



New York Area Region

Elections Packet

2017-2018 | 5777-5778

NFTY-NAR Regional Board

Candidate Checklist:

- ❖ Regional Officer Intent to Run Form
- ❖ Parental Consent Form
- ❖ Rabbinic Certification
- ❖ Temple Youth Group Advisor Certification
- ❖ Position Paper
- ❖ Letter of Intent
- ❖ 75 Word Brief Bio
- ❖ Written Speech

The above items must be submitted together no later than

**Friday, February 24th at 6 PM EST,
2017**

All items must be emailed by this date to be recognized as a candidate.

Dear Potential Candidates for the NFTY New York Area Regional Board 2017-2018,

Taking on the responsibility of running for regional office opens the door to some very exciting possibilities, and running is a unique experience in its own right. Just by taking the time to read through this document, you are taking an important step towards making NFTY-NAR the best community that it possibly can be.

To declare your candidacy would not only give you the opportunity to serve as a member of the Executive Board or Board of Directors for the 2017-2018 school year, but, whether elected or not, would acknowledge you as someone who is willing to dedicate him or herself to the development and growth of NFTY-NAR. By making this decision, your role in the region will change **immediately**. Participants will look to you to know how to act, what to do, and how to take part in our region.

It is a blessing to have so many active leaders who want to take on the powerful role of leadership in NFTY-NAR; however, in NFTY, power equates with responsibility. In addition to committing yourself to planning and attending all NFTY-NAR events, it would be your responsibility, as a leader in NFTY, to uphold the integrity of NFTY as an organization and to instill the principles of NFTY in everything that you do.

We understand that running for regional board can be an extremely stressful time for everyone involved. To make things easier we have included all of the necessary forms needed to run for board, and we have mapped out the entire elections process in this packet. **Please take the time to read the responsibilities of Regional Board members (listed below) before making your decision to run.**

The following documents must be emailed to the regional office at iwinkleman@urj.org **no later than February 24, 2017:**

- Regional Officer Intent to Run Form
- Parental Consent Form
- Rabbinic Certification
- Advisor Certification
- Position Paper
- Letter of Intent
- 75 Word Brief Bio
- Headshot Photo
- Written Speech

We will also be holding a conference call for all Regional Board candidates and their guardians at a time listed in this packet. This call is strongly encouraged and meant as a resource for candidates and parents to discuss and better understand the commitment and responsibilities involved in serving as a member of the Regional Board.

If you have any questions, please feel free to be in touch with either of us. We are happy to answer any questions that you may have.

L'Shalom,

Scott Kamen
NFTY-NAR President 2017-2018 | nar-president@nfty.org |

Imogene Winkleman
NFTY-NY Area Regional Advisor | iwinkleman@urj.org | 212.650.4039

NFTY – New York Area Region
2017-2018 NFTY – New York Area Regional Board
Regional Officer Intent to Run Form

FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

POSITION SOUGHT _____ DROP DOWN POSITION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, ST ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S) _____

PHONE _____

Congregation _____ CITY, STATE _____

I have read the job description for all of the regional offices and the additional responsibilities of the office for which I am running. I understand the job requirements and, if elected for the 2017-2018 term, I will devote the necessary time and energy necessary to fulfill my responsibilities including, but not limited to;

