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Let's Connect: Three Sisters Making a Difference

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AMIR: Hey, Shalom and good morning from CONNECT in Galilee in Israel. I'm Amir Tsarfati and this is *Let's Connect*. We want to connect people around the world with the people in Israel, with the land of Israel, with the story of Israel, but

with the God of Israel, the Messiah of Israel, and the Book of books, the Bible. And of course, today we have a very special trio, three sisters that will take me in a very nostalgic journey back to the very beginning of my journey with the Lord. We're going to go all the way back to 1990. And I remember that that's when I got to know you as believers. So I want to welcome Ayelet, Sheli and Naomi. The three of you are sisters in the Lord, but you're also sisters. Ayelet, Naomi and Sheli And I'm kind of embarrassed to say that I've known you, Ayelet, for...

AYELET: ...From fourth grade, Amir. [On couch, Ayelet sits on left]

AMIR: From fourth grade! So over 40 years. Welcome to CONNECT. And the aim of *Let's*



Connect is, of course, to connect with people, but also with you guys. It's to connect to a special people from a special place with a special story. And this is how I view you. You're part of a very

important chapter in my life. And we go back to 1990, because this is when I was about to put an end to my life. You know, I was very desperate. I was very depressed. And I lived in a foster home for most of my childhood. And so, I never really had parents with me. And I thought there is no hope in the world. And right at the night that I was about to do it, now I know God just shook me,

and I decided to give the “world, the universe,” one last chance. And the next day is when I found out that my good friends from fourth grade are actually not just special and good people and different than others, but they are actually messianic believers, Jewish Israelis that live in Israel, that believe in Yeshua, and believe in the Old and the New Testament. And I remember my first visit to Yad HaShmuna where you guys are from I was shocked at the contrast between where I came from and what I am seeing now. And I don’t think people needed to talk to me. I think that everything around the music, the people, the kindness, and of course their approach to the Bible was so different that it caused me to ask more and want to be more around you and want to visit you.

And before I knew it, I remember, it is your mother that answered a question that I had. She said, I mean, I said, “So why do you have to pray in the name of Yeshua? Every time you pray, you end up with B’Shem Yeshua, in the name of Yeshua, in the name of Jesus. Why do you have to do that? Isn’t God enough?” And your mom said, “Why don’t you ask God to show you who Yeshua is?” So I went back home, and I wrote on a piece of paper, “God, please show me who Yeshua is.” I put it on the wall. I knelt down like a “religious” person, and I read from that piece of paper. The next morning I woke up and I went to work. Remember, I worked in a grocery store [AYELET: Sure, I remember] before school every day. And so I opened the newspaper of that day, and it says in big, bold, Hebrew capital letters, “YESHUA,” in *Yediot Achronot*, the number one newspaper in Israel. It was *The Jesus Film* of Campus Crusade in Jerusalem in a regular, Orion cinema, in a regular movie theater in the heart of Jerusalem. It was there for a few days only. And I went to see it with, I think, Erez also. I don’t know if you were with us here. [AYELET: I also

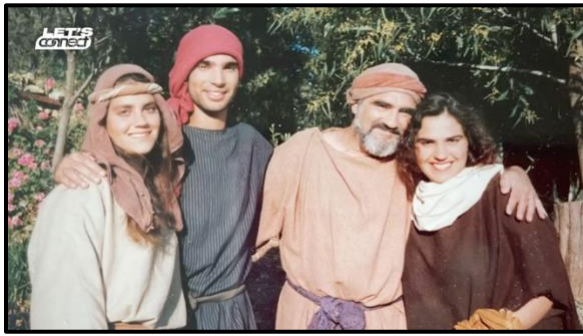
did] And at the end of that movie, I prayed to accept Him to my heart. Everything, all the pieces



of the puzzle came together for me. And that's when everything began, basically.

And when I was kicked out of the house as a result of my faith, I moved to Yad HaShmona a few weeks later and I got to know you even better.

I've known you for years because you were related to Ayelet, but even you, I didn't know that



well. And by the way, I've known you before you had your little brother.

AYELET: That's right.

AMIR: Yochai was not even born yet. And so you are part of my very beginning, and I will never,

ever forget that. And God has taken each and every one of you to a different direction. Ayelet, tell us a little bit about what you're doing and what is it that you remember from those days?

