



Jewish Federation
OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

WE INVEST IN ISRAEL

Spring Highlight: SHINSHINIM

THANK YOU for supporting our work connecting San Diego to Israel, while ensuring a safe, secure, and **STRONG** Israel for generations to come.

Shinshinim is a Federation-supported gap year program abroad. A “shinshin” is an 18-year-old Israeli who defers army service for one year to volunteer in Jewish communities around the world, with the goal of educating people of all ages about Israel and Israeli culture.



ALL MADE POSSIBLE BY YOU

MEET MICHAL SHARON

We are your Shinshinim and it is our job to help build bridges between Israel and San Diego!

We have been living with some wonderful host families who have welcomed us as part of their own families. We have made new and life-long friends while sharing Israeli culture and deepening connections with the San Diego community.

In our short 7 months here, we have met so many amazing people through our work at Kavod Elementary, Temple Solel, Congregation Beth Israel, and Seacrest Village...and we can't wait to be counselors at Camp Mt. Chai this summer! We hope we've been able to bring a small piece of Israel to you here in San Diego!

MEET AMIT KATZ

I live in Sha'ar HaNegev, San Diego's partnership region in southern Israel. My home and community are kilometers away from the Gaza border and we live under threats EVERY day. Can you imagine having only 15 seconds to move your entire family into a bomb shelter?

Thanks to YOU and Federation, we have incredible support programs for seniors; art therapy for children; strong trauma services; psychological support; and bomb shelters to protect us before the next rocket or fire-kite comes over. We know, that no matter what, you are ALWAYS there for us.

We have learned so much and thank you for making us feel like true mispacha—true family. Please come visit us in Israel!

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