

Hello NFTY,

I remember doing JYG when I was in middle school and looking forward to every wednesday night at Temple Israel. When they told us that we would get to go to Jacobs Camp for a weekend, I remember being super excited because I would get to see my friends in the middle of the year at one of my favorite places ever.

At the weekends, the board always had super fun activities planned for us, and I met new people in the groups they put us in. I always wanted to know what it would be like to be on the other side of the fun I always had. This is why I, Sarah Blen, am running for 2022-2023 Programming Vice President on NFTY board.

I want to keep the programming I will help plan inclusive and provide opportunities for people to make new friends and get to know those who might be outside of their friend or age group. The relationships that are created at a place where everyone has at least one thing in common, Judaism, are special and serve as an outlet for those who are not as entirely surrounded by Jews in their hometowns.

Another aspect of programming vice president is revising other members' programs that they write. I always pay close attention to the details and think about all perspectives when editing while remaining impartial to the program no matter who wrote it or whether I would think of it myself first. I believe that all of the candidates running for the positions on NFTY board have great ideas with tons of potential.

I think I am a good delegator who would be able to stand in for the president when they are out. I would be able to take on the responsibilities until they are able to return without getting caught behind. I am supportive of all of my friends and would continue to act as that support system on the board.

I want to keep in touch with the useful network of other pvp's in different regions to bounce ideas off of each other and ask for help when needed. I tend to be independent when assigned with something but also recognize the value in talking to others who have the same job as me and not being afraid to ask for help.

I so want to be a part of the process of planning weekends and events to create something that all of the campers look forward to during the year. I'm going to be a counselor at Dream Street for the first time this summer. I'm very excited and can't wait to be a small part of a camper's experience. At the most recent NFTY weekend at the beginning of April, the promotion and discussion of Dream Street made me even more happy to be a counselor at the end of May. I would love to be on a board where we talk about applying to Dream Street constantly in order to recruit teens to volunteer over the summer.

Finally, I just want to thank the board for an awesome year even though Covid messed up a lot of it. I really hope that I can be a part of this board and contribute to all of the memories that I took with me when I was a camper.



# SARAH BLEN

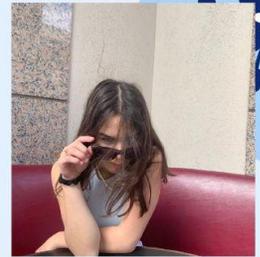
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Programming Vice  
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candidate

## PLATFORM

- Oversee and revise programs with detail and attention
- Write programs that are both meaningful and fun
- Support the rest of the board and stand in for the president
- I will encourage feedback from others on board about programs and take second opinions
- Take input and share ideas with PVP network

## PROFILE

- HSJ camper for 8 years
- Member of MEFTY and BBYO
- Ran instagram page for my chapter in 2020
- Volunteer madrichim at Temple Israel sunday school for 2 years



## SUPER AWESOME FUN FACTS

- I play volleyball and I don't suck at it (I think)
- I think bowling is boring
- Cheese is the elite food
- Spotify is the only constant in my life

