

Lev Mosbacher
Candidate for NFTY-NAR President
Drop-Down Position: Social Action Vice President

Hi NAR! My name is Lev Mosbacher, and I'm running for the position of President for the 2020-2021 year. This coming Spring Kallah will be my 13th NAR event, and it's an honor to run for this position leading the region.

I am running for the position of President because I want to be able to truly give back to NAR. This region and this community have given me so much over the last three years, and will continue to give long after - for this reason, I want to lead this region, and ensure that those who come after me will get as much out of their NAR experience as I have.

My qualifications for this position include my time as Social Action Vice President of my temple youth group, TaSTY, as well as this past year as NAR's New York City Subregional Director. I am also currently a member of the teen executive committee of Here.Now, a Jewish teen-led mental health collective. All of these experiences have given me skills from public speaking to critical and creative thought that are necessary for a President of NAR, as well as exposing me to leadership positions and the responsibilities they entail.

The qualities that I believe would make me a great leader were also developed by these previous experiences. Through these positions, I became more outgoing, driven, and organized. I am excellent at not only overseeing work, but helping out as much as I can to get it done. As mentioned, I am also very well-organized, and on-time; as my family always says, "early is on time, and on time is late." My ability to socialize while keeping on task makes me a good leader, especially when leading teens.

In the upcoming year, I have quite a few visions for NAR. I would like to see an increased amount of sub-regional events between major regional ones. Also, I would like to set into motion collaborative day-long or even overnight events with neighboring regions Northeast and GER. On a more local level, I envision more contact between temple youth groups, facilitated by a more active and communicative president's network within the region. I also want to see more participant involvement in the planning and execution of events, from ideation to programming, in the form of dedicated year-long committee positions working with regional board members. Overall, I want to see a more unified, involved NAR, where everyone is involved in making the experience better for themselves and the people around them.

In this election, my drop-down position for the 2020-2021 year is Social Action Vice President. This position interests me due to my upbringing, and the values of equality, social justice, and truly caring that were instilled in me from a young age. These values have only been intensified by my time in NFTY, and I would love to help others develop them further as well.

Some of my qualifications for this position include prior experience with community organizing, leadership skills, and outreach skills. These qualities have been developed by many prior experiences, such as my position as TaSTY's Social Action Vice President, my role on

NAR's social action committee planning Albany Advocacy Day 2019, my role on my synagogue's Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, and my participation in AAD 2019 and 2020.

If I am elected to the position of Social Action Vice President, I hope to focus on the issues of homelessness and socioeconomic inequality, especially in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has had a disproportionately large impact on those who cannot afford quality healthcare. I hope to establish a committee or task force within NAR to encourage and organize participants to attend events such as Midnight Runs, soup kitchens, and other events supporting these causes. I also hope to increase engagement and participation in Albany Advocacy Day - as NARites and Jewish teens, we have an incredible amount of power to change things for the better, and I hope to further deepen our relationship with the Religious Action Center to make sure our voices are heard.

I am incredibly thankful for my past year on NAR's regional board, and I am equally as thankful for the opportunity to run again, and possibly continue to not only help lead this region, but help the community around us.