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Shalom Cleveland!

I'm Avigail, and I will be one of the 2019-2020 Cleveland shinshinim! Before we meet and I get to know you all, I want to tell you a little about me.

I live in Yehud, a city in the center of Israel where my family has actually lived for 3 generations, since 1948! I spent my childhood in this city, and all of my close friends live 10 minutes away from me, by foot.

I am very close to my family and friends. My mother, Yonit, is a special education teacher. She is brilliant, caring and loving. My father, Eran is a software engineer. He is funny, clever, and kind. I am a middle child, and an only daughter. My older brother Ranen is 20. He is a commander in the IDF intelligence corps. My younger brother, Yoav, (I call him Yoavi) is 11, an elementary student. We love traveling the world together, watching movies, and getting together on Shabbat dinner for a Kiddush.



In my everyday life I am a troop leader in the scouts, which has been a huge part of my life since I was 9 years old. I got to know and guide a lot of kids and teens throughout my 3 years of guiding. Through the scouts I discovered my interest in meeting teens from all over the world, and joined three delegations, in Berlin, Macedonia and right here in Israel. I like bonding over our similarities, and sharing the differences with one another.

I am almost 18, and just graduated from high school. In my years of school I discovered one of my biggest hobbies- theater and acting! I love performing, and exploring through different characters. I have learned a lot about myself through theater. I love expressing myself through arts. I inherited craftiness and creativity from my mom, who got it from my grandfather, a professional upholsterer. I love music: playing it, singing and dancing to it (even though I am not the best at it..!) I am constantly singing, so much that my father calls me a walking jukebox! I always try to be optimistic and energetic, to be thankful and give back.

**I am beyond excited to meet you all in Cleveland, and know we will have the best time. So on that note, I will see you all very soon!!
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