AYELET: So, I'm so happy to hear you telling this story. I remember it from my perspective, as you said, I remember you from a very young age. And when we were together you were always a happy child. We were believers at Yad HaShmona. We were different than anyone else. We shared with a few close friends, but not openly as the generation of believers today [do]. And I grew up in Yad HaShmona, a small, messianic Moshav Shitufi Communal village in Israel with my sisters. My father and the other Israelis, together with the Finnish people, were pioneers. They wanted to build in Israel an establishment, a village of believers that would be a testimony.

AMIR: It's sort of like a kibbutz.

AYELET: Right, very similar to a kibbutz.

AMIR: And it was established originally by people from Finland [AYELET: Exactly] who felt guilty for expediting eight Jews to the hands of the Nazis, of which one survived, if I'm not mistaken.

AYELET: One survived. That's why we are called Yad HaShmona.

AMIR: The memorial for the eight. Yad HaShmona. And so then Israeli believers joined.

AYELET: Israeli believers joined. And together we were really a living village of believers that Israelis can come and go. They can come and stay at our small humble hotel and eat at Yad HaShmona and tour. And the families are together. It's a really living community of believers. Very special one. The only one, not just in Israel. I many times like to say it's the only one in the world where you have a moshav in Israel that is known for the fact that there are believers in Yeshua.

AMIR: Yes, Jews and Gentiles and the glue is the Messiah. And I remember those were the good old days. [AYELET: Yes] when—I remember while I was there in the very beginning, the Gulf War started.

AYELET: That's right.

AMIR: And I just joined the military. [AYELET: Me too] Yes, you too. [AYELET: Same age] Exactly. And I remember watching from our place the rockets falling on Tel Aviv area.



AYELET: And the Patriots [missiles] trying to hit them back.

AMIR: So Saddam Hussein was launching scud missiles, and the American Patriot missiles were trying to, obviously, intercept them. And...

AYELET: ...We saw them many times missing each other from Yad HaShmona.

AMIR: So, when we talk about the current war and rockets and missiles, we've been already introduced to a war when they tried to destroy us with rockets from far away. [AYELET: That's right]



AMIR: And I remember, this is when I started walking with the Lord and getting to know the Word of God. And with you, Sheli, [seated in middle of sisters] from a young age, you were into music. And I even remember many, many years

ago, we even wrote a song together.

SHELI: Yes, we did. Yes, we did. I remember that song. We took Scripture verses, and we decided to write some melody for it so that we can remember these beautiful verses.

AMIR: Yeah, because I used to sing with you. All three of you were part of the choir of the Moshav. And we used to sing for tourists that came to visit.



SHELI: And our father, Arie Bar David, that many people know were the daughters of Arie and Esther. He was in charge of the choir, and he used to teach us, and he was very strict with all of us, you included. [AMIR: Exactly] You had a solo

part in some of our songs.

AMIR: Yes, I remember that. And later on, we even recorded some CDs with some Israeli local messianics. And Naomi, one of the things that characterizes many Israelis, Israeli believers, is they're longing to show the land to the people through the lens of a believer.



NAOMI: Yes, exactly.

AMIR: And you became a tour guide.

NAOMI: Yes, actually, I started when I was in the army. I was a teacher-soldier. There's a unit called Teacher-Soldiers. And what we did, we

used to take children from school for hikes around the country. And the idea is that if the children know the country and they love the country, then they will grow up and they will know what they're fighting for. So the education is part of the army. The army is part of the nation in Israel. It's not separate. It's not two different things. And then right after the army, Arie, my father, wanted to start to study in university. And he convinced me, he told me, "I'm going to learn in a tour guide course. And why won't you join me?" So me and my father, we did tour guide course together. And basically, this is what I did for the last 25 years.



AMIR: Tour guide, I mean, this is how I started. You know, in my case, I was the deputy governor of Jericho at the time. And then we were about to hand over Jericho to the Palestinians. It was a very secret thing because the whole negotiation of the

Palestinians was still secretive. And then the minute the Oslo Accords was signed, it was first Jericho and Gaza that were handed over to the Palestinians. So, I was in charge of taking all the delegations, from ambassadors and generals and foreign ministers, I was the one who guided them throughout the Jericho area to show them what it is. And of course, I was heavily talking about the biblical story of Jericho.

