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Brevard Youth Finds Much to Love about Israel

I didn't realize there is so much green there," said 19-year old Cameron Watson, about his recent trip to Israel conducted by Bridges for Peace.

The 11-day program "Call to Zion" brought together 41 male and female students from nine countries, including 15 Americans, ...

...10 South Africans, and others from the UK, Canada, Columbia, Spain and more. Cameron "clicked" with Suguru and Raiki, his "awesome" roommates from Japan. "Everyone spoke English pretty well," said Cameron. The tour was "super-organized," led by the "phenomenal" group leader Tom Brimmer, "who knew everything."

From north to south, and west to east, the Call to Zion program took the students to Biblical sites in the Sea of Galilee and Tiberias, Qumran and Ein Gedi, Muhrakah – the Valley of Armageddon, and ended in Jerusalem.

"Israel is everything God says it is in the Bible," said Cameron. "It has beauty, splendor, wonders."

Some favorite destinations were Masada, the mountaintop fortress built by King Herod, and the Kfar Hanokdim Bedouin Village, where the students had a camel ride, camp fire, and a night of worship.

"The Bedouin Village was an amazing worship experience," said Cameron. "You heard everyone praying in different languages." (Continued on Page 2)

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Cameron Watson, 19 about his "Call to Zion" Tour

Pictured below: Masada—the mountaintop fortress of King Herod



Sister City's "Next Generation" Representative Cameron Watson riding a camel at the Kfar Hanokdim Bedouin Village.



Come talk to Cameron about his visit to Israel at the Sister City booth at the “Taste of Jerusalem” event sponsored by the Brevard Jewish Federation on November 11th at Wickham Park.

(Continued from Page 1)...In Jerusalem Cameron was very moved by Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial center. Cameron had attended the Sister City Holocaust Museum Exhibit in 2015, where he met a soldier who was one of the liberators of Dachau. He said that Yad Vashem helped him understand history and the extent of the genocide in the past century.

Cameron said it was most amazing to learn about history and Jewish people, and the relationship between Christians and Jews. “The political strife against Israel is completely false,” he said.

The Sister City Program helped raise funds to enable Cameron to participate in the Call to Zion experience. The plan is for Cameron to speak about his trip to encourage other young people to participate in Sister City’s “Next Generation Project.” You will find Cameron at the Sister City booth at the *Taste of Jerusalem* Event sponsored by the Brevard Jewish Federation on November 11th at Wickham Park.

“It was amazing,” he said, “being with new people. Ice cream.

next generation



Sister City “Next Generation” Representative Jordan Miles was back in Florida during June and July. While home, Jordan spoke to over 30 faith-based and civic groups (including at a Cocoa City Council meeting) about his experiences in Israel. Over 1000 people heard Jordan speak during these busy two months. Jordan is now back in Jerusalem volunteering for Bridges for Peace.

“In her own words”



June 4—

Jane - widow . Edward her husband was a holocaust survivor. She was married for 50 years, her husband recently passed. She was afraid we wouldn't deliver to her anymore bc it was her husbands name on the list. We arrived and she was so happy and appreciative she gave sweets to us. I asked to get a picture with her. She smiled and I gave her a big hug, she began to tear up. It was amazing to bless her and put a smile on her face. We matched with stripes and when we acknowledged it and she felt very happy .

Note: This is a June 4, Facebook post from Alina Bonventre who is currently participating in the 1-year service commitment project with *Bridges for Peace*. Sister City is helping to sponsor Alina while she is in Israel.

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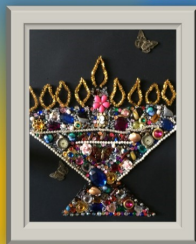
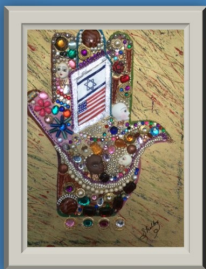
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Create your own exquisite 12 X 16 canvas jewel mosaic work of art. It can be the perfect addition to your home or a unique gift for someone special. The cost is only \$36 with the profit going to Sister City's "Next Generation" Representative Alina Bonventre. Alina is currently serving 11 months with the Bridges for Peace "Zealous" program in Israel.

Attention:

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Two Dates:

Sunday Oct. 28th or
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Congratulations to our our "Hamsa-dove" quilt winner -- Rhonda Lyons! (pictured here with two of our dedicated and talented "Gifts of Love" quilters: Jane Scott and Mary Moore.) Rhonda entered our quilt drawing at the "Peace in Space" event at the Foosaner Art Museum on July 8th.



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