- Attending Incoming Board Meetings: 2-3 Weeknights in May 2017 at URJ Offices in Midtown Manhattan or at Hebrew Union College.
- Attending NFTY Mechina, June 16-20, 2017, URJ Kutz Camp in Warwick, NY and NFTY Veida, February 16-19, 2018
- Attending all Regional Board meetings at the URJ Offices (633 3rd Ave NYC, NY) or at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (1 West 4th St, NYC, NY).
(Weekday evenings or Sunday afternoons, approximately twice a month)
- Attend all regional events. The **tentative calendar** is below and the finalized calendar of events will be available by the beginning of March 2017.
 - **August 25-27, 2017** - Regional Board Weekend (Kutz)
 - **September 15-17, 2017** – Northeast Teen Collective Leadership Retreat
 - **September 23 OR October 14, 2017** –Kickoff
 - **November 10-12, 2017** – Fall Kallah
 - **December 6-10, 2017** - URJ Biennial in Boston (*recommended, not required*)
 - **January 26-28, 2018** – Winter Kallah
 - **March 11-12, 2018** – Albany Advocacy Day
 - **March 25, 2018**– Elections
 - **April 20-22, 2018** – Spring Kallah
 - **May 12, 2018** – Leadership Summit & End-of-year Celebration
 - **May 2018 TBD** - Installations
- Spending a considerable amount of time on the telephone, video-conference and traveling within the region.
- Candidates are also *strongly encouraged* to attend the NFTY Leadership Experience at the URJ Kutz Camp in Warwick, NY (June 20th – July 16th, 2017).
- The term of office begins at NFTY-NAR Gala in May 2017 and will conclude with the 2018 Gala.

Signature of Candidate _____ Date _____

NFTY – New York Area Region
2017-2018 NFTY – New York Area Regional Board
Parental Consent Form

Parents: please read the following information very carefully.

Your daughter/son is applying to run for the position of _____ (or _____ in the event of a drop down) on the 2017-2018 NFTY-New York Area Regional Board. Responsibilities and expectations of all officers include, but are not limited to:

- Attending Incoming Board Meetings: 2-3 Weeknights in May 2017 at URJ Offices in Midtown Manhattan or at Hebrew Union College.
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- Board members are expected to pay housing, food and transportation costs for NFTY-NAR regional events. Scholarship assistance is available for all events on a financial-need basis. Receipted transportation expenses within the NFTY-NAR guidelines will be fully reimbursed.
- The term of office begins at NFTY-NAR Gala in May 2017 and will conclude with the 2018 Gala.

Any parent or guardian who has questions should contact Imogene Winkleman, NFTY-NY Area Regional Advisor at iwinkleman@urj.org or 212-650-4039.

I have discussed the above obligations and the specific job description that the office entails with my daughter/son, and I hereby give permission for her/him to be a candidate for that office, or any other office to which s/he may "drop down" and be elected, on the 2017-2018 NFTY New York Area Regional Board.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

NFTY – New York Area Region
2017-2018 NFTY – New York Area Regional Board
NFTY Regional Board TYG Advisor Certification

Name of Candidate: _____

Candidate for: _____

Dear Advisor,

The above-named candidate intends to run for a NFTY-NAR Regional Board position for the 2017-2018 school year. Please take the time to meet with him/her (preferably in person) and discuss his/her potential as a board member as well as the importance of such a commitment. After you meet with the candidate, please sign the bottom of this form, certifying his/her candidacy for the position above.

Please feel free to contact Imogene Winkleman, NFTY-NY Area Regional Advisor, should you have any questions about the position which your teen is interested in holding. She can be reached via email at iwinkleman@urj.org or via phone at (212) 650-4039.

I am aware that this member of my temple youth group is applying to become a candidate for the NFTY NAR Regional Board. I have spoken to him/her in detail about this commitment. I certify that he/she is a member in good standing of my TYG having paid his/her TYG dues. I also certify his/her candidacy for the position above.

Signature of Advisor _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____

Name of Congregation _____

I certify that I have met with my Advisor to discuss my candidacy for the NFTY-NAR Regional Board.

Signature of Candidate _____ Date _____

NFTY – New York Area Region
2017-2018 NFTY – New York Area Regional Board
NFTY Regional Board Clergy Certification

Name of Candidate: _____

Candidate for: _____

Dear Rabbi or Cantor,

The above-named candidate intends to run for a NFTY-NAR Regional Board position for the 2017-2018 school year. Please take the time to meet with him/her (preferably in person) and discuss his/her potential as a board member as well as the importance of such a commitment. After you meet with the candidate, please sign the bottom of this form, certifying his/her candidacy for the position above.

