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# Membership/ Programming!!

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## Calling all Mem/Progs!

Hello fellow representatives  
of Mem/Progginess!

I would just like to tell you all that you are the MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE in all of International USY. Yes, you heard me correctly. Without you there would be no members. Without any members, there would be no chapter events. Without any chapter events, there would be no regional events. Without any regional events, there would be NO INTERNATIONAL USY! Thus, by transitive property, without YOU there would be NO

USY! With that said, I would like to commend you for being the wonder that is a Mem/Prog VP. You chose to run and commit yourself to this position probably for one simple reason. You love USY. But how do you get *every-one* else to share the love? That's another story. These next few pages are designed for your personal use to help you with all things Mem/Prog. So, read on my fellow friendly people! Read on!



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# Member

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## I AM THE KID

I am the kid who asked to join your organization. I am the kid who paid dues in order to join your organization. I am the kid who stood up in front of you and promised to be faithful and loyal. I am the kid who came to your meetings and no one paid attention to.

I tried several times to be friendly with some of the members, but they all had their own friends who they talked to and sat next to. I sat down several times, but no one paid attention to me. I hoped very much that someone would have asked me to take part in a fundraising project, but no one saw my efforts when I volunteered. I missed a few meetings after joining, because I was sick and could not be there. I guess it did not matter very much to the others whether I was there or not. The following meeting I attended, but no one asked me where I had been at the time of the meetings I had missed.

You might say that I am a good kid, and a responsible person who loves his Jewish community. You might even say that I am anxious to make new friends, and that I am proud of who I am.

## I AM THE KID WHO NEVER CAME BACK!!!!

It amuses me when I think back on how the heads of the organization were concerned with a decline in their membership. It amuses me to think that they spent so much time looking for new members when I was right there the entire time.  
**ALL THEY NEEDED TO DO WAS TO MAKE ME FEEL WANTED, NEEDED, AND WELCOME!!!!**

This is precisely what you do not want to happen. Look for your members anywhere where you go to hang out! School, the coffee shop, the library, Hebrew school, ANYWHERE! Just like you go to normal places, so do other Jewish teens. Now, get them to come to USY!

But you can't stop there! Once you have your members, keep them interested! Talk to them at events, follow up with them, hang out with them.

**MAKE THEM FEEL LOVED!**

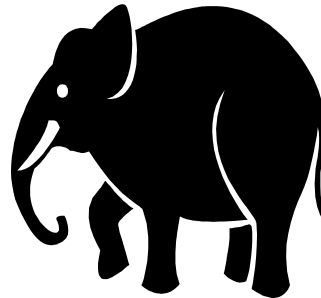


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**Don't just crack the ice; break it like a 5 ton elephant slipped and fell on it.**

Ice breakers. We all love them. They're fun, they're silly, and they introduce you to people. However, we all know the how torturous a bad ice breaker can be. When planning an ice breaker, think to yourself, *Would I want to sit through 25 different people telling me their name, grade, and favorite color? Wouldn't I rather be doing something more... fun?* You probably answered yes to the second question. Find games that actively involve people, while giving you a chance to get rid of some of that initial awkwardness. Many games can get boring after a few rounds, so aim for something high energy that can be intense, but won't last as long. This way, you can play a few. Mainly, just have fun!



## Go-To Ice Breakers

**I'm a Geek Because**—Have members sit in a circle with one less chair than people. One person starts off in the center, says their name, and makes a statement about themselves, using "I'm a geek because..." as a template. Everyone who has that same thing in common must get up and find a new seat. The person left in the middle starts the next round.

**Intergalactic Samurai**—Pass the power! Pass an "energy ball" to the right by screaming "Ka!" Pass to the left by screaming "Sa!" Refuse it by screaming "Nah!" Throw it across the circle by screaming "Ya!" The louder, the better!

**Pterodactyl**—Everyone must cover up their teeth with their lips. Pass the pterodactyl around the circle by turning to the person next to you and saying pterodactyl while flapping your arms and making pterodactyl noises. They can then pass it to the next person, or send it back the other way by angrily flapping their arms and roaring. Anyone who shows their teeth at any time is out. Last person standing wins!

**Every Show Tells a Story**—Have everyone sit in a circle and take off one shoe. Throw them into a pile in the center of the circle. One by one, have each person pick a shoe, and based off of it, try to guess what it's owner is like. Are they musical? Outgoing? Quiet? Do they love turtles? The owner then reclaims his/her shoe, introduces themselves, and verifies whether the predictions are correct.

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The Classics

I'm a Geek  
Because...

Intergalactic  
Samurai

Pterodactyl

Every Shoe  
Tells a Story

### Reminders:

- Play interactive games
- Think, *Would I want to play this?*
- Remember that you need something that will keep people's attention

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

**KADIMA LEADS INTO USY! DO WHATEVER YOU CAN TO MAKE THAT TRANSITION MORE COMFORTABLE.**

### Kadimaniks: USYers of Tomorrow

Kadima. While your middle school days may be a distant memory to you (that you may or may not have tried to block completely from your mind), it was not so long ago that you were a tiny middle schooler admiring the big kids. Well, now you're a big kid. This works to your advantage. Kadimaniks think you're cool. They look up to you and will hopefully continue on to USY afterwards. So, you may ask, what can you do? You can make the transition **A BILLION TIMES EASIER**. Try to arrange some joint events between Kadima and USY at your synagogue to give them a connection to the older group. This way, they'll have people to talk to, and they'll see how much fun USY is. Just like Kadima. It'll also give them some familiar faces at their first event. Kadimaniks are the USYers of tomorrow.



Help your Kadimaniks bridge to USY!

### A Note about Phone Calls

There is no better way (except for in person) to follow up, notify, and just talk to your members. An encouraging phone call can get a new member to an event. A follow up phone call can give you insight into how they felt at the event. A phone call just to say hi can make your member feel loved.

#### The Do's of Phone Calls:

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Find out what they like

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Be gentle

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Focus on the chapter level first

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**LISTEN TO THEM!**

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Ask open ended questions

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Tell them they can bring friends!

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Tell them about upcoming programs