



Kennia Kirksey

“Through this experience, I was able to learn so much more about myself – my capabilities, my inspirations, my interests, my goals. As someone who dreams of being a medical practitioner, learning about Israel’s healthcare system was remarkably enlightening.”



Mylin Nguyen

“In the U.S. we hear about health disparities between different groups of people all the time, so it was interesting to see it occurring in Israel due to cultural factors. It truly emphasized what we learn in many of our global health classes that health and health policy must adapt to those it affects.”



Abigail Smith

“Overall, throughout our time in Israel, I realized I do not know as much about the world as I had thought. As we were leaving the country, it hit me that almost everything I thought I knew was either incomplete or wrong regarding health, human rights, and Israel in general. Realizing that there is so much to continue learning about the world despite my previous assumptions was a major learning point for me on this trip, and it makes me thankful to have had the opportunity to study abroad in Israel and learn more about both myself and the world.”



Ethan Pettepher

"We can spend hours in class and reading learning about health in different environments through case studies and reports but it was so much more impactful to be able to be in the area that in which you are attempting to learn. In Israel though, I was able to experience the various structural determinants of health firsthand through physical observations and real-time conversations with the people living there."



Rebecca Lawson

"I think it helped me to see how they saw the world and how they related to it. It made me have profound awe at how large the world was— and I was only in one part of it. This made me feel like I want to experience more parts of the world—to see through more people's eyes."



Kathryn Johnson

"My favorite part of the trip was by far visiting the Shalva center. This one-of-a-kind facility created a whole new world for individuals living with disabilities and their families. The focus on integration and inclusion was so evident here, helping many people with disabilities realize their rights to health and human rights that may not otherwise be possible."



Shaan Prasad

"This trip really helped expand my worldview from where it was before. Coming into Israel, I came with certain expectations that I learned from my understanding of Israel and its people, some of which are misguided looking back retrospectively. Overall, this trip showed me the intersection of nearly all aspects of Israeli society with the health of the citizens, and how they themselves think about their health"



Miguel Ruiz

"In the end, I enjoyed every single experience that I had in Israel. The food we ate, the people we spoke to, and the places we visited are forever going to stay in my memories. I believe that this was a watershed moment in my life because it opened doors to traveling. This was my first time abroad, and it sure won't be the last time after I had such a great time experiencing new cultures."



Kalli Jones

"My skills of listening and empathizing with others different from myself were strengthened through practice. In many of the places we visited, we were asked to consider another person or group's history to understand the challenges they faced and foster empathy, which is something rarely done in modern American society."



Aderonke Adewumi

“Every journey has a starting place. In my case, I started from a lack of knowledge in the intersection of health and human rights. I thought that both subjects were mutually exclusive until Israel proved that they are patches of the same cloth.”



Durotimi Adisa

“Israel was an enlightening experience for me. The most captivating university that we toured so far was the University of Haifa. First, what stood out to me was the location of the campus. Built into Mount Carmel, its architecture reminded me of Hogwarts School of Magic in its many twisting stairs and corridors.”



Morris Mordi

“I also really enjoyed speaking to people firsthand and hearing their stories. Under normal circumstances, I would never find myself trying to talk to random people to find out what their life is like. It really opened my eyes to see the world of another culture which I feel is really valuable. I was able to sympathize with strangers. As I talked to more people, I got more comfortable and I started branching out even more”