



Building Leadership through Volunteering

Need:

Most of the students who enroll at the Mechina come from Israel's at-risk peripheries. Typically they begin at the Mechina with low self-esteem and have little motivation to serve meaningfully in the IDF. They don't believe in their ability to meet real challenges or succeed where their peers have failed. They need to see how they can make a positive impact on society and make a real difference in their own lives by making a difference in the lives of others in need. Once they witness the positive effects of their efforts, their altruism is born and the desire to lead takes hold.

Response:

In order to convince at-risk youth of their ability to change the reality around them, the Tamir Mechina provides multiple volunteering activities from which students can select. These activities include: helping elementary school children with their homework (particularly mathematics via the Singapore Method); Big Brother Program for children from negligent or violent homes; visiting with Holocaust survivors and the elderly and assisting them with their errands; helping children with emotional difficulties at a therapeutic horseback riding farm; and assisting Ethiopian children from new immigrant families with their Hebrew writing skills. Participation in volunteer activity is mandatory at the Mechina.

The volunteering activity gradually changes their self-perception. They begin to realize they have what to give to others and are truly capable of changing themselves, their futures, and the society in which they live. This new outlook gives them new motivation to make a difference and succeed in the IDF and as responsible citizens - doing their very best for their country and themselves.

Training for One Field of Volunteer Activity: \$500

Sponsorship of the Mechina's Volunteer Program this year: \$8,000

Dedication options in honor or in memory of a loved one are available.

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