Shin-Shins

A sum-up of 15 years
with:
30 Shinshins
7 Community Shlichim

P2G Sovev Kinneret Region

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The goal of the Service Year Program is to place high school graduates from Israel in Jewish communities abroad for a year to volunteer (Shnat-Sheirut) prior to enrolling for their military service in order to encourage interaction among young Jews through dialogue.

While abroad, they live with host families from the community. Service Year Shlichim (at least two per community) volunteers in local Jewish day schools and supplementary schools, community centers, old age homes, nursery schools, and more. They are involved in informal educational activities — in local day schools, synagogues, and Jewish camps — that are primarily related to the Jewish festivals, Hebrew instruction, and conveying a sophisticated, personal, and relevant Israel.

The "Shin-Shin" program of the Sovev Kinneret Region and Milwaukee has been operating since 2002. In August 2017 the new Shin Shins (Amit Glass and Omri Bitan) are expected to start their year of service in the community of Milwaukee.
The Shin Shins project began during the last year of our emissary in the city (2002).

The project gained momentum and quickly gained popularity. The presence of the Shin-Shins (Shai Revivo + Alina Yermonenok) was significant and vital both in the school and in the community center.

The combination of a lovely, young and vibrant Israeli spirit and full participation in the life of the American community—were and still are a winning recipe for success and a growing partnership between the two communities on both sides of the ocean.

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Alon Galron 2003-2006

During the years of our emissary we had the privilege and the pleasure of meeting six beautiful unique girls – Reut and Meital, Noa and Chen, Einav and Adva.

They entered our hearts just like they entered the hearts of all members of the community who came in touch with them. They were enthusiastic and valiant girls a smile always on their faces, full of youthful charm that met the children and the adults at eye level. They were ambassadors of good will, communicating both with innocence and wisdom.

Each taking this experience to a different place, some wanted to stand in front of the stage while others invested behind the scenes.

We were very happy to host them in our home, whether it was for watching the Israeli channel or just for the taste of home, speaking freely without the need to break teeth or just pouring their heart out to Einat, playing with our little children or going out with them to Trick O’ Treat.

It was fun to see them grow and spread out or meet them as we returned back to Israel at different junctions of life. They paved the way for those who came after them, and I wish each of them and all the rest of the Shin Shins good luck from the bottom of my heart.

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The Shin Shins are a direct connection to the young generation of the Jewish community. They connect with children and youth in a way that allows young people in the community to get to know the lives of young people in Israel and their thoughts. This enables a deep acquaintance with the similarities and differences between life in the United States and life in Israel for young people of their age, and their very existence in the homes of families in the community open the door to new personal and family ties between the two communities.

For the Shin Shins, the exposure to the American family and the life in the Jewish community is also a significant learning process that can be seen as influencing these young people for many years to come. There is no doubt that the year of service of a young Israeli enriches and deepens the community’s knowledge of life in Israel, and constitutes a life changing experience on the Jewish and Israeli identity of the Shin Shins himself.

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As Shlichim, we saw the Shin Shinim as a part of the Jewish team in the Federation. The combination of Shinshinim, adult Emissaries and today also Hillel Emissary – creates a powerful Israeli delegation that manages to work with all different segments of the Jewish community in Milwaukee.

The power of the Shinshinim lies in the energy and enthusiasm they bring to the community, in a direct connection with children, youth, families and young people their age in a way that only they can do. The Shinshinim bring Israel in a contemporary, up-to-date, and creative way, and build long-term and meaningful relationships.

Non the less important, the Shinshinim return to Israel after a significant Jewish experience and bring with them back to Israel the story of the Jews of the Diaspora.

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As a Shlicha in Milwaukee I enjoyed working with the Shin Shins from Sovev Kinneret. They reached out to a different target audience and together we completed the community.

I loved when they came to our house (when they wanted to speak Hebrew or just be Israelis and not representatives). My children always connected to them as big brothers & sisters and if they chose to be Shin Shins when they grew up, it was because of this connection.

