

Madeline Bagdade

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Candidate for President of
NFTY Northern
5780-5781



Qualifications

- RCVP of NFTY NO 5779-5780
- Co-Wrote NFTY North American Shabbat Service
- NFTY Israel Engagement Committee Member 5779-5780
- Veida Participant 2020
- Mechina Participant 2019
- Kutz Participant 2018
- SPORTY Co-RCVP 5778-5779
- SPORTY Freshman Representative 5777-5778
- Mount Zion Teen Engagement Intern 2018-2020
- League of Women Voters Fellow 2019
- Mount Zion Kulam Advocate 2015-2020

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NFTY Northern

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About Me

Shalom! My name is Madeline (Maddie) and I'm so excited to be a candidate for NFTY NO President! I am a rising senior from St. Paul, MN and I attend Central High School. I love music - especially Broadway musicals, cats (and some dogs) and I've been waiting for the fifth season of Lucifer to come out on Netflix for way too long. NFTY has given me a place where I can be my truest self all of the time. I'm running for President to build an even stronger NFTY NO where others can experience the same friendship, love, and acceptance that I have had the blessing to experience. I love you NFTY NO!



My Platform



Connection

Connection is what makes NFTY special, and connection to friends, alumni and Judaism is NFTY's greatest strength. NFTY NO is a small region with a large land mass. Connecting everyone, even with the distance between us, is immensely important and I want to make that happen. I also believe that one of the most amazing parts of NFTY is the opportunity to connect with Jewish teens internationally. The friends, networks and events that the North American community offers are incomparable, and can open doors that make a life-long impact.

Open Communication

Communication is key. I want to enhance communication within NFTY Northern by expanding leadership opportunities, creating committees, cabinets, and networks, and branching out so that everyone's voice can be heard. I will work with the CVP and the rest of the Northern Board to make sure that information is shared early, our social media activity is vibrant, and the website is always up to date with pictures, information on upcoming events and news.

Membership

The magic of NFTY lies within the people who attend and experience our events. I will work with the MVP and the CVP to set reasonable event turnout goals and with congregations and their boards to see those goals met and exceeded. I want to create membership initiatives so that every 6-12th grader knows about the incredible world they have the opportunity to experience. Your membership and the membership of your friends makes NFTY special.

Meaningful Experiences

NFTY's unofficial motto is "Never Forget These Years" and I want that to be true for every single NFTY Northern participant. The NFTY experience is about creating programs that draw people in, connect people, and provide them the space to find new friends, build knowledge or just simply live in the moment. I'll make sure your voices are heard and work with the PVP and the rest of the Northern Board to make programming memorable. My vision serves to develop moments that create peace and true happiness.

Inclusion

NFTY NO is a place for you to be yourself. Any gender, sexual orientation, physical disability, mental illness, food allergy can find a home within NFTY. That said, accessibility is the other half of inclusion. Using visual aids, adding microphones when possible and sharing pronouns are just the tip of the iceberg. It's also important to me to introduce new NFTY NO participants to our long-standing traditions, like the NFTY NO cheer or Asefah, and help us build new ones. I want everyone who joins the NFTY NO family to feel they are part of the NFTY NO family.

Tikkun Olam

As Jews, we are devoted to being kinds and helping others. Tikkun Olam is more than just social action --- it is a drive to fix the broken world in which we live. Working with the SAVP and the PVP, I'll create programming and initiatives to help us make a difference in the world, and I've got a plan to give every participant the opportunity to learn about or act on issues meaningful to them. In NFTY, we have the power to enact change and it is our civic duty to do so.