



How to Support USY in Your *Kehilla*

LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW YOU AS A CONGREGATIONAL LEADER CAN SUPPORT USY AND TEEN PARTICIPANTS IN YOUR SYNAGOGUE.

- ▶ Invite teens onto the *bimah* on *Shabbat* and the high holidays to help lead services
- ▶ Include the USY chapter president in board meetings
- ▶ Ask USYers to participate in community service events
- ▶ Guide discussions and study sessions with USYers
- ▶ Host a regional/divisional USY event in your synagogue. Not only will this give your teens pride in their congregation, but it will increase your synagogue's exposure to non-members
- ▶ Sponsor regional and/or international conventions in your area, attending opening festivities, or helping to arrange local activities
- ▶ Offer scholarships from the rabbi's discretionary fund, Men's Club, Sisterhood, *Chazak*, etc. for teens in your community to experience USY's transformative programming
- ▶ Recognize teens going on or returning from USY Summer Experience with an *aliyah* or ask them to share their experiences from the *bimah*
- ▶ Ask teens to author a piece about their USY experiences for your synagogue newsletter or blog
- ▶ Create a youth lounge in your synagogue as a dedicated space for USYers
- ▶ Provide the highest level of staffing support possible for your chapter. Dedicated youth professionals serve as Jewish role models and positively impact teens' involvement

For more information about local programming and opportunities to get involved, contact your Regional Teen Engagement Director at www.usy.org/staff