



NFTY CHICAGO AREA REGION
REGIONAL BOARD PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE PACKET FOR THE 5780-5781

ELECTIONS TO BE HELD DURING KOLBO SPRING KALLAH, ARPIL 3rd-5th, 2020

This application packet includes the following:

1. Letter to Parents and Candidates
2. Candidate Information Form
3. Candidate Declaration Form
4. Rabbinic Certification
5. Temple Youth Group Advisor Certification
6. Selections from the NFTY Chicago Constitution
7. Current Regional Board Contact List
8. NFTY *Brit Kehilla*

The application procedure is as follows:

1. Prospective candidates must declare their intention, in writing, to run to the current NFTY Chicago Regional President, Josh Glucksman, by **Tuesday, February 18th, 2020** to be considered eligible to elect.
2. **Candidates should arrange meetings with their clergy or educator and temple youth group (TYG) advisor in order to discuss their candidacy for Regional Board.** If you do not belong to a congregation or do not have a TYG Advisor, please contact NFTY Chicago Regional Director, Naomi Looper, so you can figure out who to speak to together. Forms certifying that candidates have had these conversations are enclosed and due **Sunday, February 23rd, 2020**.
3. Candidates have a conversation with the person who is currently holding the position they intend to run for and with the NFTY Chicago Regional Director, Naomi Looper. This conversation will serve to inform the potential candidate about what exactly the position entails. This is to ensure that the candidate knows expectations about being on regional board ahead of time.
4. Candidates must write a Letter of Intent to be posted on the NFTY Chicago website prior to elections. This letter must be ready to be copied and should be no longer than 1 page, double-sided. Letters will appear in color on the website, and copies will be made by NFTY in black and white to hand out at elections. You may bring your own copies of your Letter of Intent if you want them in color at elections. Examples from previous years are available on our website, chicago.nfty.org, under "Get Involved." Letters of Intent are due **Sunday, March 8th, 2020**.
5. Each candidate will have time to give a speech during elections. This speech may not exceed 3 minutes.
6. All candidates must have attended at least **four** NFTY CAR events, which may include the event of Elections as well.

Completed forms must be **received by Naomi by February 23rd**. All candidates should have declared their candidacy by this time, and **no elections materials will be accepted after this date**.

Materials should be scanned and emailed as PDF documents to nlooper@urj.org.

Questions regarding any election's procedures can be directed to:

Josh Glucksman, 2019-2020 NFTY-CAR President, or
Naomi Looper, NFTY Chicago Regional Director

B'hatz'lacha – Good Luck!



January 2020

Dear Candidates and Families,

You are receiving this letter to describe the benefits and responsibilities of a position on the NFTY Chicago Area Regional Board. Each board member plays a very important role in the operation and future of our region and I want to take the time to explain the full nature of this position.

I hope that you have discussed this decision as a family. Making the decision to run for regional office is easy for some and requires a great deal of consideration for others. Regional Board is a serious commitment. It asks for a great deal of time management, prioritization, and sacrifices. Some teens find it difficult to keep up with sports, theater and other extracurricular activities while serving in a regional position, and most will give up at least one of their other extra-curricular commitments. It is very important to me, and the region, that you fully understand the scope of responsibilities before you run for office. I hope that serving on regional board will offer a great opportunity to learn time management skills as you balance homework, NFTY, and typical teenage activities. Family and school must always be your first priorities. By running for the Chicago Area Regional Board, you are making a commitment that NFTY will be your primary extra-curricular activity (above sports, debate, theater, and other school or similar related activities). Failure to attend events, participate in board meetings, and/or an overall neglect of your responsibilities may be grounds for impeachment. The time and financial commitments are outlined below. The candidacy process also requires that each candidate meet with both their clergy/educator and temple youth group advisor. These mentors can help you understand everything that is required of you as a Regional Board member and help you decide if this position is right for you. If you do not belong to a congregation, or do not have a youth group advisor, please be in touch with me. And, as always, please feel free to contact me with any questions along the way.

