

What goals do you have as Programming VP for the 2019-2020 year? My biggest goal as Programming VP is to provide our members with the option to choose which type of programs they will be engaging in at our regional events. This would be done by bringing tracks to our region. Basically, there would be about five tracks at each kallah, and each track has a different overarching theme. When someone registers for an event, they would be able to sign up for the track they would like to be in. One example of a potential track is “STress Management”. In this track, the participants would engage in programs that have to do with relieving stress and exercising their mind, body and soul. Some of the programs would include guided meditation, yoga, and nature walks. If a member is interested in de-stressing and connecting with themselves on a spiritual level, they would be able to participate in this track. If they have no interest in anything mentioned above, there would be four other choices. Some other examples of themes for tracks are sports, Tikkun Olam, Judaism 101, pop-culture, culinary, creative arts, and performing arts. Additionally, the tracks provide members with the opportunity to form tighter bonds with a select group of individuals, since they would be with the same group for all of the programs, instead of switching groups for each program. However, the participants would still have mixers, meals, chofesh, and the Saturday night social to interact with their friends that aren't in their track. My second biggest goal is to provide more programming opportunities to STRites, which can be done through tracks. Within each track, there would have to be 1-2 people leading the track. Any STRite interested in creating or leading a track will be able to fill out an application to do so. The people chosen will be able to work with me to write the programs for the track they are leading, and in the end be the sole person in charge of making sure the track goes as planned during the event. Additionally, I would like to start an application process to be a group leader. Anyone interested in group-leading would be able to apply to lead a program in the track that they signed up for.

Why have you chosen to run for Programming VP? Since the second day of my sixth-grade hatikvah kallah, I have been in love with NFTY STR. My passion for this region is never-ending, and I believe I can use that passion to benefit our region greatly. The way I see it, the programs can make or break an event. If the programs are absolutely amazing, then overall the event should be a success. However, if the programs are only decent, then I would not consider the event as successful as it could have been. I believe that I have the creativity needed to write the outstanding programs that make each event a success.

How are you with time management? Time management is a strength for me. With all the things I am involved with, such as NFTY, student government, and track and field, it is essential to have good time management. I like to consider myself to be proactive, and not procrastinate. Whenever I get a new assignment or project, I always begin the night it is assigned; I don't wait until the night before the deadline. This is essential for the PVP, since writing programs is a lengthy process, and there are many programming deadlines I will have to meet.

List what experiences make you qualified to be Programming VP. Primarily, I have served on the BOFTY board for the past two years. This year, I have had the honor of being BOFTY's president, and last year I was our Underclassmen Representative. While being president of BOFTY, there have been many challenges to overcome. One of the biggest issues so far has been adjusting to the new demographics of BOFTY's members. This year, BOFTY has received a great amount of freshman and sophomore boys. Because of this, we had to completely restructure how we plan and execute our programs, since we now are leading programs for a completely different group of people. I have worked hand in hand with our PVP this year to create outstanding programs that all of our members love, thus sparking my passion for programming. Additionally, I am currently serving as the Sophomore class VP in the student government at my school, and was the Freshman class VP last year. While in these positions, I've had the opportunity to plan and execute numerous school functions, such as spirit weeks, homecoming dances, powderpuff games, and carnival lunches.

Come up with a hypothetical theme and program idea for next year's Winter Regional. For next year's winter regional, I would like to implement the theme "STRturday Night Live". The programs would revolve around expressing ourselves in unconventional ways and pushing ourselves out of our comfort zones. For one of the programs, everyone would be split into small groups; each group would be given a topic all related to one central theme. Each group would have to create and perform a skit explaining the topic in a comedic manner. This forces the participants to work as a team to write and rehearse a skit which will be performed at their assigned program location, and the participants are being pushed out of their comfort zones by performing the skit. Additionally, the participants will be learning valuable teamwork skills and about pressing topics all while having a great time!