

**EMTZA Region USY**

**2017-2018**

**Regional Executive Board  
Candidate Information Sheets**

# Zakai Rose

## זכאי רוז

### Personal:

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Chapter: BAUSY

Grade: 11th grade

### Chapter:

1. Chapter Religious Education Vice President
2. Freshman Representative
3. Israel Affairs Chapter General Board

### Regional:

- Regalia Regional General Board member (2015-2016)
- Member of the Freshman Leadership Committee (2014-2015)
- Regional Religious Education Vice-President (2016-2017)

### Education:

#### Jewish Education

- Saul Mirowitz Jewish Community School (formerly Solomon Schechter Day School) (K-8)
- MKLC Religious School (9<sup>th</sup>-present)
- Weekly Talmud class (9<sup>th</sup>-present)
- Camp Ramah Wisconsin (8-10<sup>th</sup>)
- Tichon Ramah Yerushalayim (February-May 2016)

#### Secular Education:

- Whitfield School (9<sup>th</sup>-present)
- GPA: 3.9 (unweighted)

#### Religious Skills:

- Able to read Torah, Haftorah, Megillah, Shir Hashirim, and Aicha
- Able to lead Shabbat and weekday Pesukei D'zimra, Shabbat and weekday Shacharit, Shabbat and weekday Torah service, Shabbat and weekday Mincha, Shabbat and weekday Maariv, Shabbat and weekday Birkat Hamazon, and Kabbalat Shabbat
- Speak Hebrew proficiently

#### Awards:

- Principal's Honor Roll (9<sup>th</sup>-present)
- Community Service Award (9<sup>th</sup>-present)
- International Thespian Society (9<sup>th</sup>-present)

Essay:

When I entered high school, I had the life-changing opportunity to join a kehila- a community-known as USY. Whether it was during a USY program at my own Synagogue, or a regional event with other chapters, the United Synagogue Youth organization has always made me feel like I have a place to call home. I have had the pleasure to serve on my chapter's board as Religious/Education Vice President and on the regional board as the Religious/Education Vice President and felt a sense of responsibility and pride for what I have accomplished. I hope to be able to continue to do this in a larger position as the Regional President. It would truly be an honor to serve the organization which has given me such a wonderful place to call a second home.

# CIS Form

## Personal

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- Chapter: BERUSY
- Grade: 11

## Chapter

- 2014-15 Male BERUSY Freshman Representative
  - Co-chair of BERUSY's Freshman General Board Committee
- 2015-16 BERUSY Social Action/Tikun Olam Vice President
  - Chair of BERUSY's SA/TO General Board Committee
- 2016-17 BERUSY Executive Official
- Member of BERUSY's Abraham Joshua Heschel Society
- Attendance at 98% of chapter events

## Regional

- Charter member of EMTZA's Freshman Leadership Committee (2014-15)
- Member of EMTZA's Social Action Regional General Board (2015-16)
- EMTZA Regional Social Action/Tikun Olam Vice President (2016-17)
- Attended 100% of Regional Conventions

## International

- Voting Delegate at IC Atlanta, IC Baltimore and IC Dallas
- Brining Everyone Together (BET) Representative (2015)
- Co-Captain for Team Green at IC B'More's Amazing Race
- Social Action Program of the Year recipient (2016)

## **Jewish Education**

- Attended the Talmud Torah of St. Paul from Pre-School through Third Grade
- Attended the Heilicher Minneapolis Jewish Day School from Fourth Grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- IB Hebrew Class of 2017
- Abraham Joshua Heschel Honor Society (2015-Present)
- Camper at Camp Ramah in Wisconsin (2010-2016)
- Attending Ramah Poland and Israel Seminar (2017)
- TaRBut (T'fillah, Ruach and Brachot) Bar and Bat Mitzvah Program at my synagogue
  - Two and a half hours every Shabbat morning
- Student (2011-2013)
- Teacher in Training (2013-2014)
- Teacher (2014-Present)
- Confirmation Class of 2016

## **Secular Education:**

- Saint Louis Park Senior High School
- Unweighted 3.8 GPA in mostly Honors, AP, and IB classes
- Member of SLP's Jewish Student Union

## **Essay**

During this upcoming year, I hope to refocus and redefine what it means to be a member of the REB. We need to better understand that our chapters are our greatest resource. And because of that, this next year will be focused on investing in them. Investing in their leaders, investing in their programming, but most importantly, investing in the relationships that our chapters allow us to build throughout our time in USY. We will build a region that works for everyone regardless of their level of observance, the chapter they come from, or their leadership position. We will do this by allowing the members of our region to lead. Every initiative the board works on, will involve both planning and execution by different members within our region. By involving non REB members, we are building a region that is more appealing and inclusive to all.

