

BS"D

CONNECTIONS ISRAEL

Bringing the Jewish People Together

The IDF: A Source of Pride to the Jewish People

Goal:

- To explore the emotions conjured up in students when they connect to the Israeli Defense Forces.
- To analyze why this occurs.
- To come to the realization that the behavior of other Jews, and especially of representatives of the Jewish Homeland as symbolized by the IDF, directly affects us - Kol Yisrael Areivim Zeh Laze.

Target Group: 14 years of age and up

Materials Required: The Connections Israel movie "Purim Operation 2008 for the IDF Soldiers".

Duration: 1 hour

Activity Outline:

- I) The group views the film together, following which the teacher asks the students to write in only one word how they felt after seeing the movie. All responses are written on the board.
- II) The teacher asks each student to explain why he/she feels that way and what point in the film engendered such an emotion.
- III) Challenge question: What do you/can you do that makes other Jews feel the way the Israeli soldiers made you feel?
- IV) Discuss with the students ways in which they can let these soldiers know their affect on them.

Note: Many students may respond with the same emotion such as "proud," "happy" etc., but when they explore their reasons for these feelings different things will arise.