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# **Who am I?**

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Youth Group: SchZFTY

Born: Tampa, FL

## **Favorites:**

Food: ANYTHING!!! But I do love pasta!

Movie: Good Will Hunting or The Shawshank Redemption

Hobbies: Baseball, Cooking, and NFTY of course!

Music: Classic Rock, Country, and just about anything

TV Shows: Parks and Recreation and The Office

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# **PVP Survey!!!!**

**What are some goals you have for this weekend?**

**What do you hope to learn this weekend?**

**What are Qualities of Leaders?**

**What makes you a leader?**

# **Programming and NFTY Acronyms**

**NFTY:** North American Federation for Temple Youth

**NFTY-STR:** NFTY – Southern Tropical Region

**PVP:** Programming Vice President

**SAVP:** Social Action Vice President

**RCVP:** Religious and Cultural Vice President

**CVP:** Communications Vice President

**MVP:** Membership Vice President

**PL's:** Program Leaders

**GL's:** Group Leaders

**PP's:** Participants

**ProFo:** Programming Format

## **Why are We here?** (My Goals for the weekend!!!!!!)

Every single individual in this room was either selected or appointed to be here for a reason. All of you already have tremendous leadership capabilities and this weekend, my goal is to help foster those characteristics to make you the best leaders you can be. You have all been given the opportunity to serve your individual Temple Youth Group (TYG), Temples, NFTY-STR, and NFTY as a whole. I hope you all can take this opportunity to enact positive change in your community as well as in the lives of those around you.

A major point to remember as a board member is that you are a member first, then a board member, then your position. Being on your TYG board does not grant you any special privileges. Yes, you do help to lead the youth group and will attend board meetings and will help to run programs; but you are still on the same playing field as all other members of your TYG. Keeping this idea in mind will help you to create a more inclusive TYG and help lead your TYG into the future!

## **Working on a TYG Level**

**Your Job as PVP's:** The major job as a PVP is to create Programming for your Youth group. This includes helping other board members such as the SAVP or RCVP plan programs related to their fields if necessary.

**Working with a Board:** A major key to the success of you as a PVP is the success of youth TYG Board. You and your board need to work as a cohesive body. It is your board in its entirety who will help you to make your programming dreams a reality. You all as a TYG will work together to plan events; and how you as a Board work together will help to determine the success of your events. You as an individual will be tasked with determine how your board works best together

**Working with you advisor:** You and your advisor are a pair. Your advisor is the one who is in charge of your youth group and is ultimately in charge of all the decisions your TYG will make. It is incredibly important to foster a positive working relationship with them. It is important to remember a series of things when working with your advisor.

Your advisor is the person who is putting in so much effort and time into the success of your TYG. Knowing this, make sure you as a board member make them feel appreciated and thank them for all they do. Furthermore, it is important to respect the decisions and choices that your youth professional makes regardless the outcome.

Communicating with your Youth advisor is one of the most important aspects of your relationship. Without communication between the two of you, nothing can get done. It is important to communicate professionally and efficiently about anything from getting a program done to how your baseball game went last night. Communication is a major part of collaboration. Advisors are at the core of your TYG and communicating to keep them in the loop is vital piece to the success of your TYG

As close as you and your Youth Advisor might be, there is always a level of professionalism which needs to remain constant. It is important to find the balance between the time where you can be silly and goofy with your advisor, but also be professional when you need to. This can be as simple as remembering to remain serious while in a board meeting while finding time afterward to talk to your advisor and other board mates.

Something else to keep in mind is that your Advisor is the connection between your youth group and your temple staff and clergy. They will help to coordinate youth events with the temple as well as help to navigate temple policies

# Network

Goal: the goal of our network is to provide a reliable and diverse group of PVP's and TYG programming people who are willing to help each other grow, learn and thrive! I am also here to answer any questions or help to solve any problems you may run across. I'm here to help your success as a TYG leader, just as much as you are all here to help me succeed as a regional leader. We are here to help brainstorm ideas, navigate challenges and create an interdependent team to help everyone succeed.

## **My role in our Network:**

Email: I am in charge of sending out monthly network emails which will update our network on what is going on in the region as a whole. I am also always able to be reached via email if you have any questions or issues.

Facebook: I am going to be honest with you all and say that I am not the most proficient user of Facebook. However, I am aware of the utility of Facebook and the ease and accessibility it provides. I am going to utilize a PVP Network Facebook group where I can post questions for you guys to respond to. Also, it will be a place where you all can keep me updated about what has been going on in your TYG's. It will be a great resource for you to contact me as well as for myself to stay in the loop on what you've been up to on your Board and in life in general.

