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Emotional First Responders – When the Sirens Fade, We Stay. OneFamily is Your Lifeline for the Long Road Ahead.

Dear Friends,

In the wake of October 7th and the ongoing war, thousands of Israeli families are struggling with wounds that can't be seen. The trauma of terror and war doesn't fade with time—it lingers, reshaping lives in ways most of us cannot begin to imagine.

PTSD from these experiences is different. It's relentless. It rewires the brain, keeping survivors in a constant state of fear and hypervigilance. For many, it's even harder to overcome than physical injuries. And the road to healing? It's not measured in months—it's measured in years, in decades.

And now, the situation is growing even more complex. As negotiations for a ceasefire continue, we are seeing hostages slowly being released, their bodies and minds shattered by months of captivity. At the same time, convicted terrorists are walking free from Israeli prisons as part of these deals—reopening wounds and reigniting pain for the families who have already lost so much. The trauma does not end when the war does. In many ways, this is just the beginning.

At OneFamily, we know this because we've been doing this work for over 24 years. We have walked alongside terror victims as they rebuild their lives. And now, with 4,000 new families seriously affected, we are scaling our programs to meet an unprecedented need. The demand for trauma





therapy, support groups, and healing retreats has never been greater.

But we can't do this alone.

Healing takes time. It takes resources. It takes people like you.

Your support today ensures that terror victims are not left to struggle alone. It allows us to provide expert-led trauma therapy, peer support, and long-term care that will make all the difference in their recovery.

Please, stand with us in this mission. We hope the war ends. Now is the time to help rebuild the thousands of shattered lives, together.

With deepest gratitude,

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Lives are counting on it.

Marc Belzberg Chairman OneFamily

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Wrapped in Faith: A Gift of Tefillin and Brotherhood for Terror Victims

In the golden light of Jerusalem, an anonymous family gathered at the Kotel to celebrate their son's bar mitzvah—a day rich with joy, tradition, and meaning. But this was no ordinary celebration. They chose to infuse their simcha with a profound act of kindness, inviting seven other bar mitzvah boys, all victims of terror with One-Family, to share in the milestone. Each of these boys, touched by unimaginable loss, received a gift of custom tefillin from the donor family—a precious symbol of faith, belonging, and tradition.

The scene was nothing short of breathtaking. The rhythmic melodies of prayer, the laughter of children, and the shared tears of families blended into a symphony of hope. After the ceremony, all the families were invited to a catered lunch overlooking the Old City. The meal was filled with warmth, connection, and inspiration. Parents exchanged stories of resilience, while the boys, bound by their shared pain and strength, celebrated together like brothers. The family's generosity created a circle of support and unity, transforming what could have been a private moment into a powerful, collective embrace of community.

The boys will think of this family each time they wrap the tefillin during the week, their prayers infused with gratitude and strength, and new connections. As the bar mitzvah boy stood at the Kotel, wrapped in his tallit, his voice rose with the words of prayer. Surrounding him were seven other boys and their families, their hands resting on his shoulders, creating a tapestry of faith, healing, and hope. This was more than a celebration—it was a reminder that even in the face of unimaginable darkness, the Jewish people rise together, stronger than ever, with their hearts open wide.

These moments of deep connection were where the real transformation happened. No one had to explain what it felt like to lose a brother or sister—it was understood in the unspoken glances, the quiet nods, the way they cheered for each other as they stood on their boards for the first time

The friendships formed during this retreat will last a lifetime. For many, it was the first time they felt like they truly belonged again. It was the first time they saw a path forward that was not only about surviving but about living.

This retreat was possible because of you. Your support allowed these young adults to reclaim their futures, one wave at a time. Thank you for standing with them, for believing in their healing, and for making these life-changing experiences a reality.





Healing Waves: OneFamily's Therapeutic Retreat for Bereaved Young Adults

In the heart of Sri Lanka, where turguoise waves crash against golden sands, a group of young adults embarked on a journey unlike any other. Each of them had endured unimaginable loss—the death of a parent or a sibling to terror. But there, amidst the rolling surf and breathtaking landscapes, they found strength, healing, and hope.

This seven-day retreat, designed specifically for bereaved young adults, combined physical challenge, emotional support, and the power of community. With the guidance of experienced therapists and professional surf instructors, participants learned to ride the waves-both literal and emotional. Surfing, an activity that demands resilience and balance, proved to be a powerful metaphor for their healing journeys.

