Have you thought about having an international student in your family?

Seeking a permanent host family for school year 2019/20 for a wonderful Benson

student from Israel who is currently in a welcome family through November. He is here through the highly respected US State Department Youth Exchange and Study (YES) program ([www.yesprogram.org](http://www.yesprogram.org))which is overseen by PAX Program for Academic Exchange.([www.pax.org](http://www.pax.org))

Students have health insurance, their own spending money and the host family is asked to provide meals, a bed and a place to study and of course the emotional support as a family.

We are look for a loving, supportive **permanent family** for the rest of the school year. Families can come in all shapes and sizes. - a parent with children, parents with children of any age. Especially seeking a family with high school students if possible.

**Meet Makram**

**Makram**, **is a boy 17, from Israe**l who hopes to become an electrical engineer. He speaks Hebrew and Arabic. He has traveled to the United States and Egypt. He has a strong science background including electronics. He has great social skills, is open to new people and new ideas. Currently he has all A’s in his classes at **Benson high school.** He is taking Precalculus, English, US History, Biology and majoring in Electricity. He especially is enjoying the Advanced Strength and Conditioning class.

He has been in a wonderful “welcome family” in NE Portland benefitting from a friendly neighborhood, a short bus ride to school and experienced host parents who have hosted other international students before.

Benson high school students can live within the Portland City limits so seeking a family on a bus line for sure.

He is eager to make new teenage friends and to attend typical high school activities and to experience new things. He wants to experience your America. He is able to share his experience as a Palestinian Israeli which brings the world right into your family.

**For further information, please contact asap Ann L. Schneider, PAX Community Coordinator at 503-890-6644 annleeschneider.pax@gmail.com**