Today we finally met the students from the University of Jerusalem. We met at the Children Center for lecture. On this day, we learned some brief history of Israel and about Israel's Child Welfare system, the Department of Social Services (DSS). We were introduced and led by Anat Zeiar. After lecture we traveled to The Dead Sea! During this trip we were pointed the one of the greatest landmarks in human history, the spot of The Good Samaritan! Now The Dead Sea is the lowest place on earth, 1,412 feet below sea level. It is called the Dead Sea because the salt content is so high that nothing can live in its waters. There is no diving or drowning in The Dead Sea either because no matter how large or small everything that enters the waters just floats. Also, there is a very dark mud in the bottom of the sea that people lather on their skin that makes for one of the finest scrubs and exfoliators! Even though it was hot out as we are much closer to the equator, to lay out and sun bathe was extraordinary. Across the waters of The Dead Sea was the country of Jordan. Israel natives are NOT allowed in Jordan, but anyone else may visit there. Today was a beautiful day filled with interesting lectures, great new friends, and beautiful scenery.

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