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The Antisemitism He Never Thought He'd See Again



AMIR: Hey Shalom everyone, I'm Amir Tsarfati here from CONNECT in the Jezreel Valley in Galilee, Israel. And welcome to another Anchor Podcast. Our faith gives us hope and that hope is an anchor to our souls. And today with me is Uri Raveh,

an Israeli that went through a journey, a journey of faith, but a journey that many Israelis probably found themselves going through ever since October 7th. A journey from having been born as a secular, liberal Israeli, all the way through the atrocities of October 7th, to the realization that things that he grew up with and understood as a child and also as a grown up, are totally different in light of what happened to the people of Israel in the land of Israel less than three years ago, an event that shook the world, shook us as a nation, but also shook Uri's life and brought upon him an amazing transformation. So without further ado, Shalom, Uri Raveh, and you're an Israeli that lives in Milano, in Milan, in Italy. So tell us a little bit about the journey of an Israeli that was born in Tel Aviv to a secular, liberal-Israeli Jewish family, all the way to the big world of Milano in Italy.

URI: Thank you, Amir, and thank you for hosting me on the show. Yes, I was born to a secular family in Tel Aviv. One might say the classic Ashkenazi Israeli. My parents grew up in Haifa, voted Labor practically all their lives, moved to Tel Aviv where I was born and yeah, my life was completely inside what I now see as the bubble of the central Gush Dan-Tel Aviv bubble, the center of Israel where being a secular Jew is the norm, where a lot of things that I now see as part

of really being a part of the Jewish people were not exactly mainstream. And my story is pretty simple.

AMIR: A lot of people don't know that in Tel Aviv, Tel Aviv is like the, I guess, the New York of Israel in a way. It's like if you want to be a person of the whole world, of the globe, then this is where you want to live. It's a city that is a little bit, kind of disconnected. They say that "in Jerusalem you pray and in Tel Aviv you play." And I guess this is how people feel like when they come to Tel Aviv, the beach and the secular feel that everything is okay, everything is accepted, everything is allowed. And so That's where you came from. And It's kind of where people kind of try to disconnect themselves from their Jewish heritage and wanted to be the citizens of the big world. Am I right?

URI: Yes, but I would say It's not a conscious decision. It's not trying to disconnect. It was normal. The normal life of a secular Jew in Tel Aviv is that you are part of a global Western world, that we are okay, we're in the Middle East, we have wars and everything, but we are part of the Western world. And That's completely where our natural position should be. And that part, being that part of the Western world means being secular, means adopting certain viewpoints about political viewpoints.

Now I see them as completely globalist. I wouldn't say "woke" at the time, it was not a word, but they were definitely progressive worldviews that were the norm. And they are still the norm in Tel Aviv. Now I moved to Italy when I was 21. I served in the military, then I went abroad to study architecture. I moved to Milano; I was a young person here; I stayed; I studied architecture in Milano; I met my wife and I became that citizen of the world that seemed completely natural to me. And my understanding of that impossibility of being that person or citizen of the world came much later. And especially it dawned on me, especially after October 7th with the explosion of

antisemitism in the world, etc. But we'll get to that. What I'm saying is that when I was in Israel, I was the normal Israeli. That's how I perceived myself. I wasn't trying to disconnect from myself from any Jewish heritage. It was just the norm.



AMIR: Yeah, so you have a vantage point of both an Israeli that understands the situation and Israel, that understands a complexity of things here in the Middle East, but also as a European citizen, not just a visitor, not a tourist, but a citizen, someone who lives there, works there, who got married there, who's raising his family there. And so you have a very unique perspective because you can see both angles at the same time. And I guess what you were trying to say is that in the beginning, everything fits great. I mean, whatever you grew up with found its natural continuity in that place where you moved into. But then, of course, your eyes were opened to understand that maybe you thought you were the citizens of the world, and that being a Jew was not as important, and will never be held against you in a way. But I guess reality hit you pretty bad or pretty hard. Am I right?

