

## STiFTY Board Member Application 2019-20



Thank you for your interest in serving on the STiFTY Board! Our youth group community is only as strong as its leadership, and your commitment to moving us forward is what sustains the beloved STiFTY we know and love.

STiFTY Board Member Applications are due to Forrest by Sunday, June 2nd at 12pm.

Elections are Wednesday, June 5th at 7pm.

### General Information

- STiFTY Board Members represent STiFTY and our community as a whole by furthering Shir Tikvah's Mission and Vision.
- The STiFTY Board works to engage Shir Tikvah teens in joyous and meaningful activities, events, and programming. In short, STiFTY is what the STiFTY Board makes it!
- The STiFTY Board Members work together to bridge their visions for a cohesive youth group experience.
- The 2019-20 term begins June 16, 2019 and ends on June 15, 2020.

### Qualifications

- Active member of JYG or STiFTY
- Current student or alum of Shir Tikvah school
- Familiar with the Mission and Vision of Shir Tikvah

### Responsibilities of the STiFTY Board

- Active participation in weekly board meetings
- Contribution to a community of inclusion with a treatment of everyone b'tzelem elohim - in the image of God
- Partnership with NFTY to strengthen the relationship between Shir Tikvah and NFTY-Northern
- Readiness to grow as a Jewish leader and support others doing the same

## **Core Duties by Position**

**President.** The STiFTY President creates and drives the STiFTY and STiFTY Board visions for the year. The President coordinates opportunities to involve STiFTYites in this *K'hilah Kedoshah* - holy community. The President works closely with the other board members to provide the structure needed to accomplish their goals. The President is the chair of all board meetings.

**Programming Vice President.** The STiFTY PVP creates and drives the STiFTY activities, events, and programming visions for the year. The PVP coordinates opportunities to involve STiFTYites in *Talmud Torah* - lifelong learning. The PVP works closely with the other board members to elevate the programming for the year to ensure it is inclusive, joyous, and meaningful.

**Social Action Vice President.** The STiFTY SAVP creates and drives the social justice priorities and vision for the year. The SAVP coordinates opportunities to involve STiFTYites in *Tzedek* - justice. The SAVP works closely with the other board members to inspire our action work with our tradition's teachings.

**Religious and Cultural Vice President.** The STiFTY RCVP creates and drives the ritual and spiritual visions for the year. The RCVP coordinates opportunities to involve STiFTYites in *T'filah* - prayer, and text. The RCVP works closely with the other board members to shape the community culture.

**Membership Vice President.** The STiFTY MVP creates and drives the membership experience and vision for the year. The MVP coordinates opportunities to involve STiFTYites in *Hachnasat Orchim* - Radical Hospitality. The MVP works closely with the other board members to invite teens into STiFTY and make them feel welcomed.

**Communications Vice President.** The STiFTY CVP creates and drives the communications vision for the year. The CVP coordinates opportunities to tell the STiFTY story. The CVP works closely with the other board members to share about STiFTY with teens, their families, and Shir Tikvah as a whole.

## **Candidacy - due by Sunday, June 2nd at 12pm**

To enter the candidate pool, applicants must complete the following by Sunday, June 2nd at 12pm:

- Familiarize yourself with this packet and the responsibilities of the position for which you are running; sign paperwork
- Have a conversation with the person currently in your position (list below)
- Meet with Forrest
- Prepare written responses to the essay prompts below

## **STiFTY Board 2018-19**

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Talia Sachs, Social Action Vice President, 651.706.4470

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Forrest Yesnes, Advisor, 952.454.6675

Once you have officially entered the candidate pool, you will hear from Forrest with confirmation.

## **Essay Prompts**

These are required as part of the process to enter the candidate pool, and typed responses are due with this packet by Sunday, June 2nd at 12pm. The first question is required for all applicants. The second is by-position. Please answer the first and one of the second.

**All:** With weekly board meetings, monthly events, and the regular need to plan or prepare various projects, serving on the STiFTY board is an enormous commitment. How will you make sure it is a priority among the demands of your personal wellbeing, family, school, friends, and other extra-curriculars?

**President:** Being STiFTY President comes with many leadership opportunities. How will you take the skills you possess and use them to guide the rest of the board *and* connect STiFTY with all of Shir Tikvah? **PVP:** What are your favorite types of STiFTY programs? How will you incorporate your favorite parts of programs into new ideas? **SAVP:** How does being Jewish impact the way you carry yourself in social justice work? **RCVP:** Aside from social justice, what is one thing that makes you love Judaism and how will you pass this along to other STiFTYites? **MVP:** Our population is growing and there are many kinds of relationships to build. How will you build relationships with so many different types of people so they join JYG and STiFTY? **CVP:**

Attendance is vital to the role of CVP. What do you plan to do to make sure people are aware of and excited for all STiFTY events?

### **Elections - on Wednesday, June 5th at 7pm**

There will be six elections, one for each position. Elections are held in gavel order: President, Programming Vice President, Social Action Vice President, Religious and Cultural Vice President, Membership Vice President, and Communications Vice President. For each election:

1. Candidates will be introduced. Each will deliver a speech outlining their visions for the year. Speeches by Presidential candidates are no more than 5 minutes. Speeches by candidates for every other position are no more than 2 minutes.
2. Candidates will host a one-minute question-and-answer session where voters have the chance to ask clarifying questions and push candidates' thinking.

*There will be a holding tank so that no two candidates running for the same position are in the same place until the ballots are cast.*

3. Ballots will be cast. Every 8th-12th grader in attendance receives a vote. Forrest and the President will count the ballots, and majority wins.
4. Winners will be announced.
5. Those who do not win will be able to drop down to run for another position, if they decide in advance per the paperwork in this packet.

Immediately following the final election, the new board will meet with Forrest.

## **STiFTY Board Member Application Candidate Form**

Please review this packet and all of the expectations of candidacy/elections and the board experience. Your signature and that of a parent/guardian affirm your eligibility as a candidate.

Applicant Name:

Candidate for:

Drop-down (optional):

Applicant Signature:

Parent/Guardian Signature: