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UHTYG

Why do you want to be on Regional Board?

Ever since I was in 7th grade, I have found NFTY MV to be an inviting community, and I have enjoyed meeting and becoming friends with people throughout our region. I want to make sure everyone feels like they are a part of NFTY MV, and they should know that if they stop coming to events that people will notice. I want future generations to be able to enjoy NFTY as much as I do. I am ready and committed to keeping NFTY MV strong and active in the years to come. On regional board, I can ensure that I will be able to not only continue years of traditions but also create new traditions. I want every single event to exceed your expectations and make you excited to come back to the next event. My fresh perspective will guide me in leading regional board in an exciting and effective manner.

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

This year I had the honor to serve as president of UHTYG. I learned how to lead a successful board, how to create attainable goals and how to achieve them. One of my goals was to create a more inclusive feeling at our lounge nights by meshing all of the different friend groups together. By the middle of the year, we had accomplished this task and created an environment that was more inclusive for all. As the NFTY 678 St Louis Coordinator this year, I have enjoyed spending time with the future of NFTY MV. Serving as UHTYG's MVP sophomore year helped me learn how to get people to come to and participate in programs. These positions led me to be one of the NFTY representatives for a committee that represents St Louis Jewish Teens. I worked with many people from different youth groups in our community to create a fun, community wide program at Dave and Busters that attracted almost 300 hundred Jewish teens from a variety of youth groups. As you can see, I have held many different leadership positions, all of which qualify me to lead our region as president.

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

The three traits I possess that will help me be an effective regional board member are being kind, organized, and optimistic. Since I was born, I have been taught to treat others how I want to be treated, therefore I treat everyone with kindness and respect. I never want to hurt anyone's feelings or make somebody feel left out. Organization is another one of the traits that will help lead me to success because it will help me balance many different projects in the region at once. Lastly, I am optimistic which will help create a positive atmosphere in our region. Whatever challenges we face as a board I know we will be able to overcome them if we

maintain an optimistic attitude. I am confident in my work ethic and I know that if we work hard enough, any goal is attainable. All in all, my personality traits will create a well communicated, hard working, and optimistic board.

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

Every year UHTYG helps set up and run the Purim Carnival at United Hebrew. I have always helped with setting it up, but this year I worked closely with Zoe Rosenberg, the Purim Chair, to make sure every job for the carnival was completed. These jobs included getting people to volunteer, figuring out how everything would be setup, and setting up every single game that was available. Everybody worked for hours on end moving things into place and getting ready for the carnival. In addition to setting up, I called people in my congregation and asked them to sponsor certain carnival games. In the end, the Purim Carnival was not only a ton of fun but UHTYG raised thousands of dollars, and it was something we should be very proud of. I have also worked on making everyone in my TYG feel valued and appreciated whether they are on our board or not. Everyone feels welcome and included at lounge nights. In addition, I have worked hard to create fun and meaningful events for new and established members.

What are you looking forward to accomplishing for MV?

I am looking forward to strengthening MV not only by increasing numbers, but also creating more opportunities for anyone to be a leader. I will hype up conventions and make sure NFTY MV is the number one destination for everyone's weekend. Programs will not only be fun and exciting, but they will also leave a lasting impact on participants. As president, I will ensure that the board collaborates frequently to create meaningful programs. As a network, I will make it a priority to exchange ideas about how we can further reach our mutual and personal goals. All these factors combined will help reverse the decreasing attendance at regional events and stop the downward trends from continuing. In MV everyone should be able to grow to their fullest potential and be able to leave their unique footprint on NFTY MV. Together, we are stronger and anything is possible in Missouri Valley.