

I believe that it is important to put emphasis on fun programming, while also ensuring that there is meaning and purpose in everything we do. If I could implement any program at a regional event, I would ensure that it would encompass all of these ideas. My ideal program would be a *Scavenger Hunt*. To begin the region would be split into small groups. They will be given a list of things that they need to take pictures or videos of within an average time frame. For example the list may include, “Take a picture of an advisor” or “Take a video of your group in front of something that makes you feel especially Jewish”. Together they will take the pictures and videos and explore the space that the event is located. Soon they will return with all the pictures and videos that they collected. Once the region is reunited in the same space, the different groups will enter into a discussion. The discussion will be guided by questions and will explore the pictures and videos taken. Naturally it will transition into memories that are evoked by them. These could be memories from their experiences just moments ago or any older NFTY memories that surface. This program will emphasize the importance of individual, collective and communal memories and experiences. In addition it will bring participants together to discuss things that they find truly interesting to speak about, while also allowing participants to leave with physical memories of the day to look back on. The overall purpose is to bring participants together and emphasize the importance of an identity rooted in NFTY-MAR.