

Dear Friends,

OneFamily hosted a therapeutic retreat for 25 adult orphans of both parents in terror attacks, and their spouses, at the Dead Sea.

Most of the terror attacks took place in their own homes, in their own cars, right in front of their eyes, at the vulnerable ages of 4 to 19.

The trauma they suffered, the violent disruption of their lives and the loss of the sense of security that every child feels from the presence of loving parents, has left emotional scars, fears and insecurities that only one in their situation can comprehend. They bond with each other in a deeper way than with anyone else in their past or future lives, who were spared their plight.

Couples counseling and seminars on good parenting provided treasured insights to those raised without parental role models in their lives.

Our program, including the peaceful moments on the beach, in the Dead Sea, and at the spa, powerfully affected the orphans on a practical and spiritual level, returning them home happier and more loved than when they arrived, providing them with renewed energy and new strategies for a deeper quality of life going forward.

OneFamily has guided them every step of the way throughout their childhood and will continue to stand with them in their future, as their parents would have.

They count on us... ..and We count on you. WE, together with YOU, are their family.

OneFamily is committed to enhancing the lives of this fragile community, to improve each individual's life by providing for their needs with guidance and love, so that each victim can flourish and live at the level of their full potential.

Partner with us today to change a life.

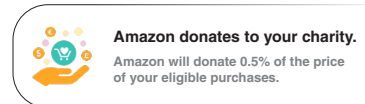


Marc Belzberg

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Chairman, OneFamily



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SHARANSKY *Speaks*

We were honored to host a Sheva Brachot dinner for Benaya and Neta Dickstein in March at the home of Marc and Chantal Belzberg. Benaya's parents, Yossi and Hannah, and his older brother, Shoval, were murdered by a terrorist when he was seven years old. Benaya is the eighth of ten children. OneFamily has stood with, and cared for, all nine of the Dickstein orphans ever since that tragedy occurred nineteen years ago.

Tammy Klein, a OneFamily donor who participated in the event, summarized the evening: At tonight's sheva brachot was: 1. **Natan Sharansky** and his wife Avital. He spoke such words of chizuk (encouragement) to the Dickstein kids and their spouses. 2. The bride's grandmother is a **survivor** of Theresienstadt. She said that her victory was bringing her grandchildren back to her hometown and the place where the Nazis took them from. Marc said her victory was surviving the camp, and also watching her granddaughter marry and become a helpmate for someone like Benaya Dickstein. 3. The **military head** of the Yehuda and Shomron region - a lovely man from Otniel near Chevron with six kids. I asked him about his connection to OneFamily, and he said "When I don't do my job, OneFamily gets bigger." 4. **Rav Shmuel Eliyahu** - while he wasn't there in-person, Marc called him on speaker and he gave brachot to the bride and groom. He had **learned with the groom's father 40 years ago...** and there were many other amazing stories of strength and courage in the room as well (including several others in the "Orphan" group of OneFamily).

Sivan Rahan Meir was so impressed with Sharansky's words that she posted them on her site. They were translated into 16 different languages and received over 800,000 views.

"When I was growing up in the Ukraine the country was made up of a lot of different nations and nationalities. There were people who had 'Russian', 'Ukrainian', 'Georgian', 'Kozaki' written on their

ID's. It was not so important; there was no big difference. But one thing was important - if it said 'Jew', you were marked for life.



Natan and Avital Sharansky with Benaya and Neta Dickstein

We knew nothing about Judaism. There was nothing significant in our Jewish identity, other than anti-Semitism and hatred towards us. No one tried to replace the word 'Russian' with the word 'Ukrainian' on his ID card, for example, in order to be accepted to university, because it did not matter. But if it said 'Jew' you would do anything you could to try to change it to some other nationality - because very few Jews were allowed to go to University.

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May 3rd at 7:30pm Israel Time;
12:30pm New York; 9:30am California.



