

My dear NFTY,

Four years ago, I left my first kallah with a profound and almost overwhelming feeling of belonging. I had had an epiphany: it was my Jewish destiny to become a songleader. A lot has changed since then, including the realization of my lack of musical talent, but, unsurprisingly, my passion has never wavered for the home that I love, NFTY-GER.

When I was elected as SAVP last year, I could not have fathomed how gratifying this position would be for my soul. There is so much good that is possible by using NFTY as a vehicle for education, social change, and contribution to our greater world. Our relationship to social action is as old as we are, with NFTY-GER being one of the only regions to create and maintain a “mitzvah camp” when called upon by the North American Board to do so fifty years ago. Urban Mitzvah Corps is truly a testament to how our actions reverberate generationally and how deeply our roots are embedded in social justice. Our future can only have more growth in store, and I am so beyond committed to seeing it through for the rest of my time in this organization.

**With our moving legacy and bright future in mind, I, Zohar Grinvald, am proud to redeclare my candidacy for Social Action Vice President in the year 5780-5781.** In order to strengthen our approach to social justice, I'd like to pursue the following goals:

**Expanding our boundaries in terms of fundraising and outreach:** My greatest goal in the past year was to direct our region towards an action-oriented mindset. Next year, however, I want to pursue a year of balance for our region, and find ways to artfully include education into our action-oriented pursuits.

**Connecting to the rest of our movement:** Whether it be with our immediate neighbors or with the rest of NFTY, my goal is to use our network of regional leaders to build larger initiatives or to join together in enriching ourselves. Connecting to our greater movement will only help us learn and thrive more as we gain access to different worldviews.

**Creating touchpoints to ensure our intent matches our community's needs:** Building a clear line of communication through monthly office hours is a priority of mine. Enabling members to communicate easily will ensure our region's needs are met, and providing feedback and ideas gives everyone a stake in our region's future.

NFTY, I love you so much. *There is so much more that we can do together.*

B'ahava,  
Zohar