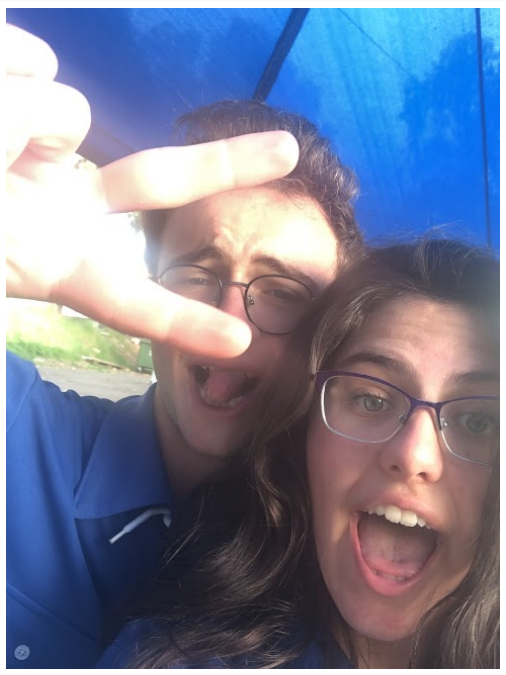




# ESHKAR KATES

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Hey My name is Eshkar Kates, and I'm going to be one of the 2021-2022 Shinshinim!

Eshkar is an unusual name in Israel. It means a gift and it's mentioned in the Torah. My parents gave me this name because I was born literally in the middle between their birthdays and they're a week apart!

I have two siblings - Erel who is 15 and Yaara who is 13. I also have one dog named Pucca. My family's favorite activities are traveling and escape rooms. We have traveled all around the country, usually camping in different places in Israel.



I was born in Beer Sheva and moved to a kibbutz when I was 9 years old. The name of my kibbutz is Barkai and I really love it! We have a big swimming pool, a *chadar ochel* (dining hall), a *machbesa* (laundromat) and a *refet* (cowshed). For ones of you who like avocado we also have fields where we grow them! Last year me and my friends actually worked in agriculture for the Kibbutz. We woke up at 6AM and we rode the tractor and started picking avocados. It was so much fun! On the Kibbutz we usually celebrate holidays together. My favorite holiday is Shavuot, because we're dancing Rikudei Am! I look forward to teaching Israeli dancing in Cleveland.



I've been part of the Hashomer Hatzair youth movement since I was 9 years old. Two years ago, I was a counselor on the kibbutz, and last year I helped to create a new chapter in the city of Harish. This year, I've been responsible for training the counselors for my kibbutz. I also really like music, and I have very diverse tastes - I listen to music in Hebrew, English pop, Beatles and more!

I like playing the guitar, and have studied music for years.

I can't wait to start this exciting year!