Through Sovev Kinneret Region and these quality young adults I met young idealistic Israel. Each one of them has got into my heart and this is their power in the community as well. They enter your heart, they make children want to be around them all the time and on the way to listen and learn about Israel.

I’m sure they have made many people (especially the host families) want to visit Israel and some have already done that. I’m very glad that I had the privilege to supervise Shin Shins in Milwaukee for three years.

I hope that this wonderful project will only continue to develop.

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The community Shlichim during my Shlichut were – Nir and Anat Barkin

Today I live in Tel-Aviv together with my husband Yaniv and our beloved 3 year old son, Ori.

I studied psychology and business and majored in marketing communication, and today I work as an operation and account manager & marketing communication at Keren Wolf, a jewelry and accessories designer.

The year of service was a life changing experience.
I’ve learned so much about myself, for how much I’m capable of and even though it wasn’t easy all the time, I definitely loved facing the challenges.
I’ve met amazing people who all take part in a wonderful community that I’ll always cherish and be thankful for the great opportunity I was given to be a little part of it.
I really do believe that this year led to who I am today and I would definitely do it all over again (I’d appreciated if it were a little less cold... 😊)

I’m very proud that I had the honor to take part in this very important project, and happy to know that it’s continuing and developing each year.

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Year of service 2003-2004

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The community Shaliach during my Shlichut was – Alon Galron

I was the Shin Shin girl back in 2003-2004. This amazing experience has shaped my identity and who I am today in so many ways. During my year in Milwaukee I learned about the Jewish community in the Diaspora. Over the years the wheel has turned and today I belong to such a community.

For the past 7 years I’ve been living in Puerto Rico with my husband José and my two little babies Noam (2.10) and Eitan (1). There is no doubt that the most significant thing I took with me from the experience were my host families. I was fortunate to build a special relationship with them, a relationship that has continued throughout the years and to this day is an important part of my life.

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Today my name is Noa Granot, I'm married to Yair and a mother to Yarden (2).
I live in Tel Adashim in Yizrael Valley.
I work in a solar energy company in the department of marketing communications.

The year of service was for me one of the best experiences in my life. It was a year of maturity, self-sufficiency and building relationships with the community and especially with the host families.

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I'm married to Boaz and mother of Nadav.
I'm working as an industry and management engineer.

The year I was in Milwaukee changed my life.
It was a year of good work, learning and many good experiences, in which I had the privilege to be in a wonderful community.
It was a year during which I learned a lot about myself, about my country, and about amazing people who will accompany me for life.
I'm grateful to the charming families who hosted me for a year and remained family members for me to this day.
I hope to visit soon and look forward to meeting you all in Israel!

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The community Shaliach during my Shlichut was – Alon Galron

I'm Adva Cahen-Peretz, 30 years old and living in Tel-Aviv.
I'm married to Yair and a mother of Gilad (1.5).
I completed my medical studies in Ben-Gurion University about two years ago.
And I have just finished a medical internship and I'm planning to begin a residency in gynecology soon after my expected child birth.

The year of service in Milwaukee was very meaningful for me and shaped me in many ways.
I came to a warm and enveloping Jewish community that yearned to hear about Israel and connect with Judaism.
My work in the JCC wasn't clear and defined and I was required to summon up all my creative abilities in order to leave a mark, to connect the children and the community to our country.

After a significant period, I returned to Israel exactly to the Second Lebanon war and realized how much our ties and support with the Jewish communities in the United States are important to our image in the world.

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My name is Einav Gafni, I was on the Shin-Shin program in Milwaukee in 2005-2006. I am lucky to be married to the same person who was then my boyfriend, Ram, and we are proud parents to our incredible daughter Dror, who is 9 months old. Prior to my maternity leave I completed my M.A studies in Clinical Psychology.

