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We ♥ Israel

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Hi :) Let's start by introducing ourselves.

We are Noga, Hadar and Hadas, 19 years old from Israel. We came to England to do our second year of national service in Tribe, JFS and South Hampstead Synagogue.

When we were asked to write this article, we happily agreed because it's always fun to talk about our favourite place in the world, the country we came from - Israel.

So why do we like living in Israel, you ask? After all, London has everything you need. Israel doesn't have the best public transport, living is quite expensive and if we only listen to the news it sounds like Israel is also a dangerous place to live. So why Israel?

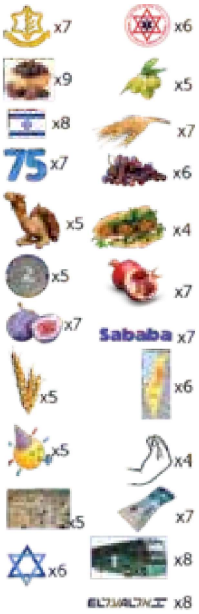
Noga: The thing I love most about Israel is the people, who will always be there for you when you need them. If something happens, everyone will join in to help you, because at the end of the day, we are all brothers - *'Achim'* !! The atmosphere is so special and makes you want to be part of this special country.

Hadar: I love that our special country has so many different views in such a short distance. The town where I live has a view of the desert and if you go a bit further south you reach the Dead Sea. If you travel west, you reach Jerusalem where ancient buildings and holy sites fill the skyline. An hour's drive from my town is the metropolitan centre of Israel, and from there, within three hours we reach the Golan, with its snow-covered mountain tops. All this in one country!

Hadas: Israel is not only a country where we live, we love it because it is our homeland.

Israel is the story behind it. Walking in the streets of Jerusalem, I think of my grandfather who fought so that I could walk here freely, I think of 2000 years of exile, of longing for the Land of Israel, and that we now see the fulfilment of that dream. Walking in Israel, we can feel the stories of the Tanach (Hebrew Bible).

Israel has a lot to offer, from the landscapes to its atmosphere and its historical significance.

After 2000 years, *Am Israel Chai!*

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