

**" Agents of social change" –Perach and
the Minority in Israel**

- The minority in Israel is passing a process of change including social and educational change. The main section of the community who can help to bring about positive changes are the students which perach works with helping them involving and participating as leaders and " difference making ". Agents of perach volunteer in a unique way fulfilling the role of mentoring for the children inside their community being internal agents of social change. What makes them such agents? What is the real role of Perach ?

The Arab community in Israel:

- Almost 20%
- Includes several communities_ / everyone is unique / perach adjusts itself to each
- 85 municipalities / city or village / perach works with most of it

Problems or lacks

- Higher education
- Economic, low salaries , physical works, unemployment, poverty
- Social, women status, violence, crime
- Institutes , municipality buildings, community buildings, fields

The role of perach

- We can't build
- We can't give salaries
- We can't employ people

what do we do ?

- Mentoring one to one
- Supporting and encouraging to develop their full potential
- Studying , social skills , self – esteem
- Mentors as a model

What else

- Talk , think , expose , share , experience
- Feelings ands emotions
- 4 hours a week
- Both from the same village
- Special way of mentoring
- Mentors as a group
- Community project
- Means of contribution
- Can't see the difference
- “ The whole is greater than the sum of its parts ‘