Please feel free to contact Imogene Winkleman, Regional Director of Youth Engagement for NFTY-NAR, should you have any questions about the position which your teen is interested in holding. She can be reached via email at iwinkleman@urj.org or via phone at (212) 650-4039.

I am aware that this member of my congregation is applying to become a candidate for the NFTY-NAR Regional Board. I have spoken to him/her in detail about this commitment. I certify that he/she is a member in good standing of my congregation having paid his/her TYG dues. I also certify his/her candidacy for the position above.

Signature of Clergy _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____

Name of Congregation _____

I certify that I have met with my Clergy member to discuss my candidacy for the NFTY-NAR Regional Board.

Signature of Candidate _____ Date _____

NORTH AMERICAN EVENTS:

Mechina at the URJ Kutz Camp | Warwick, NY

June 16-20, 2017

NFTY Mechina is an exciting opportunity for regional board members from all of NFTY's 19 regions to come together to meet, greet and share ideas from around North America. This event is held at the Kutz Campus and is before Kutz begins its camp summer. The incoming and outgoing NFTY North American Board in association with the adult leadership lead and program for this event. All NFTY-NAR board members are required to attend. If a board member is unable to attend, he or she must clear this with the Regional Advisor.

NFTY Leadership Experience at the URJ Kutz Camp | Warwick, NY

June 20-July 19, 2017

The URJ Kutz Campus is an intellectual environment for Reform Jewish teenagers in high school. During the Kutz session, there is a community of approximately 200 teenagers from the United States, and Canada, and at times from Israel, Britain, and other countries. Kutz offers a multitude of leadership experiences and classes, including the Regional Board Track. Kutz is not the center of NFTY, but NFTY is the center of Kutz. As a regional board member you can greatly benefit from a summer at Kutz. If elected we encourage you to sign up for the regional board track this summer! For information, go to www.kutz.urjcamp.org. For an understanding of Kutz, please speak to members of our region, especially Regional Board members, who have attended Kutz Camp.

NFTY Veida 2018| Location TBD

February 16-19, 2018

NFTY Veida is the annual meeting of the NFTY General Board, which comprises of every NFTY Regional Board member from NFTY's 19 regions. Regional Board members will attend Veida to make decisions that will affect the future of NFTY, including voting on new Study & Action Themes, passing resolutions, and electing the new NFTY North American Board for the following year. NFTY Veida takes place every year, whether as a part of NFTY Convention or independently at a separate location (often a URJ camp).

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Responsibilities of an Executive Board member shall be as follows:

- To remain an active member of their respective TYG.
- To attend all regional events and General Board assemblies.
- To serve as an active member in the creation and implementation of each event by:
 1. Supervising or assisting in program or service development and/or
 2. Supervising in any administrative responsibilities required and/or
 3. Doing any miscellaneous work necessary for the success of the event.
- To serve as a liaison to TYGs with the goal of aiding them in their activities and facilitating communications between TYGs and NFTY-NAR. Liaison responsibilities include visiting temples for caravans or TYG events and/or remaining in contact with TYG boards.
- To attend all Executive Board meetings (absenteeism is permissible only if there is a viable excuse).
- To attend NFTY *Mechina*, the North American leadership-training institute for regional officers, as well as NFTY *Veida*.
- To keep in close contact with his or her respective North American network and the overseeing NFTY elected officials.
- To encourage participation in all NFTY programs such as NFTY summer programs, competitions, NFTY Convention, URJ Biennial and URJ summer camps and programs.
- To positively represent the participants by ensuring that their opinions are included in decision making when possible.
- To maintain contact with all fellow Executive Board members and Regional Advisor.