But the bottom line is I could see the power that the tour guide has in shaping the understanding of people that are listening to him. And I thought, this is what I want to do. I want to be like the ambassador of my country in a different shape and form. I'll never be maybe a real ambassador. But every one of us who represents the country and shows the country to the people is, of course, doing it in his own way.

And Sheli, God gifted you with not only a great voice, but also the ability and the talent to write music. And when did that start and what did it take you to do?

SHELI: So, I went to music school for many, many years. And actually, the year that I finished music school was when I started writing worship songs. And you know, the Hebrew text is not very simple. It's not easy. It's ancient Hebrew, the Bible. And very often we find ourselves having to read a little bit of the English context to understand what the Hebrew says. And so I made a commitment to compose music to Hebrew Scriptures and helping our generation to memorize the verses, but to also understand them in context. And I've stayed committed to that. I'm not the only one. There are other musicians in the land that do this. And we're very much a group of musicians.

AMIR: Yes, but you have emerged into a—I can say that, maybe you will not say that—into a leading voice in the messianic body here in the music. I think in every concert that there is, you're



one of those that are right in the center. And in some parts you're leading, in some other parts it's your songs that you're singing.

SHELI: It's true. And we really work to be a team, to do this together. There's one thing we found about Israel is that we need each other. I think it's true about every believer in the world, but I think we know it more in this context. We really do need each other. Encouragement and

strengthening, because it's a tough country, and it's a tough place to be in. And so when we have a team of musicians, we actually can share ideas, and we also love to compose together. Someone gets a verse; another person gets a chorus, and we really like to get it.

AYELET: Original, local music to the Hebrew words.

AMIR: And the Bible says, "Sing to the Lord a new song." And you're very fertile. You're very creative and there's always more and more and it's new and it's beautiful. And I know my father-in-law used to be the chairman of the Messianic Jewish Alliance of Israel. And he started this whole live recordings of albums from Harvest of Music. And of course, our entire family fell in love with all of that.

But I'll go back to 1995, and I just finished my military service. And I already got to know Miriam, my future wife, at the time. And Israel 1995, the summer of 1995, [there was a] huge forest fire near Yad HaShmona that threatened to consume the whole place.

AYELET: The whole place.

AMIR: Because a place that was built by people from Finland, built mostly made of wood. And it was a huge fire and thankfully it stopped right there before it arrived and consumed the place. And I remember we were on a journey in Finland. How many of you were on that journey?

AYELET: All of us.

NAOMI: I wasn't on this one because I was in the army.

AMIR: Exactly. So the two of you. And that's why you were not in that concert in Jerusalem also. So right after we toured Finland and sang there to the people, it was May of '95. And Paul Wilbur came to Jerusalem with Integrity Music, and they recorded his famous album, *Shalom Jerusalem*. And the three of us were actually...

Ayelet: ... singing on the stage with him.

AMIR: Exactly. You were in the front singers, and we were in the choir behind. I looked like a jumping frog. [Showing video replay of concert] You know, we're going to show the people now how it looked like because it was funny. We were so excited.

AYELET: It was one of the most professional productions we've ever seen in the land.

AMIR: Exactly. And I hate to say that people got used to the professional level nowadays that they don't appreciate it as much as we did then. And it was phenomenal. And so we sang together. I sang a couple more albums together with you, but then life took me to a different place. You, Sheli, stayed with music. Naomi, you went to tour guiding. And Ayelet, if Naomi was doing a national project of showing people the land and Sheli became an international level of taking the music from the land to the world, God called you [Ayelet] to actually manage the place, to be in charge of the managerial committee of the place of Yad HaShmona. And tell us a little bit of how important Yad HaShmona is for the body of Christ and for Israelis in general.

