

SENIOR WILLS

2018



The Senior Will and Testament of Raya Aberbach

Dear NFTY MV,

My time with you has come to a close. Unfortunately, I was never able to devote myself to NFTY as much as I wanted to. But that's life, I guess. Things get in the way, and you have to make hard choices. Know it's okay to miss an event, or even two, because the bonds you make here are strong enough to pull through the absence. Treasure these bonds because they are special. You all are special. You make MV a home and an environment filled with learning, laughing, singing, and dancing. I've been so impacted by MV these past four years, and I'll hold these memories in my heart for the rest of my life.

BETH: Thank you so much for all of your hard work!! I'm so glad I've gotten to know you throughout the last four years, and you've impacted my NFTY journey so much. Your hard work and dedication means so much and does not go unnoticed, so don't ever think it does.

GIANTS: Ethan Stone, you are the reason I'm writing this. Thank you for introducing me to this wonderful organization and for being a wonderful friend. **Alyson, Michelle, and Miranda,** you three are like my older sisters and I miss you every day. **Iliana Eber,** you're just the coolest and I love you. Thank you for befriending sophomore me. **Jakob Rheins,** you're so kind and a wonderful leader, I miss you and so does Adin. **Jen Heimann,** I just re-read your senior will and it made me smile! I'm low key obsessed with you too. **Jake Flom,** the MVP of MVP's, you always made me feel so welcome even before we were friends. I'll always appreciate that. **Mitch Toher,** thank you for hanging out with me at my first event, and for being a great friend always. I treasure you so much!

SENIORS: Zoë Rosenberg & Mallory Rubin, my first friends in MV and two of my greatest friends ever. Thank you for staying up til 2 AM with me that first night at Fall talking about camp!! I felt so welcome and y'all made me want to come to more events. **Rubes,** my queeeeeeeen I love you so much and I'm so proud of you! I can't believe it took us so long to be friends bc we click so well???? Have fun livin it up in COMO next year! **Eliana,** I'm so proud of you and everything you've done for MV, and I'm so lucky to be your friend! I'm gonna go home, and I'm gonna eat some grapes. **Sydney Felsen,** how do you always know the right thing to say to cheer me up?? I love you infinitely and your passion inspires me every day! CR is so so lucky to have you, and so am I! **Leora,** you are going to do so much good in the world. You're an amazing human!! **Daniel Pomerantz,** You're a great friend and a great leader. You'll go so far! **Daniel Shabsin,** from my first event to our last event, you've remained so important in my life. So much love! **Hannah Presken,** you are SO funny and I love you so much! Can't wait to see where you go in life! **Malone,** Love bus rides with you, and spending time with your

sweet self. Keep your passion and your positivity! **Meghan Platke**, seriously one of the funniest people I know! Good luck with everything! **Halley**, Go blue? I love you! Thanks for hanging with me all of LTI! PrezNet 4ever! **Hannah Maurer**, you're so frickin cute!! And you always make me laugh! Ugh I love you. **Max Baker**, I've always been a little scared to talk to you but it's okay. You seem so genuine and kind!

JUNIORS: **Marni**, I'm so grateful that you're one of my best friends. Your laugh is delightful, and I'll miss you more than you can imagine. Gigi forever. **Max Pinson**, my actual hero. You're the funniest and the most talented and I can't believe you're my friend. I'm so proud of your leadership and I can't wait to see what you accomplish in the future! Shrek & Fiona!!! **Julian**, my fiance, I love you so much. We've been friends for so long and I've loved every minute of it. Can't wait for 8 weeks together at camp! **Jesse**, remember when we met? It feels like so long ago! Good luck with everything, you're great and you'll do great things! **Anna Freed**, where have you been all my life?? Seriously I adore you! Never change!!!!!! **Ben Eber**, your gorilla suit freaks me out. Stay cool dude. **Emily Birger**, you're one of the funniest people I've ever met and I'm so glad we became friends!! **Hannah Seigal**, tbh you used to scare me but now you don't and we're friends which is super cool!! **Zach Poscover**, you're one of the kindest humans I've met. I'm so proud of the work you've done and can't wait to see the work you will do! **Jack Lilley**, you always kill it and I wish we were closer.

SOPHOMORES & FRESHMEN: **Blair Dubinsky**, you're already stepping up as a leader and it makes me so happy! I can tell the future of MV is in good hands. **Joe Rosenberg**, sorry I've hijacked your house so much. You're crazy and it makes me happy.

There are so many people I wish I'd gotten to know more, especially you sophomores and freshman. You guys are the future of the region, and now it's your turn to make a difference.

I love all of you, and I'll miss you all so much. If you're ever in Boston hmu!!

**Rivers til I reach you,
Raya**

The Farewell Words of Rachel Battock

MV, - Hey my dudes, my words below may not address you specifically, but know that the NFTY we know would never be the awesome family it is without each and every one of you. My time in NFTY has not been long, and I've only been really involved for the past two years or so, but nevertheless, I have made some of the best friends I've ever known and learned more than I ever thought I could. Let this be your reminder that it is NEVER TOO LATE to go for something you think could bring you happiness, so always give it a chance. Peace and Blessings.

Freshmen

Naomi Presken - Thanks for being half my height but easily twice as funny. I love seeing how determined you are over things you are passionate about. Keep your freezer stocked with gluten free muffins for me, much love.

Sophomores

Rachel Colson - Dory my spawn, I'm sad you couldn't be here as you are legitimately the closest thing I have to a little sister. I admire you in so many ways: your trustworthiness, compassion, intelligence, and of course humor. You're going to go far in life, and don't forget that. Thanks again for being all that you are, and for remaining calm for me even though you watched me split my knee open. I love you always!

Aspen Perlick - You are such a beauty inside and out and have such a unique, kind, outgoing spirit that I absolutely love you for. Keep on knitting!

Juniors

Anna Freed - You never fail to bring a smile to my face, and you can bring up the mood of any room. Keep radiating happiness the way I know you always have. Today we have to say goodbye for now, luv you jelli belli.

Talia FB - You are an honestly sweet soul. I can't wait to hang in Boulder next year because I miss you too much right now! Keep your chill vibes going, love you!

Jack Lilley - Thanks for always building me up, you are the friendliest person I have ever met and it really changed my NFTY experience for the better. Love you bb.

Jake Starsky - I'm not exactly sure how, but you helped me see a new perspective on the world. Big idea, I know. But after spending quality time and having some deep conversations with you, I was able to see how much the world has to offer and I want to really thank you for that. I can tell you're going places no doubt, just make sure to send me Postcards from Italy.

Julian Albright - Your outgoingness and humor really creates a great vibe throughout MV, and oh, your laugh is contagious. Also, thanks for facetimeing me when Daniel gets salty. With love, your best wingman ;)

Ben Kastrul - Hey bean, I've loved knowing you since middle school, and that one awkward year at camp, but I feel like we didn't realize our similarities until these past couple of years. I am forever thankful I chose to be on board my junior year otherwise I wouldn't

have gotten to work and bond with you. You are not only a great board member, but an incredible friend/person in general. I have never doubted my ability to rely on you, and that is a quality to hold on to. I am proud of how strong you are even for everything life throws at you, especially how often you put others first. Thanks for being there for me, and you know I always will be too, I love you.

Seniors

Hannah Presken - I'm watching you do your physics homework right now while I struggle with what to say on here. How are you supposed to express how much you care for someone who means MORE than the world to you? You have taught me everything I know about love, friendship, leadership, and perspective. I've watched you as president of our board for two years and am forever proud of your commitment, passion, and willingness to stand up for your beliefs. Beyond that, you've always treated me with such kindness, maturity, and the never failing ability to take care of me. To my one in a million, love you always.

#imstillwithher #gozags

Willow Perlick - Hey stunner, I love you so much and how down to earth you are. And by the way you are a killer photographer in case you haven't been told. I've loved all our laughs and I can't wait to spend the summer with you!

Maggie Atwell - BABE!!!! Never have I become so close with someone so fast and so easily. From virtually the day we met I felt like I could tell you anything, and clearly I do. You have been with me through all the ups and downs, and have so much compassion in your heart, it's incredible. I can't thank you enough for being the friend to me you have, and I can only hope our future adventures just add to the list of reasons why I love you. Your positivity and personality have the power to change lives, speaking from experience. Love you forever!

Daniel Shabsin - I miss you dude, and love your excitement and passion for NFTY, hope you know I'll be visiting you in Lawrence, Rock Chalk!

Daniel Pomerantz - Hey babe <3 thanks for never failing to send me memes, you've brought me endless laughs, both from your DM's, and our hours long facetimes. I admire your sense of humor and of course your friendliness. You've really helped to create a home for me in NFTY and my Jewish life in general. Good luck out at Davidson, I'm really proud of you. Love you ... say it back!

Grown People

Megan Garrett - It's been great getting to know you this past year, and I hope you've enjoyed being a part of FCTYG! Visit me next year so we can share gluten free lactose free food!

Robyn Kaplan - My OG Rawbean! From years of FCTYG to being my SIT coordinator, you are truly one of the best role models I've had around. Thanks for always writing me recommendations for adulty things. I miss you, your green lulu jacket, and purple yoga pants so much! Sending love!

The Will of Matthew Bloom aka. Bloomie

NFTY MV-

It is fitting for me to start my NFTY experience and end my NFTY experience in Kansas City. Ever since my first JYG in 2014 when I cried not to come home early because of a snow storm, I have been changed for the better by so many people and experiences. I never thought the time would come when I would have to write my own senior wills. I want to thank everyone single person in Mo Valley who has impacted me in these past 4 years. You truly have shaped me NFTY Mo Valley and I will miss all of you.

SETYG-

I want to thank all of you for welcoming me into your community last year. It was a really hard year transitioning from TIFTY. It has been an honor and a pleasure spending these two years with you and I will miss you all next year. Shout out to **Joey and Staci Gerchen** for being the best advisors I could ever ask for.

GIANTS-

Rebecca Bloom- About 0% of my NFTY experience would have happened if you were not there to encourage me to go to my first event. It was amazing spending two years with you in NFTY and seeing you be Regional President. I could not ask for a better sister who always knows what is best for me (like getting involved in NFTY :)).

Alex Jacks- You always made me laugh and wrestle while watching Blues Playoff Hockey or playing NBA 2K. You also told me about all the amazing memories and friends you had made while doing NFTY and I you are one of the reasons I joined NFTY. Thanks so much

Carolyn Hamburg- You were the first one to give me a hug and a smile after getting off the bus for the first time at a NFTY event. You introduced to many people and made me feel welcomed at NFTY. My NFTY experience would not have been the same without you.

Sammy Shabsin- Sammy, I want to thank you for being an amazing friend and basically a sibling. I am truly grateful that you impacted my NFTY experience.

Jakob Rheins- Jakob, you were my first NFTY roommate at LTI in 2014. Ever since then you were always a friendly face that would always look out for me. You were an amazing president and are an amazing FIFA Player. But always remember, Tottenham is the BEST!

Ben Cohen- Thanks for always being such an amazing friend and always being outgoing and welcoming. It was amazing getting to spend three years of my NFTY experience with you.

SENIORS-

Daniel Shabsin- Daniel, you are truly an amazing friend and practically brother. It will be hard to imagine life without being a 5 minute drive away from you next year. You have impacted my NFTY experience in so many ways. You introduced me to so many new friends and I have always been there when I needed you. You are such a reliable friend I am so glad you were a part of my NFTY experience.

Daniel Pomerantz- Pommy you have been such an amazing lifelong friend. I admire how you have impacted so many peoples NFTY experiences including my own. You are an outstanding person who is always positive and hardworking. I have enjoyed watching you be regional MVP and President. I know we will stay close even though we won't live down Hanley Road. I know your legacy will continue at NFTY in the future.

Cody Culp and Hannah Maurer- You are the best hot chocolate buddies I could ever ask for. We have been through thick and thin and now we are at the end of our time at NFTY. We were kittens at TIFTY and we have remained just as close as we were through these entire four years and even before that. You have been great, reliable friends that I will always cherish and remain close with. You have changed my NFTY experience for the best. #you had me at shalom

Sam Ostravich- I can't begin to explain how much you have impacted my time in NFTY. You have always been such an amazing friend and I have loved rooming with you the past four years. I admire your dedication to everything you do and I will miss you so much. I am so glad we got to share our NFTY experience together.

Sam Freed- Thanks so much for being a reliable friend that I always look forward to spending time with at NFTY events. I loved rooming with you at every event and your family giving me Cherry Creek Tours and a trip to Casa Bonita. Those are NFTY memories that I will never forget and it has been an amazing four years that I got to spend with you.

David Crable- Thanks for always being one of the nicest and most understanding people I know. You have filled my NFTY experience with laughs and smiles. Our time together at NFTY is much better than the singing of the women you sat next to on the bus to Denver. :)

Maggie Atwell- I can't believe we have to give up Lorenzo! It feels like yesterday since the day we were willed that bear. Thanks for being a great friend and impacting my NFTY experience for the better. It was a great four years and I know Lorenzo will be in good hands.

Isaac Bloom- Thanks for being a great friend and COUSIN :). I am glad we got to spend these years together.

JUNIORS-

Ben Eber- Thanks for always bringing me laughs and for being such an amazing friend. I knew we would be friends since the first time I met you in that Gorilla suit that you wore and continue to wear at Shabbat Shira!

Hannah Siegel and Aaron and Leo Norton- I love my OSRUI crew who made NFTY an amazing time!

Zach Poscover- I am so grateful that you have been a part of my NFTY experience. You are always so nice and caring to everyone around you and I am so glad that you are such an amazing friend. It has been an amazing experience knowing you for the three years we spent in NFTY together. I can't wait for you to visit IU so we can hang.

Julian Albright- What a guy! Thanks for being such a close and trustworthy friend over these past years. I can't imagine these past years without you. It has been amazing watching you become an amazing leader of these years and I know we will stay in touch. You have always been such a close friend and made my NFTY experience amazing.

Aspen Perlick- I am so glad we became friends. It was fun getting to spend this time with you! Thanks for helping make my NFTY experience amazing. I hope your senior year in NFTY is amazing.

SOPHOMORES-

Kobi Recht- Thanks for being such an amazing friend. I am so glad we got to do NFTY together. I always love spending time with you whether it be in the STL or in Israel and Greece. I wish you all the best for the rest of your NFTY experience!

Rex Foster- Thanks for being one of the only other premier league fans in NFTY. You are such a nice friend and a pleasure to be around. I can't wait to see the places you will go. Come on you Spurs!