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Professor Elyakim Rubenstein
Former Att. General of Israel

I was reminded this week of how the times have changed from when I grew up there, when I saw hundreds of thousands of people standing at the borders, trying to escape the tragedy taking place in the Ukraine. They are standing in the cold in long lines for days and nights, and there was one word that every one of them wished they had written in their passport - the word "Jew". If it says "Jew" in your passport, you know there will be someone on the other side of the border who is looking for you; there are Jews out there who will take care of you when you get out; you have a place to go.

The world has turned upside down. "When I was a child, 'Jew' was an unusual word for evil; no one envied us. And today, at the Ukrainian border, Jew is an unusual word for good. It describes a people who have a place to go, who have an entire nation, which is their family, waiting for them on the other side."

WE ARE ALL *OneFamily*

ONE VICTIM'S *Story...*

OneFamily has taken under its wing thousands of victims of terror of all ages and wounded Israeli soldiers, caring for their financial, emotional medical and legal needs. Every story is unique and each person or family needs a different tailored solution to recover from the anguish, bereavement or serious injury that was inflicted upon them by the enemies of our People and our Country.

Avraham (name changed to protect his privacy) was an Israeli policeman, stationed in Jerusalem. In the early 2000's, horrific explosive terror attacks were happening daily, leaving body parts and limbs scattered on the ground and pools of blood flowing in the streets of Downtown and many neighborhoods of Jerusalem. Avraham witnessed the immediate aftermath of five different attacks, before the ambulances arrived, helplessly seeing the dead, and hearing the dying screaming from pain and begging for help. He witnessed Hell on earth five times in the course of a year, each time having no ability to save, to heal, to comfort or to help in any way.

Avraham was so deeply emotionally scarred that he went into a deep depression suffering an incurable case of PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder). He froze in space and time, living permanently within the scenes he had witnessed. He didn't function as a father, as a husband, as a policeman or as a son. He was fired by the Police. He wandered aimlessly around the OneFamily House in Jerusalem, sat on the steps, blurry eyed, staring at the floor.

After years of treatment by OneFamily psychologists, and receiving love, acceptance, attention and endless patience from OneFamily staff, Avraham one day snapped out of it and came back to life, smiling, interacting, responding, and looking, clear eyed, into our eyes and those of his family and friends. A miracle.

Thousands of victims' stories haven't yet reached their happy ending, so the dedicated team at OneFamily has a lot of work left to do. We want to have this **IMPACT** on each victim who needs it. **Partner with us today** in order to **change the trajectory of a victim's life.**





DR. DAVID B. MANDEL Z"l

David Mandel didn't speak a lot about his faith, but he was always helping people. After college, he became an actuary for health insurance companies. When he saw how the system worked, David decided to make a change by switching to the other side! He went back to school to become a doctor. His mission was to help people, and that's how he spent his life. David is missed by everyone who knew him, because he always put others before himself. He was kind, generous, warm hearted and soft spoken. He and his wife didn't have children, so after she passed away, he left his estate to OneFamily. David donated his liver to save a stranger's life, and donated his estate to help victims of terror heal from their trauma. In doing so, he has become partners with OneFamily in helping thousands of victims on their journey towards recovery. David will always be remembered as our angel.

LOVE, AT *OneFamily*

Nachman's sister was murdered in the Sbarro Bombing. Simcha's brother was murdered in the Old City. OneFamily gave each of them emotional support for years, and provided them a network of peers. That network proved to be the impetus for deliverance, revival, and euphoria! On a retreat for bereaved victims last year, Simcha's sister met Nachman and thought he should meet Simcha... And she was absolutely right! **Nachman and Simcha fell in love, and will forge a bright future together.** Dancing at their wedding felt like a little slice of heaven on earth.



Save the Date

ONEFAMILY HIKE IN ISRAEL OCTOBER 23-27

Donors and victims hike together on the best routes in the Golan Heights and the Galilee, led by Israel's **TOP** hike guides and historians. Bonding with victims will change your life, and theirs.

OPTIONAL CULTURE CRAWL IN UAE - DUBAI OCT 27-31

Email Hike@onefamilyfund.ca to join us!

