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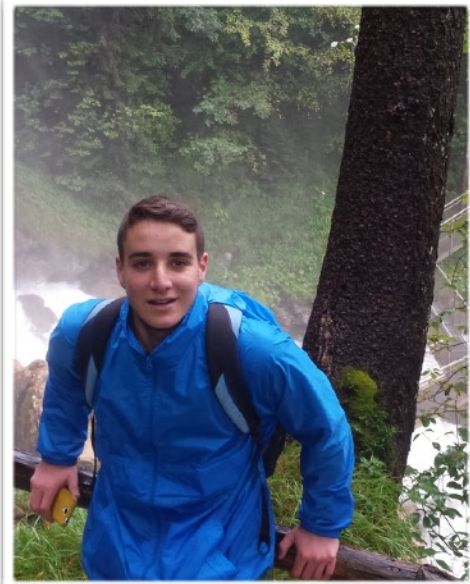
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Hi Cleveland,

My name is Elrom Kalo and I feel very fortunate to be elected to be a shinshin in Cleveland. I would like to give you a glimpse of my life. I was born in Israel, in H'emek Hospital in Afula to two young parents, Amit and Romit. My parents were on a "Shlichut" in Germany and once my mother had to give birth she decided she wanted to have her first child in Israel, so they returned after two years. My father is a teacher in junior high and high school and my mother teaches high school. I have a 14 year old sister named Peerly Ester and a little brother Yehuda Avidor who is three years old. Together we are a little team that does everything together. I am proud of our great team. We love to travel together and explore the beautiful landscapes of our country. For the last 5 years my family has lived in Moshvat Migdal near Tiberias on the shore of the Kinneret, but right now my parents are doing their second "Shlichut", this time in East Brunswick, New Jersey.

I love sports and in the past I was a professional swimmer. Today I practice sports by myself. I gained my program training and knowledge while I was part of "Acharay"



group. During the last three years I have been volunteering in the organization Manhigut Madaeet- Scientific Leadership. This group gave me the opportunity to go through many Hadracha courses until I became a qualified Madrich. Then I had the opportunity to conduct an afternoon scientific children's course all by myself for a whole year. I was approved to conduct this branch of Manhigut Madaeet in Migdal, and afterward a bigger one in Carmiel. There I had four young madrichim under my guidance. In addition I also volunteer in Magav and in debate group in my high school.

I don't have much free time because of my volunteer work and everyday sports routine, but when I do my father and I love to ride our bikes. I also travel with my family every summer to different and interesting places around the world. During one of these trips we visited the death camp "Mathousen". Before this I had been with a delegation from my school to Poland, where we were exposed to the horrible Holocaust, so the second trip completed the cycle of exploring this experience of our people. And of course I never forget to spend quality time with my group of friends.

I love Israelis because we have a special sense of mutual loyalty that strengthens us as a people. One of the most remarkable ways to understand the mutual loyalty is the help that soldiers get in our society. I also love our country's warmth and kindness. Unfortunately our little country deals with many traumatic events such as wars, fires, soldier kidnappings and more. I have seen that most of our people immediately offer all kinds of help in these situations. And finally I love the spectrum of cultures within the Israeli people. It gives me a chance to learn about different traditions, customs and of course food!



I have heard so many interesting things about Cleveland, and I am really excited to meet you all. I can't wait for my arrival in Cleveland!

See you in a bit!

Elrom.