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Why are you running for regional board?

I'm running for regional board because NFTY-CWR has been my home away from home for the last three years of my life thanks to the amazing leadership we've elected. Giving back to a community that has given me so much is so important to me.

What is your favorite element of NFTY and why?

My favorite element of NFTY is the safe space we have built within our community. I always feel like I can be truly and authentically myself at NFTY events, something that's hard to find anywhere else.

What new ideas or solutions do you have for our region in response to talking with a NFTY-CWR member?

After speaking with a new member, she expressed her stress about making up homework after NFTY events. A solution to this could be an optional, designated quiet room or time during the weekend to complete assignments.

Our region stretches from Santa Rosa to Hawaii to Mongolia to the Yangtze River Area, and Jews live all over the world. What is your vision for spreading social action messages within NFTY? How do you plan to get your peers to take action outside of NFTY events?

Due to the large size of our region, I believe sub-regional social action events would be an incredible way to get CWR more involved in activism. For example, day-long, free events of every sub-region organized to volunteer at a homeless shelter, soup kitchen, food bank, etc. or stand together at marches/rallies. Events such as these would give our region a hands-on perspective into social action issues. As well, charity fundraising, social action themed merch, working with the FMVP, at our new event, Tzedek Institute to promote the URJ's, and specifically CWR's, social action values.

Why is it important to make social action relevant to teens today, and how do you plan to do so?

Social action is and should be relevant to teens today because these are the people that will be running for office in the future, the leaders of tomorrow. They'll be practicing law, or even working in the URJ, and this information keeps them educated and involved so that one day they'll be able to positively impact the world with their wisdom and knowledge. To keep teens informed and interested, I plan on sending out PRE-event google polls, just like the surveys sent out post, to ask our community what they want to learn about, and how they want to learn it. Basic things, such as topics, program formats/themes, and asking if they'd be willing to help lead. This would give me a better understanding of the community's interests and passions.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- URJ Kutz Camp Action & Advocacy
- President of SHoRTY, along with a previous two years on TYG board
- Two years on NFTY-CWR cabinet (SAVP + CVP)
- RAC Gun Violence Prevention Fellowship

