



## CHUSY Region General Board Application

**Application is due to the regional office no later than June 1st, 2018**

**CHUSY REGION**

**UNITED SYNAGOGUE YOUTH**

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**Northbrook, IL 60062**

If you have any questions, please contact Maddie Brim, Regional President, at (224)-645-3006 or [president@chusy.org](mailto:president@chusy.org) or our Regional Teen Engagement Director, Marc Sender, at [m sender@uscj.org](mailto:m sender@uscj.org)! Applications must be typed on a separate sheet or google document, & sent by mail to the regional office or emailed to Maddie Brim or Marc Sender to be considered.

Dear Regional General Board Applicant,

At CHUSY Kinnus, you heard me emphasize the words of Israeli singer Arik Einstein, “*Ani v’ata neshaneh et ha’olam.*” “You & I will change the world”. Einstein envisioned a world that could be revolutionized, much like our world here in CHUSY. Together, we are a community that is bound by transformative experiences, meaningful conversation, and lifelong friendships — and yet, we are so much more than that. We are Israel-loving, Tikun Olam giving, passionate USYers who together will redefine engagement through being an inclusive community and focusing this next year on interconnectivity and action. To do this, we need to build our community of leaders who will bring great change upon our region in the next year. Being a community of love and of passion, CHUSY truly is a family that provides you as USYers a platform in which you can better yourselves and our community. Remember that as USYers, we are the innovators. As Jesse Owens once said, “One chance is all you need”. Now, let’s take that one chance and revolutionize together.

As an applicant for this year’s Regional General Board, you are able to create the change that you want to see. I want to thank you for taking the step to open up this application to take a step towards a leadership role. When writing your application, please elaborate upon your passion, plan, & ideas you have for a respective position that you are applying for. In addition, you will be expected to rank your positions in order of preference as we will consider this in the process of assigning USYers respective positions on the CHUSY Regional General Board.

Working together we can revolutionize the way we approach programming, conventions, and USY as a whole to provide USYers with a space they feel comfortable in & leave saying, “When can I come back to CHUSY?” I can’t wait to begin working together to write the best chapter in CHUSY history. The story has just begun, & this year we can grab hold of the chance to better our world to ensure a positive future for us as USYers & for the USYers to come.

*B’Ahava* (With love),

Madison Delaney Brim

Chicagoland Area USY Regional President 2018-2019

# 2018-2019 CHUSY Regional General Board Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**School year in fall of 2018:** Freshman (9th)\* Sophomore (10th) Junior (11th) Senior (12th)

\*Note: Freshman are encouraged to apply for the position of Freshman Committee. Freshmen may also apply for other positions, but these positions will not be awarded to freshmen until the Freshman Committee is filled.

## **2018-2019 Tentative Calendar Dates:**

**LTI:** September 14-16th

**CHUSYfest:** November 9-11th

**Kadima Konvention/8th Grade Shabbaton:** December 7-9th

**International Convention Dec. 23-27th** (potential post day at Disney on 12/27-12/28)

**Midwinter Convention:** Jan 25-26th

**Spring Kinnus Convention:** April 5-7th

## **Position Applying For (List in order of preference):**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

On a separate sheet of paper, please state (for each position individually) why you would like to be considered, your qualifications, your goals, and any ideas. If you are applying for any of the grade committees please make an outline of a grade specific program that would be able to draw new members in as well as retaining old members from your respective grade.

**All Regional Board Members are expected to attend all Regional Programs as well as activities.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ pledge to fulfill my responsibilities as a CHUSY Region General Board Member, ranging from my attendance at Board Meetings, program planning meetings, and attending all Regional Programs as well as observing the outlined standards designated in the CHUSY Region Constitution, including participation in chapter activities, ongoing Judaic study and regular attendance at religious services.

USYer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby affirm that the above mentioned individual is a member in good standing our our chapter of USY. To the best of my knowledge, this USYers meets ALL of the qualifications required of a member of the CHUSY Region General Board. I feel that they are capable of the position(s) that they are applying for.

Chapter Youth Director/Advisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# CHUSY Regional General Board Positions:

## **Communication Positions:**

**Blog “The Harakevet” (meaning “the train”) Chair:** This chairperson will assist the Regional Communications Vice President with Harakevet, CHUSY’s Regional Blog. The duties include helping to find people to post, writing posts themselves, and making sure the blog is running well.

