"Three Floors Up" by Eshkol Nevo

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Setting: Modern Tel Aviv

CAST OF CHARACTERS (*Major characters in boldface)*

First Floor

Arnon and Ayelet - married couple - Arnon designs restaurants. Ayelet is a lawyer.
Ofri and Yael - their young daughters
Herman and Ruth - their elderly neighbors across the hall who babysit for Ofri - Herman is retired, Ruth teaches piano at a conservatory.
Arnon's old army buddy and confidante (nameless) - a published author
Karinne - Herman and Ruth's granddaughter visiting from Paris

Second Floor

Hani - narrator, married to Assaf Gat
Assaf - a businessman who travels frequently for work - never actually appears in the story, except through a couple of phone calls.
Netta - Hani's old friend to whom she writes a long letter - now living in the USA
Noam - Netta's husband - also does not actually appear in story, except in memories
Lyri - Hani and Assaf's daughter
Nimrod - Hani and Assaf's son
(Alma and Mia - Netta and Noam's daughters - mentioned briefly but don't appear)
Eviatar - Assaf's brother, a criminal on the run who asks Hani to hide him
Nomi - Hani and Netta's friend who died young
Andrea - Lyri's imaginary friend
Katz family - Hani and Assaf's across the hall neighbors, away in Crete, so do not actually appear in story - Hani hides Eviatar in their apartment.

Third Floor

Devora Edelman - a retired district judge, widowed
Michael Edelman - Devora's deceased husband
Adar - their estranged adult son
Across the hall neighbors - Raziel family (appear only briefly)
Mor - young political demonstrator who looks out for Devora
Avner Ashdot - served in the Mossad for many years - now a realtor
Nira - Avner's wife, deceased
Maya - Avner's daughter - lives in Noit, a co-operative farm in the Arava
Benyamin - Maya's baby

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