

TZEVA

TZEVA is an acronym for Tze'irim Bonim Atid, which translated from Hebrew means "Youth Building a Future"; as well as meaning color or paint.

TZEVA established and continues to operate study and enrichment centers in public schools located in underprivileged neighborhoods and development towns. These centers are run by volunteers and fill the need that currently exists for children 8-12 years of age. TZEVA exclusively caters to children in the 3rd to 6th grade.

TZEVA- (Tze'irim Bonim Atid) Youth Building a Future, is a non-profit organization, formed in response to the widening economic and social gaps created in the Israeli society. Throughout the country there are children lacking a solid support system. These children need to be strengthened socially and academically, as well as be instilled with important values, so that they will be able to face the challenges of the future with self-esteem and confidence.

In TZEVA's enrichment centers, children meet with volunteers from the community who help close the educational gaps and also provide social and cultural experiences and activities. We believe that these volunteers serve as mentors and role-models, as they are true examples of the social involvement we are trying to promote. Through their contribution, volunteers bridge the social gaps and work towards equal opportunities for underprivileged children.

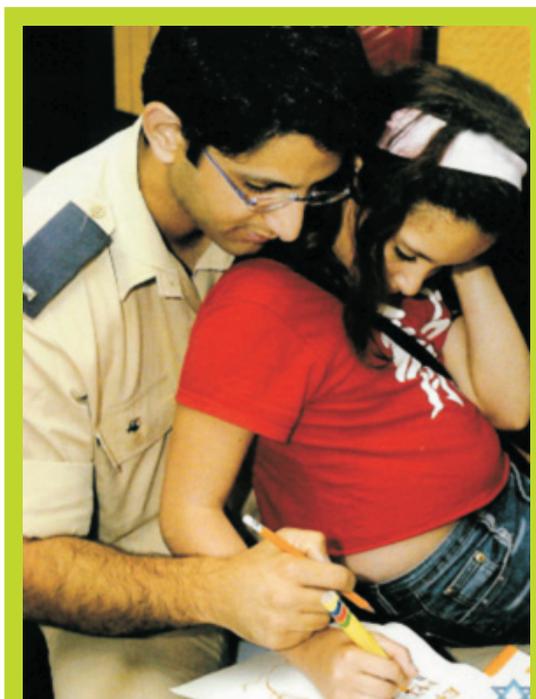
The study center runs twice a week, in the afternoon, throughout the school year. The center provides an atmosphere that encourages learning. Every child is assigned an adult volunteer that helps him/her prepare homework and study for exams. The children are exposed to scholastic enrichment that their school and family cannot provide. The enrichment builds the

children's self-confidence and inspires a more positive self-perception. This is usually immediately translated into better results in school and improved social interaction. Since the children come from disadvantaged families, the center offers them personal and scholastic support that their parents cannot provide. There is constant monitoring and feedback regarding the children's progress. The success of the project is evident in the significant improvement of the children's achievements at school and in their enhanced social interaction.

TZEVA's activities are in cooperation with the local authorities. In addition, the Ministry of Education recognizes the project as a youth volunteer program within the framework of Israel's high-school program, iPersonal Commitment, which requires 10th graders to volunteer throughout the school year. TZEVA's activities are funded by financial contributions and resources from private foundations and the business community, whom also provide volunteers out of their employees.

In the academic year 2004-5, there are 24 TZEVA learning enrichment centers active in under-privileged neighborhoods located in Tel Aviv-Jaffa, Herzeliya, Petach-Tikva, Beer Sheva, Ofakim, Haifa, Migdal Hae'mek, Afula, and Tiberias. Over 520 children, ages 8-12 and 540 adult and youth volunteers participate in the program.

TZEVA aspires to build a democratic society based on the values of personal and social responsibility, involvement, civic duty, self-actualization, empowerment and fulfillment, all working towards the goal of achieving social mobility. TZEVA is committed to promoting social processes in order to create educational opportunities for children helping to open educational doors and empowering them to discover their own choices.



TZEVA Participant with a Volunteer