

Dear NFTY-MAR,

Before I started to write this letter, I had a conversation with a friend about rocks. There was no reason to, but we just discussed their different characteristics. Once the conversation ended, however, I still had the topic of rocks on my mind. These types of rocks though, were of the figurative kind. The rocks that ground us; the ones that keep us who we are when the going gets tough. Something inside of us that wants us to keep going, even when it looks too tough to do so. To me, this driving force is NFTY-MAR. Knowing that there is always a group of people who share the same passion for their community, their religion, and improving the world around them will always push me forward. Even while the world around us is being reinvented, the energy created by Marites will never be lost

In order to express this energy in a way that is accessible to all, I am declaring my candidacy for the position of Programming Vice President (PVP) for the 5781-5782 year.

For this upcoming year, my focus will be based around the concepts of spirit and education. Whether the events take place in-person or online, the opportunity to include both of these topics will always be present. **This will be done through creating a variety of different program styles at each event based around the different methods for learning (auditory, hands-on, and visual) that vary from person to person.** Doing so will ensure that throughout the day/weekend, a Marite will find a spark of enjoyment that has the opportunity to then grow into a full flame of passion and care for the region that we call home.

Spirit and education-based programming go hand-in-hand. In order to make the social action and Judaism information being presented stick, it has to be done in a **memorable and inclusive format**. This may mean using multiple group leaders from all subregions of MAR in different breakout rooms presenting the same information in different ways to include the option of choice into events, or increasing the amount of optional programming in-person with a wide array of topics. While not every program will be about learning amazing new information about our culture and community, **every program will capture MAR's high energy and zeal.**

Performing proficiently on the Regional Board is a very difficult task, but I believe that I possess the needed leadership skills, as well as the organizational and problem-solving capabilities needed for the role. Over the past two years, I have been able to serve as RALFTY President and MVP and Southern mSac. In my secular high school, I have been Sophomore and Junior Student Council President, and as a member of my school's Special Education Inclusion board. These roles have taught me what is needed to act in a role to its fullest ability, grasping the influence that it can have and using it for **positive change and progress for the position.**

NFTY-MAR is a one-of-a-kind collection of people. A collection of people that want the world to be better. A collection of people that want to be with each other in any form. Working as your Programming Vice President would grant me the honor of guiding this collection of people to reach its fullest potential through creative and positive events.

לשלום (To Peace),

Shane Adams