

**What goals do you have as President for the 2019-2020 year?:** NFTY-STR is a magical thing. I mean, how can one group of people be so welcoming, kind, diverse, and passionate about what they love? As President, first and foremost, I would like to be a springboard, working to amplify all the characteristics that makes STRites, STRites. As President, I will work tirelessly to make sure every single person's voice is heard. To tangibly accomplish this, I will strengthen STR's presence in North American Cabinets as well as implement **committees**; this will ensure that everyone has the opportunity to get involved in making real change in our region and in the Reform Jewish movement as a whole. These committees would add a new level of creativity, programming opportunities, and teamwork that NFTY-STR has yet to be exposed to. Additionally, I believe in the importance of recognizing people for their accomplishments; particularly in the form of **Member/Advisor/TYG of the Event awards!** Each award recipient would be announced at the end of the event and receive a certificate and a prize. The awards will serve as an incentive for participants to get the most out of their "NFTY Experience" and wholeheartedly contribute to our beautiful community! Another goal I have is to combine my love of discovering new music with my love of introducing people to one another to create a **NFTY-STR Collaborative Spotify playlist**; I believe that music is a really powerful way of linking individuals together! Next, I would like to make a senior-specific initiative with information about how to **continue participants' NFTY & Reform Jewish journey throughout college** through care packages, Alumni connections, social media networks, and more. A final, all-encompassing goal I have as President is to help each & every STRite find their **NFTY Niche** (the place(s) in NFTY where they feel most comfortable).

**Why have you chosen to run for President?:** At my first LLTI (2016), the event giveaway was a white T-shirt with the red event logo on the front and a spray-painted adjective that describes you as a leader on the back. For my adjective, I chose approachable. I wear that shirt proudly to this day and each time I do, I'm reminded of the quality I value so much in life and as a leader. That one word sums up exactly why I have chosen to run for President: Being approachable is key in making change. I am not running for this position for myself, I'm running to ensure that NFTY-STR remains a ever-growing, positive, and holy community. I want to make all of NFTY-STR feel comfortable and included while fostering the feeling that I am a resource, a source of support, and (above all) a friend to every single member of our kehillah kedoshah (holy community). Above all, I want to give back to NFTY-STR for all it has done for me.

**List what experiences make you qualified to be President:** Throughout my life, I've had so many chances to develop both as a leader and as a Jew. In terms of the former, I'm very active in my high school's **Student Government Association**, where I have served as both the **VP of the Class of 2020** and as a current **Committee Head**. I have also **attended multiple student leadership conferences** at the state and national levels through SGA, and I'm confident I can apply many of the skills I've learned from them to NFTY-STR. I'm also very involved in my school's **DECA** chapter, having **placed first at the state level**, and **qualifying for the international competition**. I'm a **varsity lacrosse**

**player**, an **editor for my school's yearbook**, a member of **Congressman Ted Deutch's Congressional Youth Cabinet**, & an **officer in my school's NHS chapter**--all activities through which I've learned invaluable life skills. In addition, I attended the **URJ Kutz Camp** this past summer where I learned so much about myself, my Judaism, and how I interact with others. I am also serving as the **current Religious and Cultural Vice President of NFTY-STR**, an experience I would not trade for the world. You have no idea how rewarding and humbling it is to be able to have a hand in facilitating my peers' spiritual experiences. Overall, I am über **creative**, extremely **social** and **outgoing**, able to **get things done**, a **strong speaker**, and **good at controlling a room**. All of these experiences and attributes have aided me in becoming the passionate and confident leader I am today and the leader I hope to be as President of NFTY-STR.

**Regardless of our strength as a regional and national youth movement, the foundation of NFTY is the TYG. Many TYGs in our region are strong at the local level but have few regionally-active members, while others barely exist except as a means for members to go to regional events. How would you, with the Regional Board, help TYGs attain a solid local unity while fostering a common sense of identity in the region?:**

To accomplish this, I will work with the Regional Board to section off the TYGs in our region into six equal groups. The TYGs in each group will be managed by one specific Board member who will then establish a direct line of communication with the advisors, boards, and general members of each youth group. Working with the specific TYGs, the Regional Board member will help develop a sense of acceptance and communication at the local and, eventually, regional level. Through Zoom calls, messages, surveys, and more, the TYG will forge personal relationships with the board member to get their specific needs & potential "hurdles" heard and overcome. Additionally, with this direct line of communication, the TYG-Regional Board member partnership can create benchmarks, goals, and action plans to help them achieve maximum effectiveness in terms of a establishing a unity & common identity at all levels.

**How are you with time management?:** I am extremely proficient at managing my time well. In my daily life, I implement the use of Apple's phone calendar as well as a weekly planner on paper to make sure I know my exact schedule. I always make sure to find time to get everything on my plate done while simultaneously making NFTY a priority!

**Choose any quote (it can be one you made up) and explain how it represents your personality:** "Be fearless in the pursuit of what sets your soul on fire." -Jennifer Lee; Every single thing I do, I do with care and intention, along with a deep passion burning in my heart. I like to think of myself as outgoing, eager, kind, and witty. For me, life is about living, *not* about sitting idly and watching life pass you by. I am bold in living my life and courageous in taking part in what "sets my soul on fire." NFTY is the thing that sets my soul on fire more than anything, giving me a loving and accepting place where I can explore my passions and shape my Jewish identity in the process.