**CHUSY “NEWSY” Correspondence Committee:** This committee will work toward consistently filming a CHUSY news show. The committee will assist the Regional Communications Vice President in making scripts, choosing news stories, and creating funny and/or engaging segments.

**Graphic Design Chair:** This chairperson will aid the Communications Vice President in creating graphic designs for convention or regional events. In addition, they will create a video teaching other USYers the tips behind graphic design.

**Regalia Chair:** This chairperson will aid the Regional President in creating Regalia. This chairperson will also be responsible for gathering input from other USYers on regalia through the use of Google Forms and communicating with the Social Media Manager to upload these opinion questionnaires.

**Social Media Manager:** This chairperson will help to update CHUSY’s social media outlets on a weekly basis while aiding chapters in developing their own respective web pages. The Social Media Manager will assist the Communications Vice President in supplying eye catching media for Instagram posts, tweets, Facebook posts, etc. This person will be responsible for suggesting interactive ways to increase activity and ensure that CHUSY maintains a sense of professionalism. Social Media Manager will also further creativity on all forms of social media. Furthermore, this chairperson will expand our social media platforms in accordance with gaining followers as well as ensuring CHUSY USYers follow and interact with the media platforms.

**Pump Up Week Chair:** This chairperson will aid the President, Executive Vice President, & Communications Vice President in creating material for regional event pump-ups as well as heading a CHUSY Awareness week once throughout the 2018-2019 term.

**Yearbook:** Editor(s) will be in charge of production of the Regional yearbook, which shall include articles, artwork, editing, etc. Taking pictures at Regional and Chapter programs will be included!

## **Community Outreach Position(s):**

**Alumni Chair:** This chairperson will contact CHUSY alumni in order to keep them engaged with everything going on in CHUSY or sending out a monthly email with information. This chairperson is responsible for keeping these alumni engaged through things like creating a map of where alumni went to college or what their favorite part of USY was.

**Athletics:** These chairpeople are responsible for supervising any Regional Sports Leagues as well as any other sports activities the Region undertakes. Further, this chairperson is able to create a new activity as a regional program, such as the past activity of Quidditch. Moreover, this position includes attending as well as keeping track of scoring at all CHUSY basketball games throughout the season.

**Chicago Connection Coordinator:** This chairperson will work within the Jewish organizations in the Chicagoland area in order to establish a positive relationships between Jewish youth organizations. In addition, this chairperson may be responsible for helping to put on an event in conjunction with other Chicago based Jewish organizations.

**JTAC Liaison:** The Chicago Jewish teen community has created a group called the Jewish Teen Alliance of Chicago (JTAC). The JTAC liaison would be the official CHUSY representative to this committee. Furthermore, the CHUSY representative will meet with this group once a month to work on community programs and initiatives in the Jewish community to strengthen the relationships between Jewish youth.

**Public School Outreach:** These chairpersons will act as liaisons from public school(s) to the Regional Executive Board. Their job is to ensure the needs of USYers from public school are addressed. In addition to this, it will also be the Public School Outreach Committee's job to create advertising and programming that will attract teens from Public School to CHUSY.

**Rochelle Zell Jewish High School and Solomon Schechter Outreach:** These chairpersons shall act as the USY liaisons to Rochelle Zell Jewish High School and will help develop ways to include school to promote USY and Kadima at Rochelle Zell Jewish High School and Solomon Schechter Day School, respectively.

## **Convention Co-Chair and Regional Programming Position(s):**

**CHUSYfest:** These co-chairs will serve as the planning force of CHUSYfest. They will plan, organize, publicize, and execute all aspects of this weekend shabbaton including icebreakers and programming. Further, this shabbaton currently runs in the month of November, and these chairpersons will also be apart of recruitment through phone calls.

**Kadima Konvention:** For this position, your main responsibility is planning and attending the CHUSY Region Kadima Konvention, for 6th through 8th grade Kadimaniks. This Konvention typically runs in early December along with the 8th grade shabbaton.

**8th Grade Shabbaton:** These chairpersons will be responsible for programming for 8th graders during the 8th grade shabbaton that runs the same weekend as Kadima Konvention in early December.

**Kinnus:** These chairpersons will serve as the planning force of KINNUS. They will plan, organize, publicize, and execute all aspects of this shabbaton including icebreakers and programming. Further, this shabbaton typical occurs in late April or early May.