URI: Yes, definitely. Okay, we can talk about October 7th and that, like really realization...

AMIR: ...Absolutely, we're going there.

URI: I think it started before. Look, when we grew up, we had this in Israel, it was always this theological kind of question. How was the Shoah possible? How was the Holocaust possible? It was some sort of question that had no answer. Well, after October 7th, I think I received my answer loud and clear. Being here and understanding how the population here reacted after October 7th, right when we thought they would come and understand us. And what we got was the exact opposite. But even before that, I think I started to realize that even though I was a secular Jew,

when you look at me, I don't think you can tell I'm a Jew, okay? I don't wear kippa, I don't practice. I speak perfect Italian. I'm pretty good in languages, even though now I might be faltering with my English. But you don't see it on me. But every now and again, people can tell because maybe you're tired, your language is not that perfect, and people ask you where you're from. And I would say I'm from Israel and sometimes I would get that look. And we know as Jews that anti-Semitism exists but we thought it was buried six feet under. It was very, very in the background. We thought we've passed that. We thought that the Holocaust kind of brought this terrible thousands of years of story to an end and that It's over. Okay? We have our State and we don't have to suffer anti-Semitism in the world anymore and that the world understood. But you used to get all these tiny little signals of people understanding that you're Jewish or understanding that you're Israeli. Or there are tiny jokes in Italian, you say a "rabbi" to someone that is cheap, that is attached to money. That's what they call it, a rabbi. So all these kind of things...

AMIR: What is the word in Italian?

URI: Rabino.

AMIR: So when someone is cheap, they call him Rabino?

URI: Yes. Yes, exactly.

AMIR: By the way, it exists also in American lingo. I mean, I remember when I was leading tours in Israel, some of the pastors taught me there's a phrase called to "Jew someone down." So in other words, to lower the price. That's what they use.

URI: It's everywhere. But the point is we know it, It's everywhere, but we didn't give it importance. It was just like some sort of folklore. You know what I mean? It's not serious. It's not a real threat. It's not a real prejudice. It's just a joke. Let me jump forward. I want to tell you an incident that happened to my wife here in my neighborhood. So like I said, you cannot tell...

AMIR: Your wife is Roman Catholic, she's not even Jewish.

URI: Yes, yes, yes, she's not even Jewish. But listen to this story. It's crazy. So I live in a peripheral area of Milano, and It's a neighborhood where everybody knows everybody. And we have little shops around like we have an optometrist, maybe 200 yards from where I live. And we know this person for, I don't know, 20 years. Like everybody knows everybody. My wife has vision problems. She used to go there a lot. And she goes there to do something—this is post-October 7th—she goes there to do something and It's only her and this optometrist. I'm talking about the person That's completely an educated businessperson that has his own business, perfect service, splendid person like you couldn't say anything. And she's talking to him about whatever. And then the conversation goes to people complain about politics, whatever. And then he starts saying stuff like about the pharmaceutical of the pharma, Big Pharma is controlling everything. And then he puts this word about, “And It's all in the hands of the Jews.” And she's like, okay, It's the classic Big Pharma, Jews are successful, so they control everything. Big Pharma is in the hands of the Jews and then he puts this, this is the top. It's only him and her, and he tells her, “You know, maybe I shouldn't say this, but Hitler was right.”

AMIR: Wow!

URI: So like imagine this. He knows me. He doesn't know I'm Jewish. He knows her for years and post-October 7th, people started feeling It's okay to say that stuff. Before October 7th, he would have never said it. But since he's been poisoned, he... I see it as if that anti-Semitism that I said was [that] we thought was buried six feet under? It was actually only one millimeter beneath the surface. And all it needed is a little bit of water and somebody to make it sprout again. And It's there inside people. And what happened is that... Look, I'm here, I don't watch TV. But if I watch TV and the news is on, ever since October 7th, there has not been a single day that the news didn't

speaking about Gaza, every single day for more than 1,000 days. Now, you can imagine what they're saying is because nobody talks about October 7th that was one day, now it's 1,000 days of "genocide" and famine and starvation and Israel bombarding. Nobody gives the context. So what I'm seeing is that there is a system that slowly but thoroughly is feeding the anti-Semitism and making it grow and making it legitimate. Up to the point where such people that you would never, ever suspect to be anything other than a normal citizen, law-abiding citizen would say such a thing to another person. Okay? That's the story we're dealing with.

