

What goals do you have as Programming VP for the 2020-2021 year? As a candidate for NFTY-STR Programming Vice President, my goals include strengthening the PVP network, incorporating active and meaningful programs, and working with TYG's to help plan sub-regional events. Network groups are challenging as people do not feel comfortable responding or aren't close enough with the network to want to engage in conversation. I would want to bring the network together through ice breakers and fun conversations. This way, throughout the year the PP's will grow a deeper friendship with one another and will reach out to help each other whenever needed. Also, some of my favorite programs at events are interactive programs, if voted programming vice president, I would want to incorporate skits, games, and competitions into programming. Lastly, I want to allow for PP's to reunite with friends and create new friends from the region, outside of NFTY-STR regional events, so events can be more enjoyable and be spent on building on the friendships made to ensure everyone feels included. To do this, I want to encourage and initiate sub-regional events, by reaching out to PVP's and helping connect the different TYG's.

Why have you chosen to run for Programming VP? Since my first event I was drawn to this community, but never even considered the possibility of running for the regional board. After LLTI this past year, I began to think about having a bigger impact on the NFTY community. I chose PVP because I enjoy coming up with ideas and being able to connect and build upon them to then see what started as a tiny idea, unfold into something amazing. From being PVP on BOFTY board, I was able to reach out to the regional PVP for advice which was a very helpful resource. I would love to have the opportunity to be a resource for a whole network and be able to guide TYG PVP's so that not only NFTY events are successful, but also TYG events.

How are you with time management? Through trial and error in my years in high school, I have established ways to keep me on track and focused on due dates. One of my favorite ways to help myself with time management is by putting assignments for my online class, and dual enrollment class into google calendar, along with BOFTY meetings and other important events/appointments to keep me on track. I am also a fan of routines, so most days after school I either go to a coffee shop or the library for about two hours where I can focus without outside distractions, forcing me to be productive. This allows me to avoid cramming and procrastination as I can be proactive.

List what experiences make you qualified to be Programming VP? I feel qualified to be the Programming Vice President because of my past experiences. I am currently the RCVP of BOFTY and in the 2018 -2019 year I was the PVP of BOFTY, which allowed me to attend LLTI as part of the Programming track, teaching me skills from being able to confidently write a program, to keeping a room engaged and participating. After LLTI that year, I was given the opportunity to write and lead programs for the BOFTY dinners every other week, group led programs at the following Spring Kallah and I have led many after that. Then, from being on BOFTY Board for the past two years I have gained experience and learned how to be patient, and have flexibility when things have not gone the expected way. An important skill I was able to expand on was shutafut, partnership, as I was able to work with BOFTY and Regional Board to plan this year's Hakitvah Kallah; Listening to others ideas and then helping build upon them was essential to this process. Also, I attended Camp Jenny twice, being Staff in Training and a water play specialist, where I learned leadership qualities to help me be a better PVP, such as planning and leading programs geared towards the age of the participants.

Come up with a hypothetical theme and program idea for next year's Winter Regional My theme for next year's Winter Regional would be "Under the Sea" and hold a deeper meaning of focusing on kindness and how our personal actions can affect us and those around us, by looking at the ripple effect. A hypothetical program I thought of would require the PP's to be split into even groups where they would travel to 3 different rotations. The first rotation, PP's would be creating a mirror to focus on the NFTY principle of History, Midor L'dor, where the PP's would be looking back on their lives to understand who they are and why they act the way they do. The next rotation would focus on negativity and how that repels people away from one another and can hurt others and yourself. At this station the PP's would act out a negative situation and be asked to reflect on how it made them feel, showing an example of how negativity and unkindness can be reflected, and then a demonstration will be shown using the water, black pepper, and dish soap science trick with a discussion linking it back to the topic. Finally, the third rotation would focus on positivity and kindness surrounding the ripple effect, and each PP will paint a rock with a positive message where later each rock will be exchanged.