# Abby Jordan Flekier

עליזה יוכבד

## PERSONAL

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**Chapter:** KCUSY

**Grade:** 11

## CHAPTER

KCUSY Freshman Representative (2014-2015)

KCUSY Social Action/Tikun Olam Vice President (2015-2016)

KCUSY Purim Carnival Chair (2016)

Planned and executed KCUSY's first SA/TO lock-in (2016)

Chapter Membership Training Attendant (2014-2016)

## REGIONAL

EMTZA Regional Membership and Kadima Vice President (2016-2017)

Created Membership Handbook for First-Timers and Freshmen (2016)

Created EMTZA Recruitment Video for Membership and Kadima Kinnus Promotion (2017)

Regional General Board (2015-2016): SA/TO Crew

EMTZA Freshmen Leadership Committee Member (2014-2015)

Designed Shabbat-O-Grams for LTI (2016), Kinnus (2015-2016), Winter Shabbaton and Kadima Kinnus (2016-2017), Spring Kallah (2016)

Conventions attended: LTI (2014-2016), Kinnus (2014-2016), Winter Shabbaton (2015-2017), Spring Kallah (2015-2016)

## INTERNATIONAL

Fall Board Weekend (2016)

International Convention in Dallas Attendant and Voting Delegate (2016)

USY Eastern Europe/Israel Pilgrimage, 2<sup>nd</sup> Departure (Summer 2016)

## EDUCATION

### Religious:

Polsky Religious School at Congregation Beth Shalom (Grades K-10), Confirmation Student (2015-2016)

Herzl Camp Camper (2011-2015) and Ozo Program (Summer 2017)

Together We Remember: Holocaust Education Trip to USHMM (2015)

**Secular:** Blue Valley School District (K-11)

3.86 Un-weighted GPA

### **Extra-curricular Activities**

**Secular:** Girl Scouts: Silver and Bronze Awards

National Honor Society Member

Blue Valley North (BVN) Comedy Troupe (Improvitational Acting Team) Co-Captain

Kansas State Third Place Improvisational Acting Team (2015-2017)

BVN Choir and Theatre: Mixed Chorale, Chamber Singers, and Repertory Theatre Classes (2016-2017)

International Thespian Honor Society: Troupe 4151

Attended Kansas State Thespian Festival (2015-2017)

BVN Forensics Team, Qualified for State (2015-2016) and Lettered (2015-2016)

Gold and Silver Presidential Community Service Awards

Blue Valley Recreational Basketball Team Member (2015-2017)

Red Cross Lifeguard, CPR, and AED Certified

Piano Player

Employee at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City

**Religious:** Jewish Student Union Member

B'nai Tzedek Youth Council and Fund Member

Madricha (Teacher Aid) at Polsky Religious School at Congregation Beth Shalom (2015-2016)

Started a synagogue-wide recycling program at Congregation Beth Shalom

### **ESSAY**

USY is an outlet for Jewish teenagers to find a way to make Judaism meaningful for them. Because we all have chosen to spend our time in USY, we as an EMTZA kehilah should make USY everything we want it to be. EMTZA is such a special space, and it's imperative to ensure our programming reflects what our region is capable of and what will make the greatest impact on our members.

New programming and leadership opportunities are what we owe to those who choose to spend their time in this special community. Let's reflect on what makes this region special, and grow our strengths to reach and retain all grade levels. It would be an honor to continue to serve for this region that has given me so much, and I will strive to provide meaningful opportunities to make EMTZA even more extraordinary.

# Isaiah Milbank

Executive Vice President

BJUSY

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10th grade

## Chapter

Religious Education VP 2016-2017

Event X Committee 2015-16

## Education

Talmud Torah St. Paul 2006-2017

Herzl Camp 2008-2017

Eagan High School 3.3 unweighted

Math League 2015-2017

## Essay

I've always valued two things above all else: learning and choice. Judaism and USY have cultivated these values in every aspect of my life. USY is an outlet which has improved the lives of countless numbers of Jewish teens, yet it could be much more. The unique opportunity we have as an interconnected community holds the potential to act as a regional community beyond conventions. Regional cooperation through the freshman leadership council and regional programming will help connect the community in ways which are simply vacant currently. However, the community would not exist without the individual. Each USY member is different from whole, and this is seldom represented within regional programming. Sichot could be separated into two or three different themes, and tweaked according to the needs of different age groups. Members could choose their own path, and explore their sense of Judaism while helping develop each other's.





