

On 24.07.2024 Maya Goren's body was found by the IDF after 9 months and recovered from the Gaza Strip.

☆ Update von Smadar & Shlomo Goren: unser Kampf für Maya ☆

We are in regular contact with the family.

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“It is hard to believe that our lives have been changed from one day to another. The picture above is from one year ago: the full family. For me and us our wounds are still fresh...”

Smadar and I have 3 children - Amir (26) student for communication and radio, Noga (23) after army, partial work with children, Dror (19) in the army now.”

The whole family Smadar & Shlomo, Avner & Maya and their children one year ago



*Avner & Maya
Murdered on October 7th*



*Avner's funeral on 23/10/24 at Kibbutz Nir-Oz.
Behind the Rabbi are 5 additional new graves of victims*

“But since October 7th we are also taking care of Avner (Smadars brother) and Mayas 4 children, who are orphans since both their parents have been murdered on October 7th. To be responsible for them helps us not to drown in grief.

Assif (26) - student on Technion university 3rd year,

Bar (24) - student on Technion university 1st year,

Gal (22) - has been released from the army, he will start partial work with children in September.

Dekel (19) - the only girl, will go to the army on August. Now she is on one year volunteering with children. (Hashomer Hazayeer - youth movement).

We are the only close family to these children. We try to give support to our children and Avner and Maya's children as well. We seek to protect ourselves. The pressure and the load are really great and sometimes affect the health. Returning to our routine is very important for us and from time to time, we try do beautiful things together to maintain our forces.”

Smadar (who worked before in schools with children with special needs) stopped working after the tragedy. Shlomo (who is an engineer in a large hi-tech company) has reduced his work time temporarily to 70%. In addition to helping the children to overcome the trauma, they worry about their son in the army and fight for the return of Mayas body from Gaza.

Can you sense their ongoing horrible pain?

“We continue the general and personal struggle. We keep holding on by taking part on the releasing activities and try to keep the balance between our fight vs our health.”

יום 120
136 חטופות וחטופים עדיין בשבי
לחלקם עוד יש סיכוי לסוף אחר



*Activities against forgetting:
on day 120 (left) and 200 (right)*



*Audience with the
President of Israel,
Herzog (left)*

*Amir Alfassa in
Geneva, at the
parliament and the red
cross (right)*

On July 24, 2024, Maya's body was found by the IDF and recovered from the Gaza Strip. After 9 months, they can finally bury Maya next to her husband who was also murdered on October 7th. May God give them comfort and healing for their souls... and slowly a return to life.

115 Israeli hostages are still in Gaza ...

We continue to be in regular contact with Smadar and Shlomo and support them and the four orphans left behind. We help and comfort as best we can.

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