Phone Calls and Video Chats: The purpose of individual phone or video calls is to provide me an opportunity to have individual conversations with each of you. This is the time where you can update me on challenges or triumphs in your own TYG's. I want to hear how you are doing as a PVP, but also how school is! I want to have a personal

relationship with you all and I want to be here for you as a resource where you can have questions answered in a more direct manner.

### My Responsibilities in Our Network

- I will call people in the network weekly
- I Plan on using video chats to go over group leading with the Network
- I will send monthly Network emails
- I am a readily available resource to all of you in the network
- I will use Facebook as a way to update the network and to gain feedback from you all

### Your Responsibilities in our Network:

- Communicate in the Network!!!
- Come to me if you have any issues or need help with anything
- Work together as a Network and hold each other accountable
- Bring perspectives of your TYG to the network
- Schedule monthly check-in calls/video chats

## Understanding by Design

Adapted From Michelle Shapiro Abraham

Understanding why we make programs and why we create the programs the way we do is an incredibly valuable thing as a PVP. Every Program you create should have a purpose. If you write a program with purpose, then you are able to turn a potentially good program into a great program. Understanding by Design is an alternative way to plan programs where you **start by asking essential questions** and understanding questions. Here is an adaptation of how to use understanding by Design in your programming.

1. Brainstorming: Find a group or a partner who can help you brainstorm ideas for a program. To brainstorm, first begin by asking what you want to learn or what you want to explore. These should be big ideas which you can then further breakdown.
2. Identify your broad topic and goals: Once you have brainstormed, begin selecting topics based on a general idea or topic. This allows you to cover

more specific ideas throughout your program. Furthermore, once you have your general ideas, come up with goals which you want your program to reach.

3. Choose a Program Type: Just as important as coming up with what you want your program to address is determining what that most effective program type for your program is. The type of program which you chose is very important to the success of your program. Different program types are more effective for certain topics and goals.
4. Know Your Audience: Knowing your audience is an incredibly crucial piece to the success of a program. Your audience determines how you can best address topics and goals of your programs.
5. Planning: This is the exciting part! Planning is where you get to turn your vision of a program into a reality. The important thing to keep in mind while planning the program is your goals. The goals of your program should be the focus of why you do everything in your program. When including something in your program, make sure that it relates back to the goals of your program so that you ensure it is relevant. Form the basis of your program and then go back and include details. The most important thing about creating a program is making sure that every detail is written in your program.
6. Review and Edit: Once you have a rough draft of your program, it is important to go back and edit your program. Editing and reviewing a program is an important process in making sure that your program is exactly the way you want it. While reviewing, make sure that your program is as detailed as possible and that it addresses all of your goals which you came up with at the beginning of the process. Also, make sure to edit any mistakes you have made in order to have the program exactly the way you want it.
7. Execute: The final step of the process is actually putting the program into motion. All of the work you have done on the program will finally pay off as you run the program!

The process of Understanding by design is an alternative way to come up with ideas and goals for your programs. This process allows you to center your

program around the goals which you hope to accomplish instead of just writing a program blindly. Using this process is a way to keep your participants engaged and focused on the outcome of the program which you create.

## Programming Format (ProFo)

Programming Format (or ProFo) is how we as PVP's turn our programming dreams into reality. It is the formal way to write up a program. The goal of ProFo is to be as detailed as possible. Anyone should be able to pick up your program, read it, and completely understand the goals, ideas, and how to run your program, even if you are not there to explain it to them.

This is How Programing Format is laid out:

(TGOMPSTDA is a good way to remember!!!!)

- Touchstone Text
- Goals
- Objectives
- Materials
- People
- Space
- TimeTable
- Detailed Procedure
- Appendices

### **Touchstone Text:**

“And thou shall teach them diligently unto thy children.” – Devarim (Deuteronomy) 6:7

The Touchstone Text is a piece of Jewish text which should relate back to the goals of your program. It should relay the message of the program and the theme of the text should be incorporated into the program.

### **Goals:**

- The goals of your program are the big ideas which you want to address
- Goals are not concrete and you should not be able to determine if the goals were achieved
- The GOALS are WHAT you want to accomplish

The goals of the program are the big ideas which the program is based on. Goals are unattainable and you as a PVP should not be able to determine if your PP's reached the goals. They are the foundation of a program. Goals can be phrased like "Participants will....." and will then follow with a general idea.

### Objectives:

- Unlike Goals, Objectives are concrete and attainable
- You should be able to determine if PP's reached the program objective
- The OBJECTIVE is HOW you plan to accomplish your WHAT

The difference between objectives and goals is that unlike goals, Objectives are testable and concrete. Objectives should be specific skills, ideas, and concepts which you want your PP's to get out of a program. Objectives can be phrased like "By the end of the program, PP's will..."

Which will then continue to describe a specific idea or concept.

