

Garrett Elsinger  
President

### Personal Statement

I would make an excellent President for TOUCHY. Not only would I be able to go above and beyond the expectations set for the position, I will excel at them too. I held office as the TOUCHY MVP for the past two years, and before that as the Underclassman Representative. Three years ago I ran for the position of Underclassman Representative and was able to learn more regarding leadership, and how to work in a group at Temple Dor Dorim. I am not only qualified for this position due to my past experience through the temple, I also have been elected for my schools vice president position two years in a row.

My desire to be a part of my Jewish community has led me in the path to be the TOUCHY President. My goal this year is to be a leader; and help many of my peers continue their Jewish commitment in our community. The sad truth is that many people that I know stop their Jewish education after their Bar or Bat Mitzvah. My objective is to have a larger involvement of more Jewish youth in our temple.

Due to my previous experience in leadership, I am qualified to take on this position. I also wish to gain experience in helping to lead my fellow underclassman and upperclassmen teens within my community. As said by James Humes, “The art of communication is the language of leadership”. In other words, to become an effective and beloved leader, a person needs to first be able to communicate with their peers and those around them.

Again, I would make an excellent President for TOUCHY. I say this with certainty since all of my qualifications point to me being a leader within the temple and my school. So, with all of these reasons now in mind, I kindly request your vote for the 2021-2022 TOUCHY President election.

### Candidate Questionnaire

1. My youth group experience has been outright unbelievable. I have yet to have a problem with anything regarding TOUCHY or ATID. I was involved ATID for three years, and then progressed on to being a part of TOUCHY for the past three years. Overall, I have been a part of the Temple Dor Dorim family for around 10 years now. One of my best experiences with TOUCHY is hard to choose. I'm going to have to settle on the time before the events when I get to see my friends and socialize about how our week has been and get to destress a little. Nothing can beat that.
2. My goals for TOUCHY are to make sure that more participants join in general. I can work with (if we have one) the underclassman representative to see how they can get some of their friends to come to TOUCHY and myself to see if I can rouse my people of my age group to come to TOUCHY events.
3. Past leadership experiences that I have encountered would entail: being the Programming Vice President of ATID in the 2017-2018 year, being part of my schools Student

Government Association in the 2017-2018 school year, being part of the ATID Membership Board in the 2017-2018 school year, Being the Underclassmen Rep in the 2018-2019 school year, being the Membership VP in the 2019-2020 and the 2020-2021 school year and for two consecutive years being the Vice President of the class of 2022 SGA.

4. PVP- I would try to help this board member with drafting a program and anything else they might need.

SAVP- I would try to connect this board member with non-for-profit organizations or other SAVPs in NFTY who could further help.

RCVP- I can try to set up a meeting with the Rabbi and this board member so that she might be an asset in any way possible.

CVP- I can try to form a relationship between this board member and the MVP since their positions work very close to one another.

MVP- I can try to form a relationship between this board member and the CVP since their positions work very close to one another.

FVP/Treasurer/ Historian- I can try to take pictures or anything that this board member asks for me to do.

Upper Class Rep- I can reach out to my contacts in my own grade level and see if I can get them in contact with our Upper class Rep

Underclass Rep- I will try to help this member form a relationship with the MVP since they will work very close with one another.

### **Rope Course/Team building**

#### **Tigertail Lake**

**Sometime in 2021 (COVID permitting)**

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**Touchstone Text:** “Moses spoke to the Lord, saying, ‘Let the Lord, God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint someone over the community... So that the Lord’s community not be like sheep that have no shepherd.’ And the Lord answered Moses, ‘Single out Joshua, son of Nun, a man with a spirit in him... Invest him with some of your authority...’” Pinchas (Numbers 25:10-30:1)

#### **Goals:**

1. Touchy members should work together to overcome obstacles.
2. Touchy members should grow to trust one another.

#### **Objectives:**

1. Touchy Members should learn to cope with one another.
2. Touchy members should learn to see reason in other ways.

**Materials:**

1. Sneakers
2. Sun screen
3. Gloves (optional)

**People:**

1. Assuming there are 20 people, there would be groups of 4.
2. 4 groups with 1 group leader per group

**Space Needed:**

1. The ropes course would be provided by the Tigertail Recreation Center.

**Time Table:**

1:00 pm -Meet at Temple

1:30 pm-2:00 pm -Drive to activity (Address: 580 Gulf Stream Way, Dania Beach, FL 2:00 pm

2:45pm – Introduction/ Explanation of each course

2:45 pm- 3:00 pm -Break into groups of 4 (assuming we have 20 participants)

3:00 pm- 4:15 pm- Rope course activity

4:15 pm- Group discussion/ what did we learn/ how did we trust one another

5:00 pm -Leave Rope Course activity- drive to dinner (Chilis-4515 Weston Rd, Weston)

5:30 pm- Arrive at Chilis (sit with someone different than who was on your team)

5:30 pm-6:30 pm- Eat at Chilis

6:45 pm- Return to temple

**Detailed Procedure:** See above