

To my dear Narities,

For the past year, I have had the honor and privilege of serving as your Long Island SubRegional Director. Therefore, I hope to continue my NAR leadership journey with you all by officially announcing my candidacy for Social Action Vice President for the 5780- 5781 year. I understand that such a position is one that takes a great time, and dedication, resulting in difficulties within one's personal and academic life. However, like anything I am up for it, and I don't doubt that if I become your Social Action Vice President, I will give it my all.

Over the past year, I believe I have gained a multitude of experiences that have prepared me for this position. Whether it be the highs like Homecoming or the lows like our wondrous Spring Kallah being canceled, I believe this year was truly unprecedented. Besides experiences, I have also gained friendships that I believe will truly last, even after our time as a board is over. In addition, my time as SubRegional Director has more or less prepared me for becoming SAVP. One of the most surprising things about my job is that it is based on community organizing. I had to learn how to bring a community together, how to bridge gaps, and how to create a space that felt like everybody's, not just mine. Those skills are integral to being a proper Social Action Vice President. One who is pursuing this role, must not only have some sort of prerequisite of leadership experience, but also the ability to understand that organizing communities is highly valued as well as into creating legislative policies, invoking change.

In my time as Long Island Subregional Director, I have been able to plan events, lead programs, and serve on committees within our NFTY community. For example, for the past two years, I have been on the Social Action Committee in which I have planned and led two Albany Advocacy Days. I have also been able to lead social action events at Kallot, furthering my understanding of issues facing local communities. Furthermore, I was also able to do this during my time as a two-year fellow for Kol Koleniu formerly known as Kol Isha. My freshman and sophomore years of high school were spent learning about intersectional feminism. Which concluded cumulative activity, like when I planned and led an activity based around sexual consent.

If I become your Social Action Vice President I will commit myself to make our community greener. That means composting at kallots and limiting our use of plastic during mealtimes. Moreover, I will take the skills I have gained through being a part of NFTY for the past 3 years, and bring that into this job. By creating social action programs based on what our community wants and needs. I am excited about the

perspective of receiving this new role and sharing it with an organization so close to my heart.

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