AYELET: So I am the head of the Yad HaShmona management committee for quite a few years, almost 18 years now. And over the years, we have seen something amazing where we have tens of thousands of Israelis that come to Yad HaShmona. And they can hear about who we are, our faith, our identity as Israeli local Sabarim... Sabra, [AMIR: Yes] that believe in Yeshua as the Israeli Jewish Messiah of our people. And it's a very important thing in our country. It's a very



important place and identity. And I can say that this thing where we can not only live together as a community, which is very special. And we've seen now with the kibbutzim in the south how important a community is for one another. It's an Israeli

concept. A lot of countries don't quite know it. But it really holds people together. And in Yad

HaShmona, we live like that for quite a long time. And what becomes the testimony is not what you say, the fact that you share about your faith, but it's really the way you live. And I think you sense that a little bit, where people feel something different. It's a simple place. It's not fancy, but very genuine believers that live there together. And we just pray that God would open doors for even much more in the future.

AMIR: Exactly. And I think Yad HaShmona is emerging to a place that for the local believers, it's a place of conferences and camps, summer camps and a place for events. But for the rest of the Israelis, you are offering three main things. You have a hotel. You've got what we call a biblical garden, where you are basically showing replicas of things from the time of the Bible and explaining things of how the time of the Bible things used to be like a watchtower, like a threshing floor, like an ancient tomb and all of those things. But you also open the place for events. People can get married. People have bar mitzvahs. People have...

AYELET: ...They come for a brunch. [AMIR: Brunch] And they enjoy the food, the weather, the view.

AMIR: And while they are there, they're asking, "So what is this place all about?" And you guys are open to share about your faith. And that's the beauty. I think that when we got married, it was literally 45 minutes before the last paving stone was placed.

AYELET: The cement was still fresh.

AMIR: Yeah. And you were the first to get married there from our generation.

AYELET: Right.

AMIR: And I remember that. And then, wow, it's amazing how this place is still there as an anchor for the body of Christ in Israel.

But now, you know, our country is undergoing a national trauma right now. And I'm going to ask you each, where did October 7th catch you? Where were you? And how did it change your perspective of things as Israelis, and as believers? Because people will never understand the enormous effect of this trauma. We're not a post-traumatic nation. We are a nation that is still undergoing the trauma. It'll take us probably 30, 40, 50 years to—Hopefully, we're not here anymore but—to even try to heal from that national trauma. People don't understand that this is a modern-day Holocaust that we went through, you know.

So, let's start with you, Naomi. Tell me about October 7th and where did it catch you and your family and all of that.

NAOMI: So October 7, of course, was Saturday morning. And I was preparing. We were taking turns in our congregation to lead the praise and worship in the morning before the message. And I was preparing. That's why I got up earlier on Shabbat morning. And suddenly we start to hear the alarms. And my husband was coming back home and said something is happening. And we opened the news. And we start to hear all this terrible news that are coming in. Horrible pictures that we never saw before. And I remember myself looking at that. And I knew that my daughter, she was just released from her army service. And then I knew that if there will be a war, she will be called. And I was calling out to her, you know, "Open the phone because maybe someone will message you." And it seems to me...

AMIR: ...I mean, other mothers would have said, "Turn off your phone." You told her, "Turn on your phone."

NAOMI: Yes. Yes. Well, apparently, this is the way I remember it. But apparently she already got the message from the army, from the reserve duty and she was getting ready. And it seems to me like in 10 minutes, she was already with her uniforms and going out the door. And for me as a

mother that know that my daughter is going out to the unknown, and all these horrible things are happening; it was very difficult. [voice softens, saddens as she reflects] [AMIR: Sure.] Yes.

AMIR: Because you know, the first day, that day, the slaughter was taking place for so many hours that anyone who left his home at 8 or 9 a.m. is still going to the inferno, to the unimaginable slaughter.

NAOMI: And as they were driving down there, they saw terrible things. The cars that were shot and burned. [AMIR: The bodies...] Yes, everything was so horrible. I remember that one of the prayers that I had from the first day is, of course, that God will protect her, her body and her life. But even more than that, that God will protect her heart and her spirit that she will not have like traumatic experience from that. But also to keep our hearts that we will not have hate. Because it's so easy to hate what is happening around you. And I think it's something very important.

AMIR: [Deep sigh] And Sheli, what about you? I know that for you, it was also a turn of events in many ways.