FRESHMEN-

I know NFTY is in amazing hands and I can't wait for all you to enjoy these next years!

TO ANYONE I MAY HAVE LEFT OUT- I am writing this really late at night so if I accidentally left you out, I am truly blessed you made my time in NFTY the way it was.

BETH- Thanks for all the hard work you do. MV would not be what it is without you. Thanks for always being caring and making sure everyone feels welcome at NFTY.

NFTY MV- Although my time in NFTY may be up, I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart. This is probably one of the best things that has and will ever happen in my life and I am so glad all you impacted me. I will miss all of you next year and hope that NFTY continues to be an amazing experience for all of you and for those coming after you. While I may be sad, I won't cry because it is over, I will smile because it happened!

The Senior Will and Testament of Benjamin Noah Brodkey

Oh, hey! Bet you all probably thought I was dead! But, I'm not. Actually, I might be. It's senior year and I haven't made it to a regional event this year due to a multitude of sad excuses. I truly hope everyone has had a fantastic year. **NFTY MV** has been a gigantic part of my high school career. I have met so many people I can consider friends, learned so much about myself, Judaism, music, and friendship. NFTY will always have a place in my heart. Warning: this might be sappy. I'm also really bad at writing this stuff. Sorry! If I forget people, it is not intentional, and I apologize in advance.

Advisors

Beth: Thank you for welcoming me into the NFTY community whole-heartedly. I really appreciate everything you do to make sure each kid finds their place in NFTY. **Deb:** Mom! Thank you for teaching me so much about songleading, music, and just being a decent person. Also, you forced me to keep part of my life somewhat organized for two years. That's an impressive feat. Thank you! **Aliyah:** You're still short. But pretty cool. I mean, you did let me teach your sixth grade class for a while. I hope they learned something.... **Robyn, Julia, and H. Lee:** Thanks for always having a happy-go-lucky, positive, and upbeat attitude. When I was stressed about something at an event, you have cheered me up. Also, Robyn, I think I still owe you ten bucks for a shirt or something. Oops. Sorry.

Giants

Ethan Stone: As a freshman, you recognized me as a leader and I think that's pretty cool. Thank you for believing in me and being an awesome human. **Ian Roozrokh:** You always manage to brighten my day whenever I see you, even though it's been a while. Thank you for having such a kind heart! **Aaron Keller:** You dealt with me for a year on songleading team, followed by an entire four weeks at Kutz. I'm sorry. Thank you for being such a great dude. And brunch that one morning in Denver was pretty good. **Josh Herman:** It was awesome working with you at Camp Rainbow 2016! Thank you for seeing potential in me as a counselor. B4 was the best! **Ben Cohen:** Thank you for being a good friend. Kutz was absolutely amazing with you. Thanks for being amazing! **Yael Greene:** Your passion for songleading, NFTY, and Judaism was powerful and outstanding. I loved working with you as a songleader last year. I miss it. I miss you, too! **Tanner Crable:** Sorry I'm not going to UNL next fall. But Nebraska is awesome and you are too. **Jacob Schwartzberg:** You were such a good friend. Brunch and that goat game at your house with Aaron was pretty cool. Thank you.

Seniors

Rubes: Stacie is fine. So are Julia and Elizabeth. You are still one of my favorite people, even if you broke just about all of my Snapchat streaks. Thanks for being a great friend. **Zoë:** Hey songleader buddy! I miss you. Thank you for keeping me in line for a year as songleader. You are one of the best songleaders I know. You bring passion and excitement to every session, and I admire that. **Avivah:** Thanks for songleading with me last year and being a pal at Kutz 2016. You're awesome, truly! And you visited me at this sketchy DaysInn in Boulder. That was fun! **Leora:** Since you moved to MV from SAR, I'd like to think we've been friends. You're an amazing human being and I appreciate our friendship. **Raya:** You dealt with me on the songleader team. Truly, I'm sorry. It was a fun year; you were great and I can't wait to see where life takes you as an actress and singer and whatnot. **Pommy:** You are an all-around cool guy, which is absolutely admirable. Thank you for being a friend. Miss you, dude. **David G.:** Working with you at

Rainbow was absolutely awesome. I got to know you quite a bit better. Thank you being a friend over the last few years. **David C.:** You are such a genuine, quirky Nebraskan and I think that's absolutely amazing. Keep being you. Thanks for singing in buses with me. **Shabsin:** Even though I can't play sports, thank you for letting me try. You're a genuinely good person and I appreciate that. **Jordan:** You're a fantastic friend and you do theatre things which is pretty cool. Thanks for being a fun person. **Matthew:** I stayed in your house, and that was pretty cool. I also beat you in your own video game, having never played it before. Thank you. **Macey:** Thank you for being so friendly. You're a great guy, and I can't wait to see what the future holds for you. **Bennet:** Thanks for introducing me to Omegle, even though I haven't really been on it since I stayed at your house. Also, you played a mean game of Cards Against Humanity, even though you're pretty humane. Thanks for being a friend. **Sam F.:** You were one of the first people I met at a NFTY thing and have remained a friend since. Thank you for dealing with me the last few years. **Sam O.:** We had to share a bed once in the home of Iowa Hawkeyes fans. Thanks for being a great dude and Coloradan Husker. GBR! **Leah:** You're gluten-free. But you like Wawa and Rita's so it's chill (bad pun... sorry, not sorry). Thanks for being a friend! **Sydney:** You dealt with me at Rainbow and at Koby's before the airport. Sorry. You're a groovy person. Thank you. **Koby:** Firstly, MASADA 15! Thanks for letting me crash your home twice in eight days. **Hannah M.:** We've been friends since you went to camp in Ayelet, so that's been too many years to count (too much math for me). Thanks for always being there! **Hannah P.:** You're one of the chilliest people I know. I appreciate that. **Noah Y.:** You're also pretty darn chill. You're a great guitarist and a great guy too. **Eliana:** You dealt with me and my musical ideas when you were RCVP. You were also a great friend and someone I admired running against. Thanks for being awesome and amazing. **Max K.:** Yeah, I know you're not in MV anymore, but you let me crash at your place with short notice and showed me around STL. Thanks for being awesome! **Aleia:** You deal with me often. Thanks for being a friend since Mrs. Somers' kindergarten class to now when I drop by the child care room when you're with Gabe, Mia, and Zachary. **Ellie:** You see me once a week. Sorry. **Maddee:** I've known you since before you were born. You're amazing! **Ben LA:** Thanks for joining our class in eighth grade. You've been a friend here, in religious school, and all winter during show choir season. I apologize for Rob.

Juniors and Sophomores

Hannah S.: Remember when I sang "Hit Me Baby One More Time" in a coffee shop? Unfortunately, so do I. **Ben Brodsky:** People still address me by your name. I'm glad I can say, "No, that's my friend from Denver." Thanks for being great. **Talia:** Hey, half-birthday buddy! **Max P.:** Thanks for putting up with me as a songleader. You were fun to work with. **Anna F.:** You're one of the funniest people I know. Keep it up! **Zach P.:** You are always smiling and I truly appreciate that. It is contagious, speaking from first-hand experience. **Julian:** Thank you for your commitment to making the NFTY the best it can be. **Addi:** You are caring, nice, funny, and you might not hate me. Thank you! **Ben E.:** You took my favorite "I need coffee" photo ever. Thank you for being a funny and cool dude. **Max G.:** You are such a genuinely nice person and I appreciate that. Thank you. **Brooklyn:** You deal with me in Omaha. Thank you. **Leo:** You do too. **Alex K.:** Thanks for letting me pop in when you're watching Gabe and Mia and I'm bored. **Aaron N.:** You dealt with me in Israel. I hope your semester there went really well! **Dani:** You've been in Israel all year. Congrats! I miss you back here! **Freshmen** (if you're still reading this): Stick with NFTY. Don't be like me and stop going.

The Will of Spencer Diamond

Nfty MV has always been a place for happiness. The freedom to be genuine, to be whoever I want to be, has been indispensable. MV is a community of amazing people doing amazing things. The lessons I've learned from each of you will stay with me forever. I love you Nfty MV.

Advisors

Beth: You are cornerstone of MV. Without you, we wouldn't have any of this. You deserve more thanks than I can give.

Jeremy Jackson: You have been a mentor and a friend. You leaped at every opportunity to make my Nfty experience as wonderful as you could. It was a privilege to have you as an advisor.

Seniors

Daniel Pomerantz: Your ability to instantly shift from crazy party president to strong, unstoppable leader amazes me. I have never seen another person with such a capacity for kindness towards people they have known for only minutes. #thatsmypresident

David Crable: You are beautiful. You have the warmest hugs, the widest smile, the brightest eyes in all of MV. You have been a spectacular friend and I can't imagine Nfty without you. Never change (unless it's for the better, but I'm not even sure if that's possible).

Leora Greene: You have brought great joy and excitement into my life, from the moment you moved to colorado. Your passion and your conviction inspire me.

Sydney Felsen: You are one of the most enthusiastic, spontaneous people I have ever met. Your creativity is incredible.

Sam Rosenbaum: You have been my friend since the earliest days of JYG. It's been a wild ride getting here, and I'm glad I could count on you every step of the way.

Juniors

Emily Birger: You are intensely loveable. Friendship flows out of you like a river. You boil over with personality; every action you take screams your name, every gesture is so uniquely you. I'm happy to call you my friend.

Brooklyn Armstrong: Your laugh is contagious. With you there is never a dull moment, and you always make the most of every situation. When you moved here from florida you made MV a brighter place.

Jake Lilley: You are never afraid to speak your mind. You live life like the world belongs to you, but it's ok because you deserve it.

Sophomores

Blair Dubinsky: You are great. You have come so far, and you still have so much potential. Keep it up.

Asher Wolf: You have already made a big impact in MV. I'm excited to see where you will go in the future.

Mia Felsen: You are wonderful. Your presence fills rooms, and your smile shines like the sun. Keep being amazing.

Freshman

Noa Greene: You are going to go so far and do so much for this region. You bring such enthusiasm to everything you do. I have never seen you without a smile on your face, and I love that.

Everyone else: I can't get to everyone, but I want to thank each of you for making my life better in so many ways. I hate to leave, but I can wait to see what the future has in store for all of us. I love you all!

The Senior Will of Sydney Felsen

Dear NFTY,

I have been procrastinating writing this because I don't want to acknowledge that my NFTY experience is coming to an end. I can not express my immense love and admiration for everyone in NFTY MV. You have all greatly impacted me and changed me for the better. But, here are some people that I know would get mad if I don't mention them.

Grown Ups:

Beth: I can always rely on you to laugh at my jokes and appreciate my goofiness. Thank you every single thing you have ever done ever. Plz never forget me

Megan: Thank you for always checking in on me, I appreciate you so much. You are going to do great things with FCTYG.

Lee: I appreciate your weirdness

Giant People:

Shosh: You belong in Colorado with me. I love you so much plz never leave my life.

Jade: You have always been my role model, thanks for being iconic.

Regbo:

Daniel: Thank you for making everywhere you go a safe and inclusive environment. You are a true NJB

Rubes: You are my best friend and I love you and you are so weird and I hate you and I'm crying.

Leroa: You are the most selfless person I know and you are going to rule the world. Thanks for sharing my obsession with criminal minds. I love you.

Elliana: You somehow always know what to say to make me feel better. I love you my evil meme queen.

Julian: You are so light-hearted and goofy. I love you forever. Keep hyping up MV.

Max: You are the definition of organized chaos. I love how you strive to see everyone's point of views which makes you an amazing leader. I can't wait to see all the amazing things the future has in store for you.

Willow: You already know that I think you are the most amazing human alive.

Seniors:

Raya: My goodness I love you so much!! You are so pure, talented, smart, and down-to-earth, (I could go on forever).

Alex: You are the reason the Colorado and Missouri friend groups combined. Thank you so much for always being there for me and making me laugh.

Rachel B: I have always admired your strength and independence. You are so silly and beautiful plz keep in touch.

Shmool: Thank you for always putting up with me and laughing with (at) me.

Zoe: Thank you for being my best friend and for showing me that it's okay to be yourself as long as it makes you happy. I love you and appreciate everything you have done for me.

David Crable: I loved being able to witness you find yourself these past 5 years. I love you so much and know that you inspire me as well as many others.

Jordyn: You are so precious and you never fail to brighten up my day with your smile. You are beautiful inside and out and I can't wait to see what exciting things the future has in store for you.

Juniors:

Jack Lily: Jack you radiate good vibes and light up every room you walk into. You are like a walking Beatles song. I love you so much. keep doing you.

Molly: You are the kind of person who I can have a super serious conversation and a super silly conversation with all in like 10 minutes. Your immense passion for Camp Rainbow really showed this year. I truly enjoyed watching you group lead and spread kindness everywhere you go. I am so so proud of all that you have done for Camp Rainbow and the NFTY community and I know that you will continue to make a positive impact.

Zach P: You are my bff and so important to me. I love how everyone exposes us 24/7. But it's okay it's funny. We always come up with the best ideas (aka our amazing roast). You are an amazing leader and you have an immense care and respect for others. Love you 5ever.

Marni: You are so silly and I love you so much. Your laugh is contagious and your smile always brightens up my day. I love you so much.

Hannah S: You have such admirable determination and work-ethic. There is no doubt in my mind that you will go very far in life. I love you 5ever.

Aspen: You are so down-to-earth and a genuinely good person. Thank you for teaching me to not care about what others think and always dance as if noone is watching.

Jesse: Hello Jessifer. You are so quirky and happy-go-lucky.

Emily: You are so strong and beautiful. The party does not start until YOU walk in my love.

Sophomores:

Mia: You are my sister and I love you and I can't really write this. Having 2 years in NFTY with you was hecking awesome. You always go out of your way to make others feel better. You always know how to make everyone feel important and included. You are a ray of sunshine my little child.

Blair: You have been my right hand this past year and have helped me so much with Camp Rainbow programs. You have so much passion and drive towards Camp Rainbow. Seeing all that you have done with Spreading Ari's light is so admirable. You have truly spread her light and have made a huge, positive impact on NFTY Missouri Valley. I am so excited to see all that you do for NFTY and Camp Rainbow.

Rex and Asher: You guys are the most iconic duo ever. You both have such great leadership skills and so much passion for this region. I am so so proud of both of you and I know you both will do amazing things. Thanks for always hyping MV up and making everything exciting. Love you both 5ever.