*Subsection 1: Specifically the **President** shall:*

- Serve as Ex-Officio of all committees.
- Preside over all NFTY-NAR General Assemblies and Executive Board meetings.
- Oversee the planning and running of all NFTY-NAR events.
- Be skilled and knowledgeable about NFTY's programming and social action resources and projects.
- Keep in contact with the NFTY president's network and the NFTY president.
- Create a meeting schedule with the NFTY-NAR Advisor.
- Remain in close contact with TYG presidents to assist them.
- Offer constant support to Executive Board Members and chair persons.
- Remain in close contact with the NFTY-NAR Advisor.
- Have knowledge of parliamentary procedure.
- Attend NFTY board meetings as a voting delegate.
- Ensure that all events run smoothly.
- Work diligently to promote the membership and development of NFTY-NAR.

*Subsection 2: Specifically the **Programming Vice-President** shall:*

- Oversee and edit all regional programming.
- Act as a constant programming liaison to all NFTY-NAR events.
- Create and distribute information regarding the study themes and encourage study theme implementation.
- Act as a liaison to any type of creative programming award set in place at the North American level.
- Maintain the NFTY-NAR PVP network.
- Represent NFTY-NAR as a North American Board member at meetings of the North American General Board of NFTY and act as a voting delegate.
- Maintain the NFTY-NAR Program Bank.
- Work diligently to promote the membership and development of NFTY-NAR.
- Take the place of the President when the President is absent.
- Assist TYGs with programming and fulfilling *Tikkun Olam* whenever possible.

*Subsection 3: Specifically the **Religious and Cultural Vice President** shall:*

- Supervise the worship services at all NFTY-NAR regional events and create and lead services when necessary.

- Organize and oversee Torah study at regional events.
- Act as a constant *T'filah* liaison to all regional events.
- Serve as a constant resource to all TYG RCVPs by keeping in close contact with them.
- Oversee song-leading chairs and be a resource to all regional song-leaders.
- Assist in developing the Judaic content in all NFTY-NAR programs.
- Represent NFTY-NAR as a North American Board member at meetings of the North American General Board of NFTY and act as a voting delegate.
- Stay in close contact with TYGs and other RCVPs to help them write services, and to serve as a religious and cultural resource for them and be helpful whenever possible.
- Promote the NFTY study theme within NFTY-NAR.
- Stimulate knowledge of our Jewish heritage in keeping with Reform Judaism's creed of "Choice Through Knowledge."
- Act as a resource for Religious and Cultural information for the region.
- Act as a resource for information on Israel.
- Work diligently to promote the membership and development of NFTY-NAR.

*Subsection 4: Specifically the **Social Action Vice President** shall:*

- Develop programs on social issues for use by TYGs.
- Coordinate and oversee the NFTY-NAR Social Action Bank.
- Coordinate and oversee the NFTY-NAR SAVP Network.
- Represent NFTY-NAR as a North American Board member at meetings of the North American General Board of NFTY and act as a voting delegate.
- Facilitate political activism and volunteerism in NFTY-NAR.
- Keep participants aware of the Jewish commitment to Tikkun Olam.
- Ensure that NFTY-NAR recycles all possible materials used at its events to spread the message of environmental consciousness.
- Promote tangible social action initiatives at regional events.
- Create powerful programs that consist of a great wealth of knowledge in the area of Social Action for events.
- To oversee NFTY-NAR's Albany Advocacy Day and act as the liaison in the event's planning and implementation.
- Work diligently to promote the membership and development of NFTY-NAR.

*Subsection 5: Specifically the **Membership Vice President** shall:*

- Coordinate the efforts of all Executive Board Members, including their own, as they relate to increasing recruitment and retention of participants at regional events.
- Oversee the New Member Experience.
- Write and lead all regional mixers and upkeep a Mixers Bank.
- Task NFTY-NAR's membership-minded participants, i.e. TYG Membership Vice Presidents, with direct recruitment, and coordinate their efforts under the umbrella of the MVP network.
- Accumulate and upkeep a roster of TYG Advisors and board members in the New York Area Region.
- Provide leadership and support for participants interested in expanding their TYGs, working alongside the Regional and TYG Advisors to continue building vibrant congregation-based communities around NFTY-NAR.
- Liaise between the Board of Directors and the Executive Board and help them coordinate their schedules and programming for maximum efficacy.