**Midwinter Convention:** These co-chairs will be responsible for planning a convention in the wintertime for the region. They will plan, organize, publicize, and execute all aspects of the convention.

**Programming Committee:** These chairpersons will help to find out what types of programs are liked and disliked to widely benefit the experience that USYers have at conventions. Further, these representatives will be able to be paired up with a co-chair or Regional Executive Board member to learn how to lead programming, such as icebreakers or sichot to encourage their place in regional leadership in reference to programming. This committee may also aid in the creation of the CHUSY bank including a variety of programming, helpful hints, & counterpart packets!

**Regional Lounge Chairperson:** This chairperson will work with the Regional Executive Programming Vice President & President to plan monthly regional lounge nights in conjunction with the chapter boards whose chapter is hosting that given Regional Lounge Night.

## Special Projects:

**Create Your Own Position:** You can apply for a new position that we haven't specified because this year is about our USYers, and we want to ensure the needs of our region are being met properly.

**NOAM Partnership Coordinator:** International USY launched a global partnership with the Masorti youth movement, NOAM Olami. This year, we are launching a RGB position that will be responsible for communicating and coordinating programs with CHUSY's partner in NOAM. The partnership coordinator will work closely with the Regional President & Israel Affairs Vice President in conjunction with the International NOAM Partnership Coordinators (Nina Robins & Ilan Rotberg) to facilitate year-long projects and build relationships between CHUSY's NOAM Olami partner (Barcelona) & USYers.

**Summer Experience Outreach Chair:** The Summer Programs Outreach Chair is an enthusiastic USYer who has been on a summer program. They will be responsible for promoting summer programs, creating innovative ways to excite USYers at conventions or events, and answering any questions that will settle their minds at ease. In addition, this chairperson may be responsible in helping with Summer Story Sunday that will highlight a variety of Jewish based summer experiences that our USYers had.

**International Convention Awareness Chair:** The International Convention Awareness Chair is an enthusiastic USYer who has been to International Convention. They will be responsible for promoting International Convention, creating innovative ways to excite USYers at conventions or events, & answering any questions that will settle their minds at ease. In addition, this chairperson may be responsible for helping create contests to incentivise USYers to sign up for International Convention along with the Regional President.

## **Grade Initiative Position(s):**

**Freshman Committee:** This committee will be made up of 1 – 3 delegates from the Freshman class. This committee will be responsible to work with the Regional President, Regional Executive Vice President, and the Regional Membership/Kadima Vice President to schedule, plan, and execute grade programming throughout the year. This may include a grade Shabbaton or a day dedicated at a convention to grade programming. They are also responsible to conduct surveys throughout the Freshman class about their opinion on current programming along with ideas for future programming or any other changes they want to see in the region. They are responsible for sharing the results with the REB at least once a month to aid in grade retention. Furthermore, this position is a replacement of the previous Freshman Liaison position.

**Sophomore Committee:** This committee will be made up of 1 – 3 members and will be responsible for planning separate grade Shabbatons or separate grade programming at regional conventions. They will also be responsible for conducting surveys among the Sophomore class about their opinion on current programming and ideas for future programming. They are responsible for sharing the results with the REB at least once a month.

**Junior Committee:** This committee will be made up of 1 – 3 members and will be responsible for planning separate grade Shabbatons or separate grade programming at regional conventions. They will also be responsible for conducting surveys throughout the Junior class about their opinion on current programming and ideas for future programming. They are responsible for sharing the results with the REB at least once a month.

**Senior Committee:** This committee will be made up of 1 – 3 members and will be responsible for planning separate grade Shabbatons or separate grade programming at regional conventions. They will also be responsible to conduct surveys throughout the Senior class about their opinion on current programming and ideas for future programming. They are responsible for sharing the results with the REB at least once a month. You will be creating grade programming, projects, and maintaining social media groups to keep your class active and engaged.

**Senior Programming:** This committee will be made up of 2 members and will be responsible for planning Thursday Night to Friday Afternoon of CHUSY's annual Spring Kinnus Convention that is the senior day before the convention begins.

## **Israel Affairs Position(s):**

**Israel Affairs Correspondent:** This chairperson shall be responsible for publishing regular Israel updates in CHUSY Region along with the Israel Affairs Vice President, & shall aid with matters related to international Israel publications and competitions as well as regional Chalutzim Israel programming.

