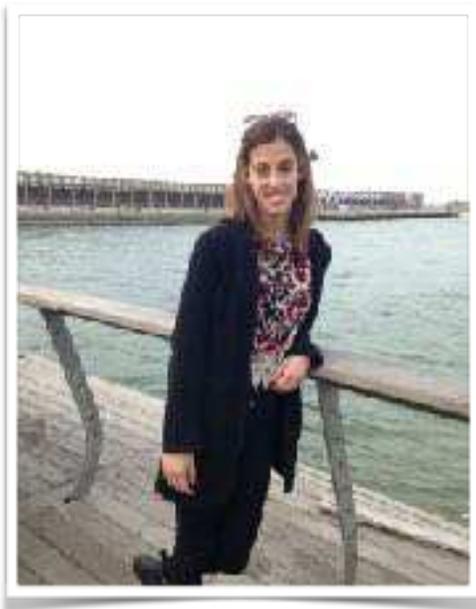




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**Hello Cleveland,**

**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