



Together

A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS, but this picture—though it says a lot on its own—is incomplete without the full context. The faces of these four students in the international program at Haifa University at the end of a month of intensive Arabic studies reflect the bittersweet feeling of having to leave new friends and an incredible learning experience, with the knowledge that those friendships and that knowledge are theirs to keep. The diversity of the experience in Haifa is clear—the gaps in age, color, religion, culture, and even language never seemed to matter to the group of people in the program.

But I see more in this picture. There are three people holding fresh Druze bread. The fourth, Bibi, won't eat during Ramadan, so the bread that we got for her is wrapped up in her bag for later that night. What's special to me about my experience in Haifa is that it proved to me that in a world where so much value is put on global uniformity and conformity, there is still room for people to be respected for their unique identities and values, even when they aren't identical to our own.

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