

# SAVING ABIGAIL

## *The True Story Of The Abduction And Rescue Of A Three-Year-Old Hostage*

By Liz Hirsh Naftali

*A powerful, gut-wrenching, and deeply personal real-life account of one family's harrowing journey through the tragedies of the October 7, 2023 Hamas massacre.*

### **Saving Abigail Synopsis:**

Saving Abigail is a true story about a little girl taken hostage by Hamas on the morning of October 7, 2023, after thousands of terrorists breached Israel by land, sea, and air. That day, Hamas slaughtered 1,200 men, women, and children, and 246 innocent people were dragged across the border into Gaza against their will. Among them was three-year-old Abigail Mor Edan, whose border community was ransacked by fighters going from house to house and killing, raping, and abducting civilians from their homes. Abigail's mother and father were murdered in front of their children, and Abigail—the youngest—was abducted. With no prior experience or road map for how to save a hostage from captivity, Abigail's great-aunt Liz Hirsh Naftali undertook an international effort to share her niece's face and story—with the US government, bipartisan congressional leaders, and world leaders—finding unlikely allies and supporters along the way. Though not a diplomat, politician, or military expert, Liz was determined to extricate this child from an ongoing geopolitical nightmare and free her from the Hamas terrorists who held her.



### **About the Author:**

Liz Hirsh Naftali is the great-aunt of Abigail Mor Edan, a three-year-old who was held hostage in Gaza for fifty-one days. Abigail was kidnapped by Hamas terrorists on October 7, 2023 from her community, Kfar Aza, after her parents were both murdered in front of her by Hamas terrorists. In the wake of that attack, Naftali became a fervent advocate working for the release of the hostages. Even after Abigail's release on November 26, she remains dedicated to working for all those who remain in captivity in Gaza.

Naftali is a business woman and the host and creator of The Capitol Coffee Connection podcast, a platform where she invites prominent, diverse leaders to talk about the common thread that binds us all together—our shared experiences, stories, and the very essence of our heart and humanity—leaving out politics and policy. Naftali is the mother of five children and has lived between Israel and the US since 1992.

### **Abigail's Story:**

On October 7, 2023, during a brutal Hamas attack on kibbutz Kfar Aza adjacent to the Gaza Strip, Abigail Mor Edan's mother, Smadar, was shot and killed while trying to protect Abigail and her siblings. Her father, Roe, was murdered as he ran with Abigail, just three-years old, in his arms. She was later taken hostage by Hamas, along with a neighbor's family, after her miraculous escape. Her siblings, Michael and Amalia, hid in a closet for 14 hours until they were rescued by special forces. Abigail was an orphaned hostage for 51 days and turned four in captivity before she was released.

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