My Shin Shin year will always be remembered as a year full of experiences with new people, surrounded by a great warm community. I also believe that those experiences helped me to be a more open-minded person, who is more tolerable to a variety of lifestyles.

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I'm a full time student at the Georgia State University, doing my bachelor degree in teaching.
I have two kids - the oldest is 5 years old and the youngest is 3 years old.
I was Shin Shin in Milwaukee with Neta-li on behalf of the Jewish Agency during the years of 2006 to 2007.
I taught Hebrew classes at the JCC as well as managed community activities for the Jewish community in order to strengthen the connection between Israel and the Jewish people in the Diaspora. In addition, we also enriched the knowledge about Israel, Jewish tradition, heritage and Zionism.

The year of service was for me a year filled with memories and amazing experiences.
It was a year of networking and friendships for life, a year of learning and personal development and I'm thankful for that.

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Today I work in a strategic consulting company.
I have an MBA in business administration and a BA in psychology from the Hebrew University.

My experience in Milwaukee led me to seek new adventures and be eager to explore new cultures, then during my MBA studies I took part in a student exchange program in South Korea. Following this I traveled in Asia for two more months. Six months later I went to Beijing, China, to learn Mandarin for a semester.
I feel that the experiences I had in Milwaukee, largely thanks to the people I met, made me brave and strong and I’m very thankful for that.

My experience in Milwaukee made me who I am today, in many ways. I created meaningful, long lasting relationships, learned to be more tolerant to cultural differences and most important I gained a real home and family on the other side of the world, but I also learned about myself.
I realized I could manage on my own, evolve as a person in a completely foreign environment and explore new sides of myself I wasn’t aware of in my comfort zone.
I successfully dealt with challenges and learned that even far away from home and anything familiar, they were good people who would be there by my side.

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Today I'm about to receive my bachelor degree in Industrial and Management Engineering from Ben-Gurion University in Beer-Sheva. I already work as a Marketing Analyst in a high-tech company in Tel-Aviv.

The year of service was for me a life changing experience. I can still say that it was the best experience of my life. I was lucky to be part of a wonderful Jewish community and to meet so many amazing people.

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From Nitzan's wedding
Einav Nahum  
Year of service 2007-2008  

Partner in the Shlichut – Maor Edri  
The community Shlichah during my Shlichut was – Rakefet Ginsberg  

These days I'm enjoying a break from being a student.  
Last December I graduated from "Naropa University" in Boulder, Colorado.  
I have a BA degree in Psychology.  
This summer I’m getting married to Ben Golopol, who I met at "camp Interlaken", first as a Shin Shin, and then again as a camp summer emissary through the Jewish agency.  

The year of Service for me was an extraordinary experience that has shaped my whole life.  
I've met interesting, caring, strong people who are still a part of my life.  
The Jewish community in Milwaukee is very special.  
Seeing this Jewish community outside of Israel, allowed me to understand how it's possible to meet the challenges Jews outside of Israel have in maintaining their tradition, religion and beliefs.  
Living in the US and working with a different culture at the age of eighteen, has led me to become more independent and creative in my work and life.  
This experience of being a Shin Shin, together with such a great partner like Maor was truly something I'll never forget.  
The only thing I would change about the year- would be to make it longer 😊  

My unforgettable experience as a Shin Shin has led me to return to camp Interlaken two summers later, towards the end of my military service.  
That summer I got together with Ben Golopol, who grew up in Shorewood and went to Interlaken since he was a child.  
Seven years later we are getting married, so I have no doubt my life would have looked completely different if I hadn’t become a Shin Shin.  

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Year of service 2008-2009

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Today I'm a teacher of Civil and History in a youth village named "Nir Haemek".
I'm a part of a unique group of teachers named "Hotam", which prepares and teaches academic professionals to become teachers.
I feel really good where I am, and next year I'm going to be the home-teacher of 10th grade.

