

Danna's Dvar Israel - April 14, 2020

Reflection. When you look in the mirror, what do you see? Some say, "show me your friends and I will know who you are." Others say, "your actions and what you say is who you are."

I think that all of these are part of our individual reflections, but unlike other times when we look at ourselves closely and try to see who we truly are, right now we have a very special opportunity.

This opportunity is to not only for us to take a close look at ourselves as we are, but to analyze and reflect on who we want to be, especially in this time, when we are all part of something so much bigger than just ourselves.

Over the past month I have searched for opportunities. I have found that this past month has given me an opportunity to utilize the skills I have added to my "skills-bucket" for the past 7 months, such as adjusting quickly to an entirely new way of living. It has given me an opportunity to learn a lot of new things, and to challenge myself. It has given me an opportunity to do something very meaningful and to continue my Shnat Shirut (year of service) journey, even from home all the way in Israel. It has given me the opportunity to see that this work, of connecting and bringing Israel to the diaspora, can be done in many different and sometimes unexpected ways. It has given me an opportunity to think about my own reflection. About the way I've shown and continue to show myself, about my actions, and about the things I've said.

I have been reading and listening to a lot of people for the past 4 weeks, and I am very inspired. In some way, this past month gave me an opportunity to just let myself be inspired. And I feel very grateful for it.

Today, I just wanted to share some thoughts I had, and maybe inspire people to feel like I feel.

I hope everyone is well, Gaya and I miss you a lot, and we really can't stop hoping and waiting to return as soon as possible.

Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts. Wishing you a good week, Shabbat shalom, and of course, Chag Sameach!