Survivor of October 7 Hamas Attacks on Israel to Speak at URI
Monday, September 23 at 5 pm

Irene Shavit, 23, a survivor of the October 7 Hamas attacks in Israel, will share her story of survival, resilience, and hope on Monday, September 23 at 5 pm at URI Hillel, 6 Quarry Rd. Kingston, RI.

Shavit grew up in Bitzaron, an agricultural community (moshav) in southern Israel. She volunteered for a year of service in the Israeli towns and kibbuzim surrounding the Gaza Strip and served as an officer in the army. She and her fiance Netta moved together to Kibbutz Kfar Aza, on the border of the Gaza Strip.

On October 7, 2023, when Hamas terrorists infiltrated Kfar Aza, Irene and Netta hid in the safe room of their apartment. At 7 am they received the news that Netta's grandmother was murdered at the entrance to her home. Two hours later, they received the bitter news that his uncle, Ofir Libstein, the head of the kibbutz security council, had been murdered as well.

At 11:30 am, the terrorists broke into Irene and Neta's apartment and threw grenades into the safe room. Netta jumped on the last one to save Irene and was murdered on the spot. Irene hid with Netta's body under the bed while the room was on fire and the terrorists were in the living room, until she was rescued by the Israeli Defense Forces, around 4:30 pm.

Shavit is part of the "Faces of October 7" project, an initiative that brings Israeli survivors of the October 7 Hamas attacks to communities around the world to bear witness, inspire empathy, and share stories of resilience. Since October 2023, survivors have appeared in 200 communities and on 85 college campuses.

Shavit's appearance at URI is co-sponsored by URI Hillel and URI Chabad. RSVP here. (https://forms.gle/1GprZZC9giZeoTwn7) Check-in required at the door.


NETTA EPSTEIN
was brutally murder
in this house
7.10 יזכור

