



» **Public Education, Advocacy and Government Relations** deepens policy makers' familiarity with Arab society, and raises awareness that Jewish-Arab equality and social inclusion are critical to Israel's future. Working with opinion leaders within government, the media and the private sector, The Abraham Fund is a vocal advocate for policies that promote a shared society of equal opportunity and access for all Israelis.

» **Jewish-Arab Inter-Municipal Cooperation: Mirkam in the Galilee** aims to develop the Central Galilee as a national model for shared living in an ethnically mixed region. This initiative brings together Jewish and Arab municipal leaders to work on shared needs in the areas of environment, regional development, education and health, while designing policies and practices that can be replicated in mixed regions throughout Israel.



» **Education for a Shared Society** is advanced through The Abraham Fund's bilingual Hebrew-Arabic online resource center for educators, to reinforce and support the work of civics and coexistence educators in Jewish and Arab schools. The interactive resource center provides program resources, teaching materials and extensive information in the areas of democracy and education for shared citizenship.

The Abraham Fund's Vision

The Abraham Fund Initiatives has been working since 1989 to promote coexistence and equality among Israel's Jewish and Arab citizens. Named for the common ancestor of both Jews and Arabs, The Abraham Fund advances a cohesive, just and secure Israeli society by promoting policies based on innovative social models, and by conducting large-scale social change initiatives, advocacy and public education.

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The Abraham Fund Initiatives

Strength in Diversity

The Abraham Fund believes that constructing a shared society of inclusion and equality among Israel's Jewish and Arab citizens is a moral and pragmatic imperative for the State of Israel; a society in which the individual rights as well as the political, cultural and religious character of each community is clearly and unambiguously recognized and respected.

The Abraham Fund is led in Israel by Jewish and Arab co-executive directors, and by a diverse and fully integrated staff and Board of Directors.

With the help of its friends and partners around the world, The Abraham Fund is transforming the landscape of Jewish-Arab relations as it pursues its vision of a cohesive, secure and just Israel for the benefit of all her people.

An Agent for Change

As a non-political, not-for-profit organization, The Abraham Fund works to transform Israeli society, based on the values of coexistence, equality and cooperation, by

- » Initiating and operating large-scale coexistence ventures that serve as a platform for constructive policy change;
- » Conducting public education, advocacy, consultation and training for government ministries, agencies and officials;
- » Serving as a resource for coexistence professionals, civil servants and the private sector; and
- » Investing in strategic partnerships that promote our vision of a shared and just society.



Major Initiatives

- » **Language as a Cultural Bridge** seeks to mandate the teaching of Arabic language and culture for all Jewish students in Israel's public schools, from the elementary grades through high school. Already in nearly 100 schools across the country, this Abraham Fund initiative is changing attitudes and promoting respect for the language and culture of Arab citizens, 20% of Israel's population, with the support and partnership of national and municipal governments.
- » **Policing in a Divided Society** is a growing national program aimed at improving the relationship between the Israel Police and Arab society by enhancing the scope and quality of services provided to Israel's Arab citizens, and by equipping the Police with the multicultural skills and awareness required to serve a diverse society.
- » **Sharikat Haya/ The Arab Women's Employment Initiative** combats poverty in the Arab sector, promotes Israel's economic growth and strengthens the status of Arab women in their communities. Conducted in partnership with the JDC and the Government of Israel, the *Sharikat Haya* model is paving the way to economic and social empowerment for Arab women and their daughters.

