

experience I will never forget. People always talk about the significance of Judaism and how you can really carry it with you anywhere in the world and being in a place where I never really thought I'd have much in common with my fellow teenagers, I truly felt this connection.

Thank you...for planning such a fun and thoughtful carnival for the kids at the Patronato on Sunday. Being able to share something I clearly enjoy doing, makeup, was such a fun and interesting experience for me. I vividly recall one of the older girls telling me how they don't really have access to something I consider a necessity, but they see as a luxury. She expressed true gratitude for something I believed to be so simple.

Thank you...for walking the streets of Havana with me, giving out candy to the little kids and adults that took so much joy in such a small act on our part. I can still feel the sun beating down on us as we walked down the streets. I can still feel the overwhelming sense of anticipation as we had watched the children parade towards us. I can still hear the innocent laughter of the kids. I can still see the genuine smiles across the faces of the little girls when I handed them the pink lollipops. And I can still feel the tremendous warmth that filled my heart that day.