Zach Chapman: Your passion for Camp Rainbow shines through in every program you do and I can't wait to see all that you do for missouri valley!

To everyone: A wise person once said "ain't no party like a midwest party cause a midwest party don't stop". I challenge you to keep this saying alive and true. Strive to be inclusive, take chances, go out of your comfort zone, and appreciate every NFTY moment you get. I shall end on a quote, "if we go down, then we go down together. They'll say you could do anything. They'll say that I was clever. We were staying in Paris."

Thank you NFTY MoValley,
Sydney Felsen

The Final Will and Testament of Sam Freed

Well MoValley,

It looks like my time in this wonderful region has run out. There are so many people I could thank for making the past six years so amazing, so here's a few.

Matthew Bloom: Bloom, you've been my friend since basically the beginning of our NFTY careers, and I am going to miss your enthusiasm and energy so much next year. Thanks for all the FIFA matches and for sharing your family with me.

David Crable: If Goofy was a person, he'd be you. You are always so funny and caring, even when life's got you down. Never lose that joy.

Sam Ostravich: We've come a long way, haven't we? Cannot believe it's already our last event, even though JYG 2013 feels like it was FOREVER ago. Thanks for always being such a good friend, a gracious host, and for that one photo booth photo set that seems to come up every time I look at Facebook.

Leora Greene: You are a gem. When you moved to Boulder, you didn't hesitate for a second and dove right into MV, and I have no doubt that MV is a better place because of you. Thanks for all the memories, and sorry in advance for when the Buffs destroy you.

Hannah Presken: Hannah, we've been through so much, facing high school, youth group, and IST together. You have been an amazing president, an amazing social action leader, and an amazing friend to both Anna and me. Gonzaga is beyond lucky to have you next year.

Ben Kastrul: Casserole, you are sharp as a tack and intelligent beyond your years, and it has been a pleasure working, laughing, and teaching with you. Regardless of where you end up, I know you are going to be a confident, strong, and humorous young man.

Rachel Battock: You are one of the oldest friends I have, going all the way back to Sunday School and Shwayder. I know I haven't always been the most fun person to deal with, but you have been nothing but nice to me, even when I frequently called you Megan and called Megan Rachel. Thanks for being such a good friend to Anna and I, and sko Buffs.

Rachel Coleson: Doris, your continually positive attitude and confidence amaze me, and it has been an honor to be on FCTYG Board with you. Keep doing what you do and you will continue to succeed!

Rex Foster: Oh, Sexy Remy. I didn't really know what to expect when you joined board, but your work this year has been amazing. Your commitment and friendliness continually amazes me, so keep it up.

Naomi Presken: Happy birthday Mom, I love you! 🐻

Daniel Pomerantz: Pommy, from the moment I met you at LTI freshman year I knew you were going to do great things for our beloved region. Your passion for this region and our community is evident every day, and your hard work over the past few years has paid off greatly. If you're ever in Colorado in the next few years, let's hang out.

Daniel Shabsin: Shabby, your excitement and energy still astounds me, and you should be beyond proud of what you've done for this region and for me. Thanks for all the memories.

Megan Rubenstein: You have done such an amazing job this year (duh), and your creativity and intelligence always amazes me. Thanks for being an awesome PVP and friend.

Sydney Felsen: Between choir and NFTY, I feel like I see you everywhere. You are continually kind and nice to everyone you encounter and your excitement is contagious. Never lose that excitement, for it will take you places and open doors!

Mia Felsen: Your sister seems to have infected you with her excitement because every time we talk I can't help but smile. Keep up the good work; you are going to continue to do amazing things for FCTYG and this region!

Zach Poscover: You and your brother have been there for me since what feels like forever ago, and I cannot thank you both enough for all that you have done for me. Have a blast on IST, have a blast next year, and have a blast for the rest of your life, because your excitement and intelligence will take you fun new places.

The Aseoffs: Both of you are so smart and fun to be with. You both have contributed so much to TSYG and in turn FCTYG and all of MV, and I cannot wait to see what you both do in the next few years.

Jack Spiegel and Johnathan Sagel: I don't know how much you two hang out, but to me you two are the next two Ethan Stone and Ian Roozrokh, or Jake Flom and Jakob Rheins, or Daniel Pomerantz and Daniel Shabsin, or...basically the next power duo in MV. You guys work together so well, and I can't wait to see the things you two come up with.

Ben Eber: Eber, you are so funny and energetic, and the amount of energy you put into TSYG and MV amazes me. Keep that energy. Use it. Because when you do, you create and imagine like I've never seen anyone create or imagine. And use it like crazy, because before you know it you'll be writing your senior will and won't get to use it in MV anymore.

Julia: I cannot thank you all enough for all that you have done for my family and I. Camp, the Vicksmans, my own NFTY experience, Anna's NFTY experience...all of it has contributed to who I am and who I have become. Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you.

Beth: The first time I met you, I was like, "WOAH! She is enthusiastic." I could not have been more right. You love this region with all of your heart, and it is evident. As I write this I'm dreading hearing your voice in final circle because I won't really get to hear it again until I'm working for you as an RA. Thank you so much for everything.

Megan: We haven't worked together for that long, but your excitement for FCTYG and Emanuel as a whole amazes me. I first met you through Anna, and after nothing but rave reviews from her I finally got to meet the woman, the myth, the legend, MegaGar. This year has been so much fun, and I know that I'm leaving Emanuel in good hands. Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you.

Anna Freed: What can I say to my crazy, funny, athletic, intelligent, and amazing sister? I honestly don't know what to say. You amaze me. We bicker, we laugh, we learn, I tutor (haha) you, you challenge me to "what are the odds" and I refuse...you're becoming such an amazing young woman. I'm just a phone call away if you ever need me, but I swear if you call me to ask about homework I will hang up. I love you, I miss you, and I can't wait to see all the amazing stuff you do next year and beyond.

And to all of Missouri Valley, forget tomorrow. Breathe in the moment, live in the now. Because before you know it, you'll be dragging your feet to slow the (final friendship) circle down.

With Love,
Sam Freed

Senior Will of Jordan Galloway

NFTY MV thank you for giving me a home full of family since 7th grade. Nfty has taught me so much about myself, Judaism, and leadership. It has made me passionate for social justice and proven to me that my voice can be heard. I can't believe it's my senior spring. Thinking back to being a 12 year old about to step on the plane from my first JYG to now I am amazed at the growth and confidence I have gained. Thank you NFTY. I am all emotional and writing this kind of last minute so I apologize if I miss anyone.

Ilana Hertz and Maddie Haimes: Thank you for welcoming my awkward freshman self in to BTY. You two are a huge reason why I felt so safe and accepted in NFTY the first second I walked in to the door. **Hallie Saliman:** thank you for being one of the main reasons I went to NFTY. You have been like a big sister to me my whole life. I miss you like crazy and i'm unbelievably lucky to have you in my life. I miss my freshman fall where we spent so much time sitting in your bunk talking about life. **Avi Saliman:** You are also a big part of me coming to NFTY. You are probably the coolest person I know. I am so proud of the person you have become. You are like family to me. I can't imagine growing up without you. **Yael Greene:** From the second I met you I felt so accepted as my true self with no masks. You have such a gift of making people feel loved. I can't wait to see the amazing places you go in life. **Aidin Velick:** Don't you ever stop dancing! You are one of the funniest, kindest, and most genuine people I know. Thanks for always being someone I can go to any time, you are so easy to be around. You made Israel just a joyful experience. **Anna Hirsh:** thanks for being my friend since diapers. I am so inspired by you passion and writing. You are truly one of the sweetest people I know. Thanks for showing me how to make my voice heard. **Daniel Pomerantz:** you were and incredible regional MVP and an even better President. I was so inspired by the way you went above and beyond your job title again and again. You always go out of your way to make sure everyone has a place in NFTY! **Caden McGhie:** You are one of those friends who is not only with you in the good but the bad too. Your work with gun control so fantastic. When you set your mind to something you get it done. Stay strong. **Eliana Schuster:** words can not show the vast greatness you are. You are so talented, dedicated, and passionate. The cat song will forever be stuck in my head. I am so lucky I got to call you a friend. Please please stay in touch. **Sydney Felson:** first off you, Katja, and I need to redeem our cookie making abilities. I love you so much. Thank you for being someone I can talk to about anything and everything. You make me feel so worthy and valid. You are so beautiful. Don't you ever forget that. **Katja Gehr:** You were my very first NFTY best friend. You have been with me through thick and thin. Thank you for always being there for me. There are very few people I would drive more than an hour to see just to watch netflix for 11 hours. Thank you for helping me be comfortable with myself. I love you beyond words. **Maggie Atwell:** you got me out of some of my toughest times. I have told you things I had never let out of my mind. You are so incredible and absolutely stunning! **Willow Perlick:** You make me feel so safe. When I am having a hard time at school just seeing your face when I walk in to choir helps me know I can get through the day. You have such a fantastic personality. I'm so lucky to have been your friend for the last 13 years. Also you are one of the prettiest girls in the world. **Leah Egolf:** what a star! You are so special to me. Hanging out with you instantly puts a smile on my face. Thanks for being there for me especially during the times where I can't stand anyone else at school. **Leora Greene:** Thanks for being on of my

triplets. You will forever be my person. I am lucky to know that this is not going to be goodbye. I know we will be friends forever! I could write pages about you alone. Thank you for all the camel back photos and for being my pillow and rock on IST. **Avivah Malin:** I am gonna die next year living two hours away from you. There will be lots of road trips I can promise you that. You are also my person and my other great triplet. There is nothing I wouldn't tell you. Thank you for loving me unconditionally. Don't you ever stop making your opinion heard even when no one else agrees. **Sarah Shaw:** I love you. Thank you for making my year full of smiles. I am so lucky to have someone like you. Thank you for sticking with me through panic attacks. You are so crazy funny, especially when you are the only one laughing at your jokes. You are one of the smartest people I know when it comes to viewing life through a bigger picture. You are a beautiful person inside and out. Always remember that you are worthy of love. **Bennet Berkower:** Thank you for being my cousin, my brother, my best friend, and my other half. I have never met such a selfless person. Even when we fight there is no one I would rather grow up besides. I have never met someone with so much resilience. I am so proud of all your accomplishments. I love you more than you can imagine. **Max Tucker:** I have never met someone with a better smile. Every ounce of kindness given to you, you give back and carry one. We need to stay friends after NFTY. I am so lucky to have met someone like you! **Maddie Pines:** I refuse to say goodbye to you. It's just not gonna happen. Don't you dare think that because I am out of NFTY that you won't see me again, you aren't gonna get a way that easily. I can't put into words my love for you. You have such a beautiful personality and so much kindness. Thank you for being part of my NFTY family. Thank you for always letting me be 100% me around you. Thank you for trusting me. **Samantha Bohrer:** What a stunner! You are so crazy talented. I am so inspired by you as a person. You are so friendly and caring. Please always eat your oreos with peanut butter. You are such an insightful and smart person. I love you. I love your NftY family! **Jessica Goedeke:** What an adorable human! You have so much to offer the world and everyone you meet. Thank you for always being someone I can go to. You are so funny. I'm gonna miss you so bad. I absolutely love your smile! **Gracie May:** what a strong, passionate, kind, loving, daring, charming, and talented human! I am so excited for you and all the great things you are gonna do in your life! I love you beyond words. I love our NFTY family. Thanks for always being so open minded. Wow I just love you so much. I am so inspired by you strength. **Jordan Silk:** I have the coolest name twin!! You are so freaking gorgeous! I have been so lucky to have gotten to know you these past events. You deserve the world so please don't let high school drama get you down. **Beth:** MV is so lucky to have you. You have been there for me whenever I needed you and you never let judgements affect how you treat people. You have taken such incredible care of all of us. Thank you for all of the work you put in to MV. **Bryant:** thank you for making everyone of us in BTY your priority. I so appreciate the trust you have in us and the ability to see the good in us. **Jeremy Jackson:** I owe so much to you. Thank you for always being real with us and never treating us as children. You were so supportive with everything I needed on IST from tears to opening tight camel back pouches. I will never forget all the times you sang Moana songs. Thank you for truly caring about each and everyone of us and putting so much time in to our well being. Thank you for being there when I needed to calm down from panic attacks.

The Final Will & Testament of

Leona Greene

Time has flown by, & as I sit here writing this to you all, I want you to know that EACH & EVERY one of you has impacted my high school journey in some way & I can't think of a better way to spend so many weekends than being with you all! Thank you for the best 3 years. XOXO ♡

Seniors:

Zoe Rosenberg - Thank you for being my 1st friend in MV!! I couldn't imagine 9th grade convention without you & #MOSHPIITSQUAD & I cannot wait to see how much our friendship flourishes in future years. From naming our guitars to KOOTZ, I am so grateful to have a friend like you! **Avivah Malin** - My triplet! From the moment I met you, you were one of the sweetest people I've ever met! Your positivity can make anyone smile & I wouldn't want to fangirl over Grey's Anatomy with anyone else. I love you to Boston & back!! **Jordan Galloway** - My other triplet! Thank you for always sticking by my side & understanding me better than I can. We've shared endless memories all over the world & I can't wait to share so many more with you!! You truly make my world go round. **Daniel Pomerantz** - You are truly incredible & I'm so glad we got to share our board experiences together this year! You are so passionate about everything you do & you're a fantastic friend! Thank you for making board calls interesting, telling me music to listen to, & always being there! **Megan Rubenstein** - You are an absolutely amazing friend & I'm so glad we've gotten to share so many memories this year! You never fail to amaze me with your memes & vines & I don't know how I'll survive without constant laughter & news about your cat next year! **Eliana Schuster** - Yay rabbi's daughters!! You are one of the nicest people I know & I wouldn't want to roast people & make mac 'n' cheese at 1 am at events with anyone else!!! Keep killin' it!! **Sydney Felsen** - I can't put how much I love you into words. From our "Criminal Minds" obsession to our deep talks about life, you are one of my best friends & I love you! **Daniel Shabsin** - Thank you for always making me laugh & being an awesome person!! SKO JAGS **Willow Perlick** - You are one of the sweetest, most beautiful people I know inside & out! You truly make my day so much better & I love how we can talk for hours about anything. **Maggie Atwell** - You were one of my very first friends in Boulder & I can't wait to spend the next four years with you!! You are a beautiful soul & I love you so much! **Aidin Velick** - Thank you for helping me survive Monarch & being absolutely incredible. I love you so so much! **Noah Young** - You are one of my best friends! From our guitar conversations to fighting over my dogs, you mean the world to me & I can't wait to fight even more in the future! **Bennet Berkower & Sam Kraemer** - Y'all never cease to make me laugh. All the memories we've made together make me so happy & I'm so excited to keep our friendships growing! **Rachel Balfrock & Hannah Presken** - I love both of you so much!! You two always make me smile & I'm so proud to be both of your friend!! **Hannah Maurer** - You amaze me. Your passion for everything good in this world blows me away & I'm so privileged to have a friend like you! **David Crable** - You are one of the nicest people I've ever met & I love you so much! **Raya Aberbach** - You are absolutely wonderful & so talented. Please don't forget me when you're famous, you beautiful ray of sunshine!! **Malone Hanis & Cat Walsh** - You two make NFTY events so much better with your smiles & constant laughter, & I love you both so so so much. Thank you for being you! **Caden McGhie** - You are so inspiring & seeing you so empowered has been incredible. Keep changing the world! **Anna Hirsh** - Your kindness truly blows me away & I am so excited to see you change the world one day!

