

Hello NIFTY-NW,

From the moment I got on the bus to my first Spring Kallah, I knew NIFTY was a special place. The reason NIFTY is such a special group to me is the connection we have with each other and the positivity the group has for itself. So many people dedicate their time to making events possible, and to make it a wonderful experience for everyone. People feel like old friends even though I met them hours before. I connected with and met so many new people and forged new amazing friendships and bonds. It was one of the most amazing weekends of my life. Although this is my first year of NIFTY, I can see the amazing community we have built, and I know this is something I want to keep doing and I want to be a bigger part of.

Living in Boise Idaho I am the only Jewish student in my small school. Because of this I truly value the time spent with my wonderful teen group at CABI, Camp Kalsman, and of course NIFTY. However, my small high school has taught me a lot. It's an alternative high school that's core value is student voice and student action. Even though many friends of mine joke about its untraditional ways, it showed me what teens can do. I have seen highschoolers make impactful changes and I have learned that I can too. Currently I'm taking a songwriting class where we have been writing music about historical injustices. It's so inspirational to see people my age so passionate about social action. That no matter how young or old, your voice matters and you can make a difference in the world.

From protests and strikes, to songwriting and art, there are a variety of ways to perform tikkun olam (repairing the world). I want to run for NIFTY Northwest Social Action Vice President because I see the value in this community and I want to add to this wonderful space and help it continue to thrive. I want to show others how they can turn their passion into purpose and find new ways to stand up for social action. I will ensure that NIFTY continues to be a welcoming space for all and go beyond our community to learn about social issues everywhere. Not only will we learn but I plan on sharing opportunities for activism and leadership so people tackle issues they are passionate about. I'm excited to plan social action programs, and talk to all of you about different social issues and injustices that matter to you.