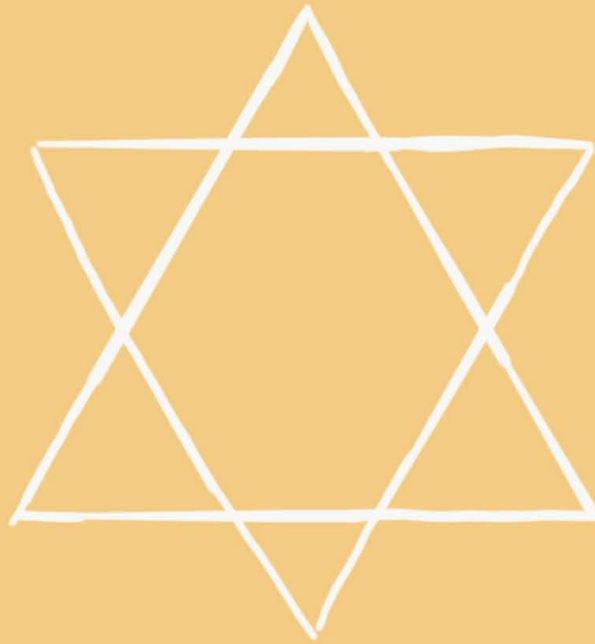
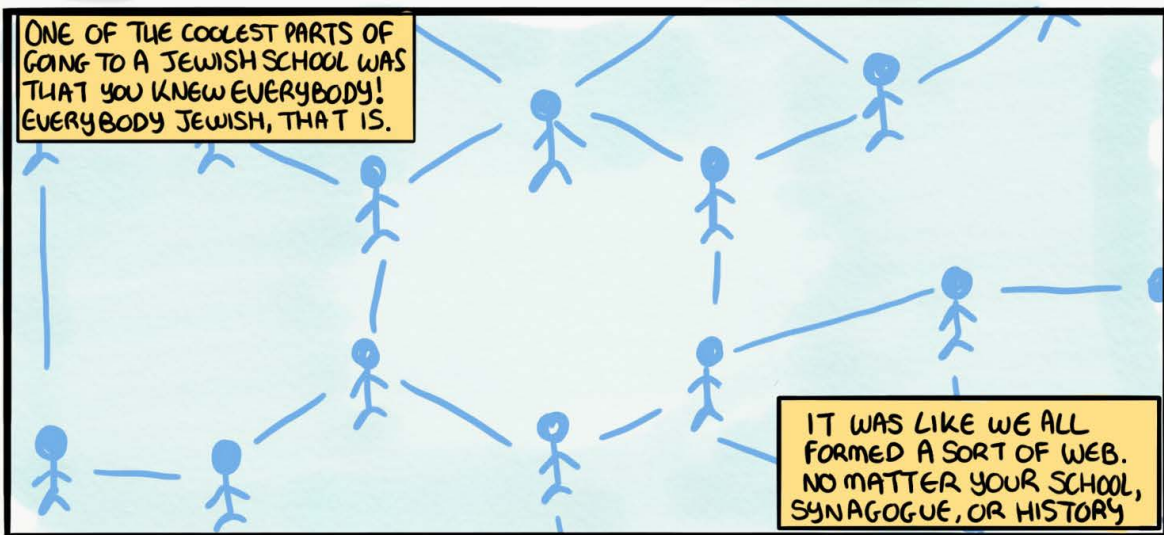
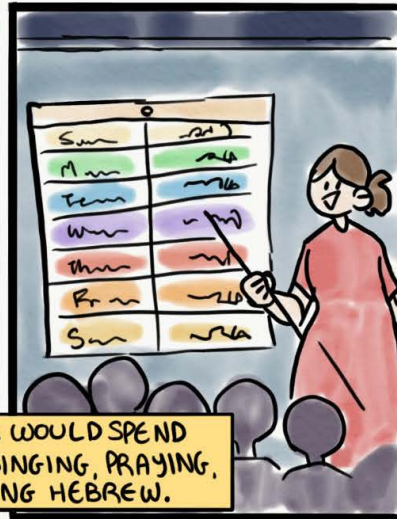


# Joy's Journey

~ A COMIC BY הנה דוהירסט  
OR SOPHIE ~







IN EIGHTH GRADE, WE STARTED A PROJECT CALLED "SHORESHIM," OR "ROOTS".

