

1. What goals do you have as President for the 2017-2018 year?

As President, I want to create an easier and more accessible channel for information regarding Kallot, scholarships, transportation, and other crucial information for members of the NFTY-STR community by implementing a NFTY-STR Hotline Service. This hotline could be accessed from any location, with or without internet connection, through a simple to use 1-800 phone system kept updated by myself. In addition, I would implement the NFTY-STR Round Table, a monthly, online Zoom call that anyone in the region who is interested may join. The first half of the call would be a report on successful TYG past events as well as the TYG upcoming events in the region. I will share information about regional activities and the progress of the regional board's agenda. The second half of the call would be a question and answer session. This allows us to notify the NFTY-STR community of the successes throughout the region multiple times throughout the year. It also gives extra promotion to local youth group events and will allow time for a dialogue to help problem solve any member issues.

2. Why have you chosen to run for President?

Through NFTY, I have enhanced my relationship with Judaism through the interactive services and programs, learned about global and domestic issues and how I personally can make a difference, and met Jewish teens of every background with whom I have built long-lasting friendships. I want the same experience for others. I want to create an environment in which members can be themselves in a safe and accepting community, nurture their personal connection to their Judaism, and encourage NFTY community involvement at both the local and regional levels.

3. List what experiences make you qualified to be President

I have served on my TYG board for three years, choosing to serve in different positions to learn how they operate, first as RCVP, then MVP, and this year as President. BaHTY is a small youth group, and as a board, we all have to help out in all areas. During my freshman and sophomore years, when our board was missing a CVP, I stepped up and set up accounts on various social media platforms so the board could better communicate with its members. Coming from a smaller sized youth group, I have learned what is needed to successfully build, run and maintain a growing youth group membership, and

I also have experience with larger groups. As part of the 2017-18 Regional Songleading team, I have collaborated, planned, and executed multiple activities for a group of 300+ participants. With some of the Jewish teen leaders I met at the 2017 NFTY Mechina, I helped to initiate and establish a nationwide RCVP-Songleader communication line. In addition to my NFTY experiences, I am an active member of the Red Cross Youth program and on my high school's Cross Country and Track teams. These activities have taught me about teamwork and how to be a responsible leader.

4. How would you, with the Regional Board, help TYGs attain a solid local unity while fostering a common sense of identity in the region?

I will initiate TYG STRategy Sessions with a group video call or an in person meeting when possible, with the entire board of each TYG. We will discuss the strengths and challenges of their board and pinpoint the causes that are limiting their ultimate success. We will decide on action steps that can be easily and quickly implemented. I will follow-up with calls to each board every three months to see what improvements the TYG has made as a result of the new changes and if any more improvements can be made to ensure each TYG continues to thrive. I would also implement two Facebook groups for the region: one for freshman and sophomores and one for juniors and seniors. Through the creation of these groups, the regional board would be able to receive opinions and ideas from both the rising generations in NFTY as well as the veterans. This would also allow for participants to foster social connections throughout the region while at the same time connecting individual TYGs through these relationships.

5. Choose any quote (it can be one you made up) and explain how it represents your personality.

“Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you’ll land among the stars.” –Les Brown

I strive to be an upbeat, happy person and positive influence for others. I aim high in life. I put my heart and soul into things that are important to me and things I want to achieve. I don't always hit my goal, but that never matters because something good or even better always comes from trying. I have learned through my experiences that my original ideas or goals often times aren't where I end up, but my efforts instead lead to even better thoughts, ideas, and courses of action. My adaptability to different situations and my positive outlook help me to persevere even when the odds may seem against me.