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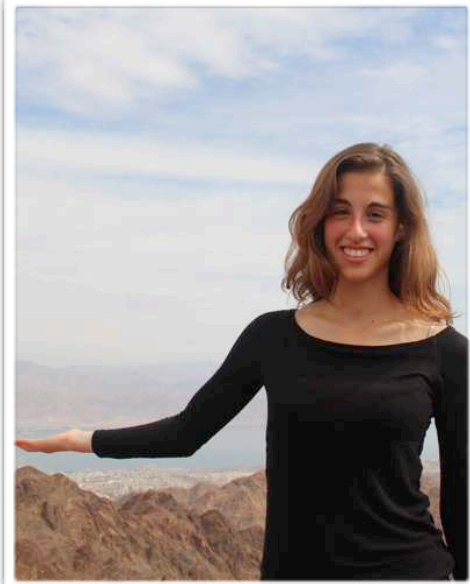
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Hello Cleveland,

My name is Yuval Ganot and I'm very excited to be a Shinshinit in Cleveland next year! I want to tell you about myself before I arrive so I wrote this letter.

I am almost 18 years old and I live with my 3 brothers, parents and a dog in a Moshav (small village) called "Bnei Zion" in Israel. My older brother, Omri, finished his army service about 2 years ago and loves doing crossfit. My younger brother, Guy (16) is a student and a soccer player and my youngest brother, Itay (14) is a student, basketball player and also celebrated his Bar-Mitzva not long ago. As for me, I love dancing. So yes, we all love doing sports. This is thanks to my parents: my mom was the Israeli national champion in marathon and triathlon, and my dad was in soccer. In addition, both of my parents



work in education and sometimes even teach classes together (guess which class.? of course P.E....). Another fun fact is that my mom and I look alike.

So beyond that, in school my majors are computer science, Arabic, Math and English. This seems like a lot, but outside of school I love doing even more things. I've been playing the piano for 8 years and I play the Ukulele. I also dance in a representative Israeli dancing troupe. We dance Israeli folklore. I love dancing and I've been doing this and gymnastics for years. I am also very active in the youth movement in my village "Haichod Ha-chaklai" which is a significant part of my life. I was a counselor and filled different roles. I especially like it when we go on group trips around Israel.

I am part of a "Model United Nations" program. It is a special program that simulates the activities of the UN through activities, debates in English, and national conferences. This year, I was elected to be the national president of the alumni association of "MUN-Promuners" in Israel. I really love this program and have lots of great memories from it! I am part of UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) youth group in Israel. Interesting fact - I even addressed the Israeli parliament - "The Knesset". I also took part in an engineering- startup program in the Israel Aerospace Industries.



So now I can't wait to get to know you. I'm looking forward to having a great time together!

See you soon,
Yuval Ganot