

# NFTY-OV Presidential Network Packet 2019-2020



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Presidents of the past

Dear TYG presidents,

Congratulations and mazel tov for being elected onto your TYG board! An election of any kind can be extremely stressful and hard work, but it'll pay off I promise! I'm so proud of you guys for taking a risk and wanting to represent your temple. Even though I have never been a TYG president I remember what it felt like to run for RCVP of WOOTY (Wise Temple in Cincinnati), and Regional Board these past two years. While you might be excited or nervous for this upcoming year, just know that you are not alone and that I am here if you need me (my contact info is below). I will try my best to answer any questions you may have, or just listen and help you brainstorm. I genuinely think that TYG's are the backbone for NFTY and that without them OV would not be as incredible it is today! Keep in mind that even though your fellow board members signed up to on the board, NFTY is here to make people's lives better and not complicate them. So make sure you push people but not too hard and try to be understanding, like i'm sure you all will. With that being said, thank you so much, and I cannot wait for this upcoming year with y'all!

P.s. Don't be afraid to push your TYG outside of the box and make some changes that you see necessary.

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With much IOVe,

Emma Zelkind

OV Regional President

## FOUR PIECES OF ADVICE/RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. As presidents, we are at the top of the gavel order. But this does not mean we are any 'better' than the rest of the participants. So make sure you are still participating in activities and leading by example. (Don't excuse yourself from what the rest of the group has to do for no reason)
2. Delegation is real, necessary, and a huge part of your responsibility! So don't forget to delegate.
3. Organization is ideal, but play to your strengths :)
4. Learning to work with adults may be challenging, but it's one of the most rewarding parts of being a president. So embrace it! And if you have any issues with it feel free to bring in another adult or a regional board member (like Dori or me).
5. Communication is key! This was a motto from my TYG that has always stuck with me. It is just that important!

## Relationships:

There are five key relationships that will be extremely important for your presidency this year...

1. Your advisor-- It's important to learn how to effectively work with you advisor, if you have a good relationship with them they can help you and help your TYG become stronger. However, like I said earlier if you don't it's not the end of the world. Keep an open mind and try to grow your relations (but if there is a bigger issue please reach out to either Dori or myself).
2. Your TYG board-- Even though you are the leader of this group any event wouldn't run smoothly without your fellow board members. So lift them up and build your relationships, these are the ones that can last forever!
3. Me-- hopefully I can answer any questions you may have in terms of NFTY (or turn you to someone who can). But I'm also just here to be your friend if you need anything!
4. Each other-- Preznet is a place where you can vent, ask for advice, and have a ton of fun, we're all here to support each other!
5. Parents-- they have helped you get to this position and probably know very little about what you actually spend so much of your time. So try and share and story with them every once in awhile.

# Relationships continued...

## Your youth group and NFTY-OV:

As President of your TYG, you are the voting delegate for your TYG in all of our NFTY-OV Asefot (Asefot is the plural form of Asefa) or our General Board meeting. As a voting delegate, there are some *Parliamentary Procedures* that are important for you to know, so you can understand the proceedings and make your voice and the voices of your TYG members heard! On top of this and as a part of Preznet the regional board, mainly me, might ask for your help with recruitment or with program leading (so if you cannot help please give us another name of a board member that we can reach out to).

### Motion (Adapted From “Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 10th Edition”)

Before anything can happen on the floor of an Asefah session, someone must MOTION for it to happen. If you want to make a motion, you raise the placard that will be on the table in front of you with your TYG’s name on it and say, “I motion to \_\_\_\_”. This explains to the Chair of the Asefah session that you want to do something, and what it is you want to do (See below for a full list of motions you can make). Sometimes, the Chair will indicate what motion they want to entertain by saying, “Do I hear a motion to \_\_\_\_?”. If you want to motion to do what the Chair indicates, raise your placard and say, “Motion!”. Feel free to bring the following into Asefah!

