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Hi Cleveland!

My name is Daniel Shalem and I'm going to be a ShinShinit in Cleveland this year. Before I meet you in person, I would like to .tell you a little about myself.

I am almost 18 years old, and I live in a small beautiful town called Har Adar which is located in the mountains of Jerusalem. I have lived in Har Adar since I was two years old, and I really like the people in the community I grew up with, the spectacular landscape and view and the sense of community.

Now I will tell you a little about my family. In my family we are five people. My parents are Benny and Michal, and my siblings



are Or and Shani. I am the youngest in the family. My mother Michal is the CEO of a strategic company called Think Creative and does a lot of projects that have substantial impact on Israel. Prior to that, she served for a decade as the Chief of Staff of the Jerusalem Municipality and the Jerusalem Mayor and actually managed the city. My mom is a role model for me and I am very proud of her. My dad works as an Industrial Designer and he has his own company. He is very talented and he is also an excellent cook - nothing compares to the meals he prepares for us at home! I am very close to him.

My brother Or is 27 years old and is an officer in the IDF Intelligence Corps. My sister Shani is 22 years old and is also an officer in the IDF, in the Education Division. She also served as a commander in "Havat Hashomer". I am very close to my siblings and look forward to the weekends when they return home from the IDF.



We like to spend a lot of time together. We enjoy family meals, outings, and just sitting in the family room or our backyard chatting, laughing and watching movies together.

I have a close extended family and grandparents who I love very much. My family is an integral part of my life.

I studied at Harel High School, and majored in Arabic, Sociology, and Psychology, all subjects that really interested me.



I have been in the Israeli Scouts since I was 10. Until 9th grade I was a student in the scouts, and from the 10th to the 12th grade I was in instructional positions. I really like going to the Scouts, spending time there with all my friends, camping, hiking and doing good for our community, and also being a leader and kind of big sister for the younger scouts.

In addition to that I really like dance. I danced from age 3 to age 16, including classical and modern ballet. I studied at a special high school for arts in Jerusalem called the Academy of Music and Dance. I enjoyed it but in 11th grade, I decided to transfer to Harel High School in Mevaseret Tzion so that I could invest more in things like Scouts, studies and friends.



In my free time I really like sports and hanging out with friends. My friends and I go for a lot of walks in diverse and beautiful places in Israel. We like going to the beach a lot and also just meeting each other to talk and laugh.

I'm really looking forward to coming to Cleveland already and meeting you all. I am sure we will have an amazing year together!