



# Matt Loiterstein

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<p><b>Who Am I?</b></p>	<p>I am a rising senior in St. Louis, Missouri. I am applying to be the Religious and Cultural Vice President for the North American Board, or, alternatively, the Engagement and Inclusion Vice President. After high school, I plan to pursue a degree in astrophysics.</p>
<p><b>What Do I Do?</b></p>	<p>Outside of NFTY, I am a pre-professional dancer, a songleader and Hebrew teacher at my temple, and a dance teacher at my studio. I am a member of my school JSU and the captain of the powerlifting club. In my free time, I like to read, play the guitar, and hang out with friends.</p>
<p><b>What Have I Done?</b></p>	<p>I spent one summer at URJ GUCI, eight summers at URJ OSRUI, and I went to Israel on Yallah! Powered by NFTY. I went to the RAC L'Taken program in 2023, the Sing Unto God songleading fellowship in 2023, and Songleader Boot Camp in 2022. I am a participant in the Student to Student program, current Social Action Vice President of NFTY Missouri Valley, and the current Religious and Cultural Vice President of Shaare Emeth Temple Youth Group.</p>
<p><b>What Do I Stand For?</b></p>	<p>I am a firm believer in reproductive justice for women, self-actualization for the Jewish people in Israel, LGBTQIA+ rights, gun control, and gender affirming care, among other items.</p>
<p><b>What Can I Do For NFTY?</b></p>	<p>Right now, the biggest thing that NFTY needs is recruitment. My spirit and skillset can draw teens into NFTY and get them excited for programming and events.</p>