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**Hello Cleveland,
My name is Gilad Kedmi and I'm very excited to be a Shinshin in Cleveland next year. I want to tell you a little bit about myself before I arrive.**

I have three brothers and one sister. I'm the oldest and the youngest are tweens. My father is an architect and my mother is a counselor who works with the NLP program. I like to spend time with my family, especially to go on trips with them.

I live in a moshav called Shlafim. Our community is mixed which means religious and secular people live together. I'm so happy I'm part of this community where you can be exposed to different cultures and there is respect and patience for others. I also love the area of my hometown because you can see amazing views and there are something like 51 wonderful springs in this small area.

Little bit about my hobbies, I like playing the guitar and different types of sports like basketball and swimming. I



also like surfing and one of my favorite hobbies is drawing. In addition I love to travel with my friends to different places in Israel, like the market in Jerusalem, the Sea of Galilee and Eilat. Beyond that I like my job as a counselor in the youth movement called "Tzameret", which is for mixed communities like ours.

I have always felt some connection to Jews around the world and as I grew up this feeling got stronger. I decided I wanted to do something about it so I took part in the icnext program which was wonderful. Now I'm the counselor of the group who will be in Cleveland next year. In addition I was in a delegation to Hong Kong (China) during the dates of Independence Day and the memorial day of the State of Israel. This was so amazing and meaningful for me, but now I can't wait to meet all of you and get to know you.

See you soon,
Gilad