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Hello Cleveland!

My name is Ilan Avishi, and I'm excited to be part of the ShinShinim delegation this coming year! I'm looking forward to meeting you in August, but before that – here's a little about me...

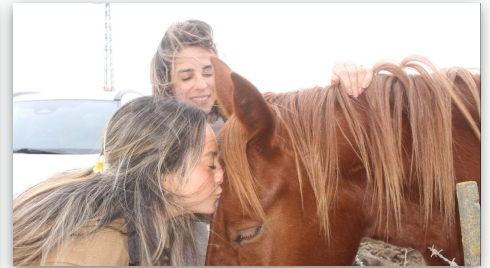
I live in Beit Hillel, a small agricultural and touristic village in northern Israel, in the Upper Galilee, right next to the Hazbani River. I live with my family on a farm, surrounded by nature.

My father's family is involved in fish farming, caviar production, and growing pecans, lemons, and oranges. They also run a long-

standing restaurant, a campsite, and a kayaking business. My dad manages the family business, Dag Al HaDan.

My mom is an interior designer – she plans both private homes and public institutions.

I'm the middle child of three. My older brother, Neta, is 22. He was recently discharged from the army after being injured in a difficult battle in Kfar Aza during the events of October 7th. My younger sister, Elia, is in 9th grade. She's been dancing since the age of three and chose to major in dance in high school.



We are a very close-knit family. We love traveling around Israel, spending time together, hosting guests, and enjoying big family meals with our extended family.

In my free time, I love meeting up with friends, hiking, going to the river near my house, baking with my cousins, and just being outdoors. Every morning before school, I train in CrossFit with my mom – it's a daily routine we never skip!

I graduated from "Einot Yarden" high school in Kibbutz Amir – a democratic-style school. I majored in Geography and Nutrition, two subjects that truly interested me.

At home, we live with two German

Shepherds, sheep, ducks, doves, peacocks, and a turtle – our little animal farm brings a lot of life and joy to our home.

In 9th grade, I took a leadership training course and since then spent two years leading activities for young children in my village. I also helped organize community and holiday events both at school and in my hometown. As part of my volunteering hours, I worked in kindergartens in the kibbutz where I studied.



This coming year, I'm looking forward to getting to know a new community – one that may be different, but shares values that are close to my heart. I hope to feel a sense of belonging, to give and receive, and to be part of something meaningful and impactful. I'm excited to meet new people, take an active role, experience new things, and deepen my self-awareness. I also hope that you will get to know me and my family, who are so close to my heart.

Thank you for this opportunity! I'm thrilled about the year ahead and hope it will be full of learning, action, and joy.

With love,
Ilan Avishi

