



ShinShinim

'Israel in Ottawa'

Impact Report
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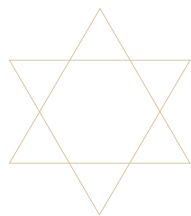
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Over 515 youth
in our community
interact with the Ottawa
ShinShinim each month.



Making **Israel** Part of Everyday Life

Inbar and Liam arrived in Ottawa September, 2018 and continue to build on the work of Idan and Noa, and Noga and Canaf, in years before. They offer incredible energy and knowledge to our Jewish institutions and bring Israel to life in our community. Primarily, the ShinShinim teach and engage school-age children through day and supplementary schools and teen programs. They also take part in and lead programs at synagogues and organizations. They make Israel part of our everyday life.*



*A Toronto study of impact of Shinshinim "...highlighted the contribution of ShinShinim through their ongoing presence in communal institutions, making Israel part of everyday life"
The Israel-Engaged in the Toronto Jewish Community, Rosov Consulting, 2015.

Israeli culture, traditions and Hebrew language

Through fun programs and interactions, the ShinShinim bring Israeli culture, traditions and Hebrew language to our youth. The ShinShinim are trained facilitators who come to Ottawa prepared to share Israel's history and diversity.

Some of the programs include:

- Israeli music and food
- The life of Yitzak Rabin and Rabin Memorial Day
- Controversial Israeli Laws
- Hebrew Slang
- Who is an Israeli? A lesson in ethnic and culture diversity in Israel. Israelis are Polish, Arab, Ethiopian, Druze, Moroccan, and so on!
- Army service and the IDF
- Israeli sports
- Holocaust remembrance and modern-day antisemitism
- Yom Hazikaron commemoration & Yom Haatzmaut celebration

At synagogues, they deliver *D'var Israel* and share views on current events with congregations. During summer months, the ShinShinim work at Camp B'nai Brith, and support youth leadership.

The ShinShinim are loved by both the students and teachers.



Host Family Experience

15

host families since
the program
began in Ottawa

Shinshinim are hosted by up to three local families in a year in Ottawa. Despite their busy schedule, a special bond often forms between the Shinshinim and host families. Our families provide a unique bridge to the community and play an important role in the success of the program. They balance out the hectic itinerary and provide much needed home comforts. They also offer our young Israeli guests a chance to learn about Jewish life in the diaspora: our values, challenges, sense of community and identity.

Through the program my children were exposed to new music, foods (shakshouka!) and traditions. We learned about how Shinshin's family celebrates the high holidays, politics and Hebrew. It was a wonderful experience that gave my children a pride in their heritage that I am trying to foster. . . It is a wonderful experience for all involved. It makes us feel supported in our community locally and abroad.

Keren Rabin & Ken Moshi



A Week in the **Life** of a Shinshin:

- Working with 172 OJCS students, 4 days a week
- Working with 5 supplementary schools
Ottawa Modern Jewish School - 44 students,
Ottawa Talmud Torah - 55 students, Temple Israel School - 95 students,
Chabad Hebrew School - 103 students and Torah High - 86
- Leading youth programming, celebrating holidays and delivering *D'var Yisrael* (Israel updates) in synagogues including Temple Israel, Machzikei Hadas, Kehillat Beth Israel, Ottawa Torah Centre, and Or Haneshamah
- Additional programs with Jewish Federation of Ottawa and agencies such as Hillel Ottawa, Bess and Moe Greenberg Hillel Lodge, Limmud, AJA 50+, The Ripple Effect

Highlights:

Average number of organizations that ShinShinim engage with weekly:

8

Participated in youth leadership conventions with

200+
teens

Teen Engagement
Fall 2018: joined

60+
teens in local youth programs

Chanukkah engagement:
**14 events in
8 days with
1100+**
members of the
community and a special
Chanukkah show at the OJCS

I love this program. The kids listen to the
Shinshinim with respect and learn so much.

Congregation Machzikei Hadas



