

Dear NFTY-GER,

During events, I do not remember all of the programming or all of the activities. I remember the bonds and jokes I create with other participants. One of the most memorable moments from any event was walking from the Chadar Ochel to the Ulam during Spring Kallah last year. I remember it was pouring rain and all anyone could do was run up the hill, screaming about seeing dead frogs, and laughing about how drenched we all were. These are the moments that people will remember the most years from now, looking back on their years in NFTY-GER. However, the only way this can happen is if the region continues to bring in members. **That is why I am thrilled to be declaring my candidacy to run for Membership Vice President for the 5780-5781 year.**

Currently, I serve on the YOSHE, or Temple Shaari Emeth, youth group board as Membership and Communications Vice President. I am also the 678 Chair on the NFTY-GER cabinet. NFTY-GER has made an impact on me from a very young age due to my father being involved in the community. This impact has made me who I am and I would like to give back to this amazing community through this role. If elected, I will emphasize the importance of inclusion and creating community within NFTY-GER. In order to strengthen these aspects of our region, I plan on reinforcing:

**New Member Packet:** I plan on revising the New Member Packet to include the traditions and fundamental principles of our region. This will allow for new members to learn about what makes our region special. This change, would also help to encourage more members to join the community, as it would ease stress of coming into the region.

**Big Little Program:** In order to effectively pair bigs with compatible littles, I will create a survey to learn more about the interests and personalities of each big. From there, I would pair new members and their bigs in a way that would make the transition coming into NFTY-GER as easy as possible.

**Communication:** The first NFTY event for new members can many times be intimidating. In order to solve this issue, I will host a call with all of the bigs and littles before each event. This would give bigs and littles the opportunity to meet and learn more about one another, thus giving littles a friendly face to talk to at their first event.

As Membership Vice President, I would want to make sure that no new member feels forgotten or alone when they come into an event. During my first NFTY experience as a participant, many of the people from my TYG had bigs while I was left to navigate the region alone. At first I was so confused and unsure if I would return to the region. By strengthening the Big Little program and New Member Packet, I would try my best to ensure that no new member feels left out. Overall, I feel as Membership Vice President, I could help our region grow and give back to the people who have become my family.

B'ahava v'kavod (with love and respect),  
Lindsay Jacobs