There are some commitments we ask from your family also. Once the board has their initial planning meeting for the year, we will pick certain dates and times to hold our meetings. It is expected that the board members notify their families of these meetings and in return, we appreciate all support that each family can give in allowing your teen to make these meetings. The final calendar for the 2020-2021 school year will be ready in March. We will ask each board member and parent to acknowledge the commitment to be physically present at these events.

Now I don't want to scare you...Regional Board can and should be a very rewarding and educational experience! Regional Board alumni walk away with a broad array of skills and have the opportunity to enjoy major successes and accomplishments throughout the year as they lead their region to do great things. Regional Board alumni have gone on to hold leadership positions in college and are successful in a variety of professional fields – you will be part of a network of leaders and professionals that support each other beyond high school. As the NFTY Chicago Regional Director, I will be working closely in partnership with the board to provide support and guidance and help the officers work together as a team. This is a wonderful opportunity to enhance leadership, time management, and communication skills as well as experience NFTY at a whole new level. You will get to make the magic of NFTY come alive for your friends and be part of a chain of leadership that stretches more than 80 years, and make decisions that impact the future of NFTY. I have the best job in the world because I get to work with you – and I commend everyone who is taking the challenge and running for a Regional Board position!

Throughout the year, Regional Board members will be expected to participate in the following:

- All regional events for high schoolers (Kickoff (**September 7, 2020** – Labor Day), Fall Kallah (**November 13-15, 2020** at OSRUI), Winter Kallah (**January 15-17, 2021** at BJBE), and Kolbo (**April 16-18, 2021** at OSRUI), occasionally arriving one day early, and 1-2 pop-up middle school events
 - MVP and President: NFTY678 Kallah (**March 5-7, 2021** at OSRUI)
- A council meeting once per month at JUF at 30 S. Wells in Chicago (occasionally will be held at a suburban synagogue), and board conference calls each week.
- Event prep days (meeting at the Deerfield office during the week before an event).



- Summer camp visit with NFTY Northern at OSRUI over the summer.
- Old Board/New Board Training – the weekend of **April 17-19** in the Chicago area. The time and exact location are still being finalized, but candidates should share their availability for that weekend with Naomi when they discuss their position with her.
- NFTY Convention at URJ Greene Family Camp in Bruceville, Texas, **February 12-15, 2021**.
- Mechina North American Regional Board Meeting at URJ Camp Newman by the Bay in California, **June 4-7, 2020**.

There are some financial responsibilities included in this position also:

- As part of Regional Board, **you are expected to attend every regional event**. You will also be asked to attend occasional NFTY678 day-long events, but will not be required to attend all of them.
- Each Regional Board member is expected to register on time for all events. **Regional Board members are eligible to pay half of the cost of the early bird rate for each NFTY Chicago event, provided they register on time and meet all deadlines along the way.** Missed deadlines for programs or late registrations will mean paying full price or late fees for an event.
- As a Regional Board member, you are also required to attend **Mechina** (The North American Leadership Institute). The second North American board meeting (which you will be strongly encouraged to attend) will be held over President's Day weekend. NFTY Chicago will do its very best to help subsidize the cost of these events.
- At some time throughout the year, Regional Board members may be asked to pay for supplies or other expenses and then be reimbursed for that money. These purchases must be pre-approved in writing and the receipt must be saved.

As a Regional Board member, you also have a responsibility to your home youth group. While you cannot hold a position on your TYG board if you are elected to Regional Board, we expect that you remain involved and support your youth group by attending events and being a model participant. When you go into a classroom or youth group event to invite middle and high schoolers to NFTY events, they should know who you are, and see you as a role model.

