



# IN EVERY GENERATION

## As If They Are Exiting Be'eri

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### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. In the last paragraph, Chen Artzi Srur gives her own vision of hope for the future based on the present reality. What do you imagine when you think of hope for the future?
2. What do you think will come out of the events of October 7?
3. How will we shape the memory of this time?

By Chen Artzi Srur

The entirety of the Jewish story is anchored in our obligation to remember. A living memory. A memory that we are committed to act upon.

In every generation, we uphold the Pesach mitzvah: “And you shall tell your children.” This duty and obligation to tell the story of the Exodus was given in real time, when the enslaved Israelites, who would soon become a people, were in the midst of their redemption. It is a deep understanding of a pivotal moment as it is happening: The story must be told and retold as a turning point in the history of the Jewish people and the world. (...)

What will come from the disaster of October 7? What will be innovated after all the systems, concepts, and beliefs were shattered in the face of boundless cruelty? The way we will shape the memory of these days will define what we will become. We are the witnesses of this reality, the storytellers, the guardians of the memory. We will connect these puzzle pieces. The way we shape the story and preserve it will define how we can be reborn as a nation: a stronger, safer nation, with more solidarity. Not a nation based in terror, but in strength.

While living our illusion we forgot that we are partners in a covenant of fate, we were of course not ready to think of a shared destiny. After October 7, both of these parameters can no longer be neglected. We are partners in a single fate, whether we deny it or not. Our duty is to find a shared purpose to validate our being. We will have to look for it together, whether we want to or not. Our struggle is not just for the security of the State of Israel, but the concept of “Israeliness,” its beauty and strength. A concept that can emerge only from the cultural contexts that we will weave in the days to come.

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Every person must see themselves as if they exited Be'eri. Kfar Aza. Sderot. Ofakim. To remember and not to forget until their last day. Not to nurture fear, on the contrary, but to instill hope. The elderly will return to the lawns of Be'eri. The streets of Sderot will once again be filled with children playing. The burnt houses will be painted again. The tomatoes will be picked. The existential threat will be removed. This is not a prophecy meant to comfort us. It is a plan of action.