

# OFEK EIVARKAN

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My name is Ofek Eivarkan, I'm fourteen and now moving on to the ninth grade. I've been a part of the Leaders of the Future program for two years. My hobbies include reading, singing and dancing. I'm passionate about singing and dancing and love being on a stage and performing, so I would love to work as a musician or performer. I'm also passionate about medicine and helping people so being a doctor is another option.

Before joining Leaders of the Future, my academic performance was terrible, I would not study for any tests and barely passed them. When I started the seventh grade, I decided to pull myself together and start working on my grades. Thanks to the program, I was able to get amazing scores in math, scores I never thought I could achieve! I even went up a rank and was transferred to an advanced math class.

Before the program, I never thought about my future and really don't like thinking about it. I like to enjoy the moment and focus my effort on doing what I love- another thing I never knew I could do. In the future, I would like to do something that makes me smile and gives me a reason to wake up every morning, the program has opened my eyes to new possibilities and areas of study that I love. I could not be more grateful!

If I was approached by a friend who wanted to learn more about the program, I would tell them that the program helps Ethiopian Israelis learn and advance by studying math and English twice a week. It may sound unnecessary at first but in the end you will learn so much and appreciate the opportunity. The teachers I studied with are nice and really amazing teachers. Personally, the program helped me make progress in my studies and gain a new perspective on myself and the world around me.

So far, the most important thing I learned from the program is that learning is not so bad, math is not that hard and that everyone can do whatever they want, if they just try.



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