

RUNNING FOR NFTY NO PRESIDENT

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ABOUT ME

Hi! I am Aliya Appelsies and I am running for your NFTY

Northern president. I am very excited to be running for this position. I am 17 years old and I live in Minneapolis, Minnesota. I love to travel! Last summer I traveled to Central Europe and Israel with amazing Jewish teens from around the country. I also travel with my family all the time.

During my spare time I love to draw, paint, eat yummy food, and teach myself to skateboard (I fall every time). I belong to the synagogue Shir Tikvah. I have been a part of its youth board for two years. I have been very involved in NFTY events and have made very strong friendships with so many NFTYies. I have helped out with many NFTY programs and kallahs. I led the religious and cultural programs during Winter kallah with Maddie, as well as the 6-7-8 kallah with Northern and CAR. These experiences helped me learn what it takes to be on regional board. I am so excited to continue my journey in NFTY!

MY GOALS FOR THIS REGION:

Programming

Past programs have been very interactive, meaningful, and fun. I want to keep that going. As president I will work closely with the PVP and MVP to create meaningful programs to connect people in different ways. For an example, one program would be separating people into small groups, who they are not as close with, and then each leader of the group will ask deep and important questions in the safe environment. With this, everyone will be able to create strong and trustworthy bonds with



more people in NFTY. This will help people break out of their shells and meet other amazing NFTYiets. Another idea is creating more mixers for more people to get to know each other.

Membership

We all know how amazing the community and chutzpah of Northern is. We also know that our membership has been shrinking a little bit. I want to make an impact by building our membership. As president I will work closely with the CVP and MVP to reach this goal for our community. The board will reach out to each synagogue's youth advisor and Rabbis. Members of each TYG can reach out to their own synagogue about all of the upcoming events and as president, I will assign two board members to each TYG to cultivate stronger relationships. These are some ideas that I know will help NFTY grow.



Creating More Strong Leaders

NFTY has really helped me grow out of my shell. All of you have helped me form into the person I am today. I have learned many leadership skills as a NFTYiet, and I want more people to learn more leadership skills. This means, there will be programs where you can learn to be a stronger leader, share ideas, and help lead programs even if you aren't on board.



MY QUALIFICATIONS

- MVP STiFTY's board 2018-2019
- RCVP STiFTY's board 2019-2020
- Madrichim 2019-2020
- Teen leader for JYG kallah Northern and CAR 2020
- Have been to 10 NFTY kallahs
- Worked with regobo for 2020 Winter kallah
- JSU club member of my school
- Volunteer at Animal Humane Society
- Went to Herzl Camp for five years
- Camp counselor for fall family camp at Herzl 2019