

FAQs:

Israel Connect pairs each mentor with a student who is eager to improve their English language skills. Our tutors/mentors dedicate 45 minutes each week to one-on-one video meetings using the Israel Connect curriculum. By the end of the school year, students have the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the national university entrance exam.

This goal-oriented program leads to exciting and tangible outcomes:

- **It offers Israeli youth ongoing, personalized mentorship and academic support in reading and speaking English.**

Frequently, one-on-one English tutoring is only available to those in higher income brackets, and Israel Connect is working to reach students in other echelons of society.

- **Increases economic mobility of Israeli youth**

In Israel, access to post-secondary education hinges on English proficiency, as English comprehension comprises 1/4 of the university entrance exam. Teens' performance on these exams can determine their future. Today in Israel, without strong English language skills, students cannot get accepted to university. We also know that within Israel, access to English immersion experiences is strongly and positively correlated with higher socio-economic status. The better the student's English skills, the more successful and affluent they are likely to be.

- **Increases students' confidence, language skills and access to higher education, which puts them on the path to economic mobility.**

Israeli youth get better jobs when they have good English skills. Israel Connect gives them the skills and confidence they need to succeed.

- **Inspires young people across Israel**

Our volunteers are more than mentors — they are role models. By investing their time, Israel Connect mentors make a life-long impact on young Israelis.

- **Strengthens ties between the diaspora and Israel**

Mentors and students become deeply connected to our shared Jewish heritage through stress-free learning. The IC Program is committed to connecting generations of Jews. Mentors and students share the joys of Jewish holidays, life milestones and the beauty of the State of Israel. Israel Connect is committed to celebrating the Jewish world's storied past and exciting future.

- **Enhance the lives of volunteers**

Volunteers are engaged and energized by the experience, knowing that their contributions will have far-reaching impacts. It's a win-win situation!