**Eitan Frankl**

Kibbutz Nirim

“On October 7th at 6:30am, I was already awake, after a sleepless night. When I heard the rockets, I opened the news to see what’s happening. For about an hour I was simultaneously watching the news and running to the safe room when the sirens went off. At this point I didn’t know there were terrorists in the area. After an hour, I started to understand that there were terrorists in the kibbutz. My wife and I hid in the safe room for several hours until the IDF arrived and rescued us from our house to the kibbutz community hall, where we hid for 20 more hours with 400 other people. At this point we started to understand the severity of what was happening. On Sunday, October 8th, we were evacuated to Eilat with a bus. On our way, we witnessed the horror pictures from the Nova Festival.”