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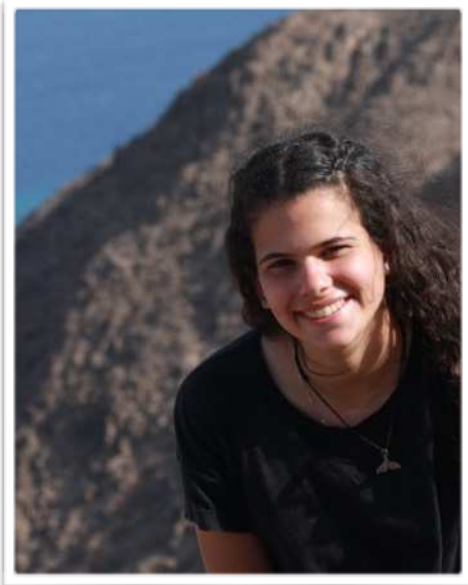
Hi Cleveland,

My name is Ron Lev Or and I'm going to be your next shinshinit. I would like to introduce myself to you before I come. I'm 18 years old. I'm sure many of you know the place I live - kibbutz Sde Nahom in the Valley of Springs. I have two brothers and two sisters. All the names in my family are musical names: Tzlil (sound of music), Shir (a song), Liri and Melodi don't need a translation. I'm the second in my family and my big brother, Tzlil is serving in the army in an elite combat unit. My mother's name is Inbal (also musical) and she works in Social security as the head of the special care unit for the elderly. My father's name is Yaron and he practices Chinese medicine and is a medical device entrepreneur.



I study at Geon Hayarden high school in kibbutz Neve Eitan. My majors are Arabic and Physics which I found very interesting after I took part in a big project: "Future Engineers". I was one of 100 girls from all over the country that were selected to take part in this project. We were divided into 10 groups and each group had to develop some engineering project. My group developed "PEGASOS" - a flying car.

Dancing is a big part of my life. I have been dancing classical ballet for 14 years and I have three lessons a week. At the end of this year I will be dancing solo, my own choreography, and I'm very excited about it. I like to go on nature hikes with my friends and enjoy the spectacular views. We love to hike here in the Springs during the summer and also to hike in the Desert and camp in tents. Sport too is something I really enjoy, especially running. There is nothing better than running in the Kibbutz fields and twice I took part in the Tel Aviv marathon.



I like to volunteer, initiate and change things. I took part in a youth leadership group of Beit Shean and the Valley of Springs for the past three years. As part of this group we helped and guided the teenagers and did activities on Judaism and life in the Valley. Actually I was in Cleveland last year as part of the "icnext" program. I fell in love with Cleveland and the people, and it was clear to me that I would return as a Shinshinit. You are an amazing community and I am so excited to meet you all. LEHITRAOT means I'll be seeing you.

Yours, Ron