The Shlichut for me was the thing that made me who I am today – busy, involved in the community, loves others and believes in change.
The Shlichut and the community in Milwaukee let me learn about how much you can get with a little dream and good people.
I thank them for the great privilege to be a part of their community.

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Today I'm a student of Education and History in Tel-Hai College. I'm finishing my 2nd year out of 4 (including teaching certificate). I live in the upper galilee, and work as the assistant coordinator for Hillel in my campus.

The year of Service was for me a life changing experience! Everything I've done since I was a Shin-Shin in Milwaukee – my service in the IDF, my work in the Jewish Agency or even my first degree – have all been affected by my year as a Shin Shin. I developed my skills in many ways and I'm thankful for the opportunity I was given.

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My year of service as a Shin-Shin in Milwaukee was one of the best things I’ve done in my life. In the summer of 2009, at the age of 18, I had the incredible opportunity to become an educator and get involved in the Jewish community. Together with my partner Nitzan we worked to inspire children, teenagers, and families about Israel from our point of view. I’m thankful for having the most amazing students and for having the chance to meet their families as well. It was such an incredible experience… every day was like a gift, and I remember it vividly.

At such a young age, moving away from home for the whole year (and especially saying goodbye to Mom & Dad at the airport) was definitely not an easy thing to do. However, the incredible amount of love and warmth I received from my amazing host families (Mark and Susan Wichman & Bill and Edith Burns), my supervisors Elsie and Paz, and the people of the Jewish community immediately made me feel at home. As a Shin-Shin I worked at MJDS every day, teaching classes and leading activities about Israel to all students from K4 to 8th grade. The lovely Sarah Minash was there to provide help and guidance throughout the year. I’ve found the work at the day school to be very rewarding, as the kids were so much fun to work with and be around. The students at MJDS love the Shin Shins and relate to them like big brothers and sisters from Israel, which is simply adorable in my opinion. I remember how once a vivacious K-4 student (who is now entering 8th grade) made me a drawing embellished with Hebrew letters she wrote on its borders. In addition to my educational work at the day school, I enjoyed spending time with the kids on trips and out of school activities (like the 6th-grade retreat and the 8th-grade bike trip) which allowed me to build a more personal and meaningful connection with every student. During the year I lead Hebrew activities at congregations Sinai and
Beth-Israel in the afternoons, and together with my partner Nitzan, we conducted activities about Israel at the JCC, Nicolet high school’s Hebrew Classes, and the Jewish Museum. At the end of the year, we both had a fantastic time working as counselors in Camp Interlaken up in Eagle River.

Over the past 7 years, I've loved keeping in touch with my students, friends and host families from Milwaukee, who made this year so special. During my years in the army, I always tried not miss an opportunity to get together with my students them upon their arrival to Israel on the famous 8th-grade trip to Israel. After 6 long years, when I finally finished my service and came back to visit I had the pleasure to play my saxophone with Wendy Cohen at Shabbat Sing. It was the most amazing feeling to be back at the school. It's hard for me to describe in words how exciting it was to see my 4-k and k-5 students now all grown up in 6th and 7th grades and my 6th and 7th-grade students as high schoolers at Nicolet.

The year in Milwaukee was something special. I’d like to relate to it as a “life-defining experience” as it shaped my life goals and personality as they are today. I feel that this year made me be more confident and ambitious in anything I do. Evermore, it allowed me to experience Judaism from a whole other light, as I got to know the Reform and Conservative movements, as well as the Jewish American culture which I now feel strongly connected to.

In the past 3 years, I've been living in Tel Aviv and now studying Law and Business for my undergraduate degree.

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My name is Nitzan Edri and I was a Shin Shin in Milwaukee in 2009-2010. My year in Milwaukee was very meaningful to me. If I need to choose the most meaningful thing during this year it will be the learning process about the Jewish people and about Judaism in general. In Milwaukee, for the first time, I stepped into Conservative and Reformed synagogues. I learned to respect and love the different ways of practicing Judaism and even adopted some songs, prayers and customs into my private life. Only there, far away from Israel, did I learn to love my country and my religion more than ever and enjoyed practicing it with all the streams in the community.  