SHELI: I was basically in the music arena in Israel for many, many years. And I decided four or five years prior to that, to go to study, to go back to school. After raising my five children, the youngest one was old enough for me to leave the house and get involved more.

AMIR: You're the youngest of the three and yet you were the first to be a grandma.

SHELI: That's right. [Laughter] Yes, our oldest daughter had a baby, so I am a grandma.

AMIR: Okay, it depresses me to think that I've known you since you were a kid. and now we're talking about your grandchildren.

SHELI: So after your wedding, my husband looked at you and he said, "This suit that he's wearing, I'm going to use it for my wedding." And so we came to you and asked you for the suit and the tie.

AMIR: And I gave it to you. [SHELI: Yes] You got married with a husband that wore my wedding suit.

SHELI: Yes! Yes! And your tie. [Laughter]

AYELET: You have to save money.

AMIR: I know, I know. I remember that. And I'm thankful.

SHELI: And so I went to school, and I had just finished being a parenthood counselor. So four and a half years of school and I just got my degree in the mail. And I saw this horrific news going on and my husband immediately told me, he said, "I'm getting ready to do my part," which is international speaking on behalf of Israel and the Hostages Family Committee that was structured two weeks after October 7th. And I thought, "What can I do?" And then I sent word out and I said, "If anybody needs a parenthood counselor, you can contact me. You can contact me." And within days, the phone was flooding with requests from different locations in the country, from the northern kibbutzim that had to be moved back and from the south of people that had to—

AMIR: Evacuees.

SHELI: Evacuees, yes. And from that moment on, until today, I see five families every day, five days every week, of course. And I give parenthood counseling, and it was for free for three months because I just wanted to bring everyone on. And then some very generous Christian people said, "We'll support it. Just have people keep coming." And they're still supporting this endeavor. And we're very grateful, but we need to grow. You know, there's a team now of other counselors and we're hoping to be able to really grow to meet the need.

AMIR: You see, a lot of people, you know, they ask me, "How can we help in your war effort?" And it's so easy to give them a list, a "shopping list" of bulletproof vests and goggles and this and that. Many people don't understand that one of the greatest needs of the Israelis nowadays is

actually going through treatment. Because the amount of trauma that mostly the kids, but also the parents are going through is phenomenal. It's enormous. And so, in the lower third of the screen right now, we're going to put all the details for how people can help that particular need in order to help people like you and others that obviously you've got a moral compass that is driven from your faith also, which is important because I hate to think of what type of other counseling people might give. But it's important that people like you will be there. And so this is important. And I'm



so grateful that God took you to that journey because your life changed basically. And now that's your main occupation. So music became secondary to this right now. Well, we still miss your music; you know that. Later on, we're going

to hear the three of you singing a song that you wrote, I think. But Ayelet, you as the director of the managing committee of Yad HaShmona, how did that event of October 7th affect you personally, but also Yad HaShmona as a community?

AYELET: So on Friday evening, the night before, we had a huge Sukkot celebration, Feast of Tabernacles, because we always do that. The last day of Sukkot we gather together, we had folk dancing and music in the background and people brought food to eat together. Everything was outside, beautiful weather. That's how we ended Sukkot. The next day after Shabbat was a holiday and 6:30 in the morning, 6:29, I remember the first sirens going off. And immediately our son, who's a combat soldier also, we woke him up. Phones are ringing. People are asking about the shelters. The news [is] coming in within an hour. We all understood that we're in a crisis, a big one. And what happened is Daniel and I, my husband and I, we have six children. We have a son in active duty at that moment and two sons-in-law that are in reserve duty. Until the end of the day,

all of them are called in, also our daughter. Until the end of the day, four of our family members are missing. But not only that, half of Yad HaShmona men are gone. And that happened one after the other. We understand that it sounded like it looked like it—we're starting a war. And Yad HaShmona is very close to the border, to the territories, just north of us.

AMIR: The border with Judea and Samaria.

