



2017-2018 INTENT TO RUN PACKET ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SEEKING REGIONAL OFFICE?

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Individuals who are Jewish and members, in their own right or through family membership, of a URJ Congregation in good standing, and paid members of NFTY.

Article Eight Section C of the NFTY-STR Constitution states:

All candidates must have attended three (3) previous NFTY-STR Regional events while in 9th through 12th grade. If the candidate has moved from another NFTY Region, at least one (1) of the previous events must have been in NFTYSTR.

WHAT POSITIONS ARE AVAILABLE?

At Winter Regional - Elected Executive Board Positions of:

- President
- Programming Vice-President
- Social Action Vice-President
- Religious and Cultural Vice-President
- Communications Vice-President
- Membership Vice-President

HOW DO I PROCEED?

All candidates must complete all 3 documents and email them to Julie Marsh by **11:59 PM on Thursday, December 1, 2016**. Forms must be signed by you, Parent, *and* Advisor. The Advisor's signature indicate your eligibility based on the criteria below. You and your parents' signatures indicate understanding of the responsibilities of the office you are seeking, as well as your parent's approval for you to run. Attached to this form must be your Platform Packet which will be distributed to all voting delegates. You must also include a letter of recommendation from someone, other than your advisor or parent, who knows your current leadership skills and potential.

Feel free to reach out to the regional board member who currently holds the position you are considering running for, to answer any questions you have about the jobs and responsibilities of the position. You can reach all the regional board members by email, [found here](#).

Email all THREE completed documents as THREE SEPARATE PDF files to jmarsh@urj.org

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- *your letter of recommendation*
- *your platform packet*

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ELECTION PROCEDURES

- 1). Campaigning will in no way, shape, or form be allowed. Any evidence of campaigning, either by the candidate or supporters, can result in dismissal from candidacy.
- 2). Candidates do not have to be present at elections. In this situation, the NFTY STR President will make arrangements as needed.
- 3). No nominations will be accepted from the floor.
- 4). Candidates will be elected by 50% + 1 of the votes cast.
- 5). The NFTY STR President and the Regional Advisor are the final arbiters of all issues relating to elections.

Candidates will have the opportunity to give a speech to the region before voting.

- *All candidates will have 3 minutes for their speech, with the exception of candidates for President who will have 5 minutes each.*
- Speeches will be followed by meet the candidate. In the meet the candidate portion of the election process, candidates will individually meet with TYGs to answer their questions about the candidate's platform.
- If you have questions, please contact NFTY-STR President Maya Rosenberg (str-president@nfty.org.)

Please note:

- A mandatory Board Retreat will take place Martin Luther King Weekend (Friday afternoon – Monday midday)
- The 2017-2018 NFTY-STR Regional Board elect need to be present at NFTY-STR LLTI event.
- All NFTY-STR Regional Board Elect should plan on attending Mechina which takes place at URJ Kutz Camp in Warwick, New York towards the end of June.

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NFTY-STR 2017-2018 Board Contract
(Please print)

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone:(____) _____ E-Mail: _____

Congregation: _____

TYG: _____ Board Position I am seeking: _____

By my signature below, I acknowledge I understand the requirements of the office I seek, and, if elected I will devote the time and energy necessary to fulfill my responsibilities. I am confident that I will be able to attend all the events on the NFTY-STR Calendar.

Signature of Candidate: _____ Date: _____

I approve of my son/daughter's application to serve on the NFTY-STR Board from June 1, 2017 to June 1, 2018. I understand that there are both significant time and financial commitments involved in serving as a Board Member, and I will do my best to enable my child to perform his/her duties should he/she be elected.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

We certify, to the best of our knowledge, that this individual meets the requirements set forth in the NFTY-STR policy on Eligibility for Regional Office.

Signature of Advisor: _____ Date: _____

NFTY-STR Regional Board Candidate Platform Packet 2017-2018

Any fully registered NFTY-STR member is eligible to run for Regional Board. Those seeking candidacy for the 2017-2018 NFTY-STR Regional Board must complete a Platform Packet for the position they seek and turn it in to the Regional Advisor *by email* (jmarsh@urj.org) by December 1st 2016 at 11:59 pm.

The completed document must be no more than 2 pages*, using 12-point font and standard double space formatting. Please include your name and position desired on top right of each page and reprint the prompts in bold before each of your answers.

Again, candidates will also have the opportunity to give a speech to the region before voting. *All candidates will have 3 minutes for their speech, with the exception of candidates for President who will have 5 minutes each.* Speeches will be followed by meet the candidate. In the meet the candidate portion of the election process, candidates will individually meet with TYGs to answer their questions about the candidate's platform.

If you have questions, please contact NFTY-STR President Maya Rosenberg (str-president@nfty.org .)

(*with the exception of Communication Vice President which will be 3 pages)

Membership Vice President

1. What goals do you have as Membership VP for the 2017-2018 year?
2. Why have you chosen to run for Membership VP?
3. List what experiences make you qualified to fulfill this position.
4. How would you explain to an 8th grader why they should join NFTY?

Communications Vice President (this packet will be 3 pages)

1. What goals do you have as Communications VP for the 2017-2018 year?
2. Why have you chosen to run for Communications VP?
3. List what experiences make you qualified to be Communications VP
4. Design a sample cover for next year's Winter Regional Chai Five. The second page of your Platform Packet should be devoted to the sample cover. All font and format restrictions are lifted for the second page. Do not reprint the fourth prompt.
5. Design a sample T-shirt that would be sold in the Shuk.

Religious and Cultural Vice President

1. What goals do you have as Religious and Cultural VP for the 2017-2018 year?
2. Why have you chosen to run for Religious and Cultural VP?
3. List what experiences make you qualified to be Religious and Cultural VP?
4. Write a D'var Torah for a Torah portion that occurs during Winter Regional.

Social Action Vice President

1. What goals do you have as Social Action VP for the 2017-2018 year?
2. Why have you chosen to run for Social Action VP?
3. List what experiences make you qualified to be Social Action VP.
4. What is your experience with Camp Jenny?
5. Name one Social Action initiative you would like to bring to NFTY and explain how you would implement it.

Programming Vice President

1. What goals do you have as Programming VP for the 2017-2018 year?
2. Why have you chosen to run for Programming VP?
3. List what experiences make you qualified to be Programming VP.
4. Come up with a hypothetical theme and program idea for next year's Winter Regional.

President

1. What goals do you have as President for the 2017-2018 year?
2. Why have you chosen to run for President?
3. List what experiences make you qualified to be President.
4. Regardless of our strength as a regional and national youth movement, the foundation of NFTY is the TYG. Many TYGs in our region are strong at the local level but have few regionally-active members, while others barely exist except as a means for members to go to regional events. How would you, with the Regional Board, help TYGs attain a solid local unity while fostering a common sense of identity in the region?
5. Choose any quote (it can be one you made up) and explain how it represents your personality.

AGAIN...

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