

Hi NFTY-MAR!

It was at my first event that I realized clear communication was an aspect that proved itself to be completely necessary for my happiness in MAR. From the moment I arrived at the bus stop, Millie Huntington was there, introducing me to anyone and everyone. By the time we started on our way to Camp Harlam, I knew the names of everyone on the bus. And by the time we arrived at camp, I had made more new friends than I had even hoped for. These first connections and bonds formed from basic introductions laid the groundwork for my experience and relationships as a MARite.

With a newfound community of inspiring peers, I felt a pull to run for Communications Vice President of my TYG. In my time as BAYTY's CVP, I have had the privilege to work alongside other passionate teens to create both in person and virtual events, merchandise designs, a social action instagram series, and a strong social media presence. I feel this experience has prepared me for many things, including being CVP for MAR. **It is with great joy that I declare my candidacy for NFTY-MAR's Communications Vice President for 5781-5782.**

I found a community in MAR that is so loving and friendly, and I will maintain that energy both as a peer and a leader. As a general board member, I will build healthy bonds with the other members of board, allowing me to take and give constructive criticism, help and ideas. I will make myself accessible to all members of the board and MAR to ensure that all ideas, concerns and thoughts can be heard and communicated, and taken into account.

If this year proved anything, it's that next year will certainly be a challenge for all NFTYites, on board or not. I plan to handle an unprecedented year by utilizing methods of communication with MARites; for example, through instagram and GroupMe polls. I plan to create a sort of hybrid event system when/if in-person events are possible based on COVID regulations. Through Facebook and Instagram, I will have the ability to live stream services, talent shows, and auctions to MAR-ites who were unable to attend due to possible COVID restrictions. This will also allow for a more inclusive environment as well as heightened outreach to interested non-NFTYites.

**Due to a lack of participants this virtual year, I will work to reconnect MARites and connect new potential MARites with the region.** I will connect less involved TYGs through communication with the CVP's of each temple's board in order to create a familiar environment for non-NFTYites to ask questions and learn about MAR. I also plan to work closely alongside the Membership Vice President to regain contact with lost MARites and reincorporate them into the region, virtually or in person.

**MAR will always hold a very special place in my heart, and to have the opportunity to serve you is an honor.** NFTY has had such a positive impact in my life, from friendships, to leadership opportunities, to rekindling my connection to Judaism and the community within it. To hold a position to help guide this region and give others the same opportunities I was given would be a privilege.

As your CVP, I guarantee that I will bring enthusiasm to MAR, collaborate with Regional Board and participants, and put a strong focus on outreach in order to make next year as wonderful as I know MAR can be.

Sincerely yours,  
Annabel Miller