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Hi Cleveland!

My name is Michelle Mihaila and I'm going to be one of the SinShinim in Cleveland next year. I'm so excited and can't wait to meet all of you soon!!

Before that let me tell you a little bit about myself. I live in Haifa and I love it. Haifa is a major seaport located on Israel's Mediterranean coastline in the Bay of Haifa and has many beaches, a lot of beautiful places and great people. Haifa is Israel's third-largest city. In addition to Israelis we have immigrants from the former Soviet Union and Russian is one of our three

main spoken languages. We also have a large Arab population in Haifa.

I live with my mom and sister, Maya. She is 19 years old and is now in the army. My sister and I are very close and what makes our connection so special is that we have the same humour and we are very similar in many ways. My Mom's name is Dana, and she is very energetic and funny! She works at a residence for people with disabilities and loves her job. My mom, my sister and I love to travel together and see beautiful places.



Our favorite place to travel is around the north of Israel. We have 4 dogs , Maggie, Teddy, Lily and Luna, and they are a big part of the family. We love dogs and animals in general. Also, I have been a vegetarian for 10 years now.

My dad's name is Ika. When I was about 12 years old, my dad, my sister and I moved to France. We lived there for a year and then my sister and I moved back to Israel, but my dad still lives in France. I love visiting him and traveling around Europe with him. My dad is a really kind person and also very funny!

At high school my majors are Psychology and Diplomacy, both are very interesting to me and I find them really helpful in my daily

life. Also, I'm a counselor of the 9th graders at scouts. The 9th grade is the year that they learn how to become counselors themselves, so I teach them about that and also do a lot of other things with them. This takes most of my time but I'm really thankful for those kids and for the opportunity to help them become the future counselors at scouts. I love it very much and I love those kids a lot. Another thing I love is going to the beach - I find it really peaceful and relaxing.

I love being with friends and people in general and especially getting to know new people. I hope you got to know me a little better and can't wait to get to know all of you very soon !!

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