I am a baseball lover, a fan of pop culture, a native New Yorker, and a participant in a **Taglit-Birthright** Israel trip. The trip gave me a chance to connect with people my age with similar backgrounds and reaffirmed that it's okay to be a secular Jew. I felt what it's like to be in a place where I'm not a minority, where I have a common connection with people who are so far away but still like me. I left with a greater appreciation of Israel's proximity to other countries, of what Israelis go through on a daily basis, and of the incredibly unique land and culture.

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