

Zachary Poscover UHTYG

Hello, my name is Zachary Poscover and I live in St. Louis, Missouri, the home of the 11-time World Series Champions, the Cardinals. I am a sophomore and have served as United Hebrew's MVP for the past year. I love to go to every event and see my friends while I spread my love for NFTY. Outside of NFTY, you can find me playing soccer at Parkway West High School, running in Forest Park, or at the McDonald's drive thru getting a hot fudge sundae. I attend Shwayder Camp during the summer and will be spending my 5th year there this summer. I'm always ready for a good time, a fun adventure, and of course a good nap never hurts!



Why do you want to be on Regional Board?

The first time I heard Regional Board sing the Brit in 7th grade, I knew this would be one of my goals, and I knew one day I would want to be on Regional Board. I want to be on Regional Board to deepen my connection to NFTY as well as to make sure everyone has the opportunities to experience NFTY like I have. I would say my years in NFTY, ever since 7th grade, have been special and the memories I have made are amazing. I simply want every Jewish Teen in our region to know they have a place in Missouri Valley. I have infinite love for NFTY and I think I can spread my love for NFTY and show that it is truly a special place. As an MVP, I can ensure that we have members for our future. We cannot have a future if people do not show up at events regional and local. I know I can meet the expectations of being on Regional Board and I will do all I can to fulfill the duties of SLIID MVP.

What are your qualifications for the position of SLIID MVP?

This year, I am serving as my temple's (United Hebrew) MVP. Over the year, I have planned mixers and written programs for lounge night and Winter Chavurah and I have attended JYG. At JYG, I helped lead programs and I kept the middle schoolers under some control. Following this event, I have kept in touch with all the JYGers who went from my Temple. At lounge night, the 8th graders from JYG along with all the other 8th graders at our synagogue have been invited to come and participate. We use several different ways to contact and inform our younger members and it has helped increase our attendance at lounge night. I also helped plan Winter Chavurah this year. Even though the "ice storm" changed our schedule and plans, we were able to adapt and make everything work. I also have the ability to adjust, allowing me to prepare for anything that comes my way while I would serve as Regional MVP.

What traits do you possess that would make you an effective regional board member?

I am hard-working, kind, and honest, and I believe these traits make me an effective board member. To me, as a board member you should be kind to everyone. You never know what a person is going through and one act of kindness can change anybody's day. I also think a person should be hard-working. If a deadline is approaching, you need to work hard to make sure it is done on time. A person should strive to make sure every program is the best it can be, every person is having the best time, and every part of the weekend runs according to plan. In

addition, I believe honesty is very important. As an effective regional board member, you should be able to ask for help if you need it. If you are having a hard time or struggling doing something, it is good to be honest and ask for help. I am also compassionate. I can help others, and we all need help with a task once in awhile.

What have you achieved in positions of leadership in NFTY you're proud of?

Recently, at a JYG event, I saw a sixth grader making origami alone at a table. He looked entertained, but the room was full of people doing all sorts of fun activities and he was sitting all by himself. Deciding he shouldn't be alone, I sat next to him. I talked to him and made sure he was okay and having fun. While talking, he asked me if I could make him an origami dragon. Knowing that it would mean a lot to him, I said yes. I found a 30 minute video with him that described how to make an origami dragon. I knew it was going to be hard, but I thought it was possible. After 40 minutes, I realized I had made a wrong fold and would have to improvise. After an hour of working on the dragon, I figured it out. I finished the dragon and gave it to him. I tell this story because when I gave him the dragon he was so happy and held onto it like a treasure. I felt as if I had achieved something amazing.

What are you looking forward to accomplishing for MV? How do you plan to achieve these things?

Not only am I looking forward to increasing membership and the numbers of Missouri Valley, but I look forward to helping everyone think of NFTY as their second home. I want new members to look forward to every event and get there without anything in their way. One way to accomplish this is to advertise and make sure everyone has the opportunity to attend every event. This year we have not promoted push weeks as strongly as we have in the past. I think these push weeks do have an impact and they help spread the word about registering for an event. Lastly, I'm looking forward to increasing Jewish youth engagement. I think that advertising to JYG kids is important to make sure we have a good future for Missouri Valley. I think if teens develop their connection NFTY earlier it will help strengthen their connections to our region. I want to accomplish many things next year, and I want to work with everyone to make sure my ideas and my plans are put into action.