## The Key to ASEFAH:

### **When you want to:**

- End the meeting
- Take a break
- Limit/extend debate  
debate to...
- Meet with your TYG to discuss
- Vote
- Get more information
- Indicate that you can't hear,  
need something, or something  
is wrong that doesn't have  
to do with the debate
- Get a lil dance-y

### **You say:**

- Motion to adjourn
- Motion to recess
- Motion to limit/extend
  
- Motion to caucus  
Motion to vote
- Point of Information
- Point of Personal Privilege
  
- Motion to Commotion

## **2. Legislation**

There are also ways that anyone in NFTY-OV can influence our region, and one of those ways is through writing legislation!

Legislation comes in three forms:

- Resolutions: State NFTY-OV's opinion on a certain topic and what we should be doing to address the topic. Require a simple majority (50% + 1) to pass and must be ratified by a simple majority at the next asefah session.

- By-Laws: Add a new rule to the official NFTY-OV Constitution. Requires a simple majority to pass and goes into effect immediately.
- Amendments: Replace something that already exists in the Constitution. Requires a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority to pass and must be ratified at the next asefah session.

In addition to writing legislation, you can also co-sign legislation someone else has written. By co-signing, you are adding your name to the official record of the legislation and you are representing that you are completely for the legislation passing, and would debate for the legislation yourself if necessary. All legislation must be submitted by due dates specified by the Regional President before the next asefah session to the Regional President and Adviser.

### **3. Between your youth group and NFTY:**

NFTY is so much bigger than our local youth groups or even our region; NFTY is a movement of almost EIGHT THOUSAND teens across the U.S. and Canada! By being informed about what is going on in NFTY outside of NFTY-OV, we can only make our individual youth groups stronger.

There are nineteen NFTY regions made up of small, local youth groups just like NFTY-OV, and each region has its own genuine identity and traditions. Each region has their own regional events, TYGs, and some subregional events as well!

We also come together as a North American Movement once every two years at NFTY Convention! But this year is sandwiched in between Convention years, so instead we have VEIDA! As a North American movement, there are a couple of things that connect all eight thousand of us, including what we study, what action we take, and what we value. NFTY also has 13 Principles that shape and guide our movement, as well as outline what we value. There are so many resources on all North American Initiatives and if you have any questions I would love to help!

**Movement Priorities:** Movement Priorities are the issues and topics that NFTY has decided to focus programming on. These topics are large scale and relate to all NFTY participants in one way or another, and in that sense are the programmatic topics NFTY is determined to explore in multifaceted approaches. There are lots of resources on regional and North American levels to help run programs, services, and other initiatives on this topic, and by integrating these topics into all three levels of NFTY programming, we can unite NFTYites around the country in study and growth. Inside of inclusion is: sexual violence prevention, bullying & harrashment prevention, gender equality, disabilities inclusion, and preventing eating disorders.

**Action Initiatives:** Action Initiatives are social action causes that we as a North American movement have decided to devote our energy and time towards pursuing a solution for. Long term initiatives are campaigns that we pledge to continue working towards without a single set goal, instead working for more of a general vision, that can span years, passed along to each new generation of leaders. Short term initiatives are campaigns that have set, more tangible goals that

we work towards achieving until those goals are accomplished (all of this was taken from the NFTY website).

## Future Dates:

NFTY-OV 2018-2019 Regional Event dates:

Midwest Mesibah (@URJ GUCI)  
September 20-22, 2019

Winter Kallah  
January 24-26, 2020

JYG Kallah (For 6-8)  
February 28-30, 2020

Spring Kallah  
April 2-5, 2020

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## **PROGRAMMING FORMAT:**

**Program Title**

**Event where program will be held**

**Date of Program**

**Author(s)**

**Touchstone Text:**

**This is a great link for touchstone test-**

**<https://nfty.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/32/2019/05/Touchstone-Text-Bank-1.pdf>**

**Goals:**

**Objectives:**

**Materials:**

**People:**

**Space Needed:**

**Time Table:**

**Detailed Procedure:**

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**Appendix:**