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Hi Cleveland!!

I'm Ziv Margalit and I'm so excited to be a Shinshinit in Cleveland next year. I'm 18 years old and I live in an agricultural village (in Hebrew called a Moshav) named Kefar Baruch which is located in the Jezrael Valley in the north of Israel.

A little bit about my family, my mom Avital is a medical doctor and my dad Moran is a judge. I have an older brother Ido who was a Shinshin in Cleveland in 20-21. Today he is in the IDF Navy. In addition, I have 3 younger siblings from my dad's second marriage.

Ido and I have a very close and strong bond and he is my role model. Over the years we always had common interests and I was inspired by him. Then he left for a gap year. After all the good things he told me about Cleveland and the community there, I knew that when my time would come, I would want to go through a similar experience - and here I am, ready to experience Cleveland myself.



In my moshav, my family has fields where we grow wheat. In addition, we have two horses and a dog named Tika. I love the life in the moshav. Ever since I was little, I have had a lot of freedom and got to be very independent. I think this has helped to build my personality. A moshav is a tight community and I love the feeling that everyone knows everyone, and that you can't walk on the street without saying hello to everyone.

I go to a regional school, which means that there are students from all around the area where I live. I love this variety of students because it's fun to have friends that don't necessarily live in the same moshav as I do. My majors are physics and diplomacy, and this combination fits my personality.

I was a counselor in the youth movement Bnei Hamoshavim (the kids of the moshav in Hebrew) for two years, working with 7th and 8th graders. In addition, I was a part of an American-Israeli Jewish mission for two months. The first month we were in Israel spending time traveling together. During the second month we flew to Michigan for a summer camp called Tamarack Camp, where I had the opportunity to be a counselor of 3rd and 4th grade girls. This two-month program changed my life for the better, and I'm so glad I had this opportunity to meet teenagers my age from all around the states, experience the Jewish religion from a different perspective, and just have so much fun.

I like to spend my free time with my family and friends. I love to go to the sea and watch the sunset, to bake (although I can't promise it will taste good), to work out, and go running with my dog. I also love to travel and camp in Israel and abroad, I'm a curious person so I love learning and getting to know new places, traditions and people. I also love to scuba dive and ski, so when I am on vacation I try to include these as much as I can. I'm not a professional photographer but I also love to take photos often so that I have a collection of all the memories through my life.

And that was a little bit about myself. I'm looking forward to getting to Cleveland and to meeting all of you. See you soon!