In running for NFTY Chicago's Regional Board, you are publicly declaring that you satisfy the functional qualifications of your position. However, you are also accepting the responsibilities that come with being a role model selected by your peers. This is a challenging commitment, requiring adherence to the NFTY *Brit Kehilla* (Code of Conduct – a copy of which can be found on the last page of this packet) at all times during, and sometimes even outside of, events. This document's purpose is to uphold the *k'bilah kedosha* (holy community) that we are committed to in NFTY and you, as a Regional Board member, are responsible for maintaining this environment of holiness and *kavod* (respect). We are taught in the Babylonian Talmud that **“It is not the position that honors the person, but rather the person that honors the position” (Taanit 21b)**. In light of this statement, I ask that you be prepared to act in a way brings honor and respect to your position on Regional Board throughout the year, and realize that your actions, even outside of events, are subject to the *Brit Kehilla*. Please understand that if a board member fails to fulfill these responsibilities, they will face consequences which may include suspension and/or removal from office. While we can discuss the practical implications of your conduct outside of NFTY-related activities, please understand that, at the very least, engaging in any illegal activity during your term in office is a violation of this *Brit Kehillah*. It is my expectation that you not only follow the rules, but that you go above and beyond what is simply required of you, by being a model participant and leader, encouraging and growing the leadership of others, and making NFTY an even more inclusive and welcoming youth movement because of your influence.

I want to congratulate you again for considering running for a position on board. It is your passion and commitment that will take our region to new levels. Thank you for your dedication up until this point and I am excited to continue working with you. If you or your parents have any questions regarding positions on the regional board, please feel free to email me at nlooper@urj.org. I look forward to working with you in the coming year!

Good Luck!

Naomi Looper

NFTY CAR Regional Director



NFTY CHICAGO AREA REGION

2020 – 2021 REGIONAL BOARD CANDIDATE INFO FORM

Name _____

Candidate for _____

If not elected to the above position, you may “drop down” to the elections for up to one other position, or two positions if a position has no candidates running. You will be asked about your choice after the declaration period has ended.

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Birthday _____ Grade _____

High School _____

Name Parent/Guardian #1 _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Name Parent/Guardian #2 (if applicable) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Congregation _____ TYG _____

Rabbi/Educator _____

TYG Advisor _____

Four NFTY Chicago events that I have attended:

- _____ Year _____
_____ Year _____
_____ Year _____
_____ Year _____

- Office Use Only:
___ Declaration
___ Clergy/Educator Certification
___ Advisor Certification
___ Letter of Intent
___ Board Contact



NFTY CHICAGO AREA REGION

2020– 2021 REGIONAL BOARD CLERGY/ EDUCATOR
CERTIFICATION

Name _____

Candidate for _____

Dear Rabbi, Cantor, or Educator (religious school principal),

The above-named candidate intends to run for a NFTY Chicago Area Regional Board position for the 2020-2021 school year. **Please take the time to meet with them for a significant meeting, and discuss both their potential as a regional board member as well as the responsibilities that come with leadership.** After you meet with the candidate, if you feel this teen is mature and responsible enough to accept the responsibilities of regional leadership as outlined in the Regional Board Candidate Packet, please sign the bottom of this form, certifying your teen’s candidacy for the position above.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Josh Glucksman
2019-2020 NFTY CAR President
car-president@nfty.org

Naomi Looper
NFTY CAR Regional Director
nlooper@urj.org

I hereby certify that _____ is a member in good standing of my congregation or youth group, I have met with them, and I certify them to run for the 2020 – 2021 NFTY Chicago Area Regional Board.

_____	_____
Signature of Clergy/Educator	Date
_____	_____
Printed Name of Clergy/Educator	Date

I certify that I have met with my Clergy/Educator to discuss my candidacy for the Regional Board.

_____	_____
Signature of Candidate	Date



NFTY CHICAGO AREA REGION

2020 – 2021 REGIONAL BOARD
TEMPLE YOUTH GROUP ADVISOR CERTIFICATION

Name _____

Candidate for _____

Dear Advisor,

The above-named candidate intends to run for a NFTY Chicago Area Regional Board position for the 2019 – 2020 school year. Please take the time to have a significant meeting with them and discuss both their potential as a regional board member and the responsibilities that come with leadership. After you meet with the candidate, if you feel this teen is mature and responsible enough to accept the responsibilities of regional leadership as outlined in the Regional Board Candidate Packet, please sign the bottom of this form, certifying your teen’s candidacy for the position above. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Josh Glucksman
2019-2020 NFTY CAR President
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Naomi Looper
NFTY CAR Regional Director
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I hereby certify that _____ is a member in good standing of my congregation or youth group, I have met with them, and I certify them to run for the 2020 – 2021 NFTY Chicago Area Regional Board.

