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- **Students** in the Certificate of Spiritual Formation program at Columbia Theological Seminary on their pilgrimage to the Holy Land.
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