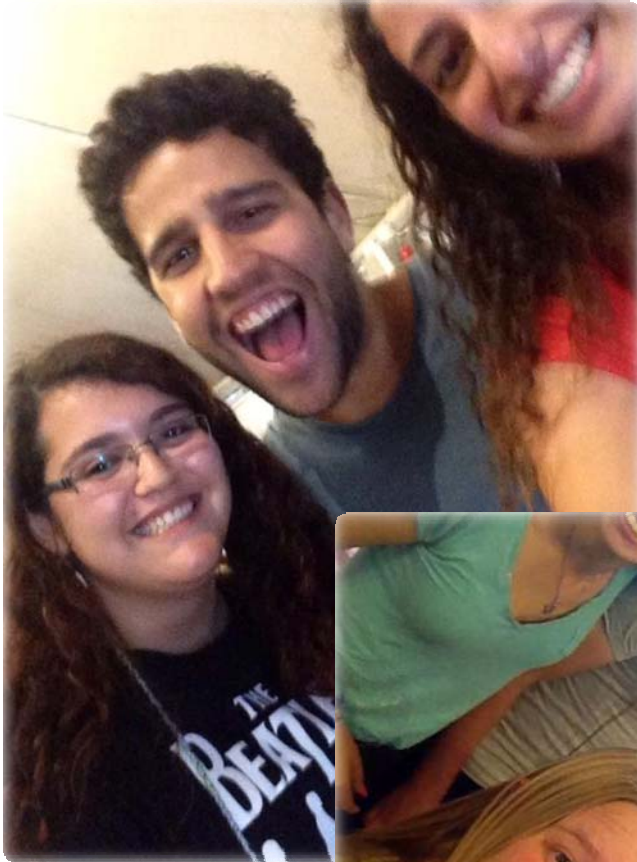


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But first, let us take a
selfie...



First Workshop - November



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Identity workshop – who
am I and how do I
present myself?

Second Workshop: Peer Leadership – February



Third Workshop – May



“Two Boys”



Our Experience – Shaar HaNegev









Our Perspectives: Yuval & Shoam

Yuval

You don't know what to expect. You have no idea what's going to happen. You feel butterflies in your stomach, and all sorts of thoughts come up in your head. You try to stay calm, but you can't. I knew my English wasn't the best, and I was afraid that it'll affect my feelings and the feelings of people around me.

That's how I felt the night before.

When we were on our way to Neve Shalom, I realized that I'm going to have an experience I will never forget.

I was really scared, but I knew I'm on my way to do something good, something big. What calmed me was the fact that my friends from my school were with me.

We were the first group to arrive at Neve Shalom. This is it, you have to face all of your fears, there's no turning back.

Yuval

And then they arrived, the Palestinians and the Jordanians. They looked beautiful, cute and friendly. At first we were ashamed to talk to them. We had luck, because they weren't so shy like us. They approached us, and introduced themselves and I felt connected to them.

Slowly I noticed that the fear of my English has disappeared, and I let myself make mistakes. It was funny, but mostly important. For the first time in my life I wasn't afraid to make mistakes. As time passed, we got to know each other. And honestly? It was a great feeling. We discovered that we have a lot of things in common, we discovered people's talents. Through the whole process we didn't even talk about the conflict, and it felt right.

Yuval

On the last day, we realized that we're leaving soon. We knew that we might not see each other ever again.

It felt as though we're leaving friends we've known all our life. But we promised each other that we'll keep these new friendships no matter what, and we promised to talk to each other every day. And that's what happened.

I'm so glad I went on this journey, and went through this process.

I'm glad I didn't let my fears overcome me, because eventually I went through a life changing experience.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

Shoam

I was really looking forward to that day.

Ever since Hesh told me I was going I couldn't stop thinking about it.

All these thoughts were floating in my head:

Will they like me? Will I like them? What will they think about me?

What will I think about them?

When we were on our way to Neve Shalom you could feel the excitement in the air. I remember taking a deep breath before walking off the bus.

We were all nervous, but yet very excited.

After we got to know the Palestinians and the Jordanians, I knew this is something that's going to last for a lifetime.

They were amazing, and we were all sad when we had to separate.

I knew that I made friendships that will last a long time.