

Rosh Hashana 2022

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*Dear Friends,*

**Nineteen Israeli kids and adults, were murdered by Arab terrorists over the last few months.**

That's the headline. But that's not the story.

The story is that 40 children became orphans overnight, because their mother or father was murdered. OneFamily Fund has immediately stepped into their lives to try to fill the void.

But it doesn't stop there. It continues.

The story is that 117 others had a brother or sister murdered, became a widow or a widower or was a loving parent one day and was suddenly forced to bury their child, murdered by Arab terrorists.

Each member of these families has been, or soon will be, embraced by OneFamily and will continue to be guided through the process of recovery.

Sadly, OneFamily is well aware of the slow process of recovery that each member of these families will tread. We know what needs will arise and the myriad critical ways in which we can help them get through it, and live many productive years contributing to the economic welfare and emotional resilience of the State and the People of Israel.

Almost all of the bereaved children have been visited and assigned a OneFamily Counselor. Many have already participated in OneFamily's summer camp with 160 other kids, of their own ages, who are on the same path toward recovery.

Every member of these new families was struck by tragedy, and each will become part of our big family, the OneFamily Fund.



The unimaginable pain and sorrow they experience from their loss is traumatic, and prevents them from relating to their peers and other family members. It stalls typical development, and hurts them in school or at work.

OneFamily offers therapy, beyond what the government offers, to help mitigate their suffering, and promote emotional well-being. We help the entire family, no matter what they need, so that they can get back on their feet, and eventually live a thriving independent life. Our psychologists and trauma specialists welcome these victims with open arms, and care for them like family. The group members become new peers, giving over the coping strategies that work best for them.

Family isn't about blood; it's about who is willing to hold your hand when you need it the most.

Please stand with our Israeli brothers and sisters who are suffering deeply. Donate as generously as you can, and you will be partnering with us to "hold someone's hand" and provide psychological counseling for relief from that unimaginable pain.

The big picture is already in motion. You are the missing piece. Act today because we are all OneFamily.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy new year!



*Marc Belzberg*

**Marc Belzberg**  
 Chairman, OneFamily



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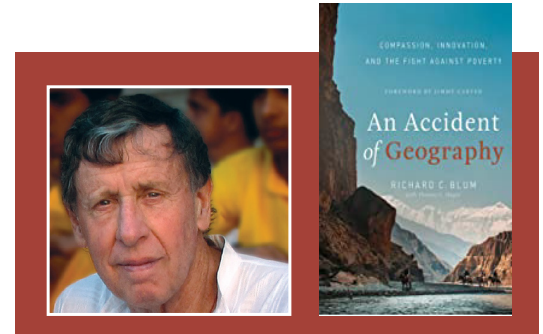
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**HOLIDAY CLOTHING JOY**

Holidays are usually a time of joy, but for some within our community it's not like that... Israel's victims of terror experience a sharp reminder of pain and loss around this time, whether they are observant or secular, or somewhere in between. Parents who have lost their children, siblings who lost their brother or sister, spouses who lost the love of their life, are gathering at a dinner table with empty seats. Emotional trauma is overwhelming. This year, The Jewish Federation PMB has sponsored 40 children to receive new clothing and shoes for the high holidays. This impactful gift allows their parents to focus on healing through therapy and enjoying the holiday, not stressing out about the extra bills which come along with celebration. And shouldn't we all be able to celebrate? The idea of life continuing in the new year and the hope that conditions will improve should be a given, but we have to cultivate this feeling for some individuals. The Federation has alleviated the financial burden and increased the celebration for dozens of families, and our community feels loved and hopeful because of this beautiful gift from overseas. We are so grateful for their partnership and for the connection.

"Parents and children alike send their heartfelt thanks for this huge mitzvah. They feel loved and supported from Jews around the world, which is so important for their emotional healing." Chantal Belzberg, Founder and CEO of OneFamily. Thank you!

YOUR gift can make all the difference in how a holiday is experienced by those less fortunate than ourselves, who are so similar to us in many other ways. OneFamily is just that, ONE FAMILY, one community, a healing and loving community to help our brothers and sisters in their time of need. Please donate generously and give from the heart, because that's where you'll feel the reward most.



**RICHARD BLUM ז"ל**

Richard Blum ז"ל was a close friend with a big heart, whose mission and vision was to fight global poverty and advance global development. He created and supported initiatives addressing sustainable development and global inequality through development financing and impact investing, the most noteworthy being the Blum Center for Developing Economies at UC Berkeley, which has now expanded to all UC campuses as well as to the Jerusalem Institute in Israel. The Blum Center offers programs in Global Poverty and Practice, Development Engineering, Big Ideas, IdeaLabs, and Development Impact Lab. The students graduating from these programs will continue his legacy in a profound way, multiplying his impact exponentially. Richard believed in education, innovation, and compassion for all of humanity.