AMIR: That's unbelievable.

URI: It's unbelievable. When something like this happens to you, all the masks are off. You really realize what you're dealing with.

AMIR: So where did October 7th catch you? Where were you? I mean, obviously Saturday morning, obviously an hour early, you're an hour earlier in Milano.

URI: An hour earlier, yes. It was five in the morning. I was here in Milano. The context is I work for an Israeli company, I used to work for an Israeli company for 15 years, a global company doing e-commerce. So I was constantly working also on Saturdays, on weekends, daily contact with Israel. But I don't remember exactly when I understood something really serious happened, maybe eight in the morning. And there was just a continuous unfolding of horrors. But in the beginning, it was not even the horrors you would see. I don't know, the guys on the Jeep in Sderot, you would see that kind of videos. And understanding something major is happening without understanding what it was. That evening, me and my wife, we had dinner with friends. We didn't cancel. We went out to dinner. And I think when we were there, right two hours before that, I started realizing the magnitude. And at that point, we were talking only about 200 dead people. That was in the evening. So the scale was completely unknown. Now, after that, it was, I think, like everybody,

the terrible two weeks of shock and trying to grapple with what's going on, and understanding what's going on, and what went wrong. And like any Israeli across the world, I don't think my experience was different. What I did do, and maybe this is how we got to know each other, what I did do since I was abroad, I couldn't go to Israel to fight. It's not something I could have done. I felt I needed to do something, to share something. And I'm not a very social media person, but I opened an X account, a Twitter account called Hamas Atrocities. And I started publishing all the videos that I found on Telegram. And I'm not the only person that...



AMIR: I want to say that you did an excellent job. Quite a few times I actually kind of shared and forwarded and retweeted that as well. You caught my attention and I honestly, I kind of, I was wondering at what point they're going to suspend your account because they just can't handle the truth. It's too much. I mean, they don't mind echoing horrific things that are said about us. But when you put that mirror, you don't even say something against them, all you do is show them a video of them doing those things; that is too much for them. And I guess there was mass reporting that caused X to, I guess, pull down.

URI: Yeah, currently, my account is suspended after three, four, five days ago. My account was suspended due to a mass reporting of my profile image. By the way, for years, I had the profile image or the image of the hostages posters. And once all the hostages came back, I felt I could change it to something different. And it was a difficult choice. One image was removed, and I chose another image where I tried to follow X's media policy. But I guess it wasn't enough. And now I was mass reported again, and my account is suspended. And next week, this week, I'm going

to sue X to have my account back. I reached 189,000 followers. Jeff Bezos is a follower just to do a name drop here. And I'm actually quite surprised I wasn't banned before.

AMIR: Yeah, That's what I meant. When I saw the content, I thought, "Man, this guy's giving them..." So just for the sake of everybody's understanding, and by the way, we're going to put here in the lower third a screenshot of what your X account is. And so people can actually maybe also write to X and ask that they will restore it. But basically, what you decided to do is not to sit and do nothing. It is to at least show the world what really happened because the world is not informed. The problem is that... I mean, people, I see protests. And when reporters come to those protesters and ask them, so how did it all start? They have no clue that there was an October 7th. They believe that October 7th is related to Israel invading Gaza, not to anything that happened between Hamas and Israel; that Hamas invaded Israel! That's actually how it all started. I think they don't know that. I think they don't understand that. If you remove names and you just told them what was done without telling who did what, who did to whom, okay? If you just told them what happened, they would all root for Israel and against Hamas. But the minute they understand that It's Hamas that did that to Israel, suddenly It's okay. But again, I'm a big fan of your courage.

