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

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