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Hi Cleveland! My name is Avigail Botnik. I'm 17 years old, and I'm going to be a ShinShin in Cleveland next year. Before we have the chance to meet, let me tell you about myself.

I live in Kefar-Hess, on a farm with my father's side family. Kefar-Hess is a moshav (a village similar to a kibbutz) that established 90 years ago as a community of farmers who grow citrus trees. It's located in the center of Israel. I love my moshav! Everything is green and blossoming and the air is clear. You get to know everyone like one big family, and the community celebrates all the holidays

together. My favorite place in Kefar-Hess is all the fields and agricultural areas surrounding the moshav.

My family consists of me, my parents, and my siblings. My mother is Liraz (which in Hebrew means "my secret") and my father is Aviv (which in Hebrew means "spring"). My mother is a physiotherapist and my father works with plants and soil as a gardener. There are four children in our family. I am the oldest I have three active, noisy, and cute brothers: Yonatan, Hanoch and Itamar. I am very close to my brothers. We play and laugh, hike and do everything together. I have a really musical family. We listen and sing all the time in Hebrew and English. We also have a cat named Marco and a dog named Botten. And from time to time we adopt an animal that needs some care.

My family and I love music. Since I was 4 years old, I've sang in all of the moshav community events and I've even been part of a professional choir. Music is everything to me, and during the pandemic I learned how play the guitar and ukulele. I also like hiking and traveling. My favorite places in Israel are the desert and the sea. My majors in high school are theater and chemistry. I also like cooking and baking, drawing and sculpting, and history. On top of all of that, I'm a counselor in the youth movement on the moshav.

I'm really excited to meet you all and I can't wait to start this experience.