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Yael Cytryn



Yael, from our partnership city of Modi'in, is a senior in high school where she majors in biology, theater and Jewish philosophy. When she was younger, Yael and her family spent 2 years living in Minnesota as Shlichim (Israeli Emissaries) for the Jewish Agency. Yael has been involved with Israeli scouts

since 6th grade as both a member and a counselor. She is now a troop leader for Grade 6. Yael loves the arts and likes to express her creativity in everything that she does. She is a dancer and enjoys drawing, painting and sculpting. She is currently directing the class play at her school.

What are three things Yael loves about Israel?

"I love the warmth of the people and how connected everyone is. I love Israel's diversity - in its landscapes, people and cultures... I love the energy - things are constantly changing, moving forward!"

Ori Givon



Ori lives in Lapid, a small town on the outskirts of Modi'in. He is in 12th grade at "Yachad" high school in Modi'in, majoring in biology and social sciences. Ori has been a member of the "Tzofim" (Israeli scouts) since fourth grade and more recently has volunteered as a counselor. This year

Ori was chosen to be a troop leader and oversees 45 scouts and 12 counselors. Ori also enjoys playing the piano, camping, running, going to the gym and spending time with friends.

What are three things Ori loves about Israel?

"I love the diversity of Israel's landscapes and climate, with the snow of the Hermon and sand dunes of the Negev. I also love the atmosphere and experience of Shabbat. There's nothing like it. And lastly, our capital city of Jerusalem with its rich history, diverse cultures, religions, smells and flavors."

Gilad Amorai-Steinfeld



Gilad is from Hod Hasharon, approximately 25 miles from Modi'in. He is in 12th grade, majoring in systems engineering with a minor in biology. Gilad grew up attending the "Tzofim" (Israeli scouts) and served as a counselor and as a unit head. Gilad loves music; he sings and plays violin

and guitar. Gilad also enjoys training at the gym and snowboarding. He enjoys art - sculpting and poetry, and is a huge lover of animals.

What are three things Gilad loves about Israel?

"I love to go on tiyulim (hikes), therefore one of my favorite things is Israel's many beautiful natural sights. I love that no matter our differences, Israelis always come together during difficult times to mourn together and comfort each other. Lastly, I appreciate the fact that even after 71 years of Israel's existence, I feel that I can contribute to my country and that my actions make a difference."

Keren Shoham



Keren is from our partnership city of Modi'in. Her family immigrated to Israel from the former Soviet Union, and she is fluent in Russian in addition to English. Keren is completing her senior year of high school with a major in biotechnology and chemistry, as it combines her love of science with

her creative side. Volunteering is a big part of Keren's life. She has worked at a Health Maintenance Organization with both doctors and patients, has volunteered with the Israeli scouts as a counselor, and most recently, served on a committee which organizes events and activities for her community. In her free time, Keren is active in sports, including swimming and running, and enjoys reading and painting.

What are three things Keren loves about Israel?

"I love Israel's diverse landscapes, rich history and fascinating contrast between the ancient and the modern."