

On the way to Israel ... for free

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FOR the seventh consecutive year, a Bialik College student has won a trip to Israel to take part in the annual My Family Story ceremony and exhibition at Beit Hatefutsot – The Museum of the Jewish People.

Year 8 student Tye Samuels will head to the two-day event after submitting his customised Samuels/Birnbaum family version of Monopololy for the project.

“I chose to create something universally recognisable, a Monopoly board that shows my personal roots and the paths my ancestors chose or those that were chosen for them,” Samuels said.

“The places on the board are countries and cities where my ancestors lived.

“‘Jail’ is Shomberg Concentration Camp, where my great uncle was imprisoned during the Holocaust.”

Over 20,000 students from across 155 different institutions from across the globe participated in the project with the final selection leading to only 48 winners – one being Samuels’ unique game board.

“The ‘money’ in the game represents the different currencies my



Samuels’ customised game board.

ancestors used at the time they lived in various countries.

The cards use real situations that affected choices made by my family members, paths they took and where they ended up,” Samuels said.

The two-day event will include tours, gatherings and an award ceremony.

Fellow student Isabella Stein will also have her project entitled “Through Their Eyes” shown at the gallery after it received special recognition from the museum.

It is part of the Bialik curriculum for year 7 students to create a ‘My family’ project during their bnei mitzvah journey with certain projects being chosen to compete for a place in the Beit Hatefutsot competition.