

Naomi, my Mentor and my friend, my very dear friend.

I'm very, very sad to hear those news from you.

I left France a year ago, returned to my roots, returned to ISRAEL.

It was not an easy year for me, because it's not easy to move, and certainly not to emigrate, even if it's to the country of my birth...

But I also had wonderful things this year. I guess you'll be happy to know that this year I taught many nursing home Managers and other management staff members.

And at the top, I taught a course at a Medical school at Ben Gurion University, for family- doctors and geriatricians. There were 23 doctors in this course.

The feedback is wonderful... it was the first time but not the last, there will be a continuation...

25 years ago I had the honor of getting to know your theory and you too... it changed my life. And for that I thank you, I'll always be grateful.

I had the good fortune to prove in my care giving to my disoriented mother that what you created is true and since then I have not stopped spreading and revealing, teaching Naomi Feil's theory/method

Starting in 2000, I tried very hard to convince Professor Yitzhak Brik (General Manager of Eshel) and with the support of Professor Becky Bergman, Professor Shira Hantman, Professor Chava Golander and other senior officials, to bring you to Israel for an introductory workshop of your method.

Indeed in 2004 you were invited and you came

Your and Ed's stay in Israel in 2004, those few days we spent together, remained and will remain etched in my memory for the rest of my life.

First of all, the workshop itself, was a success. This was something new for senior Israeli professionals who are considered not easy to convince...

The next day we visit a nursing home and you saw a disoriented old man who no longer knew how to pray. His sister was near him and she cried "pray, pray"!!!

But he didn't and he became aggressive... - you rushed to him and prayed with him, by reading the pray book together with him, in Hebrew!
It was a wonderful Validation you gave him !!!

Everyone present were stupefied !

The next day, we went to the desert together for 3 days. First to the Dead Sea and then to Amnon my brother and sister-in-law home.

Amnon (I reminded that he was a Doctor in medicine) and Rivka (agronomist), who live and work in the desert. Wonderful memories. Amnon read your book and he told me "Naomi is one of the most intelligent women I know..."

During those days you gave me a "private lesson in validation"...

The sentence that stayed with me and always resonated mostly was "Tamar, you can't learn Validation quickly, you need experience you have to practice ..." So I follow your words, I gained that, I spend a lot time in communication with disoriented old people, I spook with many families and I taught many staff members from all levels of the hierarchy.

Well, back to Amnon, he took us on a trip to a Wadi in the desert and to Ed's great joy we "fell" on a team that was shooting there for a movie ! Ed gave some advice to the young colleague there!

What an amazing meeting, what an experience, in the heart of the desert!

20 years have passed since then.

Since then, during vacations when I visited my family, I held short workshops, lectures, participated in congresses, with the help of Amnon I translated many documents for people that does not know the English language... I did as much as I could to spread your words, to raise awareness about Validation in ISRAEL.

I followed the workshops you held in France and also those that Vicky held, and I always learned more.

Long time ago, I've learned from you that the best way for me to teach is to play Role Plays of cases that I've really experienced. I explain the subject and I illustrate with a case and sometime on the opposite way.

We recently met on 2017 in Paris, on the last series of workshops you gave in France and Europe with Vicky.

On that occasion, I spontaneously told about a case I had experienced, and you, you expressed with your unique spontaneity in front of the entire plenary "Tamar understands Validation and knows how valid", and I will take that with me for the rest of my life, among the most sincere and important compliments have ever been given to me.

I learned another very important thing from you: you were attacked a lot in the workshops when you put on the innovation you brought.

You "stepped on many people's feet", and I suppose that for most of these people it is not easy to admit that "we were wrong in our conduct with disoriented old people so far ..."

The way you responded to people who attacked you and sometimes rudely added to my appreciation for you.

I was attacked too and I learned a lot from you, it added to my personal resilience and how to respond...

Well Naomi, you are a pioneer, you were and you are brave and I hug you tight and salute you.

You know that I'm not very young any more. We will probably meet sometime and somewhere over a glass of imaginary wine and soft French cheese and we will tell stories about nonsense and about beautiful things we did, and together, we will laugh about the not always easy, but the very interesting and meaningful life we had.

With all my love and appreciation,

Tamar