Now, so here you are, October 7th happened. You understand the magnitude of the event. What led you to take action? I mean, was it overnight? Was it over a week or two? Tell us a little bit about that because a lot of people wish they either have the courage, or they think they're not good enough to be a soldier in that battle. So tell us about yourself.

URI: I think it started from basic frustration. I had no goal to become big. I had no idea I would become a big account. I just sat here. It was extremely sad and extremely horrifying. And by the way, a year before October 7th, Elon Musk bought Twitter and removed... I follow politics a lot. I follow all the tech world and all those issues for quite some time. And I felt, okay, this is the right

time to use X because It's where influence really happens and now It's finally free to be able to post the truth without being subjected to too much censorship. And I just felt it was something that I should do. And it came out of frustration. I had no idea where it was going to lead me.

By the way, I did take a conscious decision. Look, I'm an Israeli. I live in Italy and I work for an Israeli company. But then I decided to do something in English. And I've always been on this situation where I don't know which one is my language. My language, if I go on social, do I talk in Hebrew? Do I talk in Italian? Do I talk in English? Who do I want to reach? And at this point, when I decided to do this, I said, okay, this is too important. This needs to reach as many people as possible. I'll open another account. I have another X account that I haven't opened for, I don't know, more than two-and-a-half years. But I opened a dedicated X account for this. And I said, look, I'm not the only one who shared those videos and that content but I think I'm maybe the only one that opened a dedicated account for it. And maybe that was part of the success because I became the authority where people would go to show that kind of content. Again, I'm not the only one. I'm not even the biggest one, but I'm the one That's dedicated especially to that. And That's the success.

AMIR: Where did you find your content?

URI: Look, I was hungry for content. I just went on Telegram and slowly but surely I started finding all these channels, mainly Arab channels, by the way. Most like the first...

AMIR: You know, It's funny because they say it never happened, but they were so proud to document everything they did.

URI: By the way, if you go on Telegram, there is still, I don't remember exactly the name, because It's banned in Europe now which is ironic, but there is a Hamas channel, Hamas war videos. It's like, I don't know, 20,000 followers. And That's where they put all those videos out. And now in

Europe, you cannot watch it. Now, why would you ban that? Because you want people to not be radicalized? Believe me, people will be radicalized by themselves in the mosque. They don't need this channel to be radicalized. I think we shouldn't ban that content. I think people should be able to see it. Because as you said, people don't know what happened, and even though Hamas did it and tried to glorify it by transmitting it to the entire world, then still people don't know. And now they can't know because I'm banned and Hamas channels are banned. It's like this... There is an attempt to control what people know and don't know. And I honestly don't trust anymore those people who try to control what you know and you don't know.

Anyway, going back to my journey, I started publishing. I was a very small account. And there was a Canadian journalist that started sharing my videos and then it just started to blow up. And I found myself, by the way, I specifically made this an anonymous account. It wasn't about me. And It's still not about me. I'm not a very public figure. I'm probably, not in my DNA. But it was not about me. It was about really focusing on what happened. And then I started also writing. It was not just sharing videos. And also my viewpoints kind of got attention. And I made some conscious decisions. For example, one of the decisions I made was not to talk about Israeli politics. I have a lot to say about it. But I decided consciously to not use that account to talk about internal Israeli politics because I understood there is a public that needs to know what's going on in the Israeli conflict in this world. I don't see it as just an Israeli-Palestinian conflict. It's a conflict of the Western world. People will not like me citing Bibi Netanyahu, but I believe that what he said in the UN is very right. It's a battle between—It's not a battle between civilizations. It's a battle between civilization and barbarism. And this is what it is. And Israel is in the forefront of that battle. And we should show the world as much as we possibly can the nature of this conflict. And so I took it. It became a mission. It grew. And with it, my dealing with it, while I was working, it

never became a job. It was always a side hustle, I would say, that gave me a lot of meaning to being there and getting feedback and giving my viewpoint about what's going on.

