

BEN RAGALS

NFTY-SAR SAVP
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EXPERIENCE

Creator of NFTY Tree Challenge

Member of NFTY Inclusion Task Force

URJ Kutz Camp Alum '19

Camp Jenny Counselor '19

TEFTY Leadership Council

Weber Robotics Head of Outreach

Social Action Group Leading

General Group Leading

Camp Jenny SIT '18



ABOUT MYSELF

17 and a Junior at Weber

Member of TEFTY

Loves being outside

Big Marvel Comics fan

Loves video games

Went to NFTY Convention

Loves Camp Jenny!!!

WHY REGIONAL BOARD?

Throughout my time in NFTY, I have experienced firsthand the way people have been inspired by a great social action program. My passion, experience, and love for NFTY and SA work makes me a great fit for this position, and I hope to make social action programs more meaningful and inspiring overall.

ONE THING TO CHANGE: TIKKUN OLAM ALL AROUND

One thing that I believe NFTY-SAR really misses out on is more community/local based work. As Social Action Vice President, I would work to program more service days outside of Kallot, and encourage the support of local organizations.

This would mean taking suggestions and help from members of SAR and finding new and amazing organizations to work with. There is always more work to be done, and always more ways to do it.

Another part of this would include more community service based activities at Kallot. Not only would this provide more inspiring and fulfilling activities, but also encourage the use of more bipartisan work, helping the region work better together towards our goals. I want to make sure to create a safe and respectful environment for any discussions within NFTY.



WORKING AS A TEAM

Team work is a very powerful tool, and NFTY-SAR has taught me how to use that tool to make change for good. To me, NFTY is more than one big team, it is a team led by teens who are passionate about their Judaism, and want to make a positive difference in the world.

Team work is very important to me. The ability to combine the best aspects and skills of different passionate people is crucial for our youth group, whether on the temple, regional, or North American level. As a member of the Regional Board, I will be someone who my team can rely on, and trust me to have their back, making Regional Board a more efficient, productive, and better team.

IMPROVING CAMP JENNY

If you know me, you know I love Camp Jenny, and there are quite a few ways I would improve it. One of these includes making a new Camp Jenny marketing video. The current video features many great points and wonderful people, but many of the people in that video have left NFTY by now. In order to increase SAR and STR interest and participation in Camp Jenny, I would create a new video featuring current members.

I also want to create a resource for CJ Fundraising for TYGs. This would be something like a google drive that contains tons of information on caterers, entertainment, or other businesses a TYG would need to work with during a fundraiser.

Another way I would improve Camp Jenny is to help encourage and facilitate campers returning to become counselors. Every Camp Jenny, we say they can come back and help when they are older, but there is no real support in place to help them. I would address this issue and work hard to make sure the campers can come back and support the camp they love.



SOCIAL ACTION COUNCIL

More than anything, I want to make SAR a place where everyone can have input in the amazing social action programs we do.

In order to increase interest and leadership opportunities in social action within SAR, and give SAR a surplus of social action programs, I plan to create the NFTY-SAR Social Action Council.

The SA Council is staffed by the SAVP network and passionate SARites that keep SAR updated and create programs for certain issues.

In addition, SARites on the council have the opportunity to work on any issue they are passionate about. The council uses input from SAR to make each program the best it can be. The Social Action Council would make SAR the best place for SA programming,

Lets put the SA in SAR!