Juniors:

Julian Albright - I love you so so much & don't know what I'm supposed to do without you next year. It's honestly hard to believe we didn't talk until last spring. Thank you for everything this year. **Max Pinson** - You are one of the funniest & most talented people I've ever met. I absolutely adore you & can't wait to see all the wonderful things you do! **Ben Kastrul** - You are such a wonderful person. Truly. Seeing you at events is always a highlight & I'm going to miss you SO much! **Jesse Aseoff** - Spending so much time with you this year has been such a blessing. You always make me laugh & I'm so proud of everything you have accomplished & will continue to do next year. **Lauren Bayne** - Your passion for social action is truly inspiring. PLEASE continue to speak up & bring your smile everywhere you go

because you definitely know how to light up a room. **Jack Lilley** - You are such a wonderful human being. Seeing how you want to change the world is so refreshing & you always know how to make my day better. I love you lots! **Hannah Seigal** - You always know how to make me laugh & your enthusiasm for Judaism is inspiring! I can already see the change you're going to make next year & I'm so proud! **Molly Kodish** - You are one of the most positive people I know & talking to you always makes my day so much better. There aren't enough words in the dictionary to describe how much you inspire me! **Talia Frost Belansky** - You are so wonderful & I am so glad we've gotten to share so many experiences together! I'm going to miss seeing you at events, but I know you're going to have an incredible senior year! **Logan Samuels** - You are such a happy person & I'm going to miss that so much! **Marni Frischer** - You are absolutely hilarious & I love how much you make me laugh at events! You make events so much better. **Zach Poscover** - I'm so lucky to co-parent such a wonderful dinosaur with you! You are one of the happiest people I see at events & your smile never gets old. Don't get concussed again. **Brooklyn Armstrong** - My Coleman girl! I'm so glad we've gotten closer this year. Seeing you flourish in MV has been amazing & I'm going to miss you so, so much next year! **Isaac Reiner & Maple Heistand** - You always make me laugh at events & your spirit is incredible. **Samantha Bohrer** - You are such a talented person & I know you're going to kill it your senior year. I can't wait to watch you flourish & see you take the world by storm!

Sophomores:

Ayelet Schuster - You are one of the nicest people I know. Whenever I see you at events, you always have a smile on your face & I'm going to miss that so much! **Emily Fidell** - I'm so glad we talked at JYG for the first time! You are so sweet & I can't wait to hear about how much you continue to flourish in NFTY. **Kobi Recht** - You are one of the kindest people in NFTY! Seeing you is always wonderful at events & I'm going to miss you next year! **Blair Dubinsky** - These past few years with you in NFTY have been amazing! You are so passionate & I can't wait to see what you accomplish before you graduate. **Asher Wolf & Rex Foster** - Your energy at events is so unique & it makes every little thing memorable. **Max Tucker** - I love seeing you at events! Hanging out with you makes my day & I'm going to miss you SO much! **Mia Felsen** - You are like a little sister to me & I'm going to miss seeing you at events next year! You're definitely the better Felsen... **Jordan Zicklin** - I'm going to miss you so much next year! Seeing how happy you are in NFTY makes me so excited to see how much you grow.

Freshmen:

Noa Greene - Watching you in NFTY this past year has been so exciting for me. You really are one of my best friends & seeing you grow into the person you are now has made me so happy. You're going to continue to thrive & I can't wait to see you find a second home in this movement. You're beautiful inside & out & I couldn't be more blessed to have you as a sister. **Alexis Baumgarten** - Your spirit & energy are so infectious! You can make everyone around you smile without even trying & I'm so blown away by your positivity. You are going to take NFTY by storm! **Lucy Atwell** - Seeing how much you've grown (literally & figuratively) over the past few years has been amazing. Seeing how happy NFTY & BTY makes you is so wonderful & I can't wait to hear all about it. Keep doing you!!

Big People:

Iliana Eber & Jen Heiman - Thank you for everything. You both were the ones who inspired me to run for regional board my sophomore year & pushed me to be a SAVP. Without you, my NFTY journey would be VERY different & I can't thank you enough for believing in me!! **Alex Dubinsky** - You were the most amazing predecessor I could have asked for. You made me the best SAVP I could be & put faith in me that really kept me going this year. **Beth Lipschutz, JJGirl, & Bryant Heinzelman** - Thank you for keeping me sane! Having you by my side with all the craziness of senior year & the rest of high school made it much more bearable. **Yael Greene** - There aren't words in existence to tell you how much you mean to me & to thank you for pushing me to be the best person I can be. I love you!

Senior will of Koby Hartman

Dear NFTY, i will start by saying thank you to everyone who has shaped my NFTY career because it has truly been an amazing time. I sadly couldn't write to everyone as i've met so many through my experience. I love you all and these messages can only convey a small portion of that.

Seniors

Daniel Pomerantz- Shalom Mr. president, did you know although i attend the highschool your mom teaches at i have never had a conversation with her. Anyway, from your appreciation to music to your ability to speak with anyone you truly care about everyone you speak too and i have enjoyed the years i've spent getting to know you.

Daniel Shabsin- Matza got the dub :) and the jags sadly took the L last year. These are facts as well as the fact that you are a hilarious person and although we didn't talk fr until these past couple years i can tell we will continue too.

Hannah Mauer- It's hard to write this knowing my friendship with you goes way past NFTY but you are one of the most fearless people i've ever met and i know you will go on to change the world.

Zoe Rosenberg- Fun fact if i could be a kitchen utensil i would be a spork because i want to be multi-useful. You may in fact be one of the few people that can be as loud as me and that's saying something. From all the glorious memes you have too your witty comments i truly enjoy whenever we hang out and i always have a blast.

Megan Rubenstein- My fellow PVPer, the meme queen. Before NFTY i never really got to see the real you and i'm glad i now have because you are a behind the scenes type leader that can work with anyone.

Willow Perlick- If i remember right i think i was intimidated to talk to you freshman and sophomore year which i now see was the dumbest thing ever. You are incredibly easy to talk too and are capable of such deep conversation that is hard to rival. I appreciate the time I have spent with and around you as you never fail to put a smile on someone's face.

Hannah Preskin- Yo, so i still have your little hand my bad on taking it home but its in better hands now. Also i want to leave you with a little saying, Skidaddle skidoodle something is now a noodle.

Aerin Leigh Lammers- For someone with the busiest schedule ive ever seen you always find a way to make time for the things you care about.... Not me of course im talking about NFTY. I'm playing, but in anything you do you always put in your all, no matter if its school, friends, or NFTY the dedication you show in anything is astounding.

Sydney Felsen- You are honestly one of the most caring people i have ever met, you never stop going out of your way to make others enjoy their experience and i truly respect that. Thank you for being a great friend the past 4 years.

Rachel stone, Jess Kagen, Cat walsh- You all have been the core to my NFTY experience honestly, thank you for keeping CRFTY in the game and always making meetings enjoyable.

Max Krupnick- Yeah I bet you thought i forgot about you...nahhhhh. In the time you were in MV you made me laugh and truly created many enjoyable moments at events. You command respect and truly care about everyone, you are an awesome dude and I wish you could of finished your NFTY career where you started it.

Juniors

Marni Frischer- We have gone through a lot of ups and downs throughout these years in NFTY but you have always known ways to crack me up and of course you just have a contagious laugh. P.S- sorry about the Fireplace.

Dani Gottlieb- Yo like you just haddddd to go to Israel for like a full year like cmon now how you gonna shake on everyone like that and low key how you gonna leave your phone in a different country like CMON NOW, i didn't know what was going on but back to this. You have an incredible personality that i can only describe as dynamic. At one point you can be witty and hilarious and in others you can have incredibly deep conversations. Fr tho come back the this country, with your phone!

Julian Albright- Keep being yourself man because your personality is contagious. I have learned over the years the most important thing to know about you is respect the 3 ball.

Aspen Perlick- I know you love that solo life especially drawing :). Im gonna miss those random deeps talks that fr came from nowhere but ended up being dope

Hannah Seigal- REGBOOOOOOOO, I just wanna hear the i told you so cause i told you what was gonna go down. For real you deserve it more than anyone else. You have that smile that lights up a room and a laugh that pairs with it perfectly. I'm gonna miss being at events with you and having those hilarious laughs.

Jesse Aseoff, Ben Kastrul- The lemons shall live on forever. NEVER STEAL

Emily birger- You already know how it is, I gotta thank noah and amanda for bringing us together because they introduced me to one of my life long best friends. I honestly can't describe our friendship which i think you will completely agree with. What i do know is no matter what you have my back, and you will do whatever you can to cheer me up. From random late night calls to STL visits the distance has never been an issue for us and we always pick up right where we left off.

Max Pinson- The meme game of a wizard mixed with the swagger of a quarter zip master creates you... a legend

Jake sher- all im saying is MV basketball game> Clayton basketball

Addi Srednick- You are one of the most caring and energetic people i know and that is a good thing! Don't let anyone tell you less because you a real baller. Id say we are pretty close....taking a nap literally on top of me close and i know we will continue to be good friends even after NFTY.

Aaron norton- I'm not sure what you love more, Naps or going off on people but you a straight savage and never change that.

Jack lilley- From when you first stayed at my house we started to become friends and ive never had a friend quite like you and that's a great thing. You are hysterically funny and on the other hand a savage and it's a perfect mixture for you. But btw you owe me a bottle of sprite.

Talia Frost-Belansky- PVP gang, even though we only became close this year it feels like so much longer. I know you will do great things next year and continue to be awesome.

Samantha Bohrer- So there is absolutely no way i can express myself to you in a single little blurb, sentence or even paragraph. A five page essay may be enough but i even doubt that. I'm so happy to call you one of my best friends and that term does not come lightly. I can share whatever with you whenever and i know you will be there. No matter what's going on you can give a positive outlook and find a way to make me laugh or smile. I truly appreciate you..... BUT... i am salty you couldn't come to spring :(.

Giants and advisors

Noah Hartman- da bro fr, I feel as though us not meeting is just like if drake never the broskies. That level for real. But honestly because of you is why I'm even in NFTY so thanks for that. For the record I will not be ready gifting the boxers you passed down, that is a burden I do not wish on anyone else.

Mitch T, Evan J, Jacob S- from making hits that rock the NFTY world to memes that do the same we do it all. We leave no recycling bins unturned in our quest for greatness. Nips forever.

Ben Cohen- thank you for passing on such a great youth group for us to work off of. You truly worked and loved this region and did great things for it

Shoshanah Schreiber- last but never least, not only kills the game but absolutely destroys it. Some may consider your talent a sport and you can outdo anyone except me so good luck in your competition. But don't bring that over to the frat cause you know you will receive all L's.

Nicole and Andrew- THANK YOU, that I feel expresses how grateful I am because you two truly made this experience everything. Matching and even exceeding our commitment to NFTY and always helping to make CRFTY as great as it could possibly be. You two are truly amazing people and I love you both

Beth- although you may hate hugs I feel you have grown to love mine... ok maybe not? Yeah I get it but it was worth a shot. (Thank you for helping make a region that is so welcoming and beautiful in it's roots. I've been to many other youth groups and have always come back saying NFTY but specifically MV is the best)

Senior Will of Aerin Leigh Lammers

Dear NFTY MV,

You all have taught me so much. I have grown as a leader, as a Jew and possibly most importantly as a human because of each and every one of you. I will be eternally grateful for everything you have done for me. Thank you.

Seniors:

Daniel Pomerantz- The late night whiteboard talks will always be a highlight of my SETYG overnights. It's been an amazing journey watching you grow into the amazing leader you are today. **Meghan Platke**- You've been an amazing president this past year and were by far the best RCVP SETYG has ever seen. #Cheese Sauce. **Max Baker**- You're just as much a goofball today as you were 3000 years ago when we were on the purple plums together and I'm really grateful for that. **Daniel Shabsin**- I've really enjoyed becoming better friends with you this past year, I know that you are going to accomplish really amazing things and I couldn't be more proud of you. **Macey Goldstein**- It's a little crazy to think that we are actually seniors, but thank you for being the best PVP a person could ask for and for always stepping in whenever I needed you. **Matthew Bloom**- you have not changed since kindergarten... and it makes you even more adorable. I have not forgotten about your gummy bear, it's coming I promise!! **Zoe Rosenberg**- It's hard to believe that we are all grown up, there's a part of me that misses our awkward Geza phase! I cannot wait to see what you do with your life because no matter what I know it's going to be amazing. **Mallory Rubin**- You are basically a little slice of home to me, no matter where I am if I see you I know everything is going to be fine because you have been there for me since day one... literally. **Koby Hartman**- you're aight lg. jkjk, you've definitely grown up a lot since we first met and I can honestly say I'm happy we are friends.

Juniors:

Amalia Newman - Definitely the best Co I could have asked for this past year. You always know how to make me laugh and get me off task, but you're also very good at keeping people away from chips soooo... **Michael Siler**- It's been such a pleasure getting to know you, you never fail to make me smile and by the time you're reading this you will have been acting president (if everything goes according to plan). **Jessica Goldberg** - Your energy and spirit never fail to surprise me, and while I will never understand your love for disney, it is truly inspirational to see you always be true to who you are. **Lauren Bayne**- Girl there aren't even words. It has been such a crazy year with you and I have such amazing hopes for your future. Come visit me in Wisconsin!! And keep being positive, that's the reason I was first drawn to you as a friend and you need to not let the political negativity get you down. **Max Gates** - you're aight, but you lost our snap streak that one time and I dont think i'll ever forgive you. **Jake Sher**- You're truly just an amazing person. No matter what you never fail to bring joy to my face and I'm so excited to see what happens for you in the coming years because I'm sure it will be amazing! **Emily Birger**- I love you girl. You are such a refreshing person to be around and at JYG you reminded me a lot of why I do NFTY in the first place. **Max Pinson** - AHHH. You just always make me so happy when I'm around you. Your face brightens my day. Jesse Asseoff-

You're just a really cool dude. You should be really impressed with the things you've been able to accomplish so far. Your future is bright for sure.