AMIR: So, let's now concentrate on your journey from being a secular, globalist, liberal, Tel Aviv-born Israeli to where you are today. Because for the longest time, wherever I traveled the world, I tell people that October 7th began an exodus of many Israelis from hedonism, materialism and secularism towards the realization of their Jewish roots, their Jewish faith, their Jewish heritage. And part of it is getting close to understanding that there is a God also. And that is, It's a bigger picture than only a few people came to dry out the swamps and there you go, there's a State. So, tell us your journey from having been that liberal, secular Israeli to... And tell us where you are now, actually. And so why don't we start with that? Where are you now? What was the journey?

URI: Okay, I don't know where I'm now. It's a journey. Look, I'm not a religious person. I don't practice. I don't keep Shabbat. I don't... A lot of things have not changed. But my journey is more of understanding my identity. And so...

AMIR: That's where it starts, by the way. Yeah.

URI: I don't know where it would lead me. But I know that I went to a Shabbat dinner with the Chabad here in Milano. And my mom was very worried, [Laughter] that I would... You know what it is. It's like...

AMIR: No, I get it.

URI: The realization that I am Jewish is regardless of me defining myself as a religious person, that It's part of what I am. And I think It's a very important thing because I don't want to get too much into politics, but I was speaking before that we're in a part of a war between barbarism and civilization. And a part of that war is stripping you of your identity. And I think part of being

secular and in some way minimizing more and more your being Jewish is part of you playing into that war on the wrong side of it. Progressivism fills you with its ideas after it took from you your identity, and it creates a void, and that void is filled with those ideas. So I understood, and it took a while, I understood that I've been filled with these concepts my entire life. And that a lot of them are maybe worthy, but a lot of them are false and terrible.

And if you grow up on the left, It's all very righteous. You feel that, of course, everybody feels that they're right. But today I see a certain moral superiority of the left that is completely baseless. And It's difficult for me to put it in words, so I might be going all over the place. But for me, it was a journey of understanding that all those ideas that I grew up with were in part damaging, in part took away from me my identity. And I found my identity, again. Now, again, I'm not religious, I'm not; but I am Jewish. And when people ask me... No, no, when people ask me, after October 7th, when people asked... if someone asked where you're from, and I was kind of hesitant to say I'm from Israel. Today I'm *proudly* saying I'm from Israel. And we have nothing to be ashamed of. It's the other side.

AMIR: Yeah, I think the enemy, That's one of the losses of the enemy on two levels. The enemy tried to, before October 7th, to steal our identity and to feed us with false hope that there can be peace only if we give up our identity. And that obviously blew up because the enemy cannot really provide that. But the second thing is the enemy also tried to cause us to be ashamed of our identity and now we're very proud of it. And if the enemy tried to "delegitimize" the presence of Jews in the land, now what it caused is such a wave of anti-Semitism across the globe but there's many more Jewish people that never really thought that the day will come that they'll feel safer in Israel than where they are, they're now flocking to Israel from places that are pretty well off. I mean, we're talking about Australia, we're talking about Western Europe, we're talking about North

America. And now they understand It's getting worse and worse wherever they are and actually Israel has become a safer place for the Jews than any other place that they saw.

And so again, the enemy wanted to do one thing, but eventually it backfired on him, I believe. Because all it caused is for Jewish people to reconnect with their Jewish heritage, to be proud of them being Jews, to search for... Because I always tell people the first people that were murdered by Hamas, the first people that were murdered by Hamas, were the people that were actually the most pro-Palestinian among the Israelis. Those who live in the kibbutzes along the Gaza border, those who attended the festival that was supposed to be a festival of peace and harmony and all of that, these are the people that were massacred. In fact, the religious communities not far [away] were the ones that knew what the enemy is all about. That's why they secured themselves so much and the enemy couldn't go in. But it's the secular Kibbuzim that were super pro-Palestinian, that provided work for the Palestinians, that took them to Israeli hospitals for treatments, that really were there in every forum to support a Palestinian statehood and all of that. They're the ones that Hamas killed and brutally murdered or kidnapped. And why? Because for them it doesn't matter. You're a Jew. It doesn't matter if you're a leftist.

