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Hi! This is my art piece for the scholarship. This paper just tells you MY meanings behind what I chose to add.

**People:** These figures represent friends, and the friends I made through the Jewish community. We are all different but also connected through Judaism and are connected by the connections we make with each other.

**Flowers:** The flowers represent connection and, connect the figures in the picture. The full flowers and the strong roots resemble a strong healthy person. In the second bouquet, the last flower is dying. Something is not right. In the middle figures life. The last figure is supporting and holding the dying flower. Judaism has given me the feeling of support as well as people who I know will support and help me whatever the situation.

**Scribble Words:** These words are what Judaism has taught me as well as how it makes me feel. I have learned how to SUPPORT others & how to support myself when faced with difficult decisions and situations. I know the friends I have made in this community will always be THERE for me and will always be kind and loving. Going to a Jewish summer camp for years has really helped me CONNECT with my religion and to the other Jewish teens around me.

Having good friends has helped me get through so much and I am truly grateful for them and that I have such cool people in my life. I have also GROWN so so much from the people around me. I have become a better version of myself. I have learned to be more active in my community and help those who are less fortunate than I am and to HELP WHO AREN'T ABLE.

Love your neighbor as yourself, love yourself first. I interpret this as love and treat everyone as an equal, but in order to do that you need to see yourself as an eligible, equal, and valid human being first. Take care of yourself so you can then know how to take the best care of others.

**Here lies the meaning:** Sometimes you have to be in the middle of nowhere to find meaning. Everyone has different ideas about religion and about God. Sometimes I feel like I'm in the middle of nowhere and I have no idea what's going on around me.

I find meaning in lots of things and I guess "normal" things. Most of my clothes have meaning to me and I find so much meaning in music and art. Those things are always present in my life so meaning is always with me. Meaning lies in yourself, friends, the communities you choose to help build, and in other people. Even if you feel lost in the middle of nowhere, you can always find a little piece of meaning.