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DESIRED POSITION: ARVOT PRESIDENT

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GRADE IN '10-'11: SENIOR

CHAPTER: MUSY (MENORAH USY)

I. USY Involvement

A. Chapter Offices/Positions Held:

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| 1) Membership/Kadima Vice President | 2008-2009 |
| 2) Chapter President | 2009-2010 |
| 3) Chapter Weekend Co-Planner ("Co-Chair") | 2010 |
| 4) USYer of the Year | 2008, 2009 |

B. Sub-Regional/Regional Positions Held:

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| 1) Regional Convention Voting Delegate | 2009 |
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C. International Positions Held:

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| 1) International Convention Voting Delegate | 2009 |
| 2) Member of USY's International Best Dance Crew | 2009 |
| 3) Member of Heschel Honors Society | 2008-present |

II. Kadima Involvement

A. Chapter Involvement:

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| 1) Attended an estimate of 90% of all chapter events | 2004-2007 |
| 2) Member of Kadima Board | 2005-2006 |
| 3) Kadima President | 2006-2007 |
| 4) Kadimanick of the Year | 2007 |

III. USY Events Attended

A. Chapter Events:

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| 1) Attended 96.14159265358979% of chapter events | 2007-2008 |
| 2) Attended 99.14159265358979% of chapter events | 2008-2009 |
| 3) Attended 99.99999999999999% of chapter events | 2009-2010 |
| 4) Attended Inter-Chapter Disney Summer Trip | 2007 |
| 5) Attended Chapter Retreat | 2009,2010 |

B. Sub-Regional Events:

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|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1) Arvot Marlins Game | 2009 |
| 2) Arvot Fall Convention | 2008, 2009 |
| 3) Arvot Turkey Trot Dance | 2007, 2008, 2009 |
| 4) Arvot Limo Scavenger Hunt | |
| 5) Arvot Basketball Tournament | 2010 |
| 6) Arvot Chapter Presidents Weekend | 2009 |

C. Regional Events:

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| 1) Yom Disney | 2009 |
| 2) Regional Convention | 2009 |
| 3) Pre-International Convention | 2009 |
| 4) Regional General Board Weekend | 2010 |

D. International Events:

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| 1) International Convention | 2009 |
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IV. Jewish Education/Activities

A. Past/Present Studies/Programs:

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| 1) Temple Menorah Early Childhood Center | 1996-1999 |
| 2) Lehrman Community Day School | 1999-2005 |
| 3) Camp Judaea | 2005, 2007 |
| 4) Samuel Scheck Hillel Community Day School | 2005-present |
| a. Hebrew Language | 2005-present |
| b. Chumash | 2005-present |
| c. Jewish/Israel Advocacy | 2009-present |
| d. Nach (Neviim and Ketuvim) | 2006-2007, 2008-2009 |
| e. Talmud | 2005-2008 |
| f. Jewish History | 2006-2007, 2008-2009 |
| 5) Alexander Muss High School in Israel | 2009 |
| 6) CAJE's March of the Living | 2010 (Spring) |
| 7) Panim el Panim Program in Washington D.C. | 2009 |

B. Future/Planned Studies/Programs (in the next year):

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| 1) Samuel Scheck Hillel Community Day School | |
| a. Hebrew Language | |
| b. Chumash | |
| 2) Yeshiva University National Model United Nations | |

C. Religious Skills:

- 1) Leading Weekday Services (not Torah Service)
- 2) Leading Kabbalat Shabbat Service
- 3) Reading any form of Hebrew (and translating it)
- 4) Reading/chanting a Haftarah
- 5) Leading Ruach

- 6) Creating D'var Torahs
- 7) Leading Hamotzi
- 8) Leading Kiddush (although slightly off key, as witnessed at Arvot Fall Sub-Regional Convention 2009)

V. **Secular Education and Extra Curricular Activities**

A. School Name/GPA:

- 1) Samuel Scheck Hillel Community Day School (Ben Lipson Hillel Community High School, specifically)
- 2) Grade Point Average: 4.10 (unweighted)
- 3) Grade Point Average: 5.11 (weighted)

B. Club/Sports School Activities:

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| 1) Green Team (Environmental Club) | 2007-2008 |
| 2) Drug Free Youth In Town Club (DFYIT) | 2005-2009 |
| 3) Beyadeinu Club (Holocaust Remembrance) | 2008-present |
| a. Treasurer | 2008-2009 |
| 4) Books Across Borders Club | 2008-present |
| 5) Varsity Volleyball Team | 2008, 2009 |

C. Extra Curriculars:

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|---|-----------------|
| 1) Piano | 1999-present |
| 2) Tennis Lessons | 2004-2007, 2009 |
| 3) Special Olympics Volunteering | 2010 |
| 4) Love Lexi Organization Volunteering (Breast Cancer Walk) | 2009 |
| 5) Volunteering at Temple Menorah | 1996-present |
| 6) Traveling Israeli Dance Group at Michael Ann Russell JCC | 2007-2009 |
| 7) Israeli Dance Teacher's Assistant | 2008-2009 |
| 8) Temple Menorah Early Childhood Center Camp Counselor | 2008 |

D. Special Achievements (Honors and Awards):

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| 1) National Junior Honors Society | 2006-2008 |
| a. Treasurer | 2007-2008 |
| 2) National Honors Society (Induction in Spring) | 2010 |
| 3) Representative of Hillel at Panim el Panim Program | 2009 |
| 4) Selected to take the AMC 10 Math Olympics Qualifying Test | 2009 |
| 5) Won Central Agency of Jewish Education Science Fair | 2004 |
| 6) Won Second Place in Spelling Bee | 2004 |
| 7) Graduating Class Salutatorian | 2005 |
| 8) 8th Grade Graduating Class Excellence Award | 2007 |
| a. Mathematics | |
| b. English | |
| c. Judaics | |

VI. Personal Statement

Rather than give you a 150 word (or less) personal statement, I've decided to give you 1,000 words...IN A PICTURE!