URI: We are all settlers.

AMIR: There you go. You're a settler, whether you're the West Bank, Judea, Samaria, Gaza, it doesn't matter if Golan Heights, every non-Muslim, and in that case, every Jew that lives in every square inch of what they call Palestine, is a settler. And so, while... if you took a piece of land that used to be Muslim once, it's okay to kill you. It's actually very good to kill you. You're doing a service to your religious ideas.

So, It's very interesting to see that journey that you took. And I will also tell you this. Look, I'm not a religious person. You don't see the ear lock; you don't see the yarmulke in my head.

And I don't keep the Sabbath the way the religious Jewish people will keep the Sabbath. But nevertheless, I am a believer. I have faith. You can have faith, Uri, without having to wear those things and do specific rituals. But I do want to tell you that I believe that God exists (a); but I also believe that the story of Israel has been foretold from the prophets of Israel. And the whole Declaration of Independence of Israel mentions that Israel was born according to the vision of the prophets of Israel. And so we cannot disconnect ourselves from the Bible. And by the way, every archaeological finding in so many places around this country confirms the biblical narrative and discredits any idea that we were not here before. So, Uri...

URI: That's actually what... Sorry to interrupt, but...

AMIR: Go ahead.

URI: That's actually what makes it so crazy to think about the trajectory of the Israeli left. And you were saying, a lot of people around the world kind of understood because they saw what happened on October 7th. And you spoke about the enemy. I think the real threat we are facing is not the enemy. The real threat is inside the West, inside Israel itself. The people who refuse to understand, who cling to the illusions of a globalist worldview where everybody is the same, everybody... all cultures are alike, nobody is better than anybody. And in order to cling to that illusion, to me, I was in favor of the Oslo Accords. Today I think about it, how crazy it is for the Jewish people after 2,000 years to say, "Okay, take Judea." It's mind-boggling to me that we reached a point where we... And I personally believed it. I believed it because I thought, I'm a citizen of the world and there is a majority of Palestinians there, whatever that word means, there is a majority of Arabs there and they want to stay, of course, they want to stay there just like us, they want, so let's give it to them. It's so crazy to me to think about me having believed this. But what's more devastating is to realize that a lot of people still believe that. A lot of people refuse to

let go of the illusions. And I understand psychologically It's very difficult to... Yeah, if you believed in something your entire life for 50 years, it is very difficult to say, "I was wrong." Okay, I was wrong, I was dead wrong. And not only I was wrong, but what I believed in, what I promoted actually brought death and destruction and sorrow and grief to generations of people, of my people.

So a lot of these people actually prefer to cling to an illusion. They tell themselves these narratives that are completely disconnected from reality to justify them still believing, clinging to that illusion. And at that point, these people, It's very difficult to speak to them. They don't look at facts. They don't hear reason. And to me, that voyage, October 7th was maybe the end of that journey. It started before that. It started here in Europe. You grow up, you start to understand. I don't know, European Union is undemocratic. I don't know if going to get there. But there's so many things that you realize that you're part of a system that wants to erase your identity in order to transform you into something else. And That's something else is a globalist person without any connection to land, to nation, and that when you have nothing, when you have no nation, when you have no identity, then you do anything, you will grab anything they feed you because you have a void.

Let me tell you another small story, if I can. Right after October 7th, it was Christmas dinner. Towards Christmas, a lot of people do these gatherings here in Italy. And I met a few friends from, it was December 2023, I met a few friends from university after not seeing them for many, many years. And one of them about my age was telling me, he was so impressed about seeing young Israeli men fighting for their country and that he would never be able to do such a thing. So I said, "Hold on, what do you mean you would never be able to do such a thing? Would you not be able to pick up a rifle if your country or your being, your life would be threatened or in danger?" And he said, "No." He simply said, no. He would never be able to pick up a weapon.