*Subsection 6: Specifically the **Communications Vice President** shall:*

- Be in charge of and participate in selling all regional merchandise sold at events.
- Keep in constant communication with NFTY-NAR via e-mail and other social media and keep the region up to date with information concerning the region.
- Be in charge of all promotional material, including flyers, videos, and online event pages.
- Edit and distribute all audio-visual materials to the region outside of and during events (i.e. Promotional Videos, slideshows).
- Assist the NFTY-NAR Regional Board in graphic design projects.

- Work with the NFTY-NAR Regional Advisor to review funds and ensure merchandise bought for and sold at events is profitable.
- Work with any chair or committee positions that have a direct relationship with the CVP position in order to increase and maintain NFTY-NAR's communication with participants, both during and outside of events.
- Reach out to TYGs and inform them of upcoming events
- Maintain the NFTY-NAR newsletter, "The Chronicles of NARNia".
- Oversee the creation of the annual NFTY-NAR Yearbook.
- Maintain minutes of every Executive Board meeting and send copies of minutes to each Executive Board member via e-mail after the board meeting.
- Ensure the documentation of events.
- Work with the TYG Communications Vice Presidents, Treasurers, Secretaries, and Funds/Fundraising Vice Presidents in order to maintain a strong Communications Network throughout NFTY-NAR
- Work diligently to promote the membership and development of NFTY-NAR.

*Responsibilities of a **Director of Sub-Regional Events** shall be as follows:*

- To remain an active member of their respective TYG.
- To work diligently to increase the membership of NFTY-NAR at regional, sub-regional, and local programs by creating and coordinating sub-regional events.
- To encourage, coordinate, and elevate inter-TYG programming and work alongside congregations and TYGs to provide these opportunities.
- To ensure that each sub-region is being provided with a broad array of additional programs, such that they occur with an abundance and with sufficient diversity of topic (i.e. social, spiritual, educational, experiential, etc.) in each sub-region that opportunities of interest exist for all potential members.
- To write and lead the aforementioned programs, and actively recruit youth to participate in the programs.
- To task leadership-minded participants, especially those who hold positions on TYG boards, and those who serve on the Directors' Cabinet, with the writing of, outreach for, and leading of sub-regional events.
- To work with the NFTY-NAR Membership Vice President on the coordination of the region's recruitment efforts.
- To upkeep a thorough calendar of events for their sub-regions.
- To serve as a liaison to TYGs with the goal of aiding them in their activities and facilitating communications between TYGs and NFTY-NAR. Liaison responsibilities include visiting temples for caravans or TYG events and/or remaining in contact with TYG boards.
- To attend all meetings of the Board of Directors (absenteeism is permissible only if there is a viable excuse).
- To attend NFTY-NAR's leadership event, as well as all General Assemblies and Elections.
- To keep in close contact with the NFTY-NAR Regional Board, and work with each position where they feel their responsibilities overlap.
- To encourage participation in all NFTY programs, such as NFTY summer programs, competitions, NFTY Convention, URJ Biennial and URJ summer camps and programs.
- To positively represent the participants by ensuring that their opinions are included in decision making when possible.
- To maintain contact with all fellow members of the Board of Directors and the regional Advisor.

ELECTION COMPONENTS

Letter of Intent:

Candidates must submit a letter of intent, to be published before and/or at Elections. Your letter of intent should follow the following requirements:

- Please write a maximum length of 500 words.
- Please make sure your name and the position(s) for which you are running are listed at the top right of the page.
- Please save the file as a Microsoft Word .docx file

Your letter should include responses to the questions below (these responses can be creative or direct) and any other information you feel is pertinent to your candidacy. Candidates who are dropping down in the event that they do not win their primary elections must list their dropdown positions in their letters of intent; candidates may choose to include information about their drop-down candidacies or not. Letters of intent for candidates dropping down may not be over the limit of 800 words.

