



2010-2011 Election Information

1. Elections will be held on **Monday, April 26 at the Bindeman Center** the Executive Board positions (see below) will be elected from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. and then after a short dinner break, the General Board positions (see below) will be elected from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. (cost is \$5)! We urge all candidates and all 8-12 graders to attend the entire evening!
2. The following positions will be elected: **Executive Board:** President, Programming VP, Social Action VP, Religious & Cultural VP, Membership VP, New Member VP and Communication VP **General Board:** Post Confirmation (11th/12th grade) Representatives (3 positions), Confirmation Representatives (3 positions), Freshman Representatives (4 positions), Historian (2 positions), Club 56 Liaison (2 positions) and ETY Liaison (2 positions) (see additional page with position descriptions). You must be a WHECTY member to run for board (except current 8th graders). **Candidates may give speeches together for the same position but each individual's name will appear on the ballot separately.**
3. Candidates must be entering 9-12 grades in the 2010-2011 school year. Each candidate must complete and sign the Letter of Intent form and have a parent/guardian sign it. **Letters of Intent for all board position must be turned in by April 21. All candidates also MUST schedule a short meeting with Ira prior to (or when) turning in their letter of intent.**
4. If you do not win the original position you run for you **may** drop down to another position. You will be allowed to drop down up to 2 times. On your information sheet you **MUST** declare which positions you intend to drop down to. Please remember that you can only drop down to a position that will be voted on after the first position you run for. Positions will be voted on in the order they appear on the next page!
5. Candidates from the floor and drop downs beyond those listed above will only be allowed if there are no declared candidates for a particular position. This includes declared drop downs.
6. Any WHECTY member or any WHC teen in 8-12 grade may be present and have a vote during elections including graduating seniors.
7. Elections are a necessary evil of youth group. Please understand that there can only be one "winner" for any position and we expect to have more people running than positions available. It doesn't mean that the voters don't like you or care about you - they can only vote for one person. The following is **Ira's rule** for elections... **"If you might be so upset if you run and lose that you would quit being active in WHECTY - don't run."** We need all of the talents of WHECTY members to make our board and our youth group the best it can be.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact **Ira Miller**, Director of Informal Education at 301-354-3209 / imiller@whctemple.org, **Rabbi Shankman** at 202-362-7100/sshankman@whctemple.org or WHECTY Co-Presidents **Lexi Levin** (alevin10@gds.org) or **Shira Moskowitz** (shira.moskowitz@gmail.com)



2010-2011 WHECTY Board Position Descriptions

All board members are expected to attend a monthly WHECTY Board Meeting to help plan upcoming events. WHECTY Board Meetings are usually held the first Monday of the month from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. (meetings rotate between our two buildings). Dinner is provided by rotating groups of WHECTY Board parents (all parents will be asked to help once during the year). **All board members are also expected to do their best to be at all WHECTY events.**

Responsibilities of Officers - Executive Board

***President:**

- Oversee all WHECTY programs and activities.
- Represent WHECTY and the youth of Washington Hebrew Congregation to the greater WHC community, to NFTY-MAR, and the community at large.
- Preside over meetings of the WHECTY Board.
- Participate in the Washington Hebrew Congregation youth committee.
- Responsible for the execution of all the laws of the Organization.
- To help recruit new members and promote upcoming events.
- Responsible for creating and/or dissolving Cabinet Committees as necessary
- To attend as many WHECTY and NFTY-MAR events and functions as possible.

***Programming Vice President:**

- Plan and implement all WHECTY social and educational programming including opening event, and programs of all size throughout the year.
- Serves as the President if the President is absent or should have to resign.
- To help recruit new members and promote upcoming events.
- Oversee the programming committee.
- To attend as many WHECTY and NFTY-MAR events and functions as possible.

***Social Action Vice President**

- Implement WHECTY social action programs.
- Seek out new social action projects for WHECTY.
- Incorporate social action projects into regular WHECTY events.
- To help recruit new members and promote upcoming events.
- Oversee the Social Action Committee.
- To attend as many WHECTY and NFTY-MAR events and functions as possible.

***Religious and Cultural Vice President**

- Plan and implement all WHECTY religious and cultural programs including Israel programming.
- Compile and lead WHECTY services.
- Seek out religious and cultural opportunities for WHECTY.
- To cooperate with non-Jewish and interfaith organizations in building understanding and good will among all youth.
- To help recruit new members and promote upcoming events.
- Oversee the Religious and Cultural Committee.
- To attend as many WHECTY and NFTY-MAR events and functions as possible.

***Membership Vice President**

- Recruit new members into WHECTY and help retain current members.
- To contact all Washington Hebrew Congregation youth that are eligible for membership in WHECTY.
- To promote upcoming events.
- To oversee the Membership/ Sunshine Committee.
- To attend as many WHECTY and NFTY-MAR events and functions as possible.

***New Member Vice President**

- Recruit new members into WHECTY
- Plan special events for new members.
- Integrate new members into WHECTY and NFTY-MAR
- To promote upcoming events.
- To create a special Sunshine committee just for new members
- To attend as many WHECTY and NFTY-MAR events and functions as possible.

***Communication Vice President**

- Keep a written record of WHECTY business.
- Keep members updated on recent and upcoming events.
- To create and email a regular WHECTY newsletter (w/ Historian(s)).
- Develop and carry out fundraising opportunities for WHECTY.
- Shall assist with collection of funds at programs.
- Work with the Historian(s) to develop creative ways to promote and market WHECTY
- Oversee committee to create WHECTY merchandise
- To help recruit new members and promote upcoming events.
- To attend as many WHECTY and NFTY-MAR events and functions as possible.