AYELET: With Judea and Samaria, exactly; a kilometer and a half, which is about a mile and a little bit more. Very hostile villages. And if you remember, Yahya Sinwar called all the Muslims in Israel and outside to attack together with them. So it was very clear that we might be facing a crisis of the security of Yad HaShmona as well. So people got their weapons out. Whoever had something, we had the guard, guard the entry to Yad HaShmona. Not just us, all the kibbutzim and villages of our area were very concerned. Something amazing happened though. As the situation becomes more clear to all of us, we see on the news the numbers going up every day. We already hear from our son-in-law that went into the military base that was attacked, the first one, seeing the bodies. It was a shock. Who saw a body before that? We began to receive phone calls from people in the south that needed to escape. I mean, the south of Israel was bombed day and night at that moment. So we said...

AMIR: ...Thousands of rockets, mortars, drones...

AYELET: ...Thousands of rockets. They began to call our reception to say, "We need to escape. Can we come to Yad HaShmona?" And we said, "Yes." We said, "Let anybody that asks to come to Yad HaShmona, let's just open the gates." And that's what we did. So family, and this is how rumors move from one another in Israel, it's very fast. You call your neighbor, and you say, "I found a place. Take your car and go." Within two days, our hotel was full of families from the south.

AMIR: Evacuees from the south.

AYELET: Evacuees escaping, coming with their bags and no more than that. They came to Yad HaShmona. They discovered it's much cooler than the south of Israel. We had people from Tkuma, from Mefsalim, from later from Kiryat Shmona. We had people from Zikim. We had all these villages. We didn't even know where they are exactly on the map. People brought from their homes, sweatshirts, and blankets, and toys, and books. And very fast, a little community within our community was created of evacuees. And it was such a special time. You know, your kids are serving. You know, the neighbors' kids, the men are gone. Young mothers with babies at home. Our family, on one hand, there is the person level where you know you're in crisis somewhat, and at the same time, you take care of others. And that's the point. The point is really through it all to take care of other people, and together do something special. And those people, those evacuees lived with us for months and months. And it was such a blessing for us and for them to be together and get to know each other.

AMIR: Amazing. I remember when I asked you guys, "How can I help using our platform to direct people?" And you said, "Amir, we need to cover the needs of having those evacuees." Because, I mean, they don't have...

AYELET: ...It's extremely expensive. They have nothing. They don't have kitchens in the room. They have nothing.

AMIR: So within a few days, we raised quite a sum to help you maybe once or twice. And it worked.

AYELET: It worked.

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AMIR: And that's what I'm trying to say to people. You know, when there is a need and we post online that there is a need, that need is met directly because you guys are giving it directly to where it is needed. And it makes a *huge* difference to the local, both believers and non-believers here in the land. Maybe even somehow fulfilling the duty of the Gentiles, according to Romans 15, to support Israel with material things after they have been blessed with the spiritual things.

And so the three of you were affected by this trauma. And before we wrap things up and move to a song that the three of you will sing. And again, I wish I could join you, but I'm not ready. I haven't sung for a long time. But before we do that, is there a last thing that you want to share with people? Anything that you think people all over the world should know about what's going on here, and you think they don't. And you want to use that platform to inform them.

AYELET: I would like to tell everybody that this is an existential position that Israel is in. In the world today, the world likes to present Israel as an aggressor, as a Goliath in the story. It's a twist on the truth like never before. And we know because we're in the land. The truth is, Israel is a tiny, tiny minority in the sea of Muslims that want to destroy us. And your love and your prayers and your support and your daily connection to the God of Israel is what will protect Israel. God is in charge. And the Israeli people know that they're prayed for and supported. And just continue to do that.

AMIR: As we speak, the F-16s are taking off right now. Some of them are on the way to Gaza, some of them are on the way to Lebanon and Syria. And we're always ready to defend ourselves because—Look, we do not want to destroy Beirut or Damascus or Baghdad or even Tehran but unfortunately, people there want to destroy us. That's the story. Sheli, anything?

SHELI: You know, our heart is broken, but our spirit is strong. Our hearts are broken because what is happening is happening in our generation to our family members. Every single person in

Israel is affected by the war. Every single one of them. Our heart is broken because when we see the pain in our children's faces and it comes to us, it's the most challenging thing to face as a parent. When you see your child having to deal with the realities of war, nobody wishes that on their kids. But our spirit is strong because our spirit will receive from God Himself. And He can never be broken. And if you want to pray for our people, pray that. And it's oxymoron, right? It's a dissonance, broken hearts but strong spirit. And to pray for us as a people that the spirit will remain strong in God, not in ourselves, not in the army, not in our own strength, that we'll keep all of us serving the best way we can and be completely solid standing with God.