### Materials:

**(Ex: For making this packet)**

- 19 pieces of paper
- 10 pencils
- 10 pens
- 1 printer
- 1 laptop
- 1 black ink cartridge
- 1 staple (to hold it all together when done)

Materials should list any possible need for you program and be extremely specific. Any item which is necessary to the creation and success of your program should be included. This includes if you need

physical copies of your program to have during the execution of the program. The idea is to be as detailed as possible.

### **People:**

#### **(Ex: for my Network at LLTI)**

- One Program Leader (Evan)
- 20-25 PP's
- One Adult to act as timekeeper

The People Section of your Program should include any people necessary to your program. This includes a Program Leader (PL), Group Leaders (GL's), Participants (PP's), and even adult staff

### **Space Needed:**

This Section of your program write up should explain any sort of space or rooms necessary for your program to run. If a program is being run outside, it is important to have a backup for situations like rain.

### **Time Table:**

#### **(Example Time Table)**

00:00-00:10 – Introduction  
00:10-00:15 – Transition into groups  
00:15-00:45 – Situational Discussion  
00:45-00:50 – Transition Time  
00:50-01:00 – Wrap Up

The Time Table should be a perfect timeline of your program. It will help to make sure your program runs on time

### **Detailed Procedure: (Remember DETAIL!!!!!!)**

#### **(Example based on Time Table)**

**00:00-00:10 – Introduction**

PL will begin program and opening skit (see appendix A) will begin.....

**00:10-00:15 – Transition into groups**

PP's will transition into.....

**00:15-00:45 – Situational Discussion**

GL's will read and discuss discussion questions.....

**00:45-00:50 – Transition Time**

PP's will transition into.....

**00:50-01:00 – Wrap Up**

PL will read closing speech .....

As it is titled, The **DETAILED** Procedure should be as **DETAILED** as possible. The Detailed procedure should go through each event on the Time Table and explain exactly what should happen during each part. Everything you want to happen should be explained in detail. Don't leave room for your GL's to question things. Make sure they know exactly what to do!

**Appendices:**

The Appendices of your programs should include any sort of additional material you need for your program which didn't go in your detailed procedure. This can include worksheets for PP's to do during an activity, additional documents, discussion questions, and many other sources.

**Make sure to page break all appendices!**

# Matt Kessler's List of Awesome Program Ideas

(2013-2014 NFTY-STR Programming Vice President)

## **Serious:**

- **Speaker:** You could have a speaker come in and speak to your TYG. Make sure that the speaker is appropriate!
- **Discussion:** Have PP's discuss pre-written questions. GL's should help to lead the discussion and are not limited to the questions. They can come up with them on their own as well.
- **Panel Discussion:** You can invite a panel of experts in a certain subject or you can have PL's be the panel if they are knowledgeable on the subject.
- **Trial:** Programs which can be run like a court room or a United Nations assembly.

## **Social:**

- **Competition:** PP's will be asked to complete a task in a competition setting. The idea is to motivate the PP's through competition.
- **Games:** You as a PVP can take simple games which we play everyday and morph them so that they can be applied in a programmatic setting.
- **Skits:** Divide PP's into groups and give them a situation to act out.

## **Other:**

- **Simulation:** PP's are put through a simulation of a certain situation. This can range for a UN simulation to a family vacation. The idea is the get the PP's to think as if they are

in a different situation than they are at the moment.

- **Carousel:** This program runs on rotations. This could create the need for more appendices or GL's due to the different rotations; however, this allows more topics to be addressed.
- **Fishbowl:** Questions are asked to an inner group of PP's while an outer circle of PP's is required to observe and cannot comment. The two circles can then switch in the middle of the program allowing PP's to obtain two different perspectives.

## **Subregional Events**

Subregional events are events in our region of NFTY-STR in between our regularly scheduled NFTY events where we as a region can come together to enjoy many aspects of our NFTY events including Programming, Havdalah services, t-shirts, and so much more. The great thing about subregional events is that they not only include your TYG, but others located near you as well. It's a great way to engage in our NFTY community outside of events. I encourage us all to work together as a network to plan subregional events.

# **PVP Post Thoughts!!!!**

**What are some things you learned this weekend?**

**How do you think you can apply this in your TYG?**

**What is something you hope to improve on after this weekend?**

**What are some goals you have for this upcoming year?**

# **Resources: Adapted from Ryan Marks**

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## **NFTY Information:**

**North American Program Bank:** [www.nfty.org/resources/programbank](http://www.nfty.org/resources/programbank)

**NFTY Study Theme:** The Reform Jewish Voice in Action

**Groupleading Guide:** [www.nfty.org/resources/programming/group\\_leading](http://www.nfty.org/resources/programming/group_leading)

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## **Touchstone Text Resources:**

Jewish-Wisdom.com (my favorite)

Chabad.org

Quotationspage.com/quotes/the\_talmud