

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

As Social Action Vice President my goal is to create a more conscious and caring community with the intention of *Tikkun Olam*. Members should be able to participate in hands-on social action and social justice experiences where they can see the direct effect their work has on the world around them. By making the connection between issue and solution, I believe I can help programming become not only more meaningful, but more engaging by fostering a stronger connection to the issue. I also want to place emphasis on the concept of “bringing it home” and healing our local communities. The job of repairing the world is a large one, but by starting locally, we can enact real tangible change.

**Why have you chosen to run for Social Action VP?**

As a student of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, I know how it feels to believe the world is too broken and that there is nothing you can do to fix it. However, what has helped me to cope the most was throwing myself into activism and making a change. Additionally, the collaboration within my community showed me that we can accomplish more substantial and lasting change when we induce it together. I want to leave the world a better place than I found it, and I’m willing to do everything in my power to achieve that. As Rabbi Hillel said, “If not me, who? If not now, when?”. If I want the world around me to be better, I have to not only work hard on the issues that matter to me but engage those around me. In today’s political, social, and environment climates, we can no longer remain complacent. “If not now, when?”

I have been in love with Camp Jenny since my first NFTY event. I remember when I first learned about it and counting down the days until I was eligible to apply; I caught the bug. I have applied to Camp Jenny every year since, and each weekend leaves me more in awe of the *kehillah kedoshah* of which I have been blessed to be apart of. I want to be SAVP because this position combines my love for the world around me, my desire for change, and the care I have for programs that change lives, like Camp Jenny. Through NFTY, I found my passion for social action, and I want to help every member of this community find theirs’ too.

**List what experiences make you qualified to be Social Action VP.**

Many amazing experiences and opportunities have prepared me for this position. Alongside my deep passion for social justice, I am a member of the Religious Action Center's Social Action Leadership Fellowship, co-lead the NFTY North American Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, assist in NFTY Michigan's social justice internship, "Be the C.H.A.N.G.E", attended URJ Kutz Camp for two summers and majored in Action and Advocacy, was a STR delegate at Mechina, attended the Social Action Leadership Training trip to Washington DC, have attended Camp Jenny twice, am the South Florida Regional Vice President of National Students Against Gun Violence, am the founder and president of the MSD chapter, and served on my TYG board for two years.

**What is your experience with Camp Jenny?**

I have experienced Camp Jenny twice: once as Staff in Training and once as an Arts and Crafts Specialist. As SAVP, I want to bring the magic of Camp Jenny back to our local communities. Through assisting each TYG's SAVP in finding a local underserved community, we could not only establish more amazing camp experiences like Camp Jenny, but allow for teens and adult volunteers to have these experiences year-round.

**Name one Social Action initiative you would like to bring to NFTY and explain how you would implement it.**

One initiative I would like to bring to NFTY is a partnership between community building and *tikkun olam*. One way I would implement this would be by starting a charity bus note initiative called "NFTY notes". These bus notes would cost \$1 and provide the participants the opportunity to write a friend a bus note, which I would then collect and organize. Then, I would give them to each TYG advisor, who would pass them out on the bus ride home as a special surprise for recipients. The money spent on buying the bus notes will go to a charity of the writer's choice. The SAVP network and their respective TYGs could choose the organizations, which would keep the ideas and organizations fresh, as well as empower members and get them excited about the about the nonprofits. NFTY notes will not only strengthen our friendships with each other, but also have a tangible impact on the world around us.