I feel that everything I have done in my life since the year in Milwaukee is somehow influenced, related or caused by my experience as a Shin Shin.  

Today, I study Law and Political Science at Bar-Ilan University. I work in a Law firm and in the Jewish Agency. My work there is to guide and prepare the candidates for the Shin Shins program before they start their year of service in the communities.  

In addition, I’m a member of Kfar Tavor council and in charge of the environment committee and the scholarships committee.  

I got married last September to Tal, my boyfriend since the year of service in Milwaukee. We live together in Holon and we'll be more than happy to host each and every one of you when you come to Israel!  

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Today I live in Tel-Aviv and work for "Young Judaea".
The experience of Shlichut for me is one of the most meaningful experiences I’ve ever had in my life. I learned a lot and was exposed to many new things. My host families there are my family in every aspect and getting back there feels like coming home every time anew.

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Today I'm a main confectionery in the "Magdalena" Restaurant near Tiberias.

Being a part of something in life is what a person always aspires to achieve in my eyes.
I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to become a part of the Jewish community of Milwaukee.
Slowly with time you can feel the heartbeat of the community and become a part of it.
The experience of being a Shin Shin opened my eyes and my heart, building relationships that will always remain.

I'm very thankful for all I've learned and experienced during my year, it will always be a big part of my life.
Thank you! With love... Ye'ela Tal

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Yael Huber
Year of service 2011-2012

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The community Shlichim during my Shlichut were – Roee and Michal (Makov) Peled

I’ve been traveling for five months now. I’ve been in New-Zealand for three months and now I’m in Australia. Next October I’m planning to start university.

The year as a Shin Shin was my way to bring my Israel to the community- to the people that became my friends and family for life.

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Next year I'm going to study Strategic and Decision Making Studies in IDC Herzliya (a government program)

Every now and then in various situations I get to think about the year I spent in Milwaukee. Usually it's a memory with a person I love, things I learned and challenges I met with the help of the amazing people of the Jewish community in Milwaukee.

I think that the year of service in Milwaukee has shaped my worldview today and the perception of my Jewish identity. I'll always see in Milwaukee a second home, and the amazing community as a family and I'll always thank them for the great opportunity they gave me.

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Today I serve in the IDF as a combat officer, originally from the Golani unit and right now I’m a commander of a staff at the IDF training base for officers.

Milwaukee is home to me.
I love the community, the people and the families I lived with. The connection and love to my homeland are things I rediscovered on the Shlichut through the way I taught about it and told my story. The Jewish life in the Diaspora needs us and we need them, like scales, each side must be balanced and in contact with the other side. I still wake up sometimes and dream about snow.

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Today I serve in the IDF as an intelligence officer, which combines intelligence and technology. I’m expected to complete my military service in September and then continue to the Psychometric exam and travel abroad.

The experience of my Shlichut is something that I feel that affects me to this day. The possibility of taking a year from home to be exposed to different cultures and lifestyles– changed a lot of my way of thinking and shaped my beliefs in myself and in the people around me, including who I am today. I feel privileged for getting to know the community in Milwaukee and the amazing people who live there.

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With my host family and their friends from MJDS
Yonathan Ben-Ari
Year of service 2013-2014

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The community Shlichim during my Shlichut were – Roee and Michal (Makov) Peled

I finished my service in the Navy a few months ago, and started studying for the Psychometric Entrance Test. I hope to score a good mark, and then I’ll focus on preparing for a trip abroad.

The year of service in Milwaukee was in 2013/2014. Three years later I still feel the impact this experience has had on me. I learned about Jewish communities in the Diaspora, and worked with members within the Milwaukee community in a wide range of ages. The year of service also helped me to become more independent, which helped me later during my service in the Navy. Most important, during this year I created special bonds with many people, bonds that I’ll cherish forever.

