Dear Roman and team,

Thanks for writing and for thinking of us. We are overwhelmed and thank you for your kind words. Sharing a little of what we have been going through since yesterday morning. Please feel free to share and pray.

We are all still shocked and digesting the terrible news, but we are strong and optimistic. Family members and friends, including our son and daughter, were recruited to the army starting yesterday morning, and we are all full of concern and prayer for their safe return.

Unfortunately, we have family members and friends who are still missing, among them the son of our beloved cousin, the brother-in-law of the wonderful Sheli Riter from our office and Yahav Winner, a young filmmaker we work with, a newly father and the husband of a filmmaker who just returned from San Sebastian IFF with her new film.

The phones were opened yesterday during Shabbat and we were informed about the recruitments. The news slowly seeped in. Women, children, and the elderly were murdered and kidnapped by Hamas and unfortunately many of the horrible moments are documented on social media, and I will not share them here.

A close friend who lives on the southern border, told me over the phone about the moments of horror in which 8 of her friends were killed and two boys were kidnapped. My daughter's friends in the city of Sderot were in a closet for 26 hours when terrorists roamed the house. She is now safe.

We are strong and hurting, and greatly appreciate your support. We pray for the safety of the kidnapped and missing wounded, and call on you, the international community, to raise a cry for the return of the hostages.

Sincerely, Hedva In Jerusalem, Oct. 8, 2023

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