Social relations are a fundamental source of existence. They shape identities, values, and world views. This paper will build on the theoretical concept of social relations to locate the experience of American identity in transnational activities. Specifically, it will demonstrate how exchanges between the United States and Lebanon contribute to definitions of an American identity. Two specific cases that involve transnational social relations between Americans and Lebanese will be analyzed: a resident-emigrant youth camp, and driving in Lebanon. Analyses consider the ways in which American values and world views represent a potential resource, but are also challenged in some contexts. Each illustrates the utility of “traveling theory” to suggest that both: 1) places where social relations happen, and 2) the people engaged in interactions, combine to create new opportunities for theorizing identity that is political as well as social.