US. Through these projects students challenged their preconceptions of Israel and its society, grew in their understanding of their experiences in Israel, and were challenged to reflect and understand their personal religious and national identity. Students also reflected on how their understanding of cultural diversity and immigration changed both in Israel and in the United States.

For many students this experience changed their self understanding, and they felt encouraged to be involved in social issues in their future at MSU and beyond. As David Warshay wrote: “While I have been here before, I’ve never experienced Israel like this. It was definitely an eye opening experience and one that I will not soon forget.”

- Dr. Yore Kedem, program leader