



2018-2019 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 NFTY-STR.

Article Eleven: Enabling Clauses Section B of the NFTY-STR Constitution states:

Any policy, circumstance, or procedure not provided for by this Constitution shall be left to the discretion of the full voting members of the NFTY-STR Regional Board, NFTY-STR President, and NFTY-STR Regional Advisor.

At the discretion of the NFTY-STR Regional Board, NFTY-STR President, and NFTY-STR Regional Advisor, participants can have Winter Regional count as their third event to be eligible to run for Regional Board. If a NFTY-STR teen would like to run for regional office and Winter Kallah will be their third event, the teen must be registered for the event and attend the event in person in order to run.

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 Tuesday, November 28, 2017**. Forms must be signed by you, a Parent, *and* Advisor. The Advisor's signature indicates 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 board Contract*
- *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 candidates. In the meet the candidates 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 Carly Schwamm (str-president@nfty.org)

Please note:

- A mandatory Board Retreat will take place Martin Luther King Weekend (Friday afternoon – Monday midday)
- The 2018-2019 NFTY-STR Regional Board elect need to be present at NFTY-STR LLTI event which will take place April 20-22, 2018.
- 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.
- It is highly encouraged a Regional Board Member attends URJ Kutz Camp.

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Descriptions of each Regional Board position are listed below. Please refer to these descriptions when considering the position you are running for and why you are choosing to run.

All board members complete **four weekly calls** with members of their network each day. Additionally, each board member attends bi-weekly board calls and has bi-weekly calls with the Regional Advisor.

President

- Works with the Regional Board and Regional Advisor to plan all events
- Serves as an ambassador to everything posted on social media
- Implements all NFTY-STR and NFTY initiatives and establishes relationships between youth groups, advisors, and other regions

Programming Vice-President

- Designs, implements, and crafts all programmatic aspects of regional events
- Creates event themes and works on making all programs
- Serve as a resource for TYG, Regional, and Bi-Regional programming
- Creates the event playbook for regional events with the President

Social Action Vice-President

- Implements and designs all new and existing social action initiatives
- Works as the Camp Jenny Co-Director alongside the NFTY-SAR SAVP
- Promotes ways to compel change and inspires individuals to participate in Tikkun Olam

Religious and Cultural Vice-President

- Guides participants in creating their own unique Jewish identities
- Crafts ways for participants to be spiritually engaged
- Promotes dialogue on Jewish culture, ideals, and concepts

Communications Vice-President

- Creates all NFTY-STR merchandise, takes photos at all events, and create event Chai 5's
- Utilizes social media platforms to promote ideas and creates the end of event slideshows
- Creates new ways to communicate and upholds NFTY communication initiatives

Membership Vice-President

- Expands membership opportunities to attract members
- Works to promote an inclusive environment
- Designs and implements mixers and promotes all membership initiatives including NFTY 678



NFTY-STR 2018-2019 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, 2018 to June 1, 2019. 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. I understand that my child helps to organize and run LLTI which takes place prior to June 1, 2018.

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 2018-2019

Any fully registered NFTY-STR member is eligible to run for Regional Board. Those seeking candidacy for the 2018-2019 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 Tuesday, November 28, 2017 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.

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(*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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