

Dear NFTY Northwest,

I am so excited to be running for your Programming Vice President for the 2020-2021 school year. The past couple years in which I've been involved with NFTY have taught me a lot about leadership, perseverance, friendship and many other valuable lessons. These are lessons that I hope to teach all my participants about in the upcoming year through my programs. As far as programming goes, I have watched countless others lead successful activities, and know first hand how important programming is to the overall success of each event.

As your regional Programming Vice President, I will make sure that not only does every person **have a chance to participate and enjoy every activity**. But **be given the opportunity to learn new programming and leadership skills**. I will also make sure to look out for each participant's best interest in each event and make sure that they can come to me if they ever have any questions and concerns.

Right about now you might be asking yourselves, **does she have any prior leadership skills or experience?** Well I am proud to say that yes, I have quite a bit of leadership experience. Over the past three years I have been on my temple youth group's leadership board, first as a freshman representative, and a PVP for the past two years. I have also been on a teen philanthropy leadership board for the past two years, and a general board member on the leadership board for an organization I volunteer with called Friendship Circle. I believe that **even without all this experience, I would do whatever I could to show you that I truly want what is best for the region, the participants, and to make sure every NFTYite feels included and that they have a voice in the community**.

In the upcoming year of 5781, I hope to **bring more participants to each NFTY event, make each person feel included and welcomed into the NFTY community, and to see each participant moving around and actively participating in each program**. By spreading the word around the region about our events and encouraging others to participate in NFTY activities, together we can bring more people into our community and see that they are participating and learning new leadership and programming skills in the process.

As someone who has explored many different leadership options, I feel that the NFTY leadership board is the closest to my heart. It is a community where I feel I have grown not only as a participant but also as a PVP. I only wish that future participants and leaders feel the same way as I do after joining the NFTY community and participating in my programs. I only hope that overtime I can show others that important traits such as leadership, perseverance and friendship are valuable lessons to know and to teach. As well as applying these traits to your life outside of NFTY.

Thank you NFTY for teaching me so many important life lessons and giving me a chance to share it with others. I can't wait for the next year with you all!

All my best,
Eden Geisser