

# Hey NFTY-CAR, my name is Marni Israel and I would be honored to serve as your 2017-2018 President!



## My Qualifications

- NFTY-Chicago regional MVP 2016-2017
- Membership Committee 2015-2016
- JYG leader 2016
- Leadership major at URJ Kutz Camp 2016
- 21 NFTY events
- Camp CAR counselor 2017
- Assistant Director for 2 school plays



## About me

I am a junior at Deerfield High School where I am very involved in the theatre department. In theatre, I have gotten to explore my leadership outside of NFTY as an assistant director. This entails working with the cast and ensuring all the work for the show gets done. The most important part of assistant directing is communicating with the adults involved. This experience, along with regional board, has given me the amazing opportunity to work with teens and adults.

My time on regional board has helped me develop as a leader in many ways including: being open minded, inclusive, and flexible. Beyond NFTY and theatre, I love spending time with my friends and taking pictures of sunsets and beaches.





# My Platform

## **1. Establish the relationship with our temples**

Our TYGs are the building blocks of NFTY and we need to strengthen relationships between the region and the temples. By working closely with the TYG president's, advisors, and clergy, we can recreate a strong, working relationships with them. I will do this by having in-depth conversations with all three groups about their needs and then how they can help us. Their support brings so much to NFTY including help at events and a push for our membership. My goals to create a strong sense of give and take between our region and our temples that will help us in the future.

## **2. Lower the barriers**

NFTY is something so spectacular for all of us involved although it can be confusing to those seeing it for the first time. In order to lower the confusion and make NFTY a positive experience, I plan to lower the barriers in our region to make it more accessible. I want to create 2 task forces of 1) prospective, new, and engaged teens and 2) their parents to talk through the process of joining NFTY and provide information for prospective teens and families. While learning about the perspectives of the members of these groups, I will explore what we need to do to make NFTY-Chicago more transparent and create a section on the website to educate the community about the power of NFTY.

## **3. Continue the involvement**

This year, we have seen incredible youth engagement and leadership both in NFTY-Chicago and NFTY on a North American level. If elected, I will work to keep that momentum going. I want to broaden how we bring in leadership and reorganize how we do this. With a reimagined cabinet, we can make this possible. Along with that, NFTY-Chicago will continue to bring representatives to North American committees. With involvement in OUR leadership, YOU can shape NFTY-Chicago's future, while making the change you wish to see in our community.

It's been an amazing opportunity to share my ideas with you and I'm excited to see you at elections!

With Love, *Marni Israel*