

### **1. What goals do you have as Social Action VP for the 2018-2019 year?**

- Provide gender inclusion, which would make housing easier and more comfortable for the LGBTQ+ community in NFTY-STR. This would include working with CampMinder to make registration an inclusive process and writing legislation for a gender neutral housing option.
- Get NFTYites involved in their local communities through the different social action initiatives that we, as NFTY-STR, do at regional events.
- Work with people writing programs, services, other materials, etc. to make documents easier to read for people with learning disabilities and dyslexia. (This is why I am writing my intent to run in a bullet point format.)

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

- Temple has a huge impact on me and is in part why I have a passion for social action. Ever since I was young, I have been going to Mitzvah Day and my TYG's (TOUCHY) Camp Jenny fundraiser. At Mitzvah Day I was first immersed into how doing social action can be fun! I have made blankets for newborn babies and dog treats that were donated to the Humane Society. Temple Dor Dorim's Camp Jenny dinner is where I was first introduced to Camp Jenny, learned how amazing it is, and developed a passion that sparked the fire in me wanting to be a part of something that amazing.
- My mom always told me about social action and encouraged me to become involved in social action initiatives. She was on a USY divisional board for social action which oversaw all five boroughs in NYC.
- I love helping people because it makes me happy to see a positive change in the world, one person at a time. My day brightens when others are positively affected by my actions.

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

- Kutz - I went to Kutz Camp last summer in the NFTY Incubator track; which means I had the opportunity to learn many skills that will help me as a regional board member and a leader.
- Camporee - Twice, I co-planned a values-based weekend event for over 300 elementary school Girl Scouts.

- Fall Kallah - TOUCHY hosted Fall Kallah 2018. I worked with different groups of people to write two of the programs, including working with the current NFTY-STR SAVP to write the Social Action program.
- Camp Jenny - I have been fundraising for Camp Jenny my entire life and was given the opportunity to be a specialist at Camp Jenny.
- Special Events Coordinator of PAC - My school has a Political Awareness Club and I am the special events coordinator, which means I plan all the out of club activities.
- SAVP of TOUCHY for two terms
- Gender Inclusion in 2017 and TYG Engagement in 2018.
- SALT - Social Action Leadership Trip
- Cruise - My family and I went on a impact travel cruise where we volunteered in the Dominican Republic for one week.
- Silver U.S.A. President's Volunteer Service Award
- Social Action Leaders Fellowship Led by the RAC (The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism)
- Mechina - This is the NFTY leadership development event. The two tracks I chose to focus on was
- 2018-2019 Temple Dor Dorim Mitzvah Day committee

#### **4. What is your experience with Camp Jenny?**

I have been a specialist at Camp Jenny and was extremely lucky to also have a counselor position with the junior boys since my specialty area only had one day of programming. I have also been fundraising for Camp Jenny for so many years now including attending TOUCHY's Camp Jenny fundraising dinner. Another important aspect of my Camp Jenny experience includes advocating for the program and those that it serves.

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

I want NFTY-STR to become more environmentally conscious. There are many steps we can take to bring this to our region. It may sound simple but I want us to reduce, reuse, and recycle. We can reduce our use of paper during programs, whiteboards and technology be helpful, and encourage NFTYites to use an air drier at locations that have them instead of using paper towels. We can aim for reusable cutlery whenever possible.

Finally, when we are able, we can continue to recycle and become even more efficient in this strategy.