

**What goals do you have as Programming VP for the 2019-2020 year?**

As Programming Vice President of NFTY-STR, I ensure a strong collaboration and partnership between the STR PVP and local PVPs. I see myself as a person to work directly, rather than someone to approve a program. It is my intent to go on calls to brainstorm, develop, and touch up on every program I assist the hosting TYG create. I will be someone to bounce ideas off and to help develop the program every step of the way: from writing, to setup, and all the way through clean-up. As for PVPs not directly involved in the hosting of Kallah, I want to pull them in to create a program as a region. It would be amazing for a whole network come together to work on one program that we could claim as the work of STR. I will make it my initiative to develop a Program Bank specific to our region and to update the NFTY Program Bank. I will add generic programs that can easily be adapted to a theme, as I believe in creating programs that can be easily adapted and altered to intertwine with a completely different event theme than the original intention.

**Why have you chosen to run for Programming VP?**

After participating in my first program at Spring Kallah 2016, I became intrigued with NFTY programming. I walked into the room to see this sort of life-sized Game of Life where I got to choose different scenarios. Throughout the program, I was able to come out of my shell; something felt as if it came alive in me. As PVP of BiTTY, my goal was to be able to recreate the magic I experienced participating in my first program. It was as we were wrapping up Hatikvah Kallah 2018 I realized how much I love programming when middle schoolers came up to me and told me how much they loved the event. Just like it impacted me, a NFTY program has the power to open the eyes of its participants; therefore, I would love nothing more than be NFTY -STR's PVP.

**How are you with time management?**

Time management is an acquired skill that took a long time to develop; however, now that I have worked for so long on it, it is cemented within me. I am a very deadline-oriented person. I make my own deadlines to ensure I am ahead of schedule when working on any sort of project; school related or not. I make sure to not procrastinate and to leave plenty of time for revision, as I know first-drafts are never quite right. A big part of time management for me is communicating about deadlines when I need to. I adjust and negotiate deadlines so that I can produce my best work, not just rush work if I were to ever fall behind.

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

I have a variety of both programming and leadership experience that would enable me to be a strong PVP for NFTY-STR. As BiTTY MVP 2017-2018, I was able to write Mixers for local events, which helped develop my program-writing skills. I successfully led my Speed Dating with a Twist mixer at the 2017-2018 BiTTY Shull In. As the

current BiTTY PVP, I had the duty of creating programs for STR Hatikvah, in which I learned the ins-and-outs of programming. I was able to assist the BiTTY SAVP in the creation of a Social Action Program for Hatikvah, helping in areas the SAVP at the time was struggling with. Running a successful Kallah allowed me to work behind the scenes and in the spotlight, overall instilling within me the work effort it takes to run Kallah. I have group lead numerous times in NFTY-STR, which helps me to understand all aspects needed to write a program. At my synagogue, I have volunteered my time being a Madrich for three years. In my school life, I have also had the opportunity to take on various leadership roles. As Stage Manager in various productions, it taught me to pay attention to the individual pieces to ensure a great production, which is how a great program is made. Being President of the Psychology Club of my school has allowed me to apply my program-writing skills to reach an audience outside of the STR community to raise awareness on important issues.

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

My theme for next year's STR Winter Regional Kallah is called "Becoming Agents of Change." It will be a spy-themed Kallah, but with a deeper meaning of learning how to make change on a personal and community level. Each program would be a different "mission" for our participants to embark on, with an overall goal of making a change. Personal growth programs would focus on character building, leadership skills, self-concept, and work ethic, whereas community programs would be learning to apply the personal growth to such issues as pollution, poverty, technology, and more! An idea for a program I have is one all about changing self-concept, which is how a person views themselves. PPs will begin by completing a short writing activity. Everyone will receive a piece of paper with fill-in-the-blanks to complete; an example being, "Something that makes me unique is \_\_\_\_\_." The goal of this part of the program is to make participants think about the positive qualities they possess. Next, PPs will be split into small groups and given a scenario relating to a generalized, non-offensive insecurity, such as, "You dislike how you are always procrastinating your work." PPs will work to come up with a creative solution to the issue, and then act it out in a skit to the rest of the group. For PPs who may be shy, the planning for the skit will allow for their engagement. After this, PPs will partner up and practice positive affirmations. In case the PP is stumped, a list of generalized affirmations will be provided, such as "I am powerful" or "I am brave." PPs will then be instructed to make a personal crest using a template, where they can write or draw positive aspects that represent themselves. Finally, GLs will initiate a discussion to get the PPs' ideas of what "self-concept" means, a summation of the learning, and be able to share the original fill-in-the-blanks if they want to.