General Board

Post Confirmation Representative (three positions)

- Get Washington Hebrew Congregation 11th and 12th graders to attend WHECTY events.
- Create special opportunities specifically for WHC 11th and 12th graders
- Encourage 11th and 12th graders to become WHECTY members and stay active in life at WHC
- To attend as many WHECTY and NFTY-MAR events and functions as possible.

Confirmation Representative (three positions)

- Get 10th graders to attend WHECTY programs and events.
- Hand out fliers at confirmation classes and events.
- Help recruit new members and promote upcoming events.
- To attend as many WHECTY and NFTY-MAR events and functions as possible.

Freshman Representative (four positions)

- Get 9th graders to attend WHECTY programs and events.
- Hand out fliers at class and other 9th grade events.
- Help recruit new members and promote upcoming events.
- To attend as many WHECTY and NFTY-MAR events and functions as possible.

After elections each class representative will be given a “target” area (a few schools, Bindeman/Macomb, etc.) to focus on. This will be determined based on the individuals who fill these various positions.

Historian (two positions)

- Record WHECTY’s programming year and present it in a creative fashion at the end of the programming year.
- Work with the Communication Vice President to create a WHECTY newsletter and develop new ways to market WHECTY
- Take pictures and/or video at all WHECTY events and creatively share those images with the membership.
- To help recruit new members and promote upcoming events.
- To attend as many WHECTY and NFTY-MAR events and functions as possible.

Club 56 liaison (two positions)

- Serve as Junior staff for Club 56 events in order to help build a connection between Club 56 and WHECTY
- To help recruit new members and promote upcoming events.
- To attend as many WHECTY and NFTY-MAR events and functions as possible.

ETY liaison (two positions)

- Serve as Junior staff for ETY events in order to help build a connection between ETY and WHECTY
- To help recruit new members and promote upcoming events.
- To attend as many WHECTY and NFTY-MAR events and functions as possible.

****We highly encourage board members and WHECTYites in general to participate in NFTY-MAR events. We realize that this is not always possible but have included it to emphasize its importance. Do not feel that you shouldn't run for WHECTY board simply because you are unable to attend NFTY-MAR events.**

It is recommended that you contact the person who currently holds the position you are considering running for to find out exactly what the job is, time commitment, responsibilities, etc. For the name, phone and e-mail of a current board member contact Ira Miller at 301-354-3209 or imiller@whctemple.org

WHECTY ELECTION PROCEDURES

For all Exec. Board positions candidates will have the opportunity to make a speech (3 minutes for President, 2 minutes for all other Exec. positions) At least one question from the membership will be asked to each candidate. Exec. board positions are elected by a majority (50% plus 1 vote).

For all General Board positions candidates will have 1 ½ minutes for their speech. General board positions are elected by a plurality (most votes wins).

Drop down candidates and floor nominations will have 1 minute for a speech for their drop down positions.

Executive Board positions are for one person only – exceptions will only be made in extremem circumstances. For General Board positions each candidate's name will be listed individually on the ballot. Candidates may choose to give a speech together if they want but each candidate will be voted upon as an invididual.

If you have any questions about how elections are run or want to show your speech to Ira before elections feel free to contact him!!



2010-2011 WHECTY Board Letter of Intent (Please print or type!)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Position you intend to run for: _____

Should you not be elected to the above position please list up to 2 other positions you plan to drop down to – this must be completed prior to elections beginning!

1st Drop Down: _____

2nd Drop Down: _____

Please use the space below to explain why you think you would like to hold this position (use the other side or additional paper if you need to): You only need to complete this for the first position you intend to run for:

Please read and sign:

I wish to run for the position listed above. I understand that being part of WHECTY board is a responsibility and I am willing to undertake this commitment. If elected, I will work hard to make WHECTY the best it can be and to do the best job I am capable of. If I am not elected, I promise to remain an active part of WHECTY and do my part to make WHECTY the best it can be. I also understand that WHECTY is just a youth group and that school, family, etc. often must come first. I will do my best to meet the expectations that my parent(s) and I have for me in everything that I do.

Candidate's signature

Date

Parent/Guardian please read and sign: I acknowledge and support my child's desire to run for a WHECTY board position. I will do my part to support their involvement in WHECTY in whatever way that is required. I understand that WHECTY parents, in groups of 3 or 4, are asked once during the year provide dinner for a WHECTY Board meeting.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

Please remember that each candidate must schedule a brief (5-10 minute) meeting with Ira before turning this letter in or when you are turning it in. Please email Ira (Imiller@whctemple.org) or call (301-354-3209) to set up a time to meet.



WHECTY Special Assistant Program

You can be involved as a leader in WHECTY without being elected to the board.

Special Assistant Program (SAP)

This is a great opportunity to be the "right hand man" (or woman) to a board member and help them with their responsibilities. You will learn a lot about the area in which you are working and a lot about being part of WHECTY leadership.

You must apply and only one person can be selected for each Special Assistant Position.

Programming SAP

Social Action SAP

Religious and Cultural SAP

Communication SAP

Membership SAP

New Member SAP

Applications for these positions will be available at elections and will be due a week after elections.

SAPs will not need to attend monthly board members but may be invited on occasion to help with a special project, etc.

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