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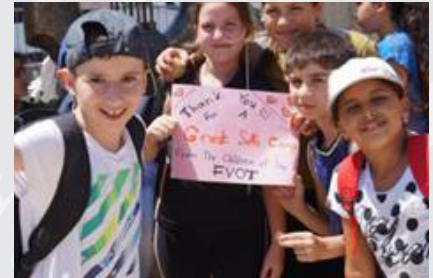
## An Orphan with 300 Mothers

This summer, 300 Israeli children ages 6-16 participated in the annual 10-day summer camp organized by the Jewish Agency's Fund for the Victims of Terror. Each of them either has been injured in a terror attack, or has an immediate family member who was injured. Many of the children live in Southern Israel, in towns that come under heavy rocket attack from Gaza.

The camp director for the Fund for Victims of Terror, Eran Shavit, said that on the first day of camp, he personally drove a little girl, Shira, 6 years old, and her brother, from Kiryat Malachi to

meet the camp bus, since they were the only two children on that day from Kiryat Malachi. Their father was injured in 2012 during Operation Pillar of Defense, when the air-raid siren went off, and he was hit by a truck as he ran across the street to the bomb shelter. He was "in a bad state" for years, a counselor said, and died just three months ago.

Shira cried on the way to the bus, Eran said, complaining that she was bored and that she doesn't like that she doesn't know anyone at camp other than her brother. "Just you wait," Eran



told her. "You'll meet other children on the bus and from then on you'll have a great time."

Sure enough, he reported, Shira, the youngest child at camp, quickly became the camp darling. "She is getting so spoiled," a counselor confirmed as Shira, dressed in pink from head to toe, giggled with older children nearby. "At this camp she has 300 mothers."