And it astonished me because this person is pretty well off. He doesn't have children. He has a house with a pool. He's well off. And he would not protect it. And I think the reason for this is that people in the West, people mainly in Europe, have been living in a certain bubble for 80 years, protected by NATO that is invisible. You don't see NATO. And everything, all this wealth that you see around us is something That's being protected by men with guns. But these men with guns are invisible. Nobody has... they don't even have voluntary military here. They don't have anything. Everything is delegated to some external force. And they had this period where they spoke about needing a European military ever since the Russia-Ukraine war became a big thing. And there was a guy that came to Milano to interview young people and asked them if they were in favor of having a European army. And everybody, "yes, yes, we're in favor of having a European army." The next question was, would you enroll to the army? "Oh, no, no, no, I could never." So I'm saying this because we started talking about this, about people not understanding what is going through in Israel, what people in Israel are going through and how people's minds became weak because their identity was taken from them. And here in Europe, you see it very, very strongly. Everything that has to do with the nation is bad. So being a nationalist is bad. There is no right wing. There's only far right. OK? If you are a right-wing leader and you follow what the European Union is saying, you're OK. But if you don't follow what the European Union is saying, you are far-right. And you can see that about all that.

AMIR: You're an extremist.

URI: You are an extremist. You're a white supremacist. Look at what's happening in Spain. Look at what's happening with immigration. It's a mess here. And maybe we're going off script.

AMIR: I always tell people it backfires in Europe right now, and It's funny because... You probably heard that interesting article that a journalist from Spain wrote about how Europe

exchanged the Jewish people with a new population. And they exchanged a population that contributed, that assimilated, that was very much identifying with that nation. And they exchanged it with people that hate them, people that are a huge burden on their welfare system, and people that want to take over and turn it into something where they came from. It's very interesting to see that, but I honestly believe that Europe may be waking up right now. We see stuff in some parts of Europe, but it might be too late. That's the thing. It might be too late because these type of... These processes normally take many years, and a change in a mindset of a whole generation has to... You know, it takes time, and I don't think we have time when the demographics don't give you time. And so It's very interesting to see what's going on in Europe, but those who wake up, then they stand with Israel. That's when they understand, "We were supporting the wrong side. Now we understand these people. We're facing exactly the same thing."

So, just to wrap things up, Uri, I remember you told us that one of the things that kind of lifted you up and encouraged you was when you saw on my Telegram channel all these videos of Christian communities supporting Israel. Tell us a little bit about that because all over the world, there's not too many people that love Israel, support Israel. But I think It's important that we tell those who do that they do an amazing job, and that not only that they bless the heart of God for His people, but they bless the heart of the people themselves. So can you share a little bit about that?

URI: Yes, I'll be glad to because actually I came to know you and your work and your channel through Telegram. When I was here, just going down the rabbit hole of understanding what's going on. And I was here in Europe. We started having all those pro-Palestine rallies every Saturday. And we saw that around the world. We saw that in Sydney, Australia on October 8th. We saw Harvard on October 8th. We saw the UK and every week all this explosion of anti-Israel sentiment.

And as a person who felt so Israeli at that point but was here outside, it was very difficult. It was difficult to understand that you're being closed in on from both sides. And it seemed like everybody was against us. And then I came to see that you were, on your Telegram channel, you would post these pictures and videos of these congregations or communities they would send you solidarity and pictures with the flag of Israel. And at a certain point, I saw that you posted a lot of those. I even posted. I downloaded them, I posted them to X. Now I can't find it, but I did a post about it because a part of the message, the message that I was giving was not just that the message cannot be just everybody's against us. You know, that's not a good message. The message is also there is something else out there. And your Telegram channel actually made me know a part of that, a part of this world that was completely unknown to me. As I said, I'm not a religious person, I don't follow a lot of religion or religious material, so it was very refreshing to see solidarity from Christians around the world to the Israeli cause and that not everybody was against us. And that was a very positive moment in a moment of darkness. So thank you for that. And thanks to all the people who sent you those messages. And It's good for them to know that what they sent to you actually reached a lot of people.

