from Noam's and Yishay's commitment to the land of Israel and the people of Israel?

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