

Dear NFTY-NW,

My name is Bailey Pollack, I'm a Junior at Roosevelt High School, and am so excited to be running for your next Programming Vice President! My journey in NFTY began in my freshman year at Fall Kallah. Going into my first event only knowing a few camp friends, was pretty nerve wracking to say the least. I could immediately see the bonds between people, there were hugs, laughs, and lively energy in the air. You could see how much people cared for each other. I saw a group of wonderful people and I knew that I too would find my place here; And eventually after a couple years I did. But unfortunately, in the beginning I didn't quite yet feel like I belonged. I'm making it my mission as a PVP to ensure each and every NIFTY-ite will find their place in this Kehilah, and for everyone in the community to feel **included, safe, and welcome**. After finding my place and meeting some of my lifelong friends here at NFTY-NW I want to expand that space and environment of love that so many before me have helped to create.

NFTY-NW continues to grow, and as a PVP I want to make sure all opinions and ideas are heard. Working with the CVP to make polls and inquiries about possible programming ideas, YOU may be able to vote on games and activities that **best fit to YOUR interests**. I want to **make sure everyone has access to the resources they need to fall in love with NFTY-NW and best maximize their time in the community**.

Reflecting on NFTY values is important in creating meaningful programs. This means **respecting personal boundaries, encouraging discussion, companionship, engagement, and more**. We can do all of this while still having the most fun during NFTY-NW events. Some of my favorite memories come from small programs where I met new people and learned games which we still play today. Bringing back old traditions and creating new ones is an essential part of the PVP, this means making memories and lasting friendships which is what NFTY-NW is all about.

Not only will I be fulfilling my duties as a PVP designing and overseeing programs, but it's important to me to **be there as a role model and as a friend**. The past couple years have been nothing short of crazy, and as we hopefully begin the transition to having more in person events and activities, I want to make sure our new members feel comfortable in joining the community. Please never feel afraid to reach out if you have questions for me, or just need someone to talk to. I want to be that person that I didn't really have my freshman year, who will listen to everyone and try their best to accommodate for everyone's needs. Because programming is such an essential part of NFTY-NW these values of respect and accommodation must be implemented in every aspect of each activity we do as a community.

I am so excited for this opportunity and have so many ideas that hopefully I'll get the chance to share with you all! Being a part of the Jewish community is such a large part of my life, through camp, temple, BATY, and of course NFTY, that I can promise that I will devote myself to making sure that everyone can be blessed and find their place in this Kehilah.

With love and enthusiasm, I, Bailey Pollack, declare my candidacy for NFTY-Northwest regional Programming Vice President for the upcoming 5982-5783 years.

B'ahava,
Bailey Pollack