Sophomores:

Danielle Platke - Don't tell the others but you're definitely my favorite cousin whose name begins with a D... (@Dshabby). You truly are the future of SETYG and I know that can be scary at times but remember, you've got two past presidents in the family and we, well I, am always here to help you out. (Not that you are really going to need it). **Lauren Mishkin**- I'm so happy you decided to get involved this year. Without you I don't know what our MVP's would have done. I can't wait to see what you do next year!! **Daniel Segall**- Do you even go here? **Liam Dougan**- You are such an inspiration, no matter where you are you bring light to the situation and I always have admired that about you. You're going to do amazing things and I can't wait to see what you accomplish!

8th Graders:

Julian Albright- Thank you for being there for me the past three years. You're just a really great human and I appreciate everything you do in NFTY but also for SETYG. You always step up when we need you and it just shows that you are truly dedicated to being an amazing MVP.

Adults:

Staci - It's really sad that you and Joey aren't dating anymore, and you never fail to amaze me with how much of our crap you put up with. SETYG is literally not possible without you and I can't express to you how grateful I am to have had you as an Advisor. **JZ**- I know we have had our ups and downs, but I have learned so much from you about what it means to be a true leader and I thank you for that. **Beth**- thank you for always being so accommodating with my crazy schedule and allowing me to still come to events even when things ran a little behind.

"Adults" :

Joey- You put up with a lot from us, and I will always take Staci's side, but thank you for everything. You actually do a lot for SETYG and I'm really thankful for that. **Lee**- Thank you for understanding that sometimes the most meaningful things at a NFTY event happen not actually in the program itself.

Hannah Kate and Halley's Senior Will

(because have you ever seen us do something not together?)

NFTY- We are so thankful for all the opportunities that NFTY has brought us. We have both made lifelong friends and furthered our Jewish identities. Over the past few years we have learned so much from NFTY and we will be forever grateful for that.

Giants-

Mitch Toher love u, thank you for getting us to join NFTY you are the funniest person literally ever and we are forever thankful for you **Hannah Pinson-** you have the biggest heart and I am so thankful for meeting you through NFTY and then being in the same Camp Rainbow cabin also can't wait to be at miz with you next year (can't believe we twinned unintentionally after knowing each other for approximately 24 hours -HK) **Hallie Martin-Chadwick** Hallie where would we be without you... we would not have known about NFTY without you so would definitely not be here! We love and miss you so much! **Shoshanah Schreiber** I don't know what else to say but jew crew ft ryan watkins **Jacob Poscover-** I am thankful to have met you and I am so glad that we still keep in touch

Seniors- Hannah Presken get well soon Juliet! Really love your zoo and how you can't remember half the pets you've owned. Btw which Hannah is the angel?

Hannah Maurer- thank you for being one of our first friends in NFTY, you have such a kind heart and you are so passionate **Megan Rubenstein-** we are so lucky to have met you, you are amazing and I am so pumped to be roomies next year, we are gonna truly thrive **Eliana Schuster-** you are so cool and we have loved getting

to know you **Daniel Pomerantz**- you are such an amazing leader and I can't wait to see what you do in the future **Koby Hartman**- you and your brother are the best and we are so thankful to have met you

Juniors- Anna Freed- we love your dogs and your parents but we also love you a lot **Marni Frischer**- you are a great human, you constantly have a smile on your face and we will miss you so much **Max Pinson**-you are a meme, thank you for making every event so enjoyable and being one of our first friends, you never failed to make us laugh **Emily Birger**- you are so precious and always have a positive attitude, we are so happy to have met you **Michael Backman**- we are so excited to you have joined NFTY and we hope that you will continue it and love it as much as we have for the past couple years **Julian Albright**- I am so sad that we just met but I know that we will only get closer, you are an amazing leader and have the kindest heart **Lauren Bayne**- your positivity and kindness is contagious , you are so inspiring and you will do amazing things

Sophomores- Jolie Pressburger- we are so thankful that you are in momo, you constantly have us laughing **Sam Rubin**- you have been a great addition to momo and you are gonna be a great leader

The Senior Will of Avivah Malin

To NFTY Missouri Valley, to NFTY North America, and to BTY— you have given me more than I ever imagined, from crazy Shabbat Shirahs, to quiet Havdallahs, to lifelong friends, to the ability to be myself. So I'll jump right in, cry along the way, and give each of you a song.

(Mostly) Seniors

To my triplets, **Leora and Jordan**. *"Nobody knows where they might end up, Nobody knows."* Also *"You just call out my name, JORDAN and LEORA!"* I can't express the love and light you have brought me. Favorite memories: Chasing sunsets, racing Pooh sticks, waking up by Israeli dancing, stargazing, watching Greys Anatomy, playing with Maggie, laughing until we can't breathe. Thanks for being the people I tell everything to, for unconditional love. You're the Cristina to my Meredith, my person forever and always, I love you more than you know.

To my NFTY family: *"If you are atem, then we're N'tzavim...K'hilah, K'dosha."* **Jordan Galloway, Samantha Bohrer, Gracie May, and Maddie Pines.** I can't believe how close we have become since that first winter. All our inside jokes (Peanut Butter and Oreos, It's an STL Thing, texting the alphabet to Gracie,) make me laugh, and our hot tubbing at 1am was pretty special. Please, let's still have family time regularly.

Anna Hirsh: *"Yesterday a child came out to wander,"* You are one of my oldest friends, someone who is there to support me always. Thank you for believing in me more than I believe in myself. You are an incredible writer, and one of the most compassionate people I have ever met. You constantly inspire me with your ability to be a friend to anyone who needs one.

Leah Egolf: *"Wherever you go, there's always someone Jewish."* So happy that you came here from PAR! I love our skiing, our late night adventures, and hanging out during board meetings. **Brooklyn Armstrong:** I'm so glad you moved! To a beautiful person, inside and out.

Zoe Rosenberg: *"Dodi Li, V'ani Lo Haroeh," (the beautiful one by you)* When I first met you, I couldn't believe that it was possible for someone to be as amazing a songleader as you are, or as passionate about NFTY. Going to camp with you was amazing, and you taught me so much about songleading and life. Hydrate or Dye-drated! Audacious Hospitality! Much love.

Bennet Berkower: *"There's a million things I haven't done. Just you wait, just you wait."* Thanks for making me laugh, being there to support me, and being an amazing human being. Here's to more penny drives, greys nights, and getting snowed in. You're still an honorary triplet!

Sarah Shaw: *"Bashana Haba'ah"* You are so sweet and funny. Thanks for making my person so happy.

Jordan: *"Christopher Robin and I walked along."* You also deserve your own in addition to the triplet one because you are so special to me. I show up at your house literally anytime, we get snowed in together, and you're the person I want to call if something amazing happened or if I'm sad. I love you so much.

BTY seniors: Maggie Atwell, Willow Perlick, Sam Rosenbaum, Caden McGhie, Anna Hirsh, Leora Greene, Jordan Galloway, Aiden Velick, Noah Young *"Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get!"* Our confirmation trip and our civil rights trip was so special, and now we can forever call him Freddy G!

Regbo: Daniel Pomerantz: *"We were staying in Paris."* You have an amazing and unique talent for making everyone feel like they belong. It was great supporting each other through the rollercoaster of Bronfman! Thanks for giving me great new music to listen to.

Leora: *“Lo Alecha Hamlacha Ligmor”* Here I’ll tell you how much your passion for social action inspires me. You are so passionate about every issue; it will take you far.

Eliana: *“Kol od ba’le’vav p’nima.”* Thanks for being one of my first friends in MV. I’ve loved working with you to plan services, and hanging out with you at North American events.

Megan, Max Pinson, Julian Albright, Willow Perlick, Sydney Felson: *“Not by might, and Not by Power, but by spirit alone, RUACH!”* Your enthusiasm towards everything you do is infectious, I look up to all of you. (And Willow, thanks for taking my amazing senior pictures!)

My Regional Songleaders: Raya Aberbach, Benjamin Brodkey, Max Pinson, Yael Greene: *“A thought has blown the marketplace away,”* Thank you for knowing the composers to literally every song. Thanks for instilling in me a love of songleading that will be with me always.

NFTY Giants: Aaron Keller: *“Now rock me mama like a wagonwheel,”* I’ve known you since I was two. The memory of singing and playing guitar with you in airports is still one of my favorite NFTY memories. Thanks for helping to teach me guitar, and for making me cry at Kutz.

Maya Frost-Belansky: Thank you for being such an incredible 16-year long friend, and an awesome president. I look up to you so much, and I can’t wait to see the amazing things you do.

Juniors: Hannah Seigal: *“Sh’ma Yisrael,”* (because RCs) From the religious committee for BTY winter 3 years ago, to this year’s youth Shabbats, I wouldn’t have chosen anyone else to work so closely with. Your passion and drive will take you far. Rad Co Vice Presidents forever!

Molly Kodish: *“Somewhere over the rainbow.”* I’m so glad we got closer this year. Your passion for camp rainbow and literally everything else inspires me, and I’ve loved running track with you!

Talia Frost-Belansky: *“Take me home, country roads.”* Thanks for being such a special chav kid, much love. **Jesse Aseoff, Ben Kastrul:** *“We were staying in Paris.”* Loved hanging out at North American events! **Jack Lilley:** *“Na, Na, Na, Na Na Na.. I’takein et ha olam.”* Thanks for being so passionate about social action, and and all around amazing board member.

Freshmen/Sophomores: Noa Greene, Cecilia Shoenfeld, Lucy Atwell, Jordan Zicklin. *“One day, One day, One day.”* You can do anything you set your mind to, your passion will light up MV for years to come.

Advisors: Jeremy Jackson: *“Tyler Brown Tyler Brown”* I miss you so incredibly much! You’re always there to support us (and make us cry). **Beth:** *“Buh Buh Buh Beth!”* This wouldn’t happen without you. **Deb (Mom):** *“Eli, Eli, Shelo Y’gamer L’olam”* (My regional songleader audition) Thanks for teaching me if I play half the right chords, no one will notice. **Bryant:** It has been great working with you in many capacities! Thanks for sharing your stories.

People from other regions:Emily Gladder- *“Rivers and Roads, Rivers till I reach you.”* To a love of my life since we met at L’taken and Kutz, you inspire me everyday. From D.C. to Warwick to Chicago to Atlanta, from talking until sunrise to our Jane dates, I can’t imagine life without you. **To all my B1derful girls,** *“The cat’s in the cradle and the silver spoon,”* (from our private Dan Nichols concert) **Val Light, Charlie Forstein, Hannah Restler, Jenna Lief.**

To NFTY, some last songs: *“All my bags are packed, I’m ready to go.”—“Lights will guide you home”—“Shelter us beneath your wings, oh Adonai.”—“You have shaped me, NFTY Mo-Valley, NFTY Mo-Valley.”—“BUH BUH BUH BUH BUH BUH”*

Hannah Maurer's Senior Will

NFTY MV: I've waited six years to write this letter and now that I'm here, I wish I could reverse everything and slow my time down. To those who still have time left in NFTY, take every opportunity, attend every event, and engage with as many people as you can because the years will turn into seconds and it'll be over before you know it.

UHTYG:

Lee Rosenberg: Hi dad!! Thank you for always supplying me with chocolate milk and chewy cookies. You're the real MVP. **Zachary Poscover:** Zachypoo! You light up the room with your smile and I don't think I've ever met anyone who hugs as well as you do! You are going to continue to do amazing things in this world and I just love you so much! Please keep smelling so good. **Alayna Higdon:** Wowza, you're such a sweet human and I'm so glad to have met you. Continue to shine bright and I cannot wait to come back to you!! **Gracie May:** Oh, Gracie May. The places you'll go. Your energy is great and your smile goes a long way. Keep being your beautiful self. **Marni Frischer:** I am so proud of all of your accomplishments this year. You're seriously one of the most hard-working people I know and I'm so glad to have been on board with you! **Mollie Weinberg:** Oh Mol. Keep being your vibrant self. And remember to turn your headlights on when you're driving at night. **Jessica Goedeke:** Ugh, Jazzica. You are one of my favorite humans. That's really all I can say or else I'll get too emotional and we all know that there are certain people who don't like it when I cry. **Hannah Dubman:** Oh lordy, my crying buddy. You are one of the funniest people I've ever met and I can't imagine lounge nights without you. You are a beautiful soul inside and out and I'm beyond happy to have grown especially close to you this year. And remember: YOU ARE A SNACK. **Emily Fidell:** Fiddle! I love that cactus' are your favorite animal. You are a fantastic human being and I love how unique you are. **Blair Dubinsky:** Ah, the princess. I have so much love for you and I love how empowering you are. Thank you for always shining bright!

NFTY Giants: Ethan Stone: You were the first person I ever looked up to in NFTY. I aspire to shine as brightly as you do. I love you. **Rebecca Bloom:** Thank you for your beautiful voice and passion for NFTY. Every time I eat a lollipop, I think of you. **Alex Dubinsky and Jen Heiman:** You two are such an inspiration to me and I miss you both so much but know that you two are doing amazing things and I will continue to look up to you. **UH Boys:** I have never loved nor hated a group of teenage boys as much as I have with you. You were terrible examples to those who were supposed to look up to you. You were obnoxious and loud and crude, but I wouldn't have it any other way. I miss you all. Shoutout to **Josh Hylan:** I was in love with you for a good two years. **Shoshanah Schreiber:** I love you with literally all of my being. Thank you for always being there for me and for showing me that it's okay to be a little weird. I love you. **Rachel Rothwell:** Wow, mom. You've been there for me literally every step of the way and look: I made it!! Thank you for being a constant support to me. I cannot wait for our adventures to Vegas with Jessy and Cori! I love you.

