

# Mads Barenboim

## *Growth and Innovation*

A great way to grow and improve NFTY is to listen to participant feedback, practicing Lomed M'kol Adam, learning from everyone. It is our job as leaders to listen to criticism and ideas, and bring them to life to create the best experiences possible. The participants are the ones that are most important to listen to, as events and programs are created for them.

### *Short-Term Goal*

Having participants feel as though they are even more involved and heard. Giving them incredible experiences that they are excited for and want to tell others about.

### *Long-Term Goal*

An increase in participation, turnout, and events. The more ideas we have, makes more opportunities to create more events. Also, having participants be the ones to give ideas for programs to be more engaging, creative, and fun, makes more people want to participate.

## *Impact and Passions*

One of my favorite parts about NFTY and URJ events is the religious and cultural experiences. I have been able to create services and programs for events, and my main goal and passion is bringing us together to have Kehilah, community. I make it my priority to make these experiences engaging and exciting. Across the board NFTY is an amazing place for these programs, because we all can have fun with our traditions, dances, and so much more. Having these experiences be created by teens for teens, makes them so much more meaningful.

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### *Social Action*

Social action and justice are my biggest passions. I participated in L'taken and continue to work with the RAC and pursue opportunities with Tina Polskys office. Social action is incredibly important, not only for our movement but for all people affected by these issues. Providing teens the opportunities and resources, gives teens the power and ability to practice Tikkun Olam, repairing the world, and Tzedek Tirdof, pursuing justice, making their voices heard and making a change.

### *Adaptation*

In all areas of my life, adaptation has been a constant. I have always been a very open minded person and love building ideas with others, and doing everything possible to bring them to life by adapting them to suit the needs of our movement, environment, and community, is one of the most important things being in a teen leadership position.