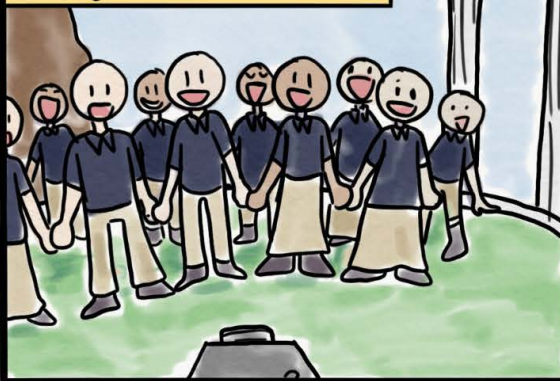


WE WENT AROUND CHARLESTON INTERVIEWING JEWISH PEOPLE IN THE AREA.



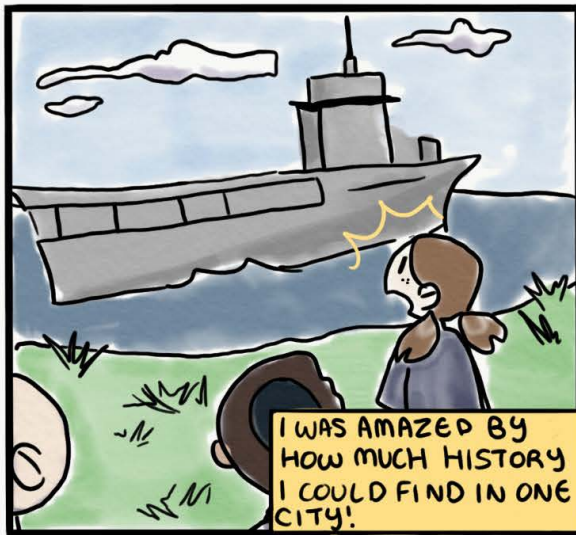
IT'S ONE OF MY FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORIES SINCE IT WAS SO INTERESTING TO HEAR OTHER PEOPLE'S JEWISH STORIES.

THE SAME YEAR, THE SCHOOL FILMED A MUSIC VIDEO IN HISTORICAL PLACES AROUND CHARLESTON.



WE WANTED TO SHOW HOW THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IS FLOURISHING...

... WHILE CELEBRATING THE BEAUTY OF OUR CITY.



I WAS AMAZED BY HOW MUCH HISTORY I COULD FIND IN ONE CITY!





MY SYNAGOGUE IS KAHAL KADOSH BETH ELOHIM.

REFORM, AND THE OLDEST SYNAGOGUE IN SOUTH CAROLINA.



THAT WAS WHERE I PREPARED FOR MY BAT MITZVAH... WHICH CAME ALL TOO SOON (LITERALLY, I WAS THE FIRST ONE IN MY CLASS TO HAVE ONE).



WHEN THE DAY CAME, I WAS SO NERVOUS. I HAD NEVER DONE ANYTHING LIKE A BAT MITZVAH BEFORE.



BUT HAVING EVERYONE AROUND ME FILLED ME WITH CONFIDENCE...

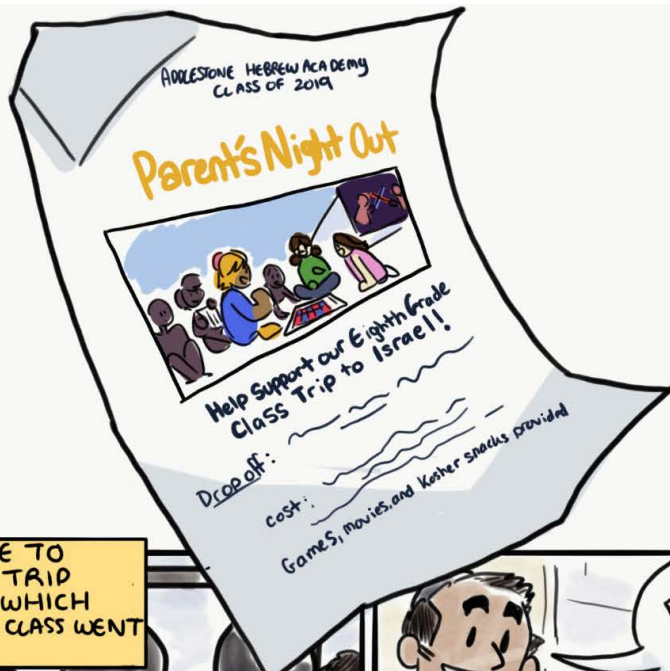


IT WAS HONESTLY ONE OF THE BIGGEST MOMENTS OF MY LIFE.



LATER...