As his daughter Annette said, Richard taught her to be a "Force for Good" in the world, and she follows in his footsteps. The incredible lifetime gift that Richard gave to OneFamily, in the form of a multi-year pledge, will now be used in his name to help less fortunate terror victims alleviate their financial hardships, recover from their trauma and reach their potential. We look forward to visiting with Annette in Jerusalem and discussing how much good has come from her father's transformative gift. It is our honor to help victims rebuild their lives in Richard's memory.

Our heart goes out to Richard's wife Senator Dianne Feinstein, and his children, grandchildren, and the extended family. His legacy in this world is a powerful force for good, and we are proud to partner with the Blum family in that mission. May his memory be for a blessing.

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# Bar Mitzva

Nehorai Gol, 12, tragically lost his father Rabbi Boaz Gol, 49, on May 8th when a terrorist murdered him with an axe while they walked through a park together. The attack took place a month before Nehorai's 13th birthday and bar mitzvah, which they had been planning together all year.

Several families got together to throw Nehorai's bar mitzvah celebration with family and friends, and shower him with love. There was a party, a tunnel tour at the Kotel arranged by OneFamily, and a special Shabbat together.

OneFamily staff members helped Rabbi Gol's widow, Galit, and her six children by helping them deal with the overwhelming emotions that they all feel, making arrangements, checking that everything was in place, making sure that they had food and clothing, and then enjoying the celebration together. Nehorai sang a moving song to his father in front of all of the guests. He rewrote the lyrics to "Abba" by Shlomi Shabbat: "Dad, I wanted to write words and a song about you, about everything you have been in your life, about education in love, study and mitzvah, everything was so pure in your eyes. Dad, remember the study in the synagogue, the scent of an incoming Shabbat spice, you asked if I was happy, even when I came back late with the smile hidden between your lips."

"Dad, you went on the road without coming home. You have given your all for the sake of the people of Israel and not always everything is clear. My heart is broken. I know that everything is from above. Father, time has passed and I have not delivered. Father, forgive me for telling you everything I have always felt. I promise I will not give up praying harder and asking God to keep us all."

Shlomi Shabbat saw the video of the heartfelt performance, and sent Nehorai back a beautiful video message of blessings, condolences and a song just for him. "Dear Nehorai, I want to congratulate you on reaching the age of observance. It is very exciting that you decided to dedicate my song. I am sure that your father in Heaven hears and stands in prayer

before the Creator of the world, that you may grow up in the Torah, the mitzvot, the wedding and good deeds, Amen." Then Shlomi sang his song entitled "Come Home" to Nehorai. And we are all crying together with the Gol family for their tragic loss, and happy tears for reaching this beautiful milestone with love and hope.

There are over 40 young victims with bar and bat mitzvahs coming up. Please reach out to us if you would like to sponsor a celebration or tefillin.

*Thank you.*







# Our Youth Division

The Youth Division at OneFamily currently supports over 200 Israeli children between the ages of 7- 18, all of whom are bereaved, or who have an immediate family member who was severely injured. We support these young victims all year long through several programs to ensure that they are given the opportunity to flourish after their trauma: We provide weekly calls and visits, Therapeutic Camp 3x per year, monthly group programming with grief and trauma specialists, and The Big Brother/ Big Sister program, just to name a few. At-risk youth are given special attention and extra resources, as necessary. David\* is one example of a success.

Avi\* is an 18 year old immigrant to Israel who loves his studies, listening to music and spending time with family and friends. He lives for Gd and focuses on being happy, despite the change and the struggles. A friend of his told him about the Big Brother program at OneFamily, and he decided to become a big brother. David\* is a 9 year old Israeli boy whose father was stabbed to death on his way to take the train home from work a few years ago. The pain of being an orphan is unimaginable and affects him in school, with his friends, and of



course with his family. The two boys were matched last year, and found a connection over time. They enjoy playing soccer together, learning new things, cooking, going for walks, and talking. Avi was trained in grief counseling in order to be a big brother, and the time he spends with David is therapeutic.

Having a big brother has changed David's life, and the positive effects are pervasive. Avi is the one "giving," but he shared with us that he has actually received more benefits than he knows how to describe. He is forever grateful for his unique bond with David and the entire family. Their relationship has improved both of their lives forever, and with your help, we will connect many more pairs to help each other get through their trauma.

P.S. Since Avi and David love to play soccer together, they were introduced to the OneFamily Soccer Team of young adults, and their new famous coach. Now they are connected to an older group of victims who share the same interest as they do, and they've inspired David to continue playing soccer. Maybe one day he'll be able to join the team when he grows up. **This is how we overcome trauma together.**

*Just a few spots left!*

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