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Introducing Ofanim's Newest Young Ambassadors!

Meet Sarah Better, Age 13!

To me, *Ofanim* is an incredible opportunity for Israeli children to receive the fuller education that they deserve. These children have no other way of experiencing the advanced technology and other wonderful activities that *Ofanim* has to offer. By giving these children supplemental education, the program is helping the future. The greater the number of fully educated children, the greater the chance of peace in Israel. In my opinion, though *Ofanim* is still a relatively small organization, it's impact on Israel now, and in the future, is enormous.



I chose *Ofanim* for my bat mitzvah program for many reasons. First, though I usually pretend to not value my education, I know that it is absolutely critical for the children of today to have a full education. By supporting *Ofanim*, I hope to offer more children the opportunity for more learning. Another reason that I chose to support *Ofanim* for my mitzvah project is that partly because I am Jewish, I've always wanted to have a relationship with an Israeli child who is just like me, and yet so different. I feel that I have so much to offer the children of *Ofanim*, and they have so much to offer me. I know that building a connection with the children from the *Ofanim* bus will change my life and theirs.

Meet Andrew Cogut, Age 13!

Ofanim is a lot of things to me. It is a way to give back to these kids who aren't as fortunate as me and without Ofanim would not be given the great education Ofanim gives them. It is a great way to build a relationship with kids who come from a very different background and get to know them. It is a way to help these kids, who are probably very smart, get the education needed to become a doctor, lawyer, or anything else requiring a good education. It is a way to take





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advantage of modern technology ie. video conferences to meet the kids.

I picked Ofanim because I think it is a great program and because I know it will be successful. It gives the kids in the remote villages a chance to become anything they want rather than be limited by not having the great education they get with Ofanim. I am sure that all these kids will go on to be very successful. Ofanim gives them the chance to be anything they want. I hope to be able to build a relationship with the kids and help them. Thanks so much

Meet Alex Cogut, Age 16!

For me, Ofanim is a unique experience in my life. It is an experience that allows me to help out less fortunate children than I to receive a better education, something that I know is extremely important for the future of every child who boards one of Ofanim's buses. Ofanim is an incredible program where I feel I have a chance to make a difference in the lives of hundreds of children by helping to teach them and to construct a program that will allow the children to learn a lot and enjoy learning.



I chose to be a part of Ofanim because of the unique message it sends to the kids it helps. Unlike many organizations, Ofanim helps and teaches children who cannot receive a good education no matter their race, religion, or background. I feel that an important part of a child's education is learning to accept people from different ethnicities and faiths and that Ofanim does that by teaching a mixed group of children.

Another thing I feel is great about Ofanim is that instead of just giving money to these children and their families, Ofanim actually teaches them, giving them the education that will allow the children to be successful adults in the future. I hope by participating in Ofanim I can impact these children's lives forever.