AMIR: Well, I just want to encourage people that are watching us to continue to pray for the Jewish people, for the people of Israel, but also for Israelis that are all around the world that feel like not only that we have a physical war at home, but we have the war of public opinion and a very, very intense spiritual war all over the world. And I think you're in the forefront of that one. And thank God that you had the courage to stand up and take action and expose the truth when needed. And we're going to also encourage people to write to X in order to have your account restored and in order for truth to be told. And I think they just probably at some point they were

looking for an excuse to block you. I mean, I can't believe they just blocked you just because of a profile photo. It just makes no sense. Exactly, when they know the importance of your content.

URI: Look, we shall see. And if I may add just a little bit of information, we shall see. I'm going to sue X to restore my account and I'm working on it. And by the way, I have to say something. I became a little bit anti-fragile through these years. I grew a thick skin as you have to be in this world and being there and getting all the hate. And so I'm not backing down. I'm not going to stop. And I'm actually going to once this account is restored, I'm going to double down. And one of the things I want to do, I will probably do a GoFundMe and I want to do an October 7th movie. You know, the 47 movie of the horror is that is shown only to select journalists.

AMIR: You're talking about The 47 Minutes?

URI: The 47 Minutes video. Yes, the official one that has never been released. At a certain point I said to myself, "I'm going to release it. I'm going to do my version. I'm going to do this. I'm not stopping." And none of us should be. And as you said, a lot of people still don't know because they're every day being fed with lies and we need to keep to what we're doing.

AMIR: Well, let us know when you have it. Let us know and we'll post it on Telegram. I guess Telegram will be the only platform where it can actually go uncensored. I also did something in collaboration with a few people called Unfiltered, October 7th Unfiltered. But yeah, you have a lot of material. That actually was the core of your channel on X. And yeah, I would love to echo that on platforms where it's okay to show it.

But again, Uri, I want to thank you for your courage. I want to thank you for standing up for the truth. I'm thankful to God that He brought you through a journey from having been lost in this progressive, liberal, globalist world to come to enjoy the understanding that you should be proud of your Jewish heritage. You're part of a nation that has an amazing history and you should

never be ashamed of it. And we'll continue to pray for your journey of faith. And again, I don't believe you need to become religious to be a man of faith, not at all. But say hello to your wife and to the rest of your family. And I hope that next time when I'm in Italy, I will be able to see you face to face and break, not break bread, break focaccia and have cappuccino together.



URI: That would be wonderful.

AMIR: Thank you, Uri. You have definitely opened the eyes, I guess, of so many people in the things that you've said. Again, we don't give up on Europe, but the Europeans should stand up, and should understand that the Jewish people are not their enemy. Their enemy is already within them trying to kill them and steal their identity. And if anything, they should learn from the Jewish people to fight, to preserve the identity, and to understand that globalism was never something that could provide anything but being lost and not being found.

And again, my prayer is that people will come to the understanding of their need for salvation and for redemption, but not through empty promises of the world and empty promises of some empty agreements, and trusting the enemy, and not trusting the one God, that He is the One who preserved our nation and He's also the One that is protecting and preserving. In Hebrew, we say, [speaking in Hebrew], for the Lord will not cast away His people and He will never leave His inheritance. That's the Word, That's the promise, and we're holding on to it. So thank you, Uri. God bless you and we'll stay in touch.

URI: Thank you, Amir. Thank you for having me.

AMIR: OK. And thank you everyone for watching this *Anchor Podcast*. It was a fascinating conversation with Uri Raveh. And please take action in helping him to restore his X account and then follow him for fascinating information. Thank you. God bless you and Shalom.

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