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The main focus of our Israel Mission, June 2017, was to explore Visions of Israel for the Future and to educate teenagers such as myself to think in a way that contributes to the success of Israel. I say this because he is the best were those of Amnon Ophir, at first meant to be what it means to be Zionistic in the Mission, June 2017, was to explore. Visions of Israel for the Future.

What will Israel look like in 70 years?

Our group was shown works of art by Hanoch Piven depicting famous figures made from household goods to depict our thinking. Then we were asked to create our own art supplies. We were told to think to spark our thinking. Then we were asked to create our own vision for Israel in the next 70 years using art supplies. We were given new ideas and philosophies, and peace. We talked about other narratives, not just the Jewish narrative we knew. We learned about the perspective of other religions and the true meaning of the land. We talked about the realities of the Israeli conflict, and more.

We have asked this question of all our speakers on this itinerary. While many of these (the fascinating tour, first Shabbat and visit to the De Karina chocolate factory to name a few) looked like a lot of fun, I doubted that they would expand and enhance my understanding of Israel. I was pleasantly surprised. I now have a better perspective of the diversity of Israel’s population and the complexity of Israel’s identity. People I didn’t expect formed meaningful relationships with people who have given me new ideas and philosophies, and expanded my perspective on Israel and the meaning and principles of modern Zionism.

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A Renewed Definition of Zionism

Ethan Geis (Israel, 2017)

A Dream of Peace

Nexa Marcus (Israel, 2017, Editor-in-Chief)

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