Herzl Camp	2008-Present
Camp Chi	2009
Adath SMP (Saturday Morning Educational Program)	2010-2015
Yachad Jewish Education	2014-Present
Israel Leadership Fellow	2015-Present
Confirmation through Adath Jeshurun Congregation	2015-2016

### **Present Studies - 15 Hours per week**

Jewish Student Union	2014-Present
Abraham Joshua Heschel Honor Society through Adath Jeshurun	2016-Present
Ulpan Hebrew Course	2017-Present
Israel Course through Tichon Ramah Yerushalayim	2017-Present
Conservative Yeshiva Studies	2017-Present

### **Provisions for next year**

Maintaining same level of involvement and commitment to Jewish education and participation in the Jewish education and youth programs.

### **Religious skills**

Able to lead and teach: Torah, Aliyah, Birkat Hamazon, Kiddush, Hamotzi, Shacharit, Mincha, Maariv, Torah Service, Kabbalat Shabbat, Havdallah, P'sukei D'zimra, Gabbai Shabbat and Weekday, Slow and Fast Ruach.

### **Secular Education and Extracurricular Activities**

**School:** Hopkins High School

**Grade (As of Sept.):** 11

#### **Activities:**

Jewish Student Union Officer, Photographer for Newspaper and Yearbook, High level Art Program Student, Ceramics Club President, Set production for 2015 production of "Grease", Swim Instructor at Martha Burns Swim School, Hopkins Ultimate Frisbee (HURT), Adath Gan Shelanu Day Care Employee

#### **Special Achievements, Honors, Awards, etc.**

President's Academic Award, Honor Roll 2014-Present, Academic Distinction Award 2013-Present, IB Diploma Middle Years Completion, Invited to and attended AIPAC Schusterman High School Advocacy Institute 2016, Ceramic artwork chosen to be displayed in District and State offices, Ozo for Herzl Camp 2017

#### **Statement**

We all have our homes, in the Midwest, in our chapters, and in EMTZA. As Israel Affairs Vice President I want to help you find your home in the place that the Jewish people have been calling home for thousands of years, Israel. Israel is something we all have been raised to love. But not many of us have truly discovered what about Israel we love. As Israel Affairs Vice President, I will work to help USYers find their connection to Israel. Whether that's through learning, dancing, advocating, food, music, praying or traveling, I will help people find their unique and individualized connection to our homeland. Not only do I want to help USYers find their "why" when asked why they love Israel, but help them act on that why. It would be my honor to serve USY and strengthen the bond between us in USY and the amazing state we all have the honor to call home, Eretz Yisrael.

## Kayla Brianne Goldenberg

סאשא בריינא גולדנברג

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**Chapter:** KCUSY

**Grade:** 11

### **Chapter Involvement:**

#### *Chapter Executive Board*

Co-Freshman Representative	2014-2015
Religion/Education Vice-President	2015-2016
Executive Vice-President	2016-Present
Israel Affairs Vice-President	2016-Present

#### *Attendance*

Chapter Programing: 95%	2013-Present
Chapter Membership Training	2014, 2015, 2016

### **Regional Involvement:**

#### *Regional General Board*

Tefilot Committee	2015-2016
Ruach Chair	2016-Present

#### *Convention Attendance*

Leadership Training Institute (LTI)	2014, 2015, 2016
Kinnus	2014, 2015, 2016
Winter Shabbaton	2015, 2016, 2017
Spring Kallah	2015, 2016, 2017
Kadima Kinnus	2014

#### *Other*

Freshmen Leadership Committee	2014-2015
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### **International Involvement:**

Torah Bytes Fellow	2017-Present
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### **Education:**

#### *Religious*

Rose Family Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC)	2003-2005
Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy (HBHA)	2005-Present
○ Cumulative GPA: 3.77	
JCC Ranch Camp (Camper and Staff in training)	2011-2016
B'nai Tzedek Youth Council	2014-Present
B'nai Tzedek Fund Holder	2013-Present
Rose Family ECEC Summer Madricha (Student Teacher)	2014-2016
Torah Reading Schedule	2013-Present

