

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

My goals as President are to enhance the “NFTY experience” for all of our members. As president I would work both on a regional as well as a TYG level to ensure that we are providing the most memorable, enriching, and life-changing experience possible. I would work to achieve this by working to improve different aspects of the “NFTY experience”. From delivering programs that are both engaging and meaningful, to working on social action issues that mean the most to our members, as well as finding new ways to connect with our Judaism.

**2. Why have you chosen to run for President?**

I have chosen to run for president because I want to take NFTY-STR to the next level. I believe our region has a lot of untapped potential that can be used to bring the “NFTY experience” to not only our current members, but to the members of TYGs who are not involved at a regional level. Ultimately I have decided to run because of my love for this community, and it would be the honor of my life to lead it.

**3. List what experiences make you qualified to be President.**

For 4 years I have served on the committee for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer for South Palm Beach. My first year as a general member, my second as Vice Chair of Team Development, my third as Chairman of Social Media and Outreach and this past year as Chairman of Program Activities. In high school I have had the pleasure of being elected Vice President of Quill & Scroll Honor Society. For three years now I have served on the board of my TYG, BOATY. First as 9th grade representative, then as President, and now as Social Action Vice President.

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

I think the best way to achieve both of these goals is through the promotion of sub-regional events. While NFTY-STR does not have set sub-regions, we have a number of TYGs that are close enough in proximity to allow these events to happen. On one hand sub-regional events foster a common sense of identity because they bring members of the region together for an event outside of a kallah. Additionally, these help TYGs attain solid local unity by allowing a smaller TYG that wouldn't necessarily be able to host a regional event, to work together as a TYG to host and promote a sub-regional event. I would work to set up a specific calendar for sub-regional events and personally work with TYGs to ensure their success.

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

“Without commitment you'll never start, but more importantly without consistency you'll never finish.” - Denzel Washington. Persistence is more than just not giving up. It means making an effort to accomplish your goal even when the odds seem stacked against you. I thrive most when times are toughest. Being the president of NFTY-STR would most certainly put me in time-sensitive, deadline driven situations, that would cause most people to pull their hair out; but there is no position I'd rather serve in. During my time as BOATY President, we were without an advisor for the first half of the year and most of our members stopped showing up. However I knew I wanted BOATY to be there for years to come so I spent all of my time working to keep it alive. Now we are stronger than we have ever been before. That is persistence, and that is who I am.