

IAJF- OneFamily Bereaved Family Fund

This summer's Operation Protective Edge by Israel lasted fifty days. The results were destructive; other than property damage and major emotional hardship upon all Israelis, five civilian and 67 young IDF soldiers were killed.

For many, the summer is a distant memory, but for the families who have lost loved ones, the agony of the summer lives on. The IAJF partnered with One Family to extend the support given to needy bereaved families by offering a special grant personalized to the needs of each family, offering financial support for fundamental necessities, educational programs, family retreats and seminars, and more.

On December 31, 2014, OneFamily organized an intimate evening of healing – bringing together bereaved parents, siblings, and spouses. Interactive ODT group building activities for Children and parents formed special bonds between the participants. The families were addressed by Naftali Bennett, Israel's Minister of Finance, Chief Rabbi David Baruch Lau, Chantal Belzberg, OneFamily Executive Vice Chairperson, and Lin Meir on behalf of the IAJF.

The IAJF took a special role in the evening, matching funds with OneFamily and distributing the first payment per family. The IAJF and OneFamily stood beside these families, saluted their inner strength, and honored the memories of their beloved ones in an evening filled with mixed emotions, laughter, tears and hope.

