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Hey My name is Ofri Cohen. I'm 18 years old and I live in Ramat Gan, which is a city in the center of Israel.

My parents are Moshe and Dorit, and I am the "sandwich daughter" of my family. My older brother, Itamar, is 23 years old and my younger brother, Lior, is 9 years old. My parents are usually at home and don't have full-time jobs because my mom has MS (Multiple Sclerosis). But this situation allows us to spend a lot of family time together, which I love. We enjoy playing Rummikub, watching TV, and baking together. My older brother finished his army service one year ago, and he's about to start university next



year. My younger brother is in 3rd grade. He loves playing tennis and video games.

I am a student at "Blich High School" and my majors are Theater and Geography. I chose theater because I am a creative person. I find this subject very interesting and fun. It allows me to express myself, explore different art forms, and experience high school in a unique way. In senior year, we are divided into groups and are creating a play that we study, process, and perform. I am the director of the group I'm in, and also an actor. I also chose to study Geography because it is a great way to learn about nature and Israel. I travel a lot inside Israel with the scouts and Geography lets me understand the history and meaning of places I travel to, in addition to learning about multiple global places and events.

I've been in the Tzofim, the Israeli scouts, since the 4th grade. In the scouts, I've been a counselor for 4th, 5th, and 9th graders. This year, I'm teaching the next generation of counselors in my chapter how to be counselors, instruct them on how to become better role models, and improve them on a professional level. I am also the head of the community staff in my chapter. In this role, I initiate many projects for our community, such as collecting clothes for the poor, blood donations, and fundraising for different non-government organizations that help the community.

Last year I took part in the Tzofim friendship caravan, a delegation in which 30 teenagers from Israel go for three months to perform in front of Jewish communities all over North America. The show



includes singing, dancing and so much more, and that's why the cancellation of it due to the coronavirus was hard to digest. The pandemic might have prevented us from flying but it didn't prevent us from performing. We had the opportunity to participate in an alternative project in which we performed in 115 nursing homes in front of more than 5000 elderly people. I'm so thankful that I had the chance to impact so many people in such hard times, to give them hope, and to make them smile.

I look forward to meeting you!

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