Seniors: Daniel Pomerantz: I'm pretty sure I just learned your full name like last week. You were (and will always be) "the kid who juggled oranges). Thank you for promising me I'd love NFTY. I love it and you. **Daniel Shabsin:** Thank you for proposing to me on Art Hill. I'm supposed to give you my mom's recipe for her brownies so if you want it, let me know. **Zoe Rosenberg:** You will forever be my bestestiverest friend and I'm so glad to have both started and ended my NFTY career with you by my side. I absolutely love you. **Cody Culp/Matthew Bloom:** Hello former TIFTYites! We've come a long way and I'm so proud of my two boys. You are strong-willed and I want to thank you both for always having my back. I love you. **Leora Green:** You are an inspiration to so many and I am so blessed to have gotten so close with you these past few years. I love you. **Sydney Felsen:** Spleesh, spleesh, spleesh.

Thank you for always making me pee myself. I love you infinitely. **Macey Goldstein/Max Baker:** Name a better duo, I dare you. **Hannah-Kate Loy/Halley Kirshenbaum:** ^^ Okay, I digress. NOW name a better duo. I love you girls. **Koby Hartman:** Kob!! I want more ice-cream. I love you endlessly. **Catherine Walsh:** Hello lovie. You are beautiful and great and I cannot wait to catch up with you later in life. I love you. **Malone Hanis:** Hello sweetie. I miss our JOLT days and our long talks with Jakey-B. You are one of my favorite humans on this earth and I will miss you dearly.

Juniors: Anna Freed: Well, Mary-Anne would be so proud of one of us right now (you). Try to not eat any dead flies while I'm gone, okay? I love you. **Addi Srednick:** Hello Addison. Stay trippin. I love you. **Samantha Bohrer:** Thank you for singing me to sleep and for always being there for me to make me smile. You are beautiful and I love you. Also, I still think you're lying about not being a senior. **Sam Sallet:** I love you so much and thank you for the countless sheets of paper for me to draw on. I will mail you drawings every month! **Ben Eber:** With or without the gorilla costume, you scare me. Thanks for the endless panic attacks. I love you to death. **Michael Siler:** Thank you for making Israel so much fun!! I've learned a lot from you & I know you'll do great things in life; I'm cheering for you, always. **Lauren Bayne:** I absolutely adore you and I want to be like you when I grow up. I love you. **Emily Birger:** You crack me up so much and I've never related to anyone more in my life. I love you.

Sophomores:

Kobi Recht: Oh, Kob, how I absolutely adore you. I honestly have no idea what I'm going to do without my little Buddha next year. I love you oh so much and I will miss you & probably facetime you every night so get prepared. **Mia Felsen:** You are my best friend and I have never met anyone as beautiful as you. Keep your head high and your goals higher. You can do this, I love you!! **Maggie Okun:** Oof. Yeehaw. Shook. Schmood. *whips* Take care of yourself next year, okay? I'm always a phone call away.

Freshman: (I'm so sorry if I forgot people; there are SO many of you)

Alexis Baumgarten: Hi baby girl. I've truly loved watching you mature over the course of the past seven months and I cannot wait to see what you will be doing in the years to come. You're beautiful and don't let anyone tell you different. I love you. **Joe Rosenberg:** Hi buddy. For the past seven years you've constantly annoyed me and I don't know what I'm gonna do without you next year. Enjoy Israel, but not too much. I love you. **Josh Heiman:** Hi lovie. We only have like three years left until you're legal and until we can officially be together. I can't wait, babe. I love you. **Maggie Rosenstock:** Hello my child. I am so glad that you've invested your time in NFTY and have seen the wonders of this amazing organization. You're beautiful and bright and I will miss your naps a lot next year. I love you. **Noa Greene:** You are my life and my soul and I absolutely adore you. I really hope we can get our streak back (sorry I suck).

Daniel Pomerantz's Senior Will

Ok bet so I have about 30 minutes until this is due.. I was busy fighting crime and tending my tomato garden this past week, so I promise it is not my fault that I didn't start this until now. With that being said, just bare with me because this should be an interesting 2 pages. It's possible that I just procrastinated to write this, just like I procrastinate everything else in my life; it keeps things fun. However, I think there is a deeper meaning to my actions, rather, my lack of actions. I perceive my procrastination as a sign that I didn't feel I was ready to let go of Missouri Valley. Missouri Valley has been such an important aspect of my life and my identity for 6 years, and it's hard for me to imagine a world without it. However, I am currently listening to "Institutionalized" by Kendrick Lamar (featuring Snoop Dogg), and Snoop just stated "You can take the boy out the hood, but you can't take the hood out the homie". This line is now stuck in my head and I've always loved that line. And yes, the cities of Compton and Long Beach in Los Angeles and Missouri Valley may have its differences, but the theme of this line remains true: "You can take Pommy out of MV but you can the the MV outa Pommy". NFTY Missouri Valley, you have raised me, you've raised me to a maturity/intellectual level that I used to only dream of possessing, you've raised me and supported me with leadership positions I never thought I was capable of serving, and lastly, you have raised the bar high in what having a group of friends should feel like.

I think I've been writing too many AP Lit essays.

Ok so I am going to dedicate this first part to some of my NFTY "Giants", those Missouri Valley people who have already graduated and who's legacy impacted my time in NFTY.

Benjamin Pomerantz- Thanks for doing NFTY even though you didn't like the regional stuff a ton. If you didn't do NFTY I may not have and my life could be completely different

Sam Shabsin- As a Freshman I really looked up to you, and I enjoyed the "Shaberantz" carpools to Lounge Nights

lan- I love you so much, thank you for everything you did for me --text me

Rebecca and Jakob- You guys paved the way, I just walked in the path and took it from there. Thank you so much.

Shoshanah- You suck at 8 Ball and Cup Pong...Thanks for being you

Duby- We had one hell of a time last year, I will never forget playing that weird version of ping pong at keaton's house for JYG

Ben Cohen- What can I say, I love you dude. You are an inspiration. We have to catch up/go out to eat when you are back in town

Jacob Haimes- Dude you messed with memes before they were cool. That's some quality stuff

Alexis, JadeText me when you read this and I want to call you guys there's too much to type tbh

Sam Gendelman- I didn't realize how much I idolize you until you left. You are such a cool humble guy, everyone aspires to be you

Flom- You're the reason I felt ready to be MVP. I cannot thank you enough. And about that other thing---just know it's alive and prospering

****I'm really tired and I am only going to do a few people from each grade, as my destination towards sleep is nearing exponentially****

Freshmen:

Speigel- You're going places kid. Keeping hooping too.

Joe- You know you are a living legend. Never forget to stay humble and thankful

Josh- You remind me of me a lot. You decide if that's a good thing or a bad thing

Jacob W- Always remember that NFTY MV is your home and Saturdays are for the boys

Sophomores:

Rex and Asher- Please hit me up any time to talk about whatever/argue about music. You guys are leaders and innovators

Blair- Your passion shines all the time ---keep being you please

Daniel Segall- Please keep doing NFTY--gotta continue the Daniel trend and also just do NFTY cause it's NFTY

Juniors: (I'm keeping this one super light)

Pinson- Homie---wow. You are such a natural born leader it's insane. I will always remember our convo this past JYG when we stayed up till 4:30 talking solely about hypotheticals. Shrek.

Jewbright- I love you so much man. You are my best friend and I really don't know what it's going to be like without you next year. QT?

Jesse- I am so proud of you. You have grown into such a leader and you are just an amazing role model. Do good things and do everything for a reason. Find your purpose if you haven't yet.

Kastrul- You are such an amazing friend and we've been through a lot. You are one of my biggest NFTY role models. I can't wait to see you again somewhere. Irk when or where, but we will see each other again

Seniors: I spoke to like literally all of you at Spring (or at least I planned on it). I probably cried. Anywho, there is not enough room to dive into all of the seniors who have impacted me so this concludes my will. thanks guys. I'll miss you all.

Actually,

Alex Herman: I love you. I'm so glad that we are still such good friends despite our distance from each other locationally as well as our distance from each other politically :)

Freshman

Naomi To my younger sister: never in my life did I think we would become so close. Everyday you inspire me to be a better person starting with my incessant need to clean our shared bathroom. You have taught me how to share (even when you don't have permission), stand up for myself, and how to forgive. Our ability to bond over Judaism is so special to me and your work as the SAVP has made me proud to not only be your president, but be your sister. Even while living a busy life, you surround yourself with the activities that you love such as NFTY, BBYO, and Special Olympics. I look up to you more than you know and next year living without you will be impossible. Your ability to put yourself in others shoes is insane and I can say without a doubt, you are my favorite younger sibling (for all those who don't know we have an older brother but we don't talk about him). Keep being you but for God's sake stop taking my things. **Jeira** Working with you this year has been amazing and I am so excited to see what you do in FCTYG!

Sophomores

Ariela Meeting you has been the best and you always have the such incredible advice. I cannot wait to spend a whole summer with my LA gal :) **Kobi Recht** Please cut your Jew-fro and when you become famous, remember that hearing THE Kobi Recht play me guitar was the highlight of my life. **Blair** You are the definition of what being strong is. You've gone through so much and with everything thrown at you, you always stay true to your morals. Remember that whatever happens, you gotta think about the happy moments because those are all filled in your heart. Much love. **Doris** At 16 years old, you have been on temple board, are a debate nerd, choir enthusiast, advocate, varsity soccer player and one of my best friends. Your outstanding achievements have amazed me that after all these things you can still make time to be an amazing person being kind to all who need it. You compose yourself so well for being so busy and that is a trait that I wish I had. I always know that talking to you about anything in my life, I will always come out as a more open minded individual and feel much stronger in who I am. I will miss you and hope that no matter what you choose to do next year, meeting you has been life changing.

Juniors

Marni It has finally come for the last time we are forced to see each other and let me tell you, this sucks. Life throws us curve balls and no matter how many times we have joked about my last event, I never wanted to think about writing you into my will. We joke about what life would be like without NFTY but I don't wanna think about a life where I don't get to countdown the days to see you again. Our unlimited memories can only be described as one word. Run. Just like your Instagram captions, this makes no sense to anyone unless you had been there but that's what I find so important about our friendship. Our memories are unique and no matter how many terrible days we have, I know I never have to worry about if anyone will see if it's corn or not because you will always be there to lick an elevator button. **Anna** Goodbi Biest Friiieend. Todi has been fun. I while miss you. **Jack L./Talia FB./Hannah S.** Our late night adventures never fail to make me feel so much love. Each of you will change the world and no matter how much I make fun of you guys (Havdallah Fart, Loser, Ethan?) my Jewish/high school experience would not be the same without you. **Bean Kassarole** Being best friends with you for the past six years and experiencing seeing you grow into the strong, leader you are today has been incredible. In every aspect of life your morals hold strong no matter the situation and this has had a huge impact on me. Knowing that someone with so much confidence can know right from wrong and stand up for what they believe in inspires me to not sit still when I want to take action. Having you on board with me has taught me how important it is to being doing what you love with the people with love. I am gonna miss making fun of you and can't wait to see where the

life of Ben Kastrul goes. **Aaron** George, Derek, Lexi, Denny, and Mark all die. **Jake Sher** Talking to you always brightens my day and I wish I got to see you so much more than just these past few years.

Seniors

Rachel B. You have taught me what not only being a best friend means but being a good person. After all we have been through I have learned that over anything else, being kind is what is needed. Working with you in so many different jewish aspects has been amazing and I cannot wait for this summer where our memories flourish. Please don't get hurt again while I am away cause that would scare me and I would have to call Tina again. Forever loving you. **Halley/Hannah** You guys are both beautiful angels. **Sam F.** Being able to grow up with such a brilliant friend has always pushed me to work harder. I am so glad I got to explore the world with you and can not wait for our fire adventures. **Koby** I really hope in college next year someone is there to spill water on you at all times. **OG FCTYG gang(Lea, Isaac, Alex, Rachel, Aidin, Megan, Lauren)** LOL never told you this but since 4th grade I knew I had to join youth group so I could become friends with all of you and let me tell you, I am so glad I did. I wouldn't wanna explore the world with anyone else and our lifelong bond of Ronald will hold us together forever. **Senior Men(Shabby, Bloom, Pomerantz, Alex, Bloom 2)** You guys promised you would tell me what ETHLTP meant after our last event. **Jayme** Tag

Adults?

Robyn WOWOWOWOW I miss you and having you as an advisor made me realize that being a jewish leader is so important to me. You taught me so much and I sure will miss you Stacy. **Julia** Thanks for the advice and making me realize girls are the worst and I am way to good for any guy. Keep on dancing(is that what it is)?

NFTY Giants

Taylor Gleeson BTW you are the reason I joined NFTY and you making changes to the world is the most inspiring thing. **Jacob S.** You make me very happy. Please never forget that. **Sarah** You are like the big sister I never had. I love everytime I get to see you and can't wait to hangout more. **Evan J.** Run

Random

Shwayder Peeps(Willow, Aspen, Jake S., Ben K.) Growing up with you and counting down the days til I get to see you all again was the reason I joined NFTY so I would get to see my best friends for more than just two fabulous weeks a year. **TSYG(Jesse, Samantha, Jack, Ben E., Asher)** Y'all are the best co-temple and all of you guys make coming to events so much fun. I'm so glad I got to go through youth group with all you. **FCTYG** As President of Friedman Club Temple Youth Group, I officially change the mascot to a honey badger.

To all, hello! My name is Zoë Rosenberg and if I could be any type of kitchen appliance I would be a 3 speed blender because I like to mix it up! It has been an awful long ride with you all. I've somehow made it through 4 LTIs, 3 Falls, 3 winters, 4 springs, 6 JYGs, 2 conventions, 2 mechinot and one summer at kutz with you, NFTY. What a wild adventure. I'd like to thank all of the people who have gotten me to this place.

Giants

Ethan Stone, thank you for making me drink the kool aid. Thank you for inviting me to sit with you, and caring about me and being my friend and confident for the past forever.

Taylor Gleeson, thank you for showing me that I can change the world, and thank you for changing it.

Aaron Keller, you are my everything. Thank you for telling me one saturday night at spring my freshman year over a sad bowl of chipotle nachos that I should be head songleader with you next year. No matter how many rivers, or miles of roads, I'll play any song for you. I can't wait for your wedding.

Iliana Eber, thank you so much for being one of the greatest people ever. You are one of my biggest role models, and I am so thankful that I met you.

Rebecca Bloom, thank you for spreading the love. Your passion for everything made me want to do more, to be more and be better.

Jakob Rheins, thank you for everything. I don't have the words for how much I love you, and how important you are to me. Thank you for guiding the way, and letting me rant to you about olive oil.

