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Israel



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I came to Kfar Silver through the Naale program. At age 14, I left Ukraine and moved to Israel without my parents. I was scared to come to Israel without my parents because it was my first time alone.

I can honestly say that my life here in Israel at Kfar Silver is much better than it was in Ukraine. I knew that I didn't have the opportunity for a successful future in Ukraine. My family and I realized that moving to Israel and coming to live at Kfar Silver would provide the best opportunities for me.

Initially, I was not sure what kind of support I would have here. Thankfully, I love the teachers here—they work hard to give me everything I need. They help me to achieve my goals and help with studying. I know that if I need help with anything, I can easily go to them and they will always be there to help me in my academic subjects, and with any other issue I am experiencing.

When I arrived at Kfar Silver, I didn't know a single word of Hebrew, and I didn't even know how to read or write in Hebrew. Following an intensive introductory Hebrew course, I began to read, write and speak in Hebrew. I am really proud of myself for advancing so far in Hebrew, and my overall GPA is now more than 90%.

Kfar Silver changed my life completely. I have made a very close group of friends who have become my family. They support me in everything I do. I get to live and study with my friends.

At Kfar Silver, we study what we will need to help us in the future. My favorite subject is English because our teacher is a native English speaker. It is an immersion course where we must think and speak in English. It is so much fun! I also love studying diplomacy, which includes a focus on negotiation and communication. In the future, I would love to work as a diplomat in international relations. Here in Israel, I realize the possibilities are endless.