



Miriam of Guatemala



Guatemala City, Guatemala



Hi everyone! My name is Miriam Pelman! Most of you live in the United States, but I live somewhere totally different. I live in Guatemala! Guatemala is right near Mexico, and just like Mexico, we also speak Spanish! Guatemala is full of Jews and that's why my parents moved here many years ago. They had to learn Spanish when they came so they would be able to talk to the people here.

Guatemala is a beautiful place. We have something called a black sand beach!

The sand on the beach turned black because we have many volcanos here that erupt and send ash flying everywhere. Sometimes, me and my family climb to the top of a volcano and roast marshmallows up there—it's hot enough to do that!



In Guatemala, it's not so safe. So we're not aloud to walk outside by ourselves and have to be driven everywhere.

I'm in the awesome G7 class! I wake up at 5:45 every morning to start school because I'm in the east track!

It's so nice getting to be friends with girls from all over the world! Imagine I lived in NY? I would only be friends with girls from there! Also because of my Shlichus, I get to be friends with girls from Guatemala who aren't exactly like me and who I would never have met if I didn't live here!

I love coming in for Kinus and going to Florida winter camp. It's awesome to be able to hang out with friends then :)

We have a lot of old people who live here, and a couple younger ones too. Just last week we made a Hachnosas Sefer Torah for our Chabad House! On our property is my house, Chabad house, Mikvah, bakery and store! We speak Spanish to the community but I also speak Hebrew with my father because he's Israeli! So I know 3 languages!

One Pesach, A Jewish man came with his non-Jewish children. His son offered my siblings Oreos at the Seder! My 3 year old brother told him— It's Chametz! It was very funny!



I love doing all kinds of things like cooking, baking, and I'm a pro at hairstyles! Below you can watch a video of me showing how to make a Dutch braid! Good luck!

Send in pictures of your finished Dutch braid once you learn how to make it!

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