

Scottish youngsters find Peace Pole during visit to Givat Haviva

★ FIVE Scottish lads on Israel tour with FZY found themselves at the pole this week — the Peace pole, that is.

During a break in a seminar at the Givat Haviva Jewish-Arab Centre for Peace near Hadera, Glaswegians Adam Beach, Ben Carroll, Jonathan Isaacs, Richard Freed and Conrad Cohen took a closer look at the six-foot high high Peace Pole embedded in the ground outside the Peace Library on campus.

There are more than 200,000 poles around the world upon which is written 'May Peace Prevail On Earth' in English on one side, Japanese on another — and in Israel the other

sides are engraved in Hebrew and Arabic.

Such peace poles can be found in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, along the Allenby Bridge over the River Jordan as well as alongside the pyramids at Giza to name just a few.

Apart from Jonathan, all the boys have been to Israel before but it was their first visit to Givat Haviva where they attended a workshop dealing with the Arab citizens of Israel and the Palestinians; met with Israeli Arab lawyer Amir Gara; and toured the Wadi Ara region where they were able to see over a portion of the Dotan Valley in the West Bank from the Amir mountain range.



Glaswegians Adam Beach, Ben Carroll, Jonathan Isaacs, Richard Freed and Conrad Cohen at the Peace Pole with Nicky Kelvin of Leeds