



*Midway Jewish Center*

*Omer Neutra*

Omer Neutra lives in Melville with his parents, his brother, and his two cats. He has been a proud member of Midway Jewish Center from as early on as pre-school. Although he did not attend Midway's Hebrew school, he surrounded himself with Jewish education through his enrollment in the Schechter School of Long Island from first grade until twelfth grade. Omer has been active in the synagogue's youth programs; first being a member Midway's Kadima program for middle schoolers, and then becoming a participant in Midway's United Synagogue Youth chapter. Throughout his high school career, Omer has become a leader in the Jewish community. In tenth grade, he served on the Ruach Divisional Board as the Israel Affairs vice president before running for the position of Divisional President the following year, and winning the election. In his senior year, Omer held the role of METNY Regional President, influencing Jewish teens from all around the New York Metropolitan area. He is involved in AIPAC, as his connection to Israel through his community and his Israeli household leads him to be as active as possible in regards to Israel Advocacy. Omer is a tri-season athlete, and an honors student in school. Next year, he will be taking a gap year in Israel, and after that, he hopes to study business and medicine in college. Omer is extremely thankful for this award, and would like to thank Midway Jewish Center greatly for the nomination.