

Hello Aviv, Shachar and Shalev and family!

We are the Shapiro Family and we are so excited to get to know your family! We are a family of 5. Andrea (49 years) and David (49 years), Adam (19 years), Lilly (16) and Jack (9), and our dog booboo (12 years).

We live in a house in Minneapolis, MN . It's very cold here in the winter with lots of snow. Today the temperature is -16 degrees Celsius! When its cold like today we do not spend a lot of time outside. We have lots of indoor activities (sports, shopping, playdates etc. When it warms up my kids enjoy outdoor activities such as sledding, ice skating, snowball fights, and drinking hot chocolate.

Our oldest son, Adam is a first -year student studying business at the University of MN. He lives in housing at the university, which is only about 20 minutes away from our house.

Lilly is a junior in high school and lives at home with us. Lilly only has 1 1/2 years left of high school. After high school she will also go to university.

Jack is in 4th grade, and also lives at home with us.

Some of the activities our kids are involved in are: basketball, a sport called Ultimate Frisbee, baseball and football. They are all very busy with school and in addition to school they all participate in sports activities 3-4 times per week. Jack our youngest is also going to religious school at our synagogue to prepare for his Bar Mitzvah. We hope that he will have his Bar Mitzvah in Jerusalem like his sister Lilly did 3 years ago.

My husband and I met in Israel in 1987 while on a overseas program during our junior year in college. We lived in the dorms at Tel Aviv University in Ramat Aviv while attending school.

I also have a sister married and living in Israel since 1987. She is married to an Israeli from Bet Shaen and has 3 boys. They live in Achuzat Barak (near Afula). Her children's ages are 24, 21, and 12.

My husband and I have been to Israel many times and hope we will continue to visit many times in the future.

Our ancestors were primarily from the U.S., Poland and Russia. My parents and husband's parents were all born in the United States (New York and Minneapolis). Both of our grandparents are all from either Russia or Polish decent. Both sets of my grandparents were born outside of the U.S. whereas David's Grandparents were born in the U.S.

I hope this letter serves as a introduction to our family and home life here in America.

We are all looking forward to hearing and learning about you when we receive your letter back.

Warm Regards,

The Shapiro Family



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