

My Jewish journey started a long time ago at Beth El preschool in Maplewood, New Jersey. Even as a four year old I knew this was the path for me. From preschool, to hebrew school, to Camp Harlam, my jewish identity has grown so much. NFTY was the next logical step. In the past year as your RCVP, I have learned more than I could have ever imagined. In this coming year I hope to share what I have learned, as well as gain a great deal of knowledge. **This is why I, Lex Winitsky, am running to be NFTY PAR's Religious and Cultural Vice President for the 5781-5782 year.**

The past year has been challenging. It is time for us to take hold of the good it gave us, and make this coming year amazing. **I plan to utilize NFTYx and other platforms to create and sustain spirituality and connection to Judaism.** Being virtual allows us to have events whenever we want. This will allow us to have services and jewish experiences more often, strengthening our connections to Judaism and our community.

Everyone is unique and connects to Judaism in their own individual way. **I will create, introduce, and educate about new and unique ways of experiencing Judaism.** Prayer is the essential foundation for Jewish practice, but this is not where it ends. Whether it be physical, visual, musical, or a combination, I will help every PARite find the perfect way to connect to Judaism for you.

NFTY is built on the backs of the TYGs. Each TYG has its own identity and community. **This is why I will work to teach and empower TYGs to plan their own Jewish experiences.** By having monthly meetings with PAR's TYG RCVPs, I will be able to teach how to plan effective Jewish experiences. I will also be able to assist in the process of planning.

NFTY is my favorite thing in the world, and this past year on board has been such an amazing time. This community has given me so many amazing friends, memories, and moments. I want to be on board to pay the community back, as well as making sure the next generation of NFTY has the same feeling that I do. RCVP was always what I wanted to be. I love services, talmudic discussion, praying, and Judaism as a whole. PAR has made me grow to become a better person, and I hope I can create that atmosphere for others.

B'ahava (with love)
Lex Winitsky