The UHBoyz, thank you for always being there for a laugh. Even though our board may have been a hot mess, at least it was a Hot mess aimright ladies!!! It may take a rocking chair to rock, but only a rumble to roll.

Jen Heiman, thank you for being the actual greatest person ever. Greenstone Gang for lyfe.

Seniors

Daniel Pomerantz, there is no one else I would rather text at weird hours of the night because I analyzed the True Meaning™ to a Kanye song, or because Bon Iver made me cry. You were my first ever NFTY friend, and I wouldn't have it any other way. I love you so much.

Hannah Maurer, my bestestiverest friend, my other first nfty friend, I love you. You inspire me everyday, and it would have been funny to go to the place next to demolition ball.

Rubes, I remember when UHTYG lounge nights were just us sitting on a couch, scared out of our minds and eating bad pizza. Look how far we've come! We actually made friends (???) and our senior tiles are going to be on the wall next to the greats, our weird awards and fresh paint job. Go dUHks!

Daniel Shabsin, I still have the pictures of us in 8th grade when we went ice skating and honestly, never change. Our 7th grade JYG squad will never die.

Leora Greene, and to the rest of moshpit squad, because you guys were the real deal. I'm in love with you so much and you make everything so b1derful. Thank you for being you.

Sydney Felsen, my sweet baby, I love you more than words. I will always play for you at 2am, but please never leave me in a cornfield again!

Macey Goldstein, your paper plate award is 100% true.

Sarah Shaw, there isn't a bathroom we can't tear up. How will your eyebrows ever survive without me? I love you endlessly and we were the best roommates. (oh my god we were roommates)

Alex Herman and Max Krupnik, come back plz :(

Raya Aberbach, your smile can light up any room. I can't wait to sing my heart out with you this summer, and I miss our matching rainbow ribbons on our nametags freshman year.

Avivah Malin, your positivity is infectious. You make life so b1derful!!

Eliana Schuster, that's an amazing cat. Somehow you put up with my service planning skills for this long, and I have no idea why? Here's to literal years of joy and judaism we brought to MV!!

Malone Hanis, our bus conversations are always such a blast! All the way back to our Jolt days, its been a wild ride.

Willow Perlick, it's never too late to make a friend. Thank you for being an absolute sweetheart.

Noah Young, apparently, we are an old married couple? I don't see it but thank you for this year! It's been wonderful to have you by my side, making music and memories!!

Juniors

Hi junior class! You guys have a very tough act to follow. I want to thank you all for being the crazy, wonderful, and loving people that I have met throughout these past years. It has been an honor to meet you all, and I wish you all the very best next year.

Sophomores

Hi sophomore class! What an absolute joy it has been watching you all grow into yourselves. I remember you all at your first JYG, and now some of you are running for regional board! You are almost all grown up, and I wish you the best in your NFTY journey.

Freshman

Hi freshman class! Congrats on the conclusion of your first year in NFTY. You still have so much time ahead of you, and you are going to make so many memories and friends. Good luck, and stick with it.

NFTY-UH

My beloved TYG, thank you all for the last 5 years worth of Wednesday nights. May you all have many, many more chips ahoy chewy, and keep being the BEST dang TYG all of NFTY has ever seen. Go ducks, and give quackmeier a hug for me!

The Senior Will of Megan Rubenstein

NFTY Missouri Valley, thank you for the best years of my life. The community we share is so special, and it is something I will always hold close to my heart. NFTY has impacted me in more ways than I could have ever imagined back in 7th grade at my first JYG event, and I am forever thankful. NFTY MV, you are my home. Thank you for everything.

St. Louis:

Daniel Pomerantz: You are one of the greatest people I have ever known and I am so glad that our friendship has grown over the years. From Olivette soccer, to Camp Emeth, to regional board, we've shared some amazing and unforgettable times together. HAGS! #SIMP. **Zoe Rosenberg:** You are my day #1 UH homie. No one else will ever understand what it was like to be a wee 8th grader at UH lounge nights. I am so glad we had each other to survive those strange times. **Julian Albright:** You are one of my favorite people ever and I am so glad we've gotten closer this year. Our road trip was definitely one for the books- 100% one of my favorite NFTY memories ever. I can't wait for my cousin to pick you up next year on the way to visit me at Mizzou! **Marni Frischer:** Gigi. Girl Meets World. Grey's. This is Us. Gilmore Girls. I'll miss our long talks with the Langs and your cry-laugh next year. "He looks like Michael Phelps if you squint." #Chelsea #LeeIsTallLikeGiGi **Blair Dubinsky:** My favorite Dubinsky (a true honor). I am so thankful for our friendship and all of our fun times together. You aren't just little Dubinsky anymore, you are your own real individual human being. Congrats! **Lauren Bayne:** Somehow we just understand each other and we are totally ridiculous in the same ways and I am so thankful for that. You are an incredible friend, leader, and human being, and I really hope you go to Mizzou next year so we can hang out and spill tea together whenever we please. **Zach Poscover:** Ah, my little zachypoo. You are so funny and kind and you have been such a great friend these past few years, and we've had some great bonding moments. Maybe one day I'll stop calling you zachypoo. **Gracie May and Alayna Higdon:** I couldn't have asked for better successors in UHTYG! When I did show up to lounge nights (yes that is me calling myself out), your programs and leadership were consistently amazing. You guys are going to do great things! **Emily Fidell and Hannah Dubman:** You guys are definitely the funniest of the UH girl squad. Keep it up. **Kobi Recht:** You are amazing. You are wonderful to talk to and extremely intelligent and kind and you deserve everything good in the world. **Alexis, Maggie, Emily, Joe, Josh, and Jacob:** You are each your own amazing person but I have limited space. You guys give me hope for the future of UHTYG and NFTY. Don't let Lee keep calling it NFTY UH, it's UHTYG and that's that. Keep UHTYG fun, and when you can drive I don't want any of you parking normally at lounge nights- each car needs to take up at least two spaces. **Meghan Platke:** Like half of my best childhood memories involve you (webkinz, tracy tico, danielle drinking "whiskey" sprite and our dynamite dance, hsm on tour, dressing up shabby as audri, etc) and if it weren't for you I don't even know if I'd be in NFTY because the only way my mom got me to JYG was by getting you to sign up too. I also admire your ability to take naps wherever you go. See ya next year, MIZ! **Daniel Shabsin:** You were one of my first friends in NFTY and I will never forget that. From Camp Emeth to being seniors in NFTY, I have loved growing up with you. **Max Baker:** Remember when you came to JYG for a whole 7 hours? Now you just need to commit to Mizzou so I can officially say "see you around next year"!! **Matthew Bloom:** You are such a nice and genuine person and I have loved being in NFTY with you. Also #tbt to Prom 2017. **Macey Goldstein:** You're the best and I'm so glad I have gotten to know you over the years. You are so fun to be around and I will definitely miss you next year! **Jake Sher:** You are such a genuine and friendly person and you are so kind to everyone you meet. I am so glad I've gotten to know you! **Liam Dougan:** You are so kind and such a fun person to be around. I've loved hanging out with you at midweek snack shop. You're amazing and I hope you keep doing NFTY and enjoy your next two years! **Koby Hartman:** Thank you for assisting me in repping PNorth in MV. You're always fun to be around and I'll miss you. **Michael Siler:** I live for your dry sense of humor and your eyebrows. Keep being you. **Amalia Newman:** Keep repping PNorth at NFTY for us graduates! **Jessica Goldberg:** I am so glad you have fallen in love with NFTY like I have, enjoy every second of your last year! **Danielle Platke:** I've known you since you were 3 years old and now you can drive. That makes me just a little emo. Also lol @ when we were both in yearbook (Danielle for Editor-in-Chief 2018-2019??). Hopefully I'll see you at Mizzou in a couple of years! **Jessica Goedeke, Sam Sallet, Abbie Pines, Sam Thomas:** Ily guys. Keep UH fun. **Maddie Pines:** I know you aren't reading this but you're my favorite and ily. We are going to aloha from so many locations this summer.

COMO:

Raya: Rayray696 you are my queen. There may be periods where we don't see each other for a long time or talk that often, but you are one of those friends that I will always be there for and I know I can always count on, too, regardless of how often we're together. You are incredible friend and human and I will always cherish our memories of your monthly STL visits & times at the guch. I am so excited to live in your home sweet home of Como and whenever we overlap there you already know we are hanging out.

Bloomington:

Hannah Kate: I am actually terrified for college but I am so glad I am going to have you by my side! We are going to have so much fun together, not to mention the cutest room. Staying at your house in February was so much fun and if next year is anything like that, it's going to be a great time. See you every day next year!!!! Ahhh!!!! **Halley:** You are the best and I'm so glad you are in NFTY and please visit me and Hannah Kate next year! You're hilarious and genuine and kind and an overall incredible person and I'm going to miss you!!!

Kansas City:

Eliana: You're my best friend and there's nothing you can do about it! Never forget JYG 2013 and the awkward pictures at UH and in our country western clothes. Even though you'll never let me live down our freshman year awkward-not-real-friends stage, you've always been my #1 girl and I am infinitely grateful for your friendship. Also we actually share a soul so we are obligated to be friends forever. Turtle picture. Twinkle twinkle. Rectangle smile. Toothpaste tube. **Max:** You are also my best friend and leaving you makes me want to cry real life tears. You are the most

incredible friend and you understand me in ways no one else does. I feel like I know all of your friends and we facetimes every day for like a year so that's basically goals. TM squad will forever be my favorite squad. You are my favorite prom date, shrek, and 85 year old woman. I can't wait to grow old together and be your kids' fake aunt. And we are making dirt cups this summer!!! I am so proud of you for everything you do and I am coming with Hannah to see all of your shows next year. **Emily:** Emily Birger I frickin love you. You're always there for me and you make everything more fun and I am so thankful we bonded at LTI 2015 when you wore your One Direction concert tank top and then told us your life story that night. You are so incredible and unique and I have loved getting to be friends over the years. **Ayelet:** You are amazing and I love you but Judah mightttt be my new favorite Schuster. I've loved having you in my network and becoming actual friends because you are a wonderful person and you're so much fun and you're NOT just Eliana's sister! I'll miss you next year!!

Colorado:

Sydney Felsen: You are the light of my life and I will miss your energy and friendship very much but you already know I'll randomly facetime you quite often. From our sleepover the night before Camp Rainbow to making mac and cheese at your house at 1am, we've had the best memories and you've been one of my very best friends these last few years. Thank you for being you. **Leora Greene:** You have always been such a light within MV and I am so glad we've gotten to really be friends this year. You are incredible and we have shared so many great memories and I am going to miss you next year! **Willow Perlick:** I am so glad that I have gotten to know you this year. You are so smart, kind, talented, and down to earth and I have loved getting to be on board with you. #APicture'sWorthAThousandYears. **Jesse Aseoff:** You rock. We have had so many great times together and I'll miss you next year. I am so thankful for our friendship and for you introducing me to **Jack Spiegel:** Jack you already know this but you are easily one of my favorite people in MV. You're awesome and I hope you enjoy every second of your NFTY experience. I'm glad I claimed you as my own at JYG 2016. I'll miss you an unexplainable amount! **Samantha Aseoff:** It only made sense for you to come next, as long as I'm mentioning the whole fam. You are so sweet and fun and you are going to grow into an incredible leader. You are so much fun to hang out with and I'll really miss you next year! **Hannah Presken:** I have loved becoming friends these past few years. You are always fun to be around and you are always such a good person to talk to and I will miss you a lot. Also tbt to when you quit your job at cold stone while in my basement. **Avivah Malin:** You radiate kindness and I am so glad I've gotten to know you; I will miss you! **Ben Eber:** Ben Eber you are my bestest friend. I will never forget your ranch hat or your iconic Ben hat. **Sam Freed:** You rock, I've loved being in the PVP network with you, and I'll miss you! **Anna Freed:** You are such a positive and friendly person and you're amazing, you're always fun to be around and I will miss you! **Addi Srednick:** You are so fun and real and we have had some great conversations. I hope you have an incredible last year of NFTY. **Mia Felsen:** Maya you are so funny and amazing and ily. **Hannah Seigal:** You're amazing. I hope you have an incredible last year of NFTY; have so much fun. **Talia Frost-Belansky:** You are an amazing person and PVP. I have loved being in the PVP network with you and getting to know you better this year. You are so kind, smart, passionate, and creative, and I know you are going to do amazing things. **Ben Kastrul:** Ben I am going to really miss you. You are such a genuinely kind person and we have had so many great times together. You are amazing and I hope you have a wonderful senior year! **Anna Hirsh:** You are actually one of the nicest people ever and you are going to do great things!

Omaha:

Aleia and Ellie: Housing with you guys at Winter 2016 is still one of my favorite NFTY memories. You are so much fun and never forget #nftybff. **Brooklyn:** You are amazing and I am so glad you moved to MV and that we have gotten to be friends because you are so nice and fun and genuine and a great leader and I know you are going to great things. I will miss you! **Brodkey:** Please go to Rabbinical school so you can be the Rabbi for my children's Bar/Bat Mitzvah services.

Advisors:

Beth: I cannot thank you enough for all that you have done for me and the region as a whole. Most people don't realize how much you do, but this past year I have really seen it and you are just so incredible. You are such a great advisor and mom of the region and I have loved getting to know you on a more personal level. From late night talks at Camp Rainbow, to listening to all of Hamilton on our road trip, you have been so influential to my NFTY experience and I am so thankful. **Lee:** H. Lee, my #1 dude. Thank you for listening to all of my problems over the years and always knowing how to make me laugh. UHTYG would not be the same without you, and not only are you the greatest TYG advisor, but you do so much for MV. You have been such an important part of my NFTY experience. Thank you for everything.

NFTY Giants:

UH Boys: You guys had a huge influence on my NFTY experience. You are the source of some of my favorite memories that I will never forget. I know you're not reading this, but thank you for being like the big brothers I never had. You taught me how to fish. **Jen Heiman:** I was definitely scared of you for a long time but that was definitely only because you were my biggest role model. Thank you for inspiring me to love NFTY and being a PVP! **Jade and Alexis:** My freshman year I thought you guys were the coolest, so I'm glad that by my junior year I actually got to know you both. You are both such funny, kind, amazing people and you definitely were two of my greatest role models in NFTY. **Maya FB:** I never actually talked to you until after you graduated, but our long conversation at the end of Camp Rainbow 2016 really inspired me to keep loving NFTY and I think that really influenced the rest of my time in NFTY, and I am really thankful that I got to know you that week. **Iliana Eber:** You're amazing and one of my earliest role models in NFTY and I am so glad to have known you. **Ben Cohen:** Thank you for always supporting me and being a great friend. **Jacob Haimes:** There's no one else I would have rather tie-dyed pants and read the posts on the Stay Out of my Namaste Space blog with. **Hannah Pinson:** Hi mom. Can't wait to hang out with you next year! **Regional Board 2014-2015:** You all are the reason I fell in love with NFTY. Thank you.