**Israel Advocacy Chair:** This chairperson would be responsible for surveying members in order to find out what resources are needed to effectively advocate for Israel in our community. This chairperson would then work alongside the Israel Affairs Vice President in order to provide information and educational opportunities for USYers to learn about effective advocacy, combating BDS, & how to bring Israel into their communities. Possible projects could include an informational how-to guide or an “advocacy boot camp” that could occur at a convention or regional lounge night.

## **Membership Kadima Position(s):**

**Membership Chair(s):** Membership Chairs will be working closely with chapter Mem/Kads around the region to help chapters increase membership. As the chairperson, you will be providing support to chapters who need help by creating membership initiatives as well as brainstorming creative chapter participation ideas to make strong chapters. This position requires you to be proactive to help chapters in need and reaching out to chapters that are struggling. Furthermore, the idea all correlates to the concept where a strong chapter will lead to increased membership!

**Gesher Committee:** This committee will work to help foster an open USY community and make it a priority to make new members feel included. This committee will also help with other miscellaneous programming tasks for conventions to make them more fun and lively, while continuing their focus on inclusion in our CHUSY community. Furthermore, this committee will be responsible for monthly “Bari Birthday Shout Outs” at the first day of each month to display our inclusivity and love for other USYers. The Gesher Committee is also responsible for creating CHUSY’s Declassified Guide to your First Regional Convention and organizing the First Convention Ambassadors program.

## **Religion/Education Position(s):**

**Interfaith Chair:** This chairperson(s) will be responsible for reaching out to other faith communities and creating opportunities to stay in touch with each other, whether that be through events, meetings, or any other way. They will be responsible for the organization of such events (or other things) and will work with the current Regional Religion Education Vice President to make sure everything goes as planned.

**Religion Education Coordinator(s):** This chairperson(s) will be responsible for coordinating all religious participation (excluding ruach) along with the Regional Religion Education Vice President, and will aid with all international Religion Education competitions and publications, such as pumping up the region in project #heshtag. In addition, this chairperson(s) should be prepared to write D'verei Torah throughout the year.

**Ruach Chair(s):** The Ruach Chair(s) will be specifically responsible for aiding the current regional Rel/Ed VP with Ruach sessions. This includes leading such sessions and/or delegating who will lead the sessions. They will also need to prepare a list of songs before the session so that it runs smoothly.

**Sunday Shacharit Live Coordinator:** This chairperson will be responsible for working on creating new scripts with new media for Sunday Shacharit Live. This chairperson will help in coordinating ALL on the road, bringing it our congregations and other parts of the community.

## **Social Action/Tikun Olam Position:**

**Social Action Chair:** The Social Action chair will be responsible for educating USYers on how to give back to our community around, finding new projects to include into the region. The chairperson will serve as the head towards researching projects and activities the region can participate in, as well as working with the Regional SA/TO and Social Action Committee to work with all aspects of CHUSY's Day of Service and any additional Social Action programming. In addition, this chairperson may be an aid in the creation of 613 late night programming at regional conventions. Moreover, representatives of this committee must become members of the Mitzvah 613 Corps, and encourage their fellow USYers to do so as well.

**Tikun Olam Chair:** The Tikun Olam chair will be responsible for working with all Tikun Olam numbers and programming, This chairperson will work with the Regional SA/TO to oversee regional Tikun Olam funds and growth over the entire year. This person will also work to find, plan, and promote new ways or ideas to raise Tikun Olam at chapter or regional events/conventions. Finally, this person will work with the Regional SA/TO and Social Action/Tikun Olam committee to work with all aspects of T.O. Prom, as well as any additional Tikun Olam programming. In addition, this chairperson may be an aid in the creation of 613 late night programming at regional conventions. Moreover, representatives of this committee must become members of the Mitzvah 613 Corps, and encourage their fellow USYers to do so as well.

**Keshet International Inclusion Chair:** Keshet coordinator will organize late nights at conventions centered around acceptance, social justice, and topics for LGBTQ+ inclusion.

**Keshet Chicago Inclusion Chair:** This chairperson will oversee CHUSY's Special Needs Program, Keshet. This person will assist the Keshet Director with programming and help connect the entire CHUSY community and ensure inclusion with all USYers.