



Programming Vice President

- To promote and encourage the use of NFTY's goals and values in TYG programming
- To serve as a programming resource for all TYG positions that are involved with programming
- To prepare programs (when asked) for weekend retreats, shul-ins, or other TYG events
- To be responsible for finding the appropriate space/location for programs (with help from the president and TYG advisor)
- To type up programs using the correct program format for all group leaders, TYG board members, and adults involved in the program
- To create program guide sheets for all group leaders or program facilitators and hand them out before the scheduled event
- To supervise and edit all programs to be executed at TYG events

What makes NFTY programming so special is not the specific goals or content of the programming, but the context and the process of the programming itself. For this reason, NFTY programming is often called "informal education," to distinguish it from "formal education" in religious school classrooms. Since it is the form and not the substance of NFTY programming that differentiates it from classroom education, a more appropriate label for NFTY programming is "experiential education." The objective of this process is to create a well-written program prepared through a thoughtful process. Following the right format produces a much finer product.

One should always organize programs according to the Program Format Sheet ([found in the Programming Section of the Resource page](#)). This makes programming easier, and allows for anyone who is not directly involved to understand the program. Don't worry about memorizing the format; become familiar with the Program Format Sheet, and consult the [Understanding the NFTY Program Format](#) page as well as the regional PVP.

The key to a successful youth group year is to have a variety of programming. Too many programs of one type can become boring and discourage participation in the TYG. Thus, the TYG should aim to educate and involve members in many different aspects of Jewish life.

One should also be familiar with the Programming Road Map, which can be adapted to fit any program.

WHO SHOULD PLAN A PROGRAM?

A number of people should be involved in the planning depending on the type of the event and the size of the group. A small committee of people including one of the chair's of the program and the Programming VP should plan the program using the Programming Road Map. If the TYG President or Advisor are not involved directly, be sure to keep them informed throughout the process.