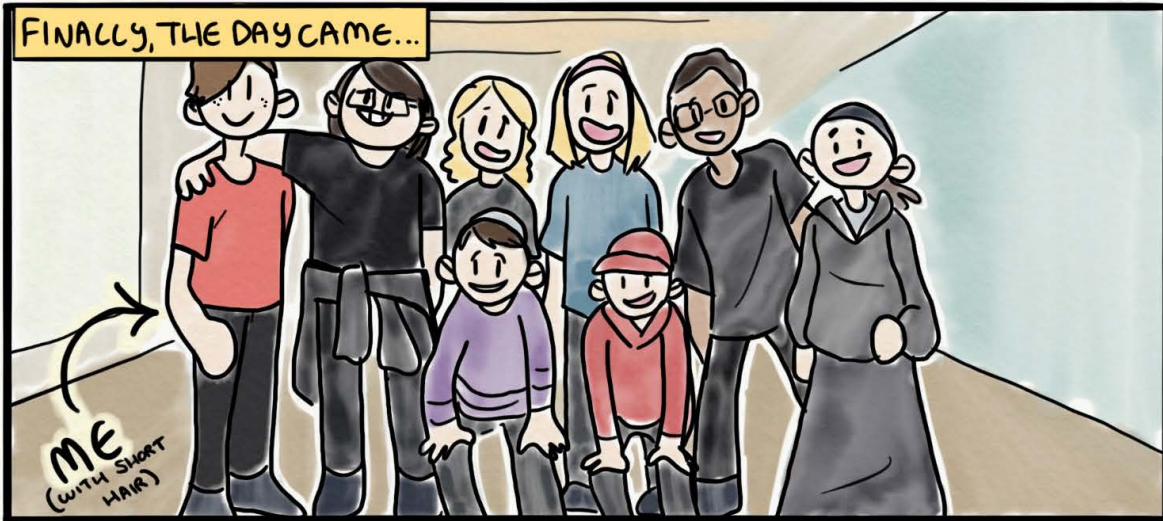


SOON IT WAS TIME TO FUNDRAISE FOR A TRIP TO ISRAEL: A TRIP WHICH EACH EIGHTH GRADE CLASS WENT ON.

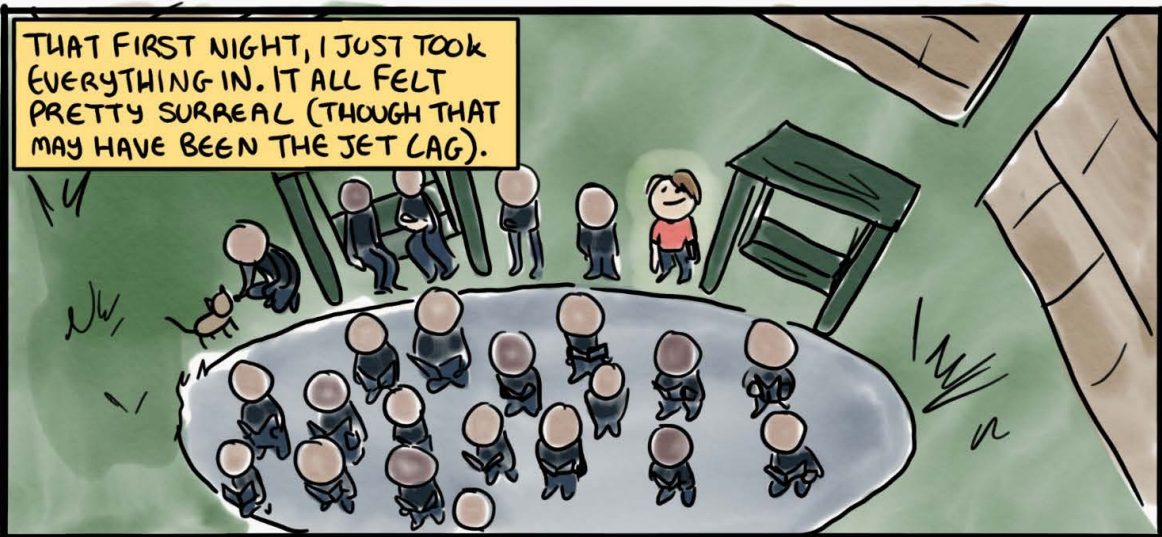


WE PLANNED RAFFLES, SHWARMA DINNERS, AND MOVIE NIGHTS GALORE













EVEN IF I DIDN'T LEAVE ISRAEL WITH ANY MORE HEBREW VOCABULARY, I STILL LEFT WITH A T-SHIRT, NECKLACE, AND LOTS OF PHOTOS AS MEMENTOS.





I MAY NOT HAVE A LONG FAMILY JEWISH HISTORY, BUT THAT JUST MAKES ME PROUDER TO START ONE.



I AM GRATEFUL FOR MY JEWISH EDUCATION SINCE IT ALLOWED ME TO CONNECT WITH SO MANY PEOPLE. NOT JUST PEOPLE AT ADDLESTONE BUT PEOPLE OLDER, YOUNGER, OR FROM DIFFERENT STATES THAN ME.

