

I remember when I wrote my first program, an anti-bullying program, as my Youth Group's newly elected PVP, my TYG advisor told me:

"Brandon, this is a great first start, but we're going to have to redo this." Confused, I asked her why I had to rewrite my program because I thought that it was done really well.

"Because nothing is ever perfect, there are always ways to make it better, to improve it, or to create an even better experience."

**With those words in my mind, and my love for the Reform Jewish Youth Movement to back it up, I, Brandon Gabay, am proud and ecstatic to declare my candidacy for the 5779-5780/2019-2020 NFTY Programming Vice President.**

NFTY is my home and where I truly feel like myself, and I want to create a more inclusive community in NFTY through programs. I hope to include more people within our community and include them in our NFTY experience. I want to celebrate each other on our successes and help each other through our programmatic problems and any other problem that someone may face.

I want to **make programming a more celebrated experience** in NFTY, and as a member of the NFTY Convention Teen Experience (Programming) Team, NFTY Racial Justice Task Force, NFTY Sexual Violence Prevention Task Force (which you can find a program [here](#)), two times URJ Kutz Camp alumni, and TYG PVP, I learned about many tools that will help me accomplish my goals for the upcoming year.

**By promoting NFTY's values and 13 Principles of Shutafut, or partnership, and Kehilah, or community, I plan to create a new programmatic atmosphere within NFTY.** This can be accomplished in three different ways:

**I will give NFTYites a platform to promote their successes in programming.** By reforming and revitalizing the NFTY Program Bank, we will create a more modernized resource that is more relevant to the events and issues in our time in NFTY for Regional, TYG, and any other PVP.

**I will strengthen the PVP Network.** Each year the atmosphere of the PVP network changes with the incoming year and General Board. I plan to facilitate an environment in which NFTYites in the PVP Network are confident in their programs, can share their successes, and ask for help when they need it.

**I will encourage NFTYites to keep moving forward.** As my youth advisor said: "there are always ways to make it better... to create an even better experience" and I want to encourage NFTYites to keep making their programs, events, and experiences better. I hope to be a resource to promote this growth in our movement and create an amazing year in NFTY.

B'ahavah,  
Brandon Gabay