The Senior Will of Mallory Rubin

Wow I can remember showing up to JYG in 7th grade, being in a room full of strangers, like it was yesterday. It is crazy how time flies! Thank you to everyone for continuing my Jewish life through the school year. The amazing people and lessons that I've learned from NFTY are things that I will carry with me forever!

Seniors:

Aerin Leigh Lammers-Well, we've made it here from our baby days. Thanks for being an awesome president, and great friend!

Daniel Pomerantz-We started back in those preschool carpools, but I'm so glad we are still friends now! You're an amazing leader! I can't wait to see where you'll go!

Daniel Shabsin-Thank you for making SETYG so fun! I'm so happy for the memories of the past four years!

Eliana Schuster-I'm so glad that random room assignments put us together for LTI 2015! You are amazing and I'm so glad you were part of my NFTY experience. Thank you for being awesome!

Leora Greene-Thank you for moving to Boulder to be part of MV! Your passion for social action is inspiring and your happiness is contagious! I'm so happy to call you a friend!

Levi Dyson and Macey Goldstein-You come as a pair! Can't wait for another amazing summer full of memories! You two are a key part of all parts of my Jewish life, and thank you for that.

Malone Hanis-I'm so glad that SETYG and NFTY have allowed me to get to know you! Thank you for your passion for social action and enthusiasm for life too!

Matthew Bloom-Baby Matthew, we are all grown up! You've been there every step of the way! Thank you for being there for everything! See you at graduation!

Max Baker-Thank you for constantly making me laugh! So glad I got to know you better these past few years!

Meghan Platke-Thank you for being a great president, and you were so much fun to be around in SETYG!

Raya Aberbach-I first met you as that second session kid that lives in MV! Wow, we've come far since then! Thank you for being awesome! I can't wait for another amazing summer, and then college a few blocks away from each other!

Zoe Rosenberg-You have definitely changed my NFTY experience. Your constant energy and happiness is radiant. Here is to an amazing summer and much more!

Juniors:

Julian Albright-Thank you for your constant positivity and joy during lounge nights and events. You also always make everyone feel welcome, good MVP skills! Go on and do great things, I'll miss you!

Lauren Bayne-You are such an easy person to talk to, such as our hours long conversation at Sassi! You are amazing and I know you'll go far! Keep being you!

Michael Siler-Thank you for being such a nice person, and always being there to hang with in SETYG! You are awesome!

NFTY Giants:

Allyson Segall-You are such an amazing friend! You made coming to every SETYG event so much fun, and I cannot thank you enough for how happy you made events for me! I miss you so much!

Alyson Yawitz-You have been there forever and through everything and NFTY is no exception! Thank you for being such an amazing friend in my life!

Devin Feigelson-I remember first meeting you when you stayed at my house for an event, and I remember longing for the day when I could be in NFTY like you. Thank you for being my friend and making me love coming to events!

Ethan Stone-You were that kid I recognized from camp, but then became a leader in this wonderful group of people that I felt so lucky to know. You were always SO welcoming, and I can't thank you enough for that! Thank you for being an awesome role model!

Iliana Eber-You are amazing! Your pure happiness made me so excited to come to every event to see you! Also, thank you for being such an amazing friend during Rainbow!

Jakob Rheins-Your friendly face made me always so happy to come to events! Thank you for being constantly filled with so much joy!

Michelle Bennett-I credit you to my going to camp, and that ultimately brought me to NFTY, so thank you for that! You are an amazing mentor and friend for everything, I'm so happy I know you!

Taylor Gleeson-Not only having someone like you to look up to freshman year, but having you around these past few years as well, has been amazing! Your true passion for what you do and leadership is incredible! Thank you for your wisdom and much more!

Miranda Rubin-Well I had to save you for last, because where would I be without you? I started in NFTY to be like my awesome older sister, and you led me to this amazing community. Thank you for sharing your activities, and your friends, with me, it means more than you could ever know! I love you! Thank you for this experience!

Eliana Schuster's Senior Will

NFTY MV,

Words are not enough to describe how much you mean to me. The amount of love, support, inspiration, enthusiasm, and laughs that I have experienced through this community are indescribable, and they have shaped me into a better version of myself.

Regional Board:

16/17: Thank you for everything. You all taught me so much, and I could not be more grateful to call you my role models and my friends.

Daniel Pomerantz: It is truly insane to think that just over two years ago we barely knew each other. From JuniorBo to this incredible year, it feels like so much longer. Throughout this wild ride, I have absolutely loved our long conversations, Zoom DMs, silly snapchats, rap/tefilla epiphones, and your crazy gatorade/goldfish/"watch my face light up!" performances on board calls, but most of all, I loved that we were in it together (reminds me of a lyric from this new song by the chainsmokers... an insta caption perhaps?). I value your friendship so very much. I will miss you so much next year, but I am so proud of you and so excited to see what you will accomplish.

Megan Rubenstein: It is actually impossible to encapsulate our friendship and how much you mean to me right here, so I'll have to hope that continuing group chats on every single social media platform known to humankind will cover whatever I miss. To my 7th grade JYG buddy™, I'm sure glad we glo'd up... a bit. Glad that I can be the honorary 3rd member of the Tracy and Rubes squad (I shared the position with Max, of course)! Thank you so much for all of the laughs, long calls, memes, rants, telepathic connections, and for being the greatest friend that I could have possibly asked for.

Leora Greene: I so admire your passion, positivity, and compassion. I am so, so glad that we became closer this year and that you are a part of MV. The region and this board would not be the same without you.

Julian Albright: I wish you all of the frozen t-shirts in the world!! I really did love our mixers schtick (even when I pretended I didn't), and I know that deeeeeeep down, you know that I'm actually the best MVP in all of NFTY. For real though, I'm so beyond glad that we became friends this year. It has been such an amazing, meaningful, and of course silly year together, and I couldn't be more thankful for it and for your friendship.

Max Pinson: I cannot begin to describe how much your friendship means to me. Aside from being one of the funniest people I know and a part of the most iconic squad of all time lol™, you are truly an incredible human being, and I know you are destined for greatness. Your determination, kindness, talent, and sense of humor are going to take you far, and I can't wait to cheer you on along the way (ps please be sure to keep your mouths off of doorknobs in the meantime).

Willow Perlick: You are absolutely incredible, and I'm so happy that we got to know each other this year! Your unquestioning kindness to everyone around you is inspiring and beautiful, and it can be seen in your work as CVP and in everything that you do. Thanks for laughing at my bad jokes even when nobody else does!

Sydney Felsen: Oh boy am I glad that we're friends. Everyone deserves to have a friend who cares about them as deeply and makes them laugh as hard as you do. You are such an amazing person, and I've loved being on board with you this year.

Seniors: There are so many of you and you all mean so much to me that I truly couldn't do it justice. However, I want to thank you all so much for living this journey with me. Every single one of you has made my NFTY experience even brighter, and I love you all.

Juniors:

Hannah Seigal: I am so proud of you, and I appreciate you more than I can express. I am so excited to see what you will accomplish next year and to cheer you on the whole way.

Lauren Bayne: You are a ray of light and I am so proud of you! Even though you say you're a "slacker" your finsta appreciation always brightens my day, and I admire that you take the time to let people know how much you appreciate them. I wish you all the best, and I can't wait to see what you accomplish.

Jesse Aseoff: Here's to all the wacky times! Good luck next year -- you're going to do an incredible job. Keep doing you!

Ben Eber: Thanks for being my buddy and for obligatory Shabbat shira hugs! I'm so excited to see what you're going to accomplish, and I hope you're as proud of yourself as I am of you!

Wormily Birger: Thanks for being my worm and for always making me laugh!

Marni Frischer: Thank you for showing me Gigi at 3 in the morning at convention! Who'd've thunk a silly youtube video would be an integral part of my NFTY experience?!

Sophomores:

Ayelet: There is so so so much to say, but it definitely wouldn't fit on this page. Most importantly, I am so proud of you, and I know that the rest of your NFTY experience will be wonderful. Stay as passionate and as genuine as you are in all of your friendships and leadership. I'm so glad we got to spend these two years together in NFTY.

Sam Fine: Somehow we're telepathically connected every time something silly happens at a chavurah, and I so appreciate your humor! Keep finding the humor in everything, and please be sure to update me about bus ride shenanigans!

Freshmen:

Jack Beach: Thanks for being the best bus buddy ever! You're a hoot and I hope you keep loving NFTY!

Jack Spiegel: You're the best! I hope you continue to have a great time in NFTY and bringing your positivity to events!

Advisors:

Beth Lipschutz: I cannot thank you enough for all that you have taught me and for all of the support these past two years. Everything that I have learned from you has made my NFTY experience all the better and will serve as a guiding force for me in the future, and I am so thankful for that.

Danny Todtfeld: Thank you so much for all of your support for me and for PBnJ. I learned so much and had so much fun in my first two years in PBnJ, and I so appreciated your encouragement.

Emily Williams: Thank you for everything from the greatest snacks in the world to an excellent spaghetti dinner pun!

Everyone else: If I've missed someone, please know that I did not do so intentionally and that I appreciate you immensely! Every single one of you has had an indescribable impact on my NFTY experience, and I feel so lucky to have been a part of this community.

You have shaped me.

Thank you, NFTY Missouri Valley, for everything,

Eliana Schuster

Daniel Shabsin's Senior Will

Salutations, fellow Missouri Valley-ites! I decided to reminisce on my past six years in The Valley, while writing my so dreaded "Last NFTY thing ever". It has been an emotional ride, homeslices. I went to my first event, and I had fun, so I thought I would try it again. ***Flash Forward*** (Yeah it's not all about flashbacks anymore) I am in eighth grade, and I meet my great friend, Alexander Grayson Herman. We were best pals at first sight, but don't you worry there was more room for best pals. ***Flash Forward #2*** ETHLTP. Yes, a squad. Yes, a brotherhood. Yes, a love hexagon. AND Yes, The Chainsmokers. It was a long lunch. In fact, it was like 17 or something songs long. The song that I was judging the time of the meal on was none other than Paris by the Chainsmokers. We peacefully and endlessly helped each and everyone of you to an incredible, unforgettable, entertaining charade. Paris was not just a song. It was a good song. Honestly, I don't know why is caught on, but y'all are the goats for that. But @Julian you're a sheep for it. I realized that my role as a normal guy was fading due to my popularity for writing a song, and calling myself "The Chainsmokers", but I thought quickly on my feet. I changed my title to Government Official on Instagram (Peep @not_too_shabby2). This is where I found the most of my NFTY success. With that, I had a new lens. I saw the world differently. I was about to go to my last event with MV, and I knew I needed to open my eyes to the new world of gaming. HQ. HQ was life, and my NFTY friends agreed. Jesse Aseoff, you got me so close to a gigantic \$0.61, and I am forever grateful. Although I cannot mention all of my incredible friends from over the years, I am thankful that all of you were in my life. Y'all are the real homies. This region will be left in very capable hands, and I thank you all for the time and support these last bunch of years. I love you all, and I will not forget any of you... except Joey Gerchin.

ETHLTP PEEPS: ILY. Y'all dank. Stay dank.

Sher: Homie... Canes?

REGBO: Thanks, love y'all

Pommy: YOU'RE ON REEEEGGGGBBOOOOOO

Savage Marshall: Let 'em walk

Mr. and Mrs. Draeger: You are incredible people

Other NFTY regions: Good Luck trying to be cooler than us

Benjamin Kastrul: I love you more than words can explain. You made my NFTY experience A1.

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Senior Will of Noah Young

Gracie: Where do I even begin? We had never even talked to each other before camp and now look at us. I'm so lucky to have gotten to know you this year. You are such an amazing person and I don't know what I would do without you. You are always there for me when I need it and I don't think you know how much that means to me. I always have a great day when we talk. Whether it was in the grove, on Snapchat, or Houseparty, you always give me a home and I will never forget that. Thank you for being you. I love you so much and I'll see you again soon!

Brooklyn: Being at camp together was so great and even more so throughout the year. You're an awesome person and I'm so happy I got to know you. You always brighten up the room and I'll miss you loads. Do great things my gluten free buddy. Love you!

Leora: As you may or may not know, the reason I started doing NFTY and things at Har HaShem was because you reached out to me and pulled me in. We didn't even know each other and you just moved here, but you were the nicest person and I'll always be grateful for roping me into this madness. You even convinced me to go to Kutz, something I had never even remotely considered doing. Thank you so much for always being there even after I throw oranges at you and try to steal your dogs. You never fail to make me smile when I need it most. Thank you for helping me figure myself out and having my back. You are so kind, caring, passionate, and the best friend that anyone could ever ask for! Love you loads, but you might still wanna keep an eye on your dogs since you'll be gone for college...

Anna: Thank you for always being such a supportive person. You were great to have as President this year and it was really awesome to get to know you more and more recently. Thank you for being the calm in the storm when stuff sometimes got out of hand and always being here for me. I hope you have the best time in college and hope you get to do everything that you love.

Hannah: Don't mess up. But for real, thanks for having all the same hatreds as me. Always made for interesting conversation... I know you'll do a great job this year with everything.

Chelsea: Be careful, there are lots of chairs in your future. Eat school, stay in drugs, and do your vegetables.

Zoë: Hello child, I am teen. Thanks for making a "swagtastic" duo this year. It was awesome to get to work and lead with you. I hope you continue to do amazing things in the years to come!

Deb: Thanks x1000 for all the help and support you gave this year. We couldn't have done it without you! It was so great working with you and all three of us having a high level of sarcasm definitely added to it. See you around soon!

Beth: You are the best. Seriously. For real, this region couldn't run without you. Thank you for always being there for anyone that needs it and supporting the region with everything that you do. I know we'll all miss you a lot!

Bryant: Thank you so much for everything you've done this year. You (somehow) put the pieces of BTY back together after the debacle last year, and made things even better. You are there for all of us, always joking around, and making us a home. I mean, you told me I could text you at three in the morning wanting pancakes and you would bring some. Part of me was tempted to try it. You always have my back and are so supporting. I couldn't have done this year without you!