AMIR: It's true that our children were affected and have been affected. And I remember during the war, we had a cruise to Alaska with our followers that we had, we taught there. It was a prophecy conference. And we took our son, Elon, he was 11. And it took him hours to understand that he can go to the bathroom or take a shower without being afraid that the alarm will go off and then he will have to run. So at home, he would hold it. He would not want to go to the shower or to the bathroom, unless it was the one next to the bomb shelter.

SHELI: And what you're describing is the reality that we live in. We live in what we call "emergency routine." And it's a weird combination of words. Emergency routine. On one hand, emergency. All of us have our red alerts on our phones. We all, you know, half an ear. We're always thinking, when is it going to come up again? But the routine, because life has this power of drawing us forward and we see the season changing. We see the beautiful greenery outside.

AYELET: There is a lot of joy in the people today.

SHELI: Yeah.

AYELET: It's a very special thing.

NAOMI: You know, I just wanted to say that from a personal perspective, being a tour guide, in one day the sky closed, there were no flights, no tourists coming in. And I was, of course, affected by that and many thousands of tour guides and restaurants and hotels were affected by that. Also, Yad HaShmona, you were mentioning that we have a beautiful biblical garden with a wine press and the olive press. And we used to have so many tourists coming and touring around. But, you know, something so nice came out of it because there were no more tourists coming in.

AMIR: Now the Israelis started.

NAOMI: The Israelis group came. And the Israelis are coming to us, and they are asking us questions. Who are you? I could take groups of Israelis, and I have one hour to be with them and to guide them around and to talk about our faith because this is the unique thing about us. So I think with all the horrible things that are happening, God has a way to open opportunities for us. And also another thing that I think about that your audience, they are standing with us, and we are so grateful, really. We are grateful for that. Thank you so much. We're not alone.

AMIR: Yeah, we're not alone. I think that if there is one thing you could hear from what the three ladies here had said is (a) God is our refuge and our strength. And we are broken, but He is the lifter of our souls and our hearts, (b), we really need your prayers. And (c), we need your support. I mean, there's actual needs that need to be met. And we could use your prayer support, but also your financial support in specific places, specific areas. And we would love to also see you coming back to Israel as tourists and revive that dying industry. And now that the war is taking a twist to something that we can live with and have tours back in the land, we encourage you to book your tour, maybe with us but it depends, whoever you want to go with and visit the land. Because there's no other land that you can walk in the footsteps of Jesus. And you can literally touch the things that God ordained in order for you to understand that it is real. And every Scripture is backed up

with archaeological evidence also. So it's one thing to hear and read, one thing to see and touch. We invite you to do that.

I want to thank the three of you for being with me today. I pray and hope that *Let's Connect*, manage to connect people with our story, with our reality, with our land, with our people, with our calling, with our cause. And I think now it's the moment I waited for and to hear you together singing a song that Sheli, you wrote. Can you say a word about which song it is?

SHELI: It's called *Send Your Light, Shlach Orcha*. And the words are from the book of Psalms calling on God to turn His face toward us again. And the words are so important at this season, you know, for Him to send His light, send His truth so that we may walk after Him. He's still the Good Shepherd. He is the Good Shepherd.

AMIR: Wonderful. So let's hear *Send Your Light*, in Hebrew, *Shlach Orcha*. The three sisters, Ayelet, Sheli and Naomi. And you know, I did not mention your family names. You used to be Bar David, but now Ayele Ronen, Sheli Myers and Naomi Ben Yaar. So three sisters, now they have their husband's last name, but they're still the Bar David sisters as far as I'm concerned. And I'm so happy. You are such an important part of my life that I can never and will never forget. And we've been friends forever. And even when we don't see each other often, the next time we see each other, we just continue from the last time. So pray for them, pray for their families, pray for Yad HaShmona, pray for the music in Israel, pray for the needs of the families in the land of Israel, pray for tourism, pray for the soldiers and the believers in the land of Israel. And now, *Shlach Orcha*. Thank you and God bless you.

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