

Shayna Pellen
NFTY- PAR Fundraising Vice President Candidate

Dear NFTY PAR,

I love being Jewish. I share a similar story with most of you, I grew up going to Jewish overnight camp and from a young age was emerged in the Jewish culture. Growing up I watched my older siblings be a part of NFTY PAR and could never grasp what made NFTY PAR so special. It wasn't until I embarked on my first NFTY PAR event in 8th grade, I was able to understand the everlasting friendships and family that forms at NFTY PAR. I, Shayna Pellen, am happy to announce I am running to be NFTY-PAR's Fundraising Vice President for the 5779-5780 year.

NFTY PAR is special to each one of us. It allows each one of us something different and unique which leaves us counting down the days to the next event, year after year. This year, I've cherished working closely with our board and being a RUACH CHAIR. Being a RUACH CHAIR has rekindled my love for NFTY. It has granted me the opportunity to not only interact with more of the region but allowed me to spread positivity and always be smiling. It has also shown my love for being a leader and helping others. Growing up I've always loved being a role model and helping others, which is something I have cherished this last year. Along with being a leader in NFTY, I have had the opportunity to be a leader in my high school's Mini Thon, Global Scholars and the Entrepreneurial Business programs. In addition, I have completed 164 community services in my school's LINC program and I teach Hebrew School at Shir Ami.

If elected as the next NFTY- PAR Fundraising Vice President, I hope to improve the ability for participants to engage with canteen committee both in and out of events. I would like to start by implementing a new committee, alongside canteen committee. This committee would be more involved both in and out of events. In addition, I would like to create a website allowing participants to access merch after events. Have you ever forgotten your money during an NFTY event, saw the new merch options and wished you would have brought money? I know I have. Having an online website would allow participants who forgot their money or couldn't attend an event to not miss out on new designs. Lastly, I would like to make the canteen committee run smoother overall. I believe one major way to accomplish this is by eliminating the books during canteen and transferring to an online spreadsheet. Often canteen members feel rushed trying to calculate numbers and allow ALL members to access NFTY's infamous grilled cheese.

I am passionate about the NFTY and do not take the responsibilities of FVP lightly. Thank you for reading my letter of intent, I hope to have the opportunity to lead and have a positive impact on the NFTY community.

With much love,
Shayna Pellen