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Shir Eitan
Year of service 2013-2014

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The community Shlichim during my Shlichut were – Roee and Michal (Makov) Peled

Today I’m a waitress in a coffee-confectionery shop called "Vanilla Sticks" and saving money to travel the world.

I was in Milwaukee for a short period of three months, but once I got there I didn’t stop getting love and immediately felt a part. I spent most of my time in MJDS and the students were like little siblings for me, thirsty to know about me and my life in Israel and more and more...
I learned from them about their life a lot. The teachers in the school and the students’ families also invited me and my partner in the Shlichut – Yonatan – to their houses regularly and to Bat/Bar mitzvah parties, we were always thrilled to come. Afternoon in the synagogues the process was a little bit more and longer, slowly I came closer to the students and we got to know each other.
We spent many hours of fun and enrichment together although sometimes we were tired of the long day.
In the kindergartens I enjoyed talking about the simplest and best things in Israel, about my family and the Hebrew language and our quality time always ended up with hugs and smiles – I had a great time with them.
My host families (Koppel family+Schuman family) were my getaway place, they took care of me, taught me about their life and much more – this way also my escorts to the Shlichut (official and unofficial) – Michal and Roee, Elsie, Mosh, Sara and my friend Kami.
For a short time I was happy to be a part of a loving community that does amazing things.

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Year of service 2014-2015

Partner in the Shlichut – Shani Shmul
The community Shlichah during my Shlichut was – Amit Yaniv-Zehavi

Today I serve in the IDF intelligence corps.
The Shlichut was the best opportunity that I had to learn about myself and teach others about Israel.

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Shani Ben Harosh-Shmul
Year of service 2014-2015

Partner in the Shlichut – Itamar Shahar
The community Shliche during my Shlichut was – Amit Yaniv-Zehavi

Today I'm serving in the IDF as a sergeant in a course for commanders of the Magellan unit.

My experience of Shlichut accompanies me till today. Every holiday reminds me of what it was like to experience it there, and the people do not get out of my head and heart. I enjoyed every minute and mainly learned something new every day. I miss Milwaukee very much and find it difficult to disengage.

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Year of service 2015-2016

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The community Shlichah during my Shlichut was – Amit Yaniv-Zehavi

My name is Omer Saida, I'm 20 years old and I live in Givat Avni, in the lower Galilee of Israel.
I was Shin Shin in Milwaukee with Orni from 2016 to 2017.
The year in Milwaukee was amazing, something that you cannot explain in a sentence and not even in a whole book.
I think that only now I'm able to start processing all the great things that I was lucky to experience and for that I'm very grateful.

One of the things I remember the most is the warm welcome when Orni and I first got to Milwaukee.
It's like everyone already knew us before we even met, and that proved to us that all we heard was true- the Milwaukee Jewish community is the best community!

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Orni Bavli
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The community Shlichah during my Shlichut was – Amit Yaniv-Zehavi

Today I’m serving in the IDF as an Instructor of Command and Control.
The year of Service was for me the most challenging and experimental year of my life.
I got the privilege of meeting a cohesive, strong, amazing community-who made me want to be a better person and give more of myself to the community at home as well.

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Year of service 2016-2017

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The community Shlicha during my Shlichut was – Amit Yaniv-Zehavi

These days I’m waiting to start my service in the IDF.

It was an amazing experience being a Shin Shin in Milwaukee even for a short period.
Every day was a new adventure.
I got the privilege to stay with my amazing host families and experience their Jewish life many miles away.
I met amazing people, ate a lot of interesting food and did a lot of exciting things I never thought I would do.

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I’m Omer Brymok, I live in Givat Avni and I’m the current Shin shin in Milwaukee.

My year here in Milwaukee has been one of the most meaningful experiences of my life.
I’ve met an amazing community.
I taught yet I learned so much, and I made memories I will never forget!

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