**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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# Menachem Kalmanson

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**אזהרת תוכן:**
הספרון מדבר על אירועי ה-7 באוק׳.
מומלץ לכיתות ז׳ ומעלה.
יש להפעיל שיקול דעת.

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This booklet is about Oct. 7th.
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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.

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.

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

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**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**.

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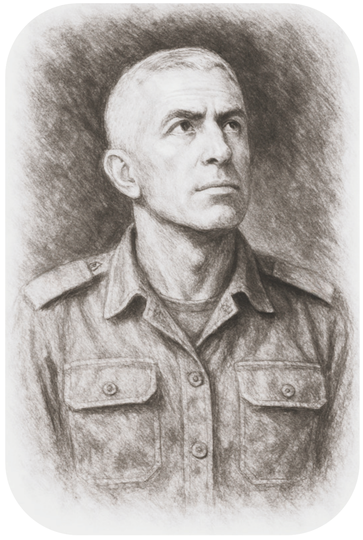
**each** - (אחד) כל **fighting** - נלחמו
**people** - אנשים **rescued** - הצילו **safe** - בטוח

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.

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**each** - (פעם) כל **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**.

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**.

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

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**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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