

1. What goals do you have as Membership VP for the 2019-2020 year?

I have many goals I hope to implement in NFTY-STR if elected. My top priority will be to continue what I have started and to use that momentum to build and strengthen membership in our region. I have learned from past experiences what has worked and will make changes accordingly to improve the goals I have established. Maintaining a strong and cohesive network would allow for NFTY-STR to continue to grow. I will make it a goal of mine to find ways for the membership network to have access to new resources to help them during their term. These resources will be developed by me or created as a group to benefit the network as a whole. But what about the general NFTY-STR members? I will encourage more general member involvement at a regional level to keep members engaged year-round. Conducting polls asking members what they would want to see during mixers, programs, or even a mixer Monday call will make sure participants get what they want. Giving members of NFTY-STR an opportunity to have a say in what they want in a program and what interests them will allow the board to make programs and activities that fit their interests and will make them want to come to events. Finally, NFTY 678 is a critical part for the future of our region and giving them the proper support and attention will help ensure the future of NFTY-STR is strong. Attending middle school events will help them have a better understanding of NFTY and will feel comfortable coming to events in the future.

2. Why have you chosen to run for Membership VP?

I did not run for this position because I liked the name of the title. I ran because I have a passion for membership, a passion for seeing a community get together and grow, a passion for NFTY-STR. It is more than just making mixers. It is seeing the friendships that form and build at events and seeing everyone's awesome outfits on Saturday nights. This is what makes me want to come back to NFTY everytime. I want to see this region strengthen as a community and include as many people as possible, and I feel that I am capable

of helping to lead the region in doing so. Last year I said I decided to run because NFTY-STR has done so much more for me and I wanted to give back. As of today, I can say that I still have a lot more to give and it will not be running out anytime soon.

3. List what experiences make you qualified to fulfill this position?

As someone who looks great in bucket hats, I also possess other experiences and qualifications that I believe aid in being an awesome Membership Vice President. Some of these experiences include:

NFTY-STR Regional Board: Currently serving on the Regional Board as Membership Vice President, NFTY-STR has put their trust in me once before to help lead this great region. Currently holding this position, it shows that I am able to fulfill the duties needed to carry out the responsibilities of this position.

BOFTY Board: I have had the honor to serve on BOFTY board for two years. Beginning as 9th grade representative, then moving up to Membership Vice President. Both of these positions have prepared me for this position by introducing me to how to reach out to members, create mixers, and interacting with people.

Camp Counselor: For the past four summers I have worked in the Arts & Crafts Department at a local summer camp. I was responsible for making sure the groups are running on time, completing the craft, and entertaining the group if they finish early. This prepared me for NFTY-STR, following a schedule and staying focused at the task at hand.

4. How would you explain to an 8th grader why they should join NFTY?

NFTY is not just some “Jew Thing.” NFTY is a second home. A home where you do not have to worry about school, homework, or the stress. You spend a weekend meeting the most incredible people all over the state, and sometimes around the country. By taking part in interactive programs, engaging mixers, and song-filled services, NFTY is the place to spend your weekend. Did I mention food? Because there is lots of it! So come to the next youth group event at your local temple and be part of something amazing!