



FRIENDS OF ISRAEL SCOUTS, INC. TZOFIM

Dear community members,

I am thrilled that you will be welcoming the Tzofim Friendship Caravan into your community this summer! The Caravan is a group of 10 teenagers who serve as leaders in their Scout chapters in Israel. They are accompanied by their two leaders, who are in their mid-twenties and have completed their army service in the IDF. After months of preparation, the Caravan is excited to tour North America this summer, and most importantly, to meet you!

In addition to the interactive performance of Israeli song, dance, and culture, one of the most meaningful components of the Caravan visit is the time that they spend with their host families. This hosting experience allows the Caravan members to gain insight into the lives of North American Jews.

While the Caravan members are familiar with North America through pop culture and TV, they are not aware of the nuances of North American Jewish life. The opportunity for cross-cultural exchange will help shape their opinions of North America, at such a critical age when they are about to complete high school and join the IDF.

By hosting Caravan members in your home, you have the opportunity to meet incredible Israeli teenagers and learn about their lives not through what we hear on the news, but from their personal experiences. Caravan members and their host families stay in touch after the group leaves, creating close family bonds that can last a lifetime.

I would be extremely grateful if you can open your home and heart to the Caravan this summer, for a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Thank you,
Sarah Sechan
Director, Tzofim Friendship Caravan