

Celebrating Jewish roots in Israel

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BIALIK College student Lily Davies recently returned from a whirlwind adventure in Israel where she represented Australia at the Beit Hatfutsot's (Museum of the Jewish People) annual My Family Story competition.

The competition, which is now in its 20th year, encourages students from across the globe to creatively explore their family history and traditions.

"It was amazing to be in a place with so many Jewish kids from other countries such as the United States, Spain, Turkey, Argentina, Mexico, Russia and Costa Rica. I really enjoyed seeing how every family has their own unique and incredible story," Davies, who is in year 8, said after her trip.

"As a group, we visited amazing museums and toured local neighbourhoods. At the end of the event, we all participated in a beautiful ceremony together.

"I felt blessed to be part of such a special experience."

Her winning entry, entitled "Family Loops", saw Davies produce a creative cereal box that displayed her extended family circle with each



Year 8 student Lily Davies from Bialik College outside Beit Hatfutsot in Tel Aviv.

member's Jewish values represented.

Each loop was crafted differently and uniquely to highlight the uniqueness of each member of her family and also represent the continuity of the Jewish tradition.

This is the fourth year a Bialik student has been won a trip to Israel to participate in Beit Hatfutsot's event.

Davies joined students from Jewish institutions around the world for a tour through the country and celebrated with like-minded friends from diverse countries, including Argentina, Austria, Mexico and USA.

The winning projects from all participants from around the world were displayed at an exhibition at Beit Hatfutsot in Tel Aviv.