

Dearest NFTY-PAR,

I truly believe that the only way we can live is if we grow. The only way we can grow is if we change. The only way we can change is if we learn. As a region, our kehillah thrives at creating deep and meaningful discussions in a safe environment. Over the past three years, I have witnessed first-hand participants learning, changing, and growing as individuals through our impeccable programs and social action discussions. However, once participants have gained this knowledge, it is often left unused and unacknowledged; a flame lit within the mind only to be smothered out by time. It is my intention to not only foster this knowledge in our kehillah, but to provide real opportunities to create change and inspire growth right in our home communities. **With this goal in mind, it is with the utmost fiery and burning determination that I, Mahayla Meyer, do hereby declare my official candidacy for the position of NFTY-PAR Social Action Vice President for the 5779-5780 term.**

This past year serving as your Regional Programming Vice President, I have had the honor of working with our current SAVP, Maddy, to ensure that all of our social action projects and tikkun talks were **engaging, fulfilling, and eye opening**. I have seen that when justice is pushed, an incredible power is generated. If elected to serve as your Social Action Vice President, I will work to **harness this power to magnify the impact our region can have** in the following ways:

1. With my already installed knowledge of not only how to **thoroughly write programs**, but also how to **execute and lead entire events**, I will strive to create day long, social justice inspired, community based, Action Events.
2. To construct and plan an entire day of advocacy and service is not an easy task. To combat this challenge, I will install a new **Social Action Force**. A group of our regions teens who will apply and be carefully selected to **learn, plan, and lead** these events alongside me. This strong Force will lead the way in creating NFTY-PARs future in promoting **real, tangible change** and will **produce leaders**, ready to make a difference in their worlds and our community.
3. Along with creating this tangible change, I want to continue running Tikkun Talks, but with a slight twist. Instead of these **perceptive altering and engaging conversations** to be solely led by the Regional SAVP, I want **teens to be factored into the equation**, brainstorming and educating about the **topics which are most important to them**. To do this, I am aiming to also create the Tikkun Team, a committee of PARites driven to lead and teach their peers at our weekend events.

NFTY PAR has built me into the leader I am today and I have worked tirelessly this past year to give back all of my love into our kehillah so that it may stay for years to come. **I never want to stop leading our region to greatness** and I promise to continue my efforts this upcoming year as your Social Action Vice President.

B'ahava,

