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Hey everyone!

My name is Maya Lichtenstein and I'm going to be one of the ShinShinim in Cleveland next year. I'm so excited to meet you all, but beforehand let me tell you a little bit about myself...

I'm 18 years old from Tel Aviv. Tel Aviv is the most beautiful, vibrant and diverse city in Israel. What I like most about Tel Aviv is that in a short trip around you can see so many types of people, cultures and beliefs. I love going with my friends to the beach in Tel Aviv and later eat ice cream at Tamara

shop (the best ice cream in town). Tel Aviv has a lot of cool places that you must try if you come here. For example, you should go to "Shuk hapishpeshim" (the flea market) to eat a great Knafe, walk around Neve Tzedek neighborhood and stop to eat in amazing cafes or see the best view from Tel Aviv port. My parents' names are Zippi and Yoram. They are both lawyers. I have two older brothers named Itay (25) and Guy (22). They are both officers in the army and I'm very proud of them.



Guy was a ShinShin in Cleveland in 2019–2020 (the first year of Covid 19). He told me a lot about the amazing community in Cleveland and the significant experience he had during this year. In his footsteps, I also wanted to do a Shlichut. I also have a twin sister named Ronny. We are nothing alike. Ronny and I look very different. Ronny is brunette and 12 centimeters taller than me. Ronny is very calm, relaxed and nothing will move her from her peace of mind. I'm not like her. I'm very energetic and much more active. Our brother (Lucky, the cat) has an appropriate name, as he managed to drop down 5 floors, three times, and keep on going. Lucky indeed.

Sport has been a big part of my life. I have been playing water polo (somewhat unknown sport, I know...) since I was 8 years

old. I have 8 practices a week and I play in the senior team of my club. I took part in the Israeli national youth teams and participated in three European Championships. Representing Israel and singing our anthem ("Hatikva") with my friends in international tournaments abroad was an unforgettable and extraordinary experience. My team has become like my second family and I feel very connected to them.

Not just sports. My family and I like music very much. All my siblings play several musical instruments. Every week after our Shabbat dinner we all play together. I have been playing the drums from young age (also in a band) and two years ago I also learned how to play guitar and piano by myself.

Moreover, I am in the scouts. I guided group of boys in 4th grade. And in the last two years I have guided groups of kids with special needs. Guiding those kids and becoming big part of their lives is very meaningful. They influenced me a lot and I learned so many things from them.

I hope you got to know me a little better, and I can't wait to get to know you as well!

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