



## **NFTY-PAR Membership Chair Application 2018-2019**

Being a Membership Chair is a very serious, yet rewarding commitment. As a Chair, you will not only be required to be a role model for the region, but also an asset to NFTY-PAR's Regional Board.

At New Board/Old Board, the current NFTY-PAR Regional Board and the NFTY-PAR Regional Board-elect will collaborate and choose 4 applicants to be the "slate" and potentially the new Membership Chairs. Because the duties of the Membership Chairs change from year to year, the boards will take into consideration the particular needs of the region for the upcoming year. Once the slate is chosen, the NFTY-PAR MVP will first individually call the applicants who were not chosen for the slate and ask them if they would like to "challenge" the slate. If any candidate challenges the slate, the NFTY-PAR MVP will call the appointed slate and explain that they are now in the "challenged slate". The region will hold a traditional election at Spring Kallah and the ballots will contain the names of all candidates as individuals (not indicating whether or not they were chosen for the slate). Because of the challenged slate, the slate is not revealed to the region as all candidates would run individually. During a challenged-slate election, each candidate will have to deliver a speech which should not exceed three (3) minutes and outline why you should be elected, your ideas for increasing membership, and any other insights.

After all speeches are delivered, NFTY-PAR's traditional election process and Instant Run-Off Voting will take place. If no candidates challenge the slate, then the candidates chosen for the slate will be confirmed by vote at Spring Kallah and will act as the Membership Chairs for that upcoming year.

It is the expectation of the Membership Chairs to attend at least 3 regional events over the course of the NFTY year and remain active members of NFTY-PAR and their TYG. Membership Chairs will work closely with the NFTY-PAR MVP to complete many goals throughout the year.

In order to be considered as a Membership Chair you must complete the following forms and answer the prompt following the Chair Applicant Form in a creative way. We are thrilled about your interest in the position and please contact Amanda or Robert with any questions or concerns. The deadline for this application is **Friday, March 23th, 2018 at 5:00pm**. Please submit your application to [awachstein@urj.org](mailto:awachstein@urj.org) and [par-mvp@nfty.org](mailto:par-mvp@nfty.org) by **Friday, March 23th, 2018 at 5:00pm**.

B'Shalom,  
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# 2018-2019 NFTY-PAR Membership Chair Applicant Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby declare my intent to apply for the NFTY-PAR General Board position of a Membership Chair for the 2018-2019 year. I certify that I have read the duties and responsibilities of this position, as outlined above, and I understand that I will be expected to perform all of these responsibilities to the best of my ability. I further certify that I have read and fully understand the process of slating and elections in NFTY-PAR and promise to abide by that process. I understand that if I share that I am a part of the chosen slate to any individual, especially in the case of a challenged slate, my candidacy will be terminated. Should I have any questions regarding the election and/or slating process, I understand that I am free to contact the NFTY-PAR Regional Director or the NFTY-PAR MVP. I certify that I have spoken with my TYG Advisor and my parent/guardian. I have discussed my intent with them, and I am including certification of their support for my application. I am aware of the expectations placed upon the Membership Chairs and commit to the terms of this application and the NFTY-PAR Brit Kehillah (see attached). I understand the integrity associated with a General Board title, and I am willing to meet the expectations if elected or appointed.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ TYG: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Membership Chair Open-Ended Response

- Your response to these questions below should show the Regional Board and Regional Board-elect why you are qualified to be a Membership Chair and why you want to become one as well. It should also explain how you will work cohesively with, and be an asset to, the NFTY-PAR Regional Board, specifically the NFTY-PAR MVP.
- Your response must be typed, and emailed to the NFTY-PAR Regional Director and NFTY-PAR MVP by **Friday, March 23th, 2018 at 5:00pm**. Your responses will be shown only to the NFTY-PAR Regional Board and Regional Board-elect.
- Please respond to the following questions in a way that reflects your personality, providing that all of your responses fit on one side of one sheet of paper, Arial font size 11, 1 inch margins all the way around.
  1. What qualifications do you have to be a Membership Chair and how will they be an asset to the overall leadership of NFTY-PAR?
  2. What do you believe is the largest membership challenge in NFTY-PAR right now? What are the steps you would take to solve this?



# **NFTY Brit Kehillah**

NFTY is a movement that builds strong, welcoming, inspired communities through teen-powered engagement. This b'rit serves to ensure that we are able to focus on enacting our shared mission. We will promote the creation of a religious youth community based on mutual respect and a sense of personal responsibility. We will treat others with kavod (honor and respect) in order to facilitate the feeling of shalom bayit (peace in the home) and create a sense of NFTY's welcoming community.

Our NFTY community feels incomplete without all our members fully present,

I will attend and participate fully in the entire event, unless otherwise agreed upon with the NFTY Regional staff member.

I will arrive on time, stay until the end, and remain on the event premises at all times.

To maintain shalom bayit within our living space, I will abide by the event curfew announced by the leadership. At the time of the announced curfew, I will go directly to my cabin, hotel room, or host home and remain there until the next session.

As a means of respect and for the well-being of the community and myself, I agree to refrain from inappropriate sexual behavior.

As NFTY is a safe and inclusive space for all participants, I will not participate in any activities before, during or after events that could be deemed as hazing, sexually harassing, demeaning, hurtful, or bullying. This includes in-person interactions during regional events, interactions over cell phone and email, and actions in online spaces including Facebook groups, twitter, Instagram, and other forms of social media between events. I also agree not to photograph or make video recordings of anyone without their express permission. If I post or distribute any pictures/media, they will represent NFTY, the staff, and other participants in a positive and wholesome manner. Anything I post will represent the Jewish values the NFTY community teaches and upholds.

In order to ensure the well-being of myself and my peers, I understand that no guests are allowed at any event, unless the adult leadership grants permission in advance, and that any unauthorized guests will be asked to leave immediately.

Because overnight events can cause a lack of sleep and create dangerous driving conditions, I will not drive to, during, or from events, unless advance permission for a special situation is requested in writing by my parent/guardian and granted in writing by the NFTY Regional staff member. This includes driving to/from my home to meet NFTY's designated transportation.

To promote a healthy and safe NFTY environment, I will not possess, consume, or distribute alcoholic beverages, other than that served by adult leadership for Jewish sacramental purposes, even if I am of legal drinking age. I will not smoke, consume, or distribute tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, at any time during the event. I will not possess, use, or distribute any illegal drug or drug paraphernalia, including marijuana regardless of the legality in the hosting state. I will not commit any illegal act. I understand that vandalism, disturbing the peace, or other inappropriate behavior as determined by the adult leadership in accordance with the youth leadership will not be tolerated. I understand that I will have to pay for any damage that I cause. I understand that no gambling is allowed, except for fundraisers approved by the adult leadership.

As NFTY is a community that I want to keep safe and free of violence, I will not bring or use any weapons, firearms, or anything that may be construed as a weapon.

As NFTY is a community of teens that respect and appreciate the adult leadership and each other,

I agree to abide by any additional rules, pertinent to a specific event, which may be announced, and to accept the consequences of their violation.

I understand that elements of this brit apply from the time I leave home for the event, during the event itself, and until I return home after the event. Some elements include behaviors and expectations between events.