(Davening or Reading Torah at a minimum of once a month)

- Can read Torah, Haftorah, Megillah, and High Holiday readings
- Can daven all services

*Honors/Achievements*

Bat Or Award	2012
Yad Honor	2013
Mensch of the Week	2015

*Secular*

Student Council: Treasurer	2015-Present
Summer Scholars Madricha	2014, 2015
Student Hebrew Tutor	2014, 2015
<i>Chronicles</i> Yearbook	
Athletics Editor	2014-2015
Senior Section Co-Editor	2015-2016
Student Life Editor	2016-Present
<i>Rampage Wired</i> Newspaper	
Writer	2014-2016
Lower School News Editor	2016-Present
Lambpage Editor	2016-Present
Varsity Basketball	2014-2017
Varsity Cross Country	2014-2016
Two Year Varsity Letter	
Varsity Soccer	2015-Present
Two Year Varsity Letter	

*Honors/Achievements*

National Honor Society	2016-Present
Presidential Community Service Award	
Bronze	2015, 2016
Gold	2017
Principal's Honor Roll	2014-Present
Academic Letter	Fall 2015, Fall 2016
Quill and Scroll Honor Society	
Honorary Member	2016

**Essay**

Two years ago, I walked into my first USY convention excited and nervous for what Emtza held for me. I found a dream, a goal, for myself: to be Regional Religion/Education Vice-President. I want to be Rel/Ed because it is what I am. Every element of it has been a part of my life, everyday, since I was in preschool. And it is extremely meaningful and special to me. At conventions, we use Tefillah, Ruach, and Sichot to celebrate the values and traditions of Judaism. One of the most powerful traditions is Havdalah. Standing in that circle, bound together, shouting to the skies our love for Shabbat, is such a powerful moment that creates an Emtza feeling. My goal as Rel/Ed is to bring that Emtza feeling outside of conventions, so USYers can feel like that everyday, and always have Emtza with them, like I do.

# Michael Ethan Korsh

מאיר אתן קורש

**Grade:** 11th

**Position Desired:** Religion/Education Vice President

## **General Information**

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Chapter: Adath USY

## **Chapter, Regional, and International USY Experience:**

### *Adath USY Chapter Experience:*

- Adath USY Ex Officio (2016-present)
- Adath USY Religion/Education Vice President (2015-2016)
- Adath USY Chapter General Board, Money Makers Committee (2014-2015)

### *EMTZA Regional Experience:*

- EMTZA Roshei Eidot (2016-present)
- Co-Planned "Time Travel Shacharit" at EMTZA Spring Kallah (2016)

### *Regional Convention Attendance:*

- Kadima Kinnus (2014)
- LTI (2015)
- Kinnus (2014, 2015, 2016)
- Winter Shabbaton (2016)
- Spring Kallah (2015, 2016, 2017)

### *USY International Experience:*

- Abraham Joshua Heschel Honor Society (2015-present)
- USY Eastern Europe/Israel Pilgrimage, 1st Departure (2016)
  - Kima, HaEvent, and Shabbat Va'ad
  - Featured on USY Summer Programs Website (<http://usy.org/escape>)

## **Religious/Educational Experience**

### *Jewish Education:*

- Adath Chapter of Abraham Joshua Heschel Honor Society (2015-present)
- Adath Jeshurun SMP Tutor (2014-present)
- Talmud Torah and Yachad Programs (2008-2014)
- Counselor In Training (CIT) at Chaverim B'Shemesh Summer Camp (2013-2016)
- Congregational, High Holiday, and USY Convention Torah Reader (2013-present)

### *Herzl Camp:*

- Camper (2008-2015)
- Ozo Program (2017)

## **Religious Skills:**

- Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv
- P'sukei D'Zimra
- Torah Service
- Gabbai
- Torah Reading (Shabbat and High Holiday)
- Kiddush, HaMotzi, and Birkat Hamazon
- Musaf

## **Secular Education/Extracurricular Activities**

### *Academics*

- Hopkins High School (2015-present)
  - Secular GPA: 4.00

### *Extracurricular Activities*

- Hopkins Boys Swim and Dive Team (2012-present)
  - Captain (2016-present)
- *The Royal Page* Student Newspaper (2015-present)
  - Managing Editor (2016-present)
- HHS Quiz Bowl Team (2014-present)
- HHS Math League Team (2016-present)
- Competitive Piano (2010-present)

