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Why do you want to be on Regional Board?

NFTY is a deeply important part of my life. Between attending events, meeting my best friends, and leading programs, this community is a second family. I can't imagine where I would be without my time in NFTY. From making lifetime bonds to discovering hidden passions, NFTY MV has been a transformative part of my high school experience. It's hard to believe such an incredible organization exists, but I feel so lucky to be a part of it. Now, I want to give back to the family that has given so much to me. I want to enhance what we already have to provide new opportunities for growth and friendship. Past regional boards have built an amazing foundation for the future, allowing me to learn from them and feel confident in my abilities to take our region to the next level. There's nothing I would rather dedicate my time to than making this community as amazing as it can be. As CVP, I would be able to make that impact in a larger capacity. I would do my best to push the limits of what was good yesterday and great today to make an even better tomorrow.

What are your qualifications for the position for which you are running?

For the past two years, I served as Temple Sinai's (TSYG) CVP, and I spent my freshman year shadowing the position. With three years of experience under my belt, I have a wealth of knowledge about the position and what it takes to do a good job as CVP. Photography is also a huge part of my life inside and out of NFTY, which allows me to develop the skills necessary for capturing all the best moments at NFTY events. Over time, I've learned how to capture the moments nobody wants to forget while still letting people enjoy the moment as it is. Additionally, I have experience with a range of responsibilities that come with being on regional board. This year, I was the co-chair for Winter Chavurah, and I helped make sure the entire event ran smoothly with a team of dedicated individuals. After helping to plan 2 regional events and chairing winter this year, I have gained the necessary skills to be a capable and active board member. I am knowledgeable writing programs, creating posters and flyers for events, and work well on a team. With these skills and experiences, I can be an effective and dedicated CVP.

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

I am dedicated to what I do. Whenever I can, I go the extra mile, and I am willing to work hard in order to keep my word. Once I start a task, I will work on it for as long as it takes to make it better than what was asked of me and to ensure it lives up to the expectations set out for me. I like to think of myself as a dedicated friend who is also willing to help anyone who needs

guidance or advice, whether it is CVP related or not. I am always happy to give what I can. Part of being dedicated is being a team player, which means being flexible and willing to cooperate with others. I am willing and eager to do this as a regional board member. Whether it's last minute set up for a program, making changes to a social media event or poster, or anything else, I will make time to get the job done. As a dedicated NFTYite, I would put in the time and effort to do the best job that I can.

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

I have accomplished more than I ever thought possible for myself in NFTY, but there are a few achievements that I am especially proud of. My ability to group lead has grown exponentially since when I first began, and I am now at a point where I know how to make everyone feel included and welcome no matter what the subject of the program is. As mentioned above, I had the chance to chair winter, and this is where my leadership manifested into something I was really proud of. Working with others, I was able to piece together the whole event from start to finish. I was able to confidently launch the whole process by leading a workshop at the Colorado mountain retreat on how to make an event like this happen, and then I worked to guide our planning committee so that everyone stayed on track. This experience taught me an infinite amount about organizing large events. Finally, I am so proud of the relationships I have made as a CVP, board member, and overall NFTYite. Through NFTY, I found a place where I belong and can help others do the same.

What are you looking forward to accomplishing for MV?

As CVP, there are a number of things I would hope to accomplish in the upcoming year. More than anything else, I want to improve communication efforts to make them more exciting, accessible, and frequent. I want to work closely with the MVP's as I have been this year to combine communication and membership efforts. My ultimate goal is to increase excitement and overall spirit by generating a community that is up to date and well connected. I also want to strengthen MV's impact and representation within the region as well as without so that everyone will know what's going on and feel welcome. A CVP is responsible in large part for MV's appearance, I know that my ideas will have a positive impact on that. I also want to improve the region's spirit in the times between regional events. Just because we aren't physically gathered as one doesn't mean we are not a family that stretches across space and time. There is so much to do, and I hope to take advantage of as many possibilities as I can to create a more cohesive and innovative community through the lens of a CVP.