

## **1. What goals do you have as Programming VP for the 2018-2019 year?**

For the 2018-2019 programming year, I will strive to create NFTY programming in order to bring everyone together and create new bonds, friendships, and experiences. By my definition, NFTY programming is the experience you obtain, not the knowledge you get. Therefore, my ultimate goal is to create the best experience possible with the help of the 2018-2019 NFTY-STR Board and my peers within NFTY. I would like to create a larger sense of community within the region through programming, in order to make everyone feel like NFTY is an open and welcoming place where everyone is accepted. Another goal is to empower every participant in NFTY-STR and keep them looking forward to our upcoming events and year. I want to make myself readily available to any Programming Vice President that needs help writing or creating programs. By writing these incredible programs, my hopes are that I will encourage other teens to join their youth groups and participate in more regional events.

## **2. Why have you chosen to run for Programming VP?**

I chose to run for Programming because programming is something that I am passionate about, and I believe that my passion can be used to help engage more participants in programs and to have more people join NFTY-STR. To keep the participants engaged, I will successfully write - with the ideas of the regional board - a program that is unlike any other program, and that has the participants excited for more. I aspire to be a resource for youth group programmers and become more engaged with my network and region. Also, I like using my creativity to make enjoyable programs, and this position is, in my opinion, the position that allows you to use the most creativity. When I write a program, I put my heart and soul into it and incorporate the ideas of my peers and board members, making the program as amazing as possible. Another reason that I decided to run for NFTY-STR Regional Board is because of my extreme love for my temple, youth group, and region.

**3. List what experiences make you qualified to be Programming VP.**

- I am currently serving as the STARY Programming Vice President.
- This past summer, I had an amazing opportunity to partake in the Kutz Camp Local Leadership Major.
- At Kutz I helped to write a grade level bonding program, allowing me to write and lead a program on a national level.
- I am currently an IB student at Atlantic and I have been serving as the President of the Jewish Student Union there for the past two years.
- I am very good at organization and time management.
- This is my second year on my youth group board.
- I have volunteered at Camp Jenny for the past two years which allowed my passion for this region to grow stronger.

**4. Come up with a hypothetical theme and program idea for next year's Winter Regional.**

My hypothetical theme is You Are a STR! This theme is to drive home the point that people do not need approval to be themselves, and that they should not be afraid to be who they are no matter what differences they have from other people. To accompany this, the program would split the participants into several different groups, and in each group, the participants will create a video explaining what being different is and why it is important. After these videos are created, a discussion session will be held, answering questions such as: "Why or why do you not think that being different is important in society today?" I would then work with the Communications Vice President and the Social Action Vice President to make this event a movement, or rather a campaign, that other regions can participate in. Videos made by youth groups and possibly other regions would then be shown at Spring Kallah with the help of the Communications and Social Action Vice President.