## **Honors, Awards, and Achievements**

- NSPA Journalism Honor Roll (2017)
- Winner of Upper Midwest Music Festival and MMTA Piano Contests (2013-2016)
- Bikkurim Camper Captain at Herzl Camp (2014)
- American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification (2015)

## **Essay**

In EMTZA region alone, there are almost 500 members of six grades encompassing eleven different states, each with their own identities, hobbies, interests, and backgrounds. But what brings all of us together in USY is one thing: our Judaism. For something so essential to USY, I believe that we can be doing more to create a meaningful Judaic impact on each and every member of our region. Being connected to Judaism should mean more than just recitation of prayers— it's celebrating Jewish holidays, learning from Jewish texts, and yes, davening, in a way that personally connects us to our religion. That can differ for every USYer, too— and I want to help EMTZAniks discover and further that connection to Judaism. As your regional Religion/Education Vice President, I will work tirelessly to ensure that in USY, being Jewish is more than just a chore— it's an experience.

# HAIDEE K CLAUER

## היה בת מיכה ומרים

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- Chapter: KCUSY
- 11th Grade, Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy

## CHAPTER

- Active Member 2014-2017
- Positions:
  - *Membership/Kadima Vice President* 2015-2016
  - *Historian* 2016-2017
- Accomplishments/Initiatives:
  - started and led the first KCUSY Kadima Committee
  - started the KCUSY “*Member of the Month*” Program
  - Planned and executed KCUSY’s first ever Kadima Lock-In
  - Regional Award: “Best Kadima Program” 2016
  - Planned Tie-Tye-Thai SA/TO program two years in a row

## REGIONAL

- Regional General Board 2014-2015: *Freshman Leadership Committee*
- Regional General Board 2015-2016: *Kadima Kinnus Tri-Chair*
  - Planned and executed Kadima Kinnus 2016
- Regional General Board 2016-2017: *Social Action Committee*
  - “Just Dance” Kinnus Buy-In, Winter Shabbaton Emtza Pageant, and Regional SA/TO programs
- Attended 100% of regional conventions 2014-2015, 2015-2016, and 2016-2017

## EDUCATION

- 11.8 Years at Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy, including:
  - Over 10 years of Hebrew studies
  - Over 11 years of Judaic studies
- GPA: 4.12

### Responsibilities & Achievements

- Mensch of the Week 2012
- Founder/Leader of Model United Nations Club 2015-2017
- Student Council Spirit Vice-President 2015-2016 and 2016-2017
- Member of Holchim Yarok (Environmental club) 2014-2016
- Photo Editor of the Yearbook 2014-2017/Op-Ed Editor for the “RamPage” school newspaper 2015-2016
- Leads a weekly Musical Prayers Service 2015-2017
- President’s Award for Volunteering 2015, 2016
- Varsity Cross-Country Runner, Soccer Player, BBall Player 2014-2017

**HEY YOU!** That’s right--- YOU! Thought this packet wouldn’t include some exciting 2nd-person dialogue?! Well, just like this paragraph, our region is full of surprises. Each of us (yourself included!) has passion and excitement for making the world a happier, justice-filled place, and Emtza should be the perfect place to turn your energy into action. From each grade and city, we all bring new ideas, new talent, and new determination to the Emtza table. With Track programs at conventions and Interfaith programs back at our home chapters, we’ll get to grow as leaders and advocates for change. My goal as your SA/TO VP will be helping YOU accomplish anything you set your mind to.

Look around you. In this room, we have the ideas, individuals, and opportunities to be the change we wish to see in this world. So, in the wise words of Nike/Shia LaBeouf, let’s “JUST DO IT!”

# **ELLIE FISHMAN** מאירה פישמן

Grade: 11

Executive Board Position Desired:  
**Membership/Kadima Vice President**

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## **Chapter Leadership-Adath**

- Social Action and Tikkun Olam Vice President
- CO-Chaired CMR (Lock-in)
- CO-Chaired Minnecon (Lock-in)
- Wake-up Breakfast Committee
- Raised the most SA/TO money in Adath USY history!

