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Program Summary  
NFTY-MAR

### **Big/Little Bonding at its Best!**

#### Objectives:

Retention of members is crucial to NFTY-MAR's success as a region and its ability to increase members in the region. Big/Little Bonding at its Best! is made to benefit new members of NFTY-MAR, by introducing them to MARites who have been to previous events so they can become friends, as well as give more experienced members a chance to give back to our community by helping new members feel welcome. This program is meant to be a fun mixer that also provides Littles with information about NFTY. PPs will meet new people across all grades and learn about NFTY acronyms/lingo. The goal throughout the program is for PPs to keep an opened mind about their Big/Little and make a new friend. Leaving this program, PPs will have a smile on their face and someone they feel comfortable talking to. Lastly, this program gives an excellent opportunity for new members to create long-lasting connections, feel welcomed, and feel comfortable expressing and expanding their Jewish identity with their new family at NFTY.

#### Procedures:

To properly execute this program the first procedures must occur before the event. MARites who want to be Bigs will need to submit an application that will be reviewed by the MVP and the Big/Little Chair (a new cabinet position I wish to create). Before each event Bigs will be responsible for attending pre-event zoom calls so the process of receiving a Little and all facets of this program can be fully explained by the MVP and Big/Little Chair. In addition, before events and in between events bigs are responsible for contacting their littles as a form of outreach. At the event, the MVP and Big/Little chair will read the name of a Big and their assigned Littles one group at a time, so they can go to another space and begin their bonding activity. Each group of Bigs and Littles will be supplied with a Deck of cards, a list of games that they can play with each other (ex: Two truths and a lie), a copy of the NFTY-MAR cheer, and a list of NFTY acronyms/terms that Bigs can teach to their Littles so they get a better understanding for NFTY. After the program is over Bigs will be expected to continuously be a resource and friend for their Littles. Ideally, Bigs and Littles will bond with each other and be excited to see their Big or Little when they come to the next event.