

My NFTY PARites,

Everyone loves NFTY for different reasons being, friends, programs, committees, or services. NFTY is my home away from home. This past summer I was on NFTY in Israel. During one of the services, a URJ Heller high teacher, also the director of our trip, Josh Scharff was teaching us a new song. Everyone was so intrigued by his voice and the tune. It felt like we had known the song for so long. The smiles on my friends faces as he taught us the song, was the most homey feeling and at that moment I knew I wanted to lead.

All of us NFTY-ites have a few things in common. All of us are in highschool, we all love NFTY, and the biggest one of all, we are all Jewish. Judaism is such a big part in our kehillah kedosha, our community. I believe that Nfty deserves a confident, passionate, committed religious and cultural vice president in order to build a stronger relationship with Judaism. **This is why, I, Marissa Magasiny am beyond honored to run as your NFTY-PAR Religious and cultural vice president for the 5779-5780 term.** If given this position, I would show much excitement to help lead and work together in order to build an even stronger Jewish relationship and connection amongst my peers.

The importance of RCVP to me and what I intend to do: To begin, I would like to make services even more meaningful and inclusive than they already are. In my past three years as a NFTY participant, services have always been one of my favorite parts of any and all NFTY events. As a participant I always loved sitting with my friends and doing little dance moves in my seat to certain tunes. As a song leader, I enjoyed the smiles of everyone in the audience because the song we were singing and playing was one they all knew well and loved. I intend to work closely with the next Programming Vice President to create connectional programs that fills all participants' needs and interests as possible. I will work to include Jewish timelines within American culture and Israeli culture. I want to include words of wisdom and thoughts from Jewish historians that stick out in the study of our past. By creating programs that make us think outside the box and keep us all entertained, our Jewish values will grow in strength and our Jewish identities will expand, deepening our connection to Judaism and our spirituality.

Development and structure of T'filah and song leading committee: RCVP is a very important to me. I want to keep a well organized and structured T'Filah committee, that also works well with the song leading committee in order to create meaningful services. While helping our T'Filah committee to grow, I want to work hard and build personal connections with each member so that not only is the committee fun and inviting but so the entire region has an urge to join or get involved.

Communication with the RCVP Network: As RCVP I will make sure to communicate well with regional board and with each TYG's board. I intend to have open discussions about religion, service ideas, and program ideas. I want to work closely with songleaders to ensure that their input and opinions are taken into consideration. By getting other participants input, I am creating services that satisfied every participants interests.

Spiritual and Religious Connection during services: I would like all participants to feel a spiritual connection during T'Filah. I will work with songleaders to include new tunes and known tunes for prayers. I will also work with song leaders to bring in new songs that make our NFTY services more inviting. This way, participants who enjoy camp tunes and newer participants who have never been to camp still feel included and satisfied throughout their T'Filah experience. As RCVP, I will work hard so that the religious and cultural part of what keeps NFTY alive and spiritual stays well loved. I am very ready to dedicate my time, love, and passion to be a possible future leader in the NFTY-PAR community.

באהבה (with love)
Marissa Magasiny