

Dear NFTY-GER,

Ever since my first Taste of NFTY event in sixth grade, I have been in awe of the teen leadership. That is why I am elated to announce my candidacy as NFTY-GER Social Action Vice President for 5780-5781. As SAVP, I would have a positive impact on the NFTY-GER, helping to create a more just and safe community for all of us.

This past year, I have had a great experience as my temple youth group president, where I have been able to help grow our youth group and hone my leadership skills in a Jewish environment. I was also fortunate enough to be NFTY-GER Social Action Chair for 5779-5780, and I know that I would be able to make an even bigger impact as Social Action Vice President.

If elected as NFTY-GER's Social Action Vice President I will work to:

1. **Educate NFTYites on a variety of social justice issues:** Although we all know that issues like climate change and gun violence have the potential to affect us, even the most knowledgeable people on the issue can learn something. There are also so many other issues that may not make the front page of the news, but they are still important to learn about like ageism or unequal access to education.
2. **Leading people to learn more about issues that they care about:** It is so easy to get up and start speaking on an issue that I care about, and think is important to the world. Not everyone cares about the same issue and by helping people explore the issues that they care about, everyone can make an impact in their way and feel good about it, and I hope that if elected NFTY can learn about a broader range of issues, based on interest.
3. **Help to build connections to outside social justice organizations:** It is great to learn about social justice issues, but nothing will get done unless we choose to work for it. We also have the power to make a difference in the world, and I hope that this year we can make connections to do that.
4. **Show NFTYites how to find the small things they can do to make a change:** While many people like to partake in big rallies, protests, and lobbying experience, these are not the only things that have an impact. The little things that we can do in our day to day life, often have the same impact. It may seem easy to get caught up in the big breaking news things, but one act of kindness can have an equally important impact as rallying people together.

I am so grateful for the community that NFTY has provided for me, and I hope that I can help create that experience for others, as well as leading NFTYites to make a difference in their communities.

B'ahavah,

Jadyn Turner