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My educational visit to Yad Vashem (Jerusalem), with the Holocaust Educational Trust, representing Enfield County School.

In August I went to Israel for ten days alongside a group of 14 Regional Ambassadors of the Holocaust Educational Trust. Whilst in Israel we spent the majority of the time listening to seminars delivered by leading Holocaust academics in the respective fields of the Holocaust. To say it opened my eyes would be an understatement. Previously I visited Auschwitz-Birkenau with Besma in October 2016, with the same organisation. I have always had an interest in History especially German history. This will be an insight into my time there and what I learnt.

Over the period of time I was there, we went to Yad Vashem to receive our seminars. Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Centre, is the ultimate source for Holocaust education, documentation and research. From the Mount of Remembrance in Jerusalem, Yad Vashem's integrated approach incorporates meaningful educational initiatives, ground breaking research and inspirational exhibits. If you want to learn about the Holocaust, Yad Vashem is definitely a place that you need to consider. Founded in 1953 it has a beautiful museum attached and a 4 million named archive of Holocaust victims. It was here that seminars held by the likes of Dr Noa Mkayton and Ohir Yarden were held. We had tours and got to view some of Israel's breathtaking landscapes. Through multiple articles I will be explaining what they have told me.

Not only did we have seminars but we also went on day trips to Masada and the Old City. We had wonderful guides who informed us of the historical nature of the locations that we periodically stopped at. This was really great as it blended well with the seminars and understanding of the Holocaust.

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