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Hi everybody! My name is Mical Ortman and I am very excited and looking forward to meeting you all. Before all the fun things we are going to do, I'd like for you get to know me a little better. I am 17 years old and I live in Givatayim, that is located in the Tel Aviv district. Givatayim got its name from the fact that it is built on two hills, which in Hebrew translate to Giva'a. I believe that Givatayim is Tel Aviv's little sister due to their similarities. Givatayim is a unique city because it has two sides, on one hand it is an active and lively city at night and can be extremely busy at times, on the other hand it can be very warm and welcoming, and personally I adore it.

I love to spend time with my family. My mother's name is Eleny, she immigrated from the Philippines when she was 25



years old. She is my inspiration. She motivates me because she started with nothing as a young woman in the Philippines so she decided she wanted to come to Israel in order to begin a new life. When she came to Israel she did not have anybody by her side, and did everything single handedly, including studying cosmetics, learning Hebrew, and eventually converting to Judaism.

My father's name is Itzhak, he grew up in Tel Aviv, though he prefers living in Givatayim. He is a lawyer, and is currently active in the politic party, Ha'avoda.

I have three siblings. The eldest is Netali (33), followed by Barak (32), and Yael (22) and then me, the youngest daughter.

Despite the age gaps we have built a special and close bond. Even though Netali is the oldest, we were always told that we were similar in our personalities. Regardless of that, Netali chose to go the same path as my mom and also became a beautician.

Barak lights up any room, he is outgoing and funny, and he's amazing at everything he does. He is an engineer, and a fun fact is that he has a black belt in Jujitsu.

Yael is a talented individual, she has danced ballet for the majority of her life, but decided to stop in order to put studying art as a priority. She is currently a student at Shenkar. I can always rely on Yael because she always knows what to say no matter what.

I also have two adorable dogs, Tedi and Kokos.



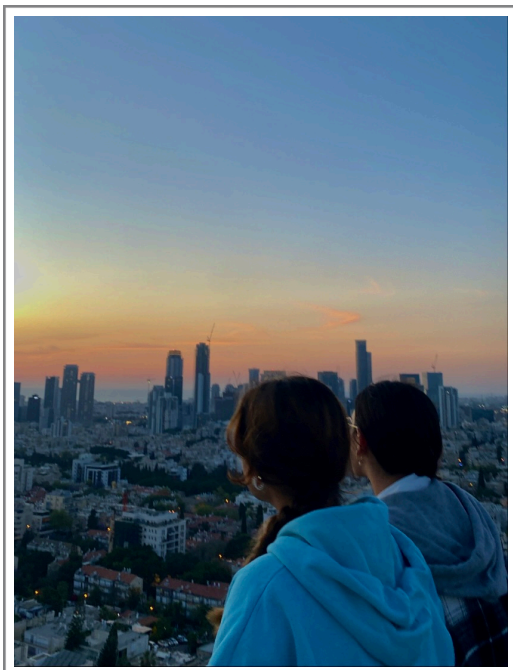
I am a student at "Shimon Ben Zvi High School" and my majors are psychology-sociology and sports.

I've been in the Tzofim (the Israeli scouts) since 4th grade. I was a counselor for 4th, 5th and 7th graders.

I was also a counselor in a new movement in Givatayim called "Colors After the Rain". I was the 8th grade counselor for 2 years. It is a movement based in Givatayim that concentrates on volunteering. The groups are divided by grades, and the point of "Colors After the Rain" is to volunteer in a different place every week.

I also volunteer at a group called "Soul Project". It is a music group that consists of teenagers and adults with special





needs and the volunteers that include me. We guide them and connect with them through music. It is very heart-warming for me to see the process the children go through and their progress through music. "Soul project" is definitely my favorite hour of the week.

In addition to all of that I have many hobbies. I danced from the age of three until I was 14.

I danced a lot of genres - Ballet, Hip Hop, Jazz, Modern dance... I also do ceramics, a lot of people in my ceramics studio love to make sculptures and decorations for the house, but I love to make dishes. I find it really entertaining to make my own dishes and eventually eat on them.

My favorite hobby is music, I have played the piano since I was 7, the ukulele since I was 15, and I recently started learning playing the guitar this year.

I also love to sing, I find it extremely calming to play and sing.