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Hello Cleveland!

My name is Alon Goren and I will be one of the Shinshinim in Cleveland next year!

Before I meet you all very soon, I would like to tell you a bit about myself. I'm 18 years old and I live on Kibbutz Nahsholim, Israel. Nahsholim is located on the Mediterranean coast, about 20 miles south of Haifa (a big city in the Northern part of Israel). A Kibbutz is a unique way of living that we have in Israel. My kibbutz resembles the size of a small village. We have a community of 200 families, totaling about 800 residents. Kibbutz Nahsholim was established on the 14th of June 1948, exactly a month after the Independence Declaration of The State of Israel (14th of May 1948). My grandpa Moshe (Moses), was part of the group of pioneers that founded my kibbutz. I love living on the kibbutz because of the strong feeling of friendship and caring we have in our community.

In my family I am the youngest of four siblings – two sisters, one brother and me. Also we have a beloved



dog, Milki. Tal my oldest sister and Guy my older brother, are from my Dad's first marriage. My other sister Adi is two years older than me and is currently doing her military service in the IDF. Eyal, my Dad, was the manager of the Kibbutz for many years and is working in the field of Agriculture now. My mother Charmaine, was born in South Africa and moved to Israel after meeting my father in 1992. She is an English teacher.

A big part of my life is the sea. I have participated in several sea activities and have been sailing from a young age at Nahsholim's Sailing Club. For the last few years, I have been working at the club as a sailing and surfing instructor. Personally my favorite is surfing. which my older brother taught me at age 9. In high school I've majored in Psychology, Economics, and Sailing + Navigating. Through my Sailing major I have received my Skipper's License. My most favorite place in Israel is the beach. Even if I'm not sailing or surfing I love hanging out there with my friends and family. Another place I love in Israel is the Jordan River. My friends and I try to go camping there for a few days every year.

**I am really looking forward to coming to Cleveland and meeting everyone. I am sure we will have a great year together!
See you soon,
Alon**