

NFTY-NEL Songleader Application 2019-2020

It is the expectation of NFTY-NEL and the Regional Director that the Regional Songleaders serve as role models for all the members of our region. It is understood that you will work as part of a team; decisions will be made together, and options will always be discussed openly with the adult leadership of NFTY NEL.

Regional songleaders provide music and leadership at Services, Havdallah, Siyuum, Song Sessions and in some programming. The intention of the audition process is to identify the individuals who will form the strongest song leading team to serve the needs of the region. The audition process is not about identifying the most talented singers, guitar players or performers. Songleaders are expected at every regional event, and will also have meetings leading up to events. Have fun and we cannot wait to see what you have to offer!

How will applications work? There are three steps!

Step One: Please set up a meeting, over email, with the NEL RCVP, Izzy Lashley by January 31th to discuss responsibilities.

Izzy Lashley - nel-rcvp@nfty.org

Step Two: Please submit a video leading something liturgical from a service. This could either be in front of the camera OR live at a service experience. Please upload your video to YouTube, Vimeo or as a file and email the link to nftynel@nfty.org and nel-rcvp@nfty.org

1. Pick a song from the choices below

- a. L'cha Dodi—include 2 verses (Rotenberg, Taubman, other)
- b. Bar'chu (Nelson, Siegel, Aronson)
- c. V'ahavta (Chant)
- d. Mi Chamocha (Friedman, Nichols, Silverman)
- e. V'shamru—must include verses (Rothblum, any)
- f. Yismechu—must include verses (Any)
- g. Aleinu (Chant)

Please submit your video and this packet over email (Dropbox, Google Drive, private YouTube or Vimeo link) by February 7th to declare your audition to Josh Nezon - jnezon@urj.org and Izzy Lashley - nel-rcvp@nfty.org.

Step Three: At Spring Boards, in between the counting of votes for Regional Board, you will be given 5 minutes to teach the NFTY-NEL your favorite piece of Jewish music. This song must be different from the video you sent. If you are teaching a piece with multiple verses it may not be necessary to teach them all. Applicants are free to choose the song they wish to teach. Applicants are encouraged to choose a song they can confidently and effectively teach. It is okay if the song you choose is one that is very familiar. The goal of your teach is for the panel to see your teaching and song leading ability, not your ability to find new music. All songs being taught must include some HEBREW text. Applicants should come prepared to give a translation of the Hebrew text in their song and make sure their pronunciation of the Hebrew is correct. Applicants may not teach any original songs.

NFTY-NEL Songleader Contract and Personal Statement:

Name: _____ Grade: _____ TYG: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov/State: _____ Postal Code _____

Phone 1: _____ Phone 2: _____

Email: _____ Facebook: _____

By my signature below, I acknowledge I understand the requirements of the position I seek, and if selected, I will devote the time and energy necessary to fulfill my responsibilities.

Signature of Candidate: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian:

I approve of my child's application to serve as part of the NFTY-NEL Songleading team for the NFTY-NEL year. I understand that there are both time and financial commitments involved and I will do my best to enable my child to perform their duties should they be selected.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Clergy/Advisor: We certify to the best of our knowledge, that this individual meets the requirements set forth to audition and serve as part of the NFTY-NEL Songleading team.

Signature of Clergy: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Advisor: _____ Date: _____

RCVP: I have met with this individual and have discussed the responsibilities and requirements of being a Songleader. I certify to the best of our knowledge, that this individual meets the requirements set forth to audition and serve as part of the NFTY-NEL Songleading team.

Signature of RCVP: _____ Date: _____

Tell us a little about yourself! You may answer these questions on a separate sheet, if you need more room. We suggest typing your answers.

1. Can you read Hebrew? Yes No
a. To what degree?

2. Have you previously songlead? Yes No
a. If yes, please describe where and what your role was:

3. Have you ever lead a service, Havdallah, Siyyum or Song Sesh? Yes No
a. If yes, please describe where and what your role was:

4. Do you know all the prayers in services? Yes No

5. Can you read sheet music? Yes No

6. Have you taught music? Yes No

7. Do you play an instrument? Yes No
a. If yes, what do you play and to what level?

8. Are you comfortable leading in front of a large group? Yes No
a. If you have ever groupled, please describe where and what your role was:

9. Are you willing to try new pieces of music? Yes No

10. Is there any other information you would like us to know, or you think is important to share?

11. What do you hope to bring to the region through songleading?

12. Why do you want to be a songleader, and why is songleading something you are passionate about?

13. Do you currently hold any leadership positions in your TYG, NEL, or NFTY?