

## **MEET OHAD PORAT, OUR *SHALICH* FOR K-12!**



Ohad Porat, born and raised in Beersheva, Israel, is spending his first full year in America educating our children, teens and families at Temple Sinai. Through the Shlichim (leadership) Program of Israel's Jewish Agency, in conjunction with the Rishonim Program of our local Greater Metrowest federation, Ohad is also creating informal Israel educational experiences for the students of Golda Och Academy in West Orange and will be an Israeli educator and guest artist at 4 local Hillel groups. Ohad will be very busy this year!

In addition to teaching our K-7 children and High School teens during school on Sundays, Ohad will facilitate 8 youth group events for grades 4-12. Our children will get to know him in and outside the classroom.

Ohad, who has already served in Israel's IDF, is a musician and plays guitar. When in Israel, Ohad is working toward a B.A. in music. He worked for the past few years for the Jewish Agency's "Summer Shlichim Program," as a program director and group leader. For the past eight summers, Ohad has worked as a counselor and program director at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires and Ramah Day Camp in Nyack. Ohad loves sports, especially Basketball and American Football.

Shiri Mass, Ohad's supervisor at Greater Metrowest writes, "We believe Ohad will be a great fit for Temple Sinai, because he will be able to work with a diverse audience, bringing Israel through culture, fun games and activities, music, and encouragement of critical thinking. Ohad has the ability to help Temple Sinai children and families to experience Israel authentically, through the eyes of an Israeli young adult. Ohad wants to learn about American Reform Judaism from the Temple Sinai community this year.