The letter of intent may include, but is not limited to:

- What are your qualifications to run for the position(s) you have chosen?
- What qualities do you feel make you an outstanding leader?
- In what ways do you plan to improve NFTY-NAR in the upcoming year?

Letters of intent must be emailed to Imogene Winkleman at iwinkleman@urj.org by **February 24, 2017**.

Position Paper:

Candidates have the opportunity to create and distribute a “Position Paper” listing the candidate’s positions, proposed plans, qualifications, and other relevant (or humorous and irrelevant) information. At the event there will be an informal “Meet the Candidates” session. At this time you may distribute your one-page (single- or double-sided) Position Paper. Candidates who have previously declared a drop-down may list their drop-down positions on their position papers. Candidates may choose to include information about their drop-down candidacies or not. Position papers for candidates dropping down, however, may not be over the limit of one double-sided page.

Position papers must be emailed to Imogene Winkleman at iwinkleman@urj.org, by **February 24, 2017** for approval. We can photocopy these papers for you in black and white. If you would like us to do so, please specify when you email your position paper to us. These copies, if made by the candidate, may be in color. We will only make **30** copies and therefore ask that, if you choose to copy your own, you only bring **30** copies the day of the event as well.

Speech:

During Elections, candidates will be asked to present a 3-minute speech to the region. Speeches for the Executive Board will take place in gavel order: President, PVP, RCVP, SAVP, CVP. Speeches for the Board of Directors will follow in alphabetical order: Long Island Sub-Regional Director, New York City Sub-Regional Director, Westchester/Fairfield Sub-Regional Director. Candidates will leave the room for speeches and be called in, one at a time, in alphabetical order. Candidates will leave the room after their speeches, and remain outside until all candidates for their position have spoken.

Speeches must be emailed to Imogene Winkleman at iwinkleman@urj.org, by **February 27, 2017** for approval. They may updated between the submission date and elections. Any revised version **must** be submitted to the email again.

Secret Question:

Following each candidate’s speech, the candidate will get the opportunity to address the voting delegates by answering a predetermined question written by the Regional Board member currently holding the office in question. In the occasion that a Regional Board member is running for reelection, the question will be

predetermined by the President. The question will be relevant to the office the candidate is running for, and no candidates will see these questions in advance, and no questions will be asked from the floor. The candidate will have one minute to process the question, and one minute to respond to the question posed. Once the candidate begins to speak, the time to process the question will end and the new one-minute timer will begin.

Meet the Candidates:

In “Meet the Candidates,” NFTY-NAR members will have an opportunity to meet with candidates in smaller groups. The number of groups will be determined based on how many participants are present at elections and the total number of candidates for office. Candidates will rotate from group to group. In these minutes, candidates will have a chance to deliver a short message, answer questions from the groups, or some combination thereof.

Caucuses:

TYGs will have time to caucus. This time will be spent deciding on how they will allot their votes. Each TYG will be awarded a certain number of votes as specified in the NFTY-NAR constitution. These votes do not have to be decided before the actual voting time, but no time will be provided for caucusing at the time of the actual vote.

Voting:

Voting will also take place by gavel order. Candidates will be escorted from the room. TYGs will then cast their ballots for President, and these ballots will be counted. The candidates will be notified of the winner, at which point they will be brought back into the room and the next President will be announced. Candidates for PVP will then be called up. They will be introduced one at a time in alphabetical order and will then be escorted from the room. Speeches will be played for the candidates dropping down from President, and then the drop-down candidates will be able to answer the “secret question.” Candidates will then be escorted from the room. TYGs will then have an abbreviated caucusing time only if there are drop-down candidates. TYGs will then cast their ballots for PVP, and these ballots will be counted. The candidates will be notified of the winner, at which point they will be brought back into the room and the next PVP will be announced. This procedure will continue as described above, moving down in gavel order until all positions have been elected.

