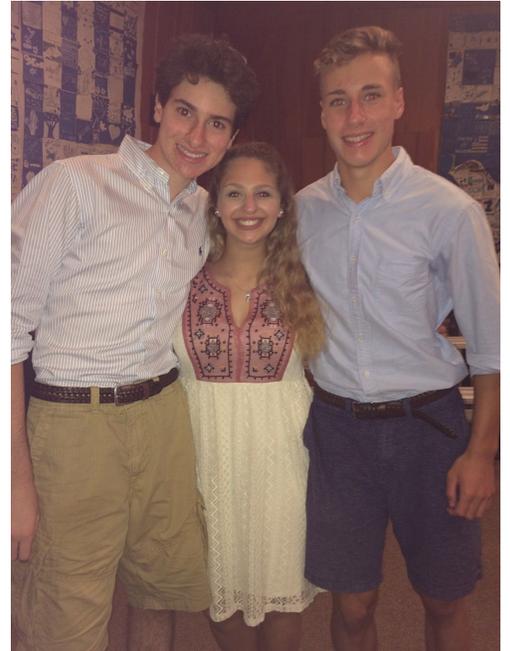


MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE FOR NFTY'S BEST REGION!

ZACHARY KAPLAN

About Me

Hey NFTY Northern, I'm Zachary Kaplan and I'm excited to inform that I will be running to be your Membership Vice President(MVP) for 5777-5778! I also go by Zach, Zkap, Zap, Zaplan, and of course Baby Dan Scal. I'm a member of DuSTY at Temple Israel all the way of up in Duluth by the beautiful Lake Superior. I go to Marshall School where I'm a sophomore. Besides staying busy with my studies, I like to play basketball, beach volleyball, hang with my friends, listen to music, and procrastinating for hours on end. I'm also apart of my school's speech team and enjoy acting in plays. I've been apart of NFTY since my freshman year, and it has truly been a great couple of years. Hopefully I can continue my experience as your MVP, so that together we can create the best NFTY experience for all our members and continue to grow our great community.



Qualifications and Experiences

- ❖ DuSTY Board - 2016-2017
- ❖ Herzl Camp Camper - 2015
- ❖ Camp Chaverim Counselor In Training(CIT) - 2014
- ❖ Had my Bar Mitzvah in Israel - 2013
- ❖ Helping kids in afterschool programs, I would help them with their homework and play sports with them
- ❖ 4 NFTY Events (including NFTY Convention 2017)



MY PLATFORM



IceBreaker Challenges

Breaking the ice, saying hi, meeting new people, as easy as it sounds in one's head it can all be quite a daunting challenge. I think it's easy to say we've all had that time when we look up and around the room, realizing that we don't know or recognize anyone. It's not a fun feeling, and I know it's made me feel awkward and out of place, but at NFTY it's all different. NFTY is built on being an opening, welcoming, and fun community of Jewish teens. For me I was lucky enough to have a couple of friends coming into NFTY, and those friends led me to making more friends which have helped make my time at any NFTY event great. Although not everyone knows someone coming into NFTY, or they might just be naturally introverted. This is why icebreaker challenges are so great because they allow strangers to become friends, but recently it just seems that icebreakers are people saying their name and some random thing about themselves. I believe icebreakers should be team building challenges, that allow new people to work and laugh together while trying to accomplish a common goal. Here are some team building challenges I would like to implement as icebreakers:

- ❖ Human Knot and Human Shapes
- ❖ A group of people stand on a line of tape, and everyone has to go the opposite side of the tape without talking.
- ❖ Monkey in a tree
- ❖ Rowing
- ❖ Ultimate Icebreaker Game
- ❖ Blind Retriever
- ❖ Night Trail Blindfold Obstacle Course
- ❖ And many more team building challenges as well as icebreaker games and activities that will help NFTYites make new friendships and some laughs along the way.

Big Brother/Big Sister Survey

When the 8th graders come to Spring Kallah, it can be pretty intimidating for them trying to understand what's going on as well as being surrounded by a bunch of high schoolers. That's why I believe we should implement an interest survey that both the NFTYites and the 8th graders take. We can then take the results and use them to help pair the 8th graders with the best big brother or big sister for them. This will allow the 8th graders to meet new people who they can connect with easily, so they can enjoy their first NFTY event and not have to worry about going out of their way to meet new people.

If you still have any questions about me, my qualifications/experiences, and my ideas for my platform feel free to drop me an email at zkap34@gmail.com. I really appreciate it and thanks for reading!