Three times a day, they gathered for group therapy sessions, sharing their pain, memories, and fears with those who truly understood. Trauma therapists taught them tools for overcoming grief and building resilience-first on the waves, where they learned to fall and rise again, and then in the rest of their lives, where they are learning to navigate the unpredictable tides of loss and healing.





In the heart of Manhattan, amidst the city's vibrant energy, a remarkable evening unfolded in the home of Sam and Holly Merrin. Erin Molan, the fearless Australian journalist renowned for her unapologetic support of Israel and her unwavering commitment to truth, captivated an intimate gathering of OneFamily friends and donors. Engaging in a dynamic fireside chat with our founder, Marc Belzberg, Erin's passion and authenticity resonated deeply, leaving an indelible mark on all present.

The following Shabbat, our journey of advocacy for Israel's terror victims brought Erin to the Palm Beach Synagogue, where she addressed the congregation with heartfelt conviction. Rabbi Moshe Scheiner gave OneFamily and Erin a very warm welcome. Her words, infused with personal anecdotes and a profound sense of justice, illuminated the ongoing struggles faced by the lewish community, both historically and in contemporary times. After Marc spoke about his life's work and our inception, congregants lined up to ask how they could help.

Erin Molan's courageous stance and compelling narratives continue to inspire and challenge us, reminding us of the power of standing firm in our beliefs and the impact one voice can have in championing truth and justice. We are so grateful for this support, during very turbulent times.



Thanks to Susie Domb and the Shine Foundation, 250 new widows will be wrapped in warmth and comfort each night with cozy pajamas—just a small reminder that they are not alone.

From Battlefield to Center Stage: A Hero's Visit Inspires **Young Survivors**

This past Chanukah, OneFamily brought a beacon of hope and inspiration to our Youth Camp: Israeli superstar and national hero Idan Amedi. Known for his powerful voice, iconic role in Fauda, and his unwavering resilience, Amedi-who was critically injured while serving in the IDF reserves—arrived by helicopter to surprise the campers and to spend an unforgettable day with almost 400 young terror victims. These children, who have endured the devastating loss of a parent or sibling, found in Amedia powerful example of strength and recovery.

Amedi, a 36-year-old renowned singer and actor, left his career behind to join the combat engineering corps on October 7th, when Israel was thrown into war. Just three months later, on January 8, 2024, he was severely wounded and burned in battle. When he was rushed to the hospital, doctors described him as "an unidentifiable soldier, approximately 22 years old." His injuries were devastating, his recovery uncertain. But against all odds, after a year of grueling rehabilitation, Amedi is returning to the stagestronger than ever, with a new song and an unbreakable spirit.

The camp, held south of Beersheva, was already a place of healing and togetherness, but Amedi's presence brought something extraordinary. He hugged the children, shared heartfelt words, and sang with the passion and sincerity that have made him a beloved figure across Israel. His visit wasn't just a performance; it was a lifeline of connection. Amedi's journey of pain, survival, and perseverance resonated deeply, reminding these young survivors that even in the face of unimaginable hardship, there is always a way forward.

To continue this spark of inspiration, OneFamily purchased



500 tickets to Amedi's sold-out concerts in February, giving these young terror victims a chance to see their hero again. For many of them, Amedi is more than a performer-he is living proof that they, too, can overcome their struggles. Watching him rise after all he has endured encourages them to believe in their own strength.

As the Chanukah candles illuminated the camp, Amedi's visit lit an even brighter flame of hope. His presence was a powerful reminder of the mission at the heart of OneFamily: to bring healing, connection, and a future full of possibilities to victims of terror. Through moments like these, we ensure that no one walks this difficult road alone.





Save the Date: OneFamily Yom HaZikaron Ceremony

Join us on the evening of April 29th (lunchtime EST, breakfast PST) for OneFamily's deeply moving Yom HaZikaron Ceremony—the largest in Israel outside of the official government ceremony. Connect with us to experience the heartfelt stories from victims about their loved ones, and inspiring messages of hope and resilience. The ceremony will be livestreamed, and we invite individuals, schools, and synagogues around the world to stream this powerful event to their communities.

Together, we will honor, remember, and draw strength. Stay tuned for more details, and please save the date to join us.



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