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Hello Cleveland!

My name is Itay Adanya and I'm one of the ShinShinim that are coming to Cleveland this year. I'm super excited to meet you all in person, but before that let me tell you a bit about myself.

I'm 18 years old and I live in a small community in Israel called Matan. Matan is located in central Israel and is a small settlement with about 3000 people. The thing I love the most about Matan is that it's a small community, where everybody knows everyone and there's a great feeling of togetherness. Another great thing is that a 5 minute walk from my house, there is a huge forest called Horashim. I love going

on walks and runs in the forest or even just to sit in a quiet corner with some friends watch the sunset and drink coffee – what we call in Hebrew “pakal.”



My family consists of 5 people, 2 cats and a dog. I am the middle child between my two sisters. My older sister Shani is 21 years old and is in her mandatory service in the military as a flight simulator constructor in the air force. My younger sister Shiri is 14 years old and is a student in middle school. My mom Merav is a clinical psychologist who works mainly with adolescents and families. My dad Eyal is VP of sales and partnerships in a very successful startup. I also have 13 cousins that I see almost every weekend. My family loves to go to the beach and during the summer we go very often. We also love to travel around the world and especially in Israel, and every holiday we go camping in a different part of Israel. Another interesting fact is that my family and I lived in Atlanta, Georgia for 4 years when I was younger.



I have a lot of different hobbies and things that I enjoy. First of all, I love sports, basketball in particular (Go Cavs!). I played competitive basketball in the Israeli youth league for 8 years and enjoyed every moment of it. I love to workout and train. My hope is to get accepted to a combat Special Forces unit in the army during my mandatory service. Two other sports I really like are surfing and snowboarding. Going surfing is one of my favorite things to do during the summer and sometimes during the winter as well.



Another hobby of mine is to travel and go camping with friends and family. I really enjoy outdoor activities, seeing new things and spending time in the nature. I also enjoy filming and editing movies.

One of the biggest things in my life in the past few years has been being part of a youth movement that is called Hahod HaChadash (the farmers union). It's a small youth movement with members from small villages and kibbutzim. During my years in the youth movement, I have met dozens of new friends from all over Israel and have experienced some of my best moments with my friends. In the last few years I was a counselor for different age groups and I enjoy it very much.

I'm super excited to get to Cleveland and to meet all of you and have an amazing year together.

See you in a couple of months,

Itay