From December 22, 2016, through January 1, 2017, more than 60 members of our Emanu-El community traveled to Israel for a fun-filled and unforgettable experience led by Rabbi Joshua Davidson, Lifelong Learning Director Saul Kaiserman, and Youth Learning and Engagement Director Missy Bell. Following are drawings, photos and quotes from some of the trip participants. View more at www.emanuelnyc.org/familytrip2016.

“The temple was really fun, and the service was awesome! Congrats to the bar mitzvah boy! I can’t believe that is going to be me in ONLY 4 days!” —Lizzie Buller, 7th Grade

“Israel is one of the best vacations I have ever been on. I’m meeting new people, and I’m learning about the culture I am growing up in.”
—Zac Snyder, 6th Grade
“The Ayalon Institute was really amazing. We admired the imagination, determination, resilience and creativity of our people that led to our success in the War of Independence and ultimately the creation of Israel.”

—Gabbie Hetu, 11th Grade, and her father, Robert Hetu

“I hiked up Masada! It was a lot of fun. Then, we went to the Dead Sea. It was so cool.”

—Jacqueline Snyder, 6th Grade