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My name is Noa Bodin and I will be one of the ShinShinim in Cleveland this year. Before I meet you all I want to share a little bit about myself.

I'm 18 years old and I live in Mevaseret Zion, which is a small town (in Hebrew it's called a yishuv) located in the Jerusalem Hills. I studied at Harel High School and majored in Biotechnology and Biology.

In my family we are six people: my parents, my three younger siblings and the oldest child – me. My father's name is Shraga and he is the CEO of a company of lighting and sounds for events. He is the funniest person I know and is the best advice giver. My mother's name is

Vicky and she runs a real estate company in partnership with my father. She is sensitive, understanding and an amazing cook. My little brother's name is Yonatan. He is 16 years old. He plays basketball and we are very close to each other. My little sister's names are Roni and Mika. They are 9 and 10 years old. Roni likes to ride on a skateboard and Mika is a dancer.

I've been in the scouts [tzofim] since 4th grade. I enjoyed being part of the movement, and it has been a major influence on who I am. I've been a counselor since 10th grade for girls in 5th and 6th grade. I love these girls and I truly enjoyed being with them and opening their minds to new things. I have also been part of a dancing ensemble called 'Orot Habama' for nine years. I've do different types of dance, including jazz, hip hop and modern dance.

In my free time, I love being with my friends, traveling and discover new places in Israel and abroad. I also play backgammon [shesh besh], and rumor has it that the dice are always in my favor. I love baking and I think that my family and friends like this about me too! My specialty desserts are orange cake and coconut cookies. I really like all types of music, and creating playlists is definitely a hobby.

I can't wait to come to Cleveland and meet you all - it's going to be an amazing year!
See you soon,
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