A Note about Drop-Downs:

Candidates may only drop down once. Candidates run for their primary positions, and if they lose, they may choose to drop down into another election. If they lose this second election or if they have chosen not to drop down, they are no longer eligible to stand for election to the NFTY-NAR Executive Board for the 2017-2018 year.

Per the NFTY-NAR Constitution, candidates running for an Executive Board position are not eligible to drop down to a position on the Board of Directors, and Board of Directors Candidates may not drop down to positions on the Executive Board.

Candidates who drop-down will be able to give a 90 second dropdown speech.

A Note about Absentee Candidacies:

Absentee candidates who are running must participate as fully as possible in the elections process. These candidates must notify Imogene Winkleman as soon as possible as per their candidacy. They must submit letters of intent and position papers just like all other candidates. If they are present for “Meet the Candidates,” they may participate like all other candidates. If they are absent for “Meet the Candidates,” their position packets will be redistributed and the region’s members will be reminded of their candidacy and informed of their reason for absence. If possible, candidates will arrange with Imogene Winkleman to be contacted by phone for their pre-determined question. Absentee candidates running will be notified of the results of their election(s) via telephone or as soon as possible by some other means.

Contacts

Interest Meeting

In addition to our annual interest meeting at Winter Kallah, we will be hosting a virtual interest meeting for all potential candidates. Any participant of NFTY-NAR is welcomed to take part in the interest meeting. All potential candidates are **expected** to be on the call. Everyone attending the call must RSVP through the following link:

<https://urjyouth.wufoo.com/forms/nfty-nar-board-20172018-interest-call/>

The video call link will be emailed to everyone who has filled out the RSVP form.

Contacting current NFTY-NAR Board Members

In order to be eligible to run for the NFTY-NAR Regional Board, you **must** speak with the people from board that currently hold the position for which you are running and dropping down. These conversations are to ensure that you are familiar with the expectations and responsibilities that come with being those positions and serving on the Regional Board.

President – **Scott Kamen** NAR-President@NFTY.org

Programming Vice President (VP) – **Max Heller** NAR-PVP@NFTY.org

Religious & Cultural VP – **Sam Pekats** NAR-RCVP@NFTY.org

Social Action VP – **Madeline Mardiks** NAR-SAVP@NFTY.org

Membership VP – **Erica Gimpel** NAR-MVP@NFTY.org

Communications VP – **Rachel Kalter** NAR-CVP@NFTY.org

Long Island Director – **Samantha Schnall** NAR-LI@NFTY.org

New York City Director – **Zachary Armine-Klein** NAR-NYC@NFTY.org

Westchester/Fairfield Director – **Alice Auerbacher** NAR-WF@NFTY.org

NEW Contacting Regional Advisor

This year in order to be eligible to run for the NFTY-NAR Regional Board, you **must** have a 15-20 minute call with Imogene Winkleman. This conversation is to ensure that you are familiar with the expectations and responsibilities that come with being those positions and serving on the Regional Board. Please schedule your conversation by filling out the following form: <http://doodle.com/poll/mkg4a5wym82n7cik>

Family Video Call

We will be holding a conference call with us (Scott and Imogene) and Scott's parents for all candidates and their guardians from **8:00pm - 9:00pm EST on Monday, February 27th**. During this call we will review some of the responsibilities of being on regional board, go through some of the logistics of the elections process, as well as allow time for any questions that you may have for any of us. We ask that the candidate and **at least one guardian** be present if possible.

Ean candidate and guardian will receive an email about the conference call shortly after submitting

Further Contact

As a potential candidate for NFTY-NAR Regional Board, you are also welcome to contact Imogene Winkleman, the NFTY-NY Area Regional Advisor, or Scott Kamen, NFTY-NAR President, should you have any questions, comments or concerns about the elections process. Scott can be reached at nar-president@nfty.org, and Imogene can be reached at iwinkleman@urj.org or (212) 650-4039.

We look forward to hearing from you!