## **Regional Leadership**

- Tikkun Olam Regional General Board
- Helped plan regional SA/TO programs

## **Regional Participation**

- Kadima Kinnus 2014
- Kinnus 2014, 2015, 2016
- Winter Shabbaton 2016, 2017
- Skallah 2016, 2017
- LTI 2016

## **Jewish Education/ Religious Skills**

- Talmud Torah (2007-2015)
- CIS Hebrew (2014-2016)
- SMP -tutor 6th graders in prayers (2014-present)
- Confirmation (2015-2016)
- Lead services at the Shalom Home (2014-present)
- Read Torah at Adath (2012-present)
- Adath's Heschel Society (2015-present)
- Camp Ramah in Wisconsin (2010-2016)
- Poland and Israel on Ramah Seminar (summer 2017)

## **Religious Skills**

- Kabbalat Shabbat
- P'sukei D'Zimra
- Torah Service
- Torah Reading
- Kiddush/HaMotzi



### **Secular Education/Extracurricular Activities**

- Attend Hopkins High School
- Attended Glen Lake Elementary and Hopkins West Jr. High
- Lettered in Academics
- HHS Honor Roll
- HHS Tennis
- JFCS Big Sister Program
- HHS Math League
- **USY Play!**
- **USY!!!!**

When people hear the word USY, various things come to mind. Some picture long bus rides to the middle of nowhere, others think of fun programming, but most think of their friends. I went into my first USY convention nervous because I knew relatively few people there. Now, the main reason I go to conventions is for the people. I want everyone to experience USY friendships, especially the Kadimaniks, because they have so much time ahead of them, and they should make the most of every second. USY and Judaism mean the world to me, and it's because of the people and the community that it is so important to me. As your Mem/Kad, I will make sure that we get more teens to participate in our Emtza family because it is a wonderful experience that I, like many of you, could not imagine my life without.

# Lily Sarah Smith

לאה שרה סמית

Beth El Rishon USY

Grade: 11

Communications Vice President 2017-2018

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## **USY Experience:**

Beth El Rishon USY (BERUSY)

- ★ BERUSY Kadima Council 2013-2014
- ★ BERUSY General Board 2014-Present
- ★ BERUSY Communications Vice President 2015-2016
- ★ BERUSY YOW (Youth Outreach Weekend) Chair 2016

International

- ★ Communications IGB 2017

## **Participation:**

- ★ EMTZA Kadima Kinnus 2013
- ★ EMTZA Kinnus 2014, 2015, 2016
- ★ EMTZA Winter Shabbaton 2015, 2016, 2017
- ★ EMTZA Spring Kallah 2015, 2016
- ★ EMTZA LTI 2015
- ★ BERUSY YOW (Youth Outreach Weekend) 2015, 2016
- ★ USY Eastern Europe/Israel Pilgrimage, 2nd Departure 2016
- ★ USY International Convention 2016
- ★ 95% Attendance at all Chapter Events 2014-Present

## **Jewish Education:**

Formal Jewish Education

- ★ Beth El Synagogue Aleph Preschool
- ★ Heilicher Minneapolis Jewish Day School 2005-2012

- ★ Talmud Torah 2012-2014
- ★ 10th Grade Confirmation 2015-2016
- ★ Beth El Abraham Joshua Heschel Honor Society 2014-Present

#### Summer Camp

- ★ JCC Olami
- ★ Camp Teko
- ★ Herzl Camp 2008-Present
  - Ozo 2017

#### Religious Skills

- ★ Shabbat Shacharit
- ★ Torah Service
- ★ Read Torah

### **Secular Education:**

#### Formal Education

- ★ Heilicher Minneapolis Jewish Day School 2005-2012
- ★ Hopkins North Junior High 2014-2015
- ★ Hopkins High School 2014-Present
  - Current GPA: 3.798 (unweighted)
  - Academic Letter Award

#### Activities

- ★ Hopkins Girls Swim and Dive Team 2014-Present
  - Letter Award
- ★ Hopkins Girls Synchronized Swimming 2015-Present
  - Letter Award
  - 6th Place at MSHSL State Meet

*The Royal Page* Student Newspaper of Hopkins High School  
2017-Present

- ★ Hopkins Jewish Student Union 2014-Present
  - Vice President 2016-Present

### **Essay:**

EMTZA has created a home for us all; EMTZA is a place we can all be ourselves and not be afraid to express our opinions, beliefs, and values. Since my freshman Kinnus, I haven't missed an opportunity to reunite at a convention with the EMTZA family. I am running for Communications Vice President because I want to be able to reach out to more and more Jewish teens to create the same home for them. Communications is one of the biggest aspects of USY and needs to be utilized frequently, and that is my goal: to promote EMTZA USY as much as possible, as frequent as possible.