

A few words in English to Allison's family:

To Allison and Erez, Clare & Richard, Stacy, Todd, Lisa, Rachel and Tony To me Ofer is about music.

In trying to say something about Ofer, "music" always comes to mind.

Ofer standing there with his tenor sax, cool notes flowing from that strange instrument.

I know why he picked that instrument. You can play out your soul through a saxophone and Ofer does just that.

There is a magical relationship between Ofer and music.

One song says: "Words don't come easily" and that is so true.

I find myself facing you now, feeling so at loss for words that any words that came to mind I quickly write down, and that is what this piece of paper is about.

King David was a musician, and in psalm 23 he wrote about comfort: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me."

In the book of the prophet Isaiah (43:2) it says:

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you; when you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned; nor shall the flame kindle upon you."

... And even though I find it hard to understand comfort over such a loss, these verses seem to have something, like music, that comes from the soul. I sincerely hope that you can find even a little bit of comfort in these words.

Kibbutz Kfar Hanassi is a big family and we sometimes only realize this through tragic events. You have become part of our family twice. Once through the marriage of Allison and Ofer, and now at this terrible loss of your son-in-law.

If there is any comfort to be had through family ties, we, at Kfar Hanassi extend our arms to you and embrace you once more into our family.

I pray that this will be the last of your sorrows.

David Ellman