



JASON TOTHY

SOCIAL ACTION
VICE PRESIDENT
CANDIDATE
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Qualifications

- NFTY- CAR Social Action Cabinet 2018-2019
- 18 Under 18 Honoree 2019
- Chicago Sinai Congregation Board of Trustees 2018-2019
- L'Taken Social Justice Seminar Lobbyist 2016, 2018
- Reform Illinois Leadership Training 2018
- NFTY- CAR Leadership Training Institute 2016
- NFTY- CAR CVP Media Team 2017-2018
- Camp CAR CIT 2017
- NFTY Convention participant 2017, 2019
- Ta'am Israel 2016
- URJ Biennial participant 2017
- Madrich (Student Teacher) 2016-Present

A LITTLE ABOUT ME

My name is Jason Tothy and I am running for Social Action Vice President (SAVP). I am currently a Junior at the University of Chicago Laboratory School and I am a member of Chicago Sinai Congregation. I have been a part of NFTY since my 8th grade Kolbo weekend and have really enjoyed being part of such a caring community ever since. I have loved attending NFTY events. Developing friendships, strengthening my leadership skills, and learning how to affect change in communities have been highlights for me.

At school, I am on the varsity sailing team and participate in the school's Jewish Students Association. I volunteer at several organizations including Ronald McDonald House. I am the teen representative for my congregation for Reform Illinois and am active in my temple's Mitzvah Corps. I am also a third-grade Madrich at my Sunday school, which is a lot of fun!

WHY SAVP?

I am passionate about social justice issues. We are surrounded in Chicago by communities that are suffering from gun violence, hate crimes, extreme poverty, and more. I became a Jewish teen leader through my congregation and NFTY-CAR to help create change, to affect policy, and to advocate on behalf of those who need a voice. I have participated in L'Taken twice, advocating for the prevention of gun violence. I am my temple's teen representative to Reform Illinois and on my temple board where I advocate passionately for important social justice issues. This year, I was named an 18 Under 18 Honoree through Springboard and JUF for my work towards gun violence prevention. As the Social Action Vice President, I will be able to share my knowledge and skills to create a more impactful NFTY-CAR experience for everyone.

My Platform

Build

An Amazing
Social Justice Platform

It is important to choose topics that are relevant to the daily lives of Jewish teens. As SAVP, I plan to lead the Social Action cabinet to identify relevant and timely topics that impact Jewish Teens. One example is gun violence. In an instant, the path of a speeding bullet can change a family forever. Far too many lives are lost throughout the United States because of gun violence by simply being at the wrong place at the wrong time. It is imperative that immediate and continued action occurs to prevent future tragedies. This could be one topic that is identified by our cabinet.

Once the agenda is created by the Social Action Cabinet, we will be able to create exciting programming that is meaningful and timely for you. For example, during an event, there would be engaging activities that would address the topics and help NFTYites gain a stronger understanding of current social injustices. What if we picked the topic of mental health care access? We could create a program that addresses teens affected by the cost of health care and we could learn from policymakers about the laws surrounding insurance and health care choices.

It is not enough just to learn about social injustices, we need to take action. Our programming would include hands-on opportunities to make change throughout the community. For example, food insecurities affect many in Chicago. Some children only get a full meal while at school. While we will spend time learning about this issue, we also will be able to do work to make a direct change, such as participating in sorting food at a food pantry or filling backpacks for 'Blessings in a Backpack'. There are many opportunities for making a change depending on the situation.

Engage

Through Moving
Programming

Create Change

Through Exciting
Advocacy