Signature of Advisor Date

Printed Name of Advisor Date

I certify that I have met with my Advisor to discuss my candidacy for the Regional Board.

Signature of Candidate Date



**SELECTIONS FROM THE CONSTITUTION
NORTH AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEMPLE YOUTH
CHICAGO AREA REGION
Est. circa 5699, to date as of 5780**

Article Five: *NFTY CAR Regional Board Position Descriptions*

Section A. President. The duties of the President shall be as follows:

1. To represent the Chicago Area Region as a voting member of NFTY.
2. To be the liaison between NFTY-CAR Regional Board and the NFTY-CAR Regional Staff.
3. To be a liaison between NFTY-CAR and NFTY on a North American level.
4. To be an active participant in the NFTY Presidents Network.
5. To maintain the NFTY-CAR President Network.
6. To act as an ex-officio member of all committees.
7. To coordinate the application and appointment of regional cabinet members.
8. To coordinate any activities and accept any other duties assigned by the NFTY-CAR Regional Staff.
9. To oversee all programming of the Chicago Area Region.
10. To represent NFTY-CAR at all North American meetings that may occur during their term.
11. To represent NFTY-CAR as a voting member in Regional Meetings including the Jewish Federation, ARZA, and a non-voting member of the OSRUI board when called upon.
12. To keep the region updated and informed about Netzer Olami.
13. To assist the regional MVP, Co-chairs, and JYG teen leaders in the planning, promoting, and running of JYG Kallah.
14. To allocate a significant amount of time helping to perform recruitment for events.
15. To preside over Regional Council and Board meetings.
16. To undertake and coordinate any activities and additional duties which may be necessary to fulfill the above responsibilities, and;

Section B. Programming Vice-President. The duties of the Programming Vice-President shall be as follows:

1. To oversee and edit all written regional programming.
2. To compile and approve schedules for any NFTY-CAR event with the NFTY-CAR Regional Advisor, Regional President, and the other event chairs or committee members when applicable.
3. To represent NFTY-CAR as a voting member of NFTY.
4. To be an active participant in the NFTY Programming Vice President Network and allocate programs towards NFTY Program Bank when asked to do so.
5. To maintain the NFTY-CAR PVP Network.
6. To be an educational and programmatic resource to all of NFTY-CAR.
7. To support TYGs in their programming.
8. To create and distribute information regarding the study themes and encourage implementation at TYG and Regional events.
9. To take over the duties of the President in the event that the President of NFTY-CAR is absent.
10. To undertake and coordinate any activities and additional duties which may be necessary to fulfill the above responsibilities, and;

Section C. Social Action Vice-President. The duties of the Social Action Vice-President shall be as follows:

1. To organize Social Action opportunities for NFTY-CAR participants year-round.
2. To specifically incorporate social action in each regional event.
3. To represent NFTY-CAR as a voting member of NFTY.
4. To facilitate political activism and volunteerism in NFTY-CAR.
5. To encourage, aid/or co-coordinate the activities of Social Action among our TYG's.
6. To coordinate, facilitate, and/or aid in Social Action oriented projects initiated by NFTY-CAR.



7. To keep participants aware of the Jewish commitment of Tikkun Olam.
8. To be an active participant in the NFTY Social Action Vice President Network.
9. To maintain the NFTY-CAR SAVP Network.
10. To undertake and coordinate any activities and additional duties which may be necessary to fulfill the above responsibilities, and;

Section D. Religious and Cultural Vice-President. The duties of the Religious and Cultural Vice-President shall be as follows:

1. To represent the Chicago Area Region as a voting member of NFTY.
2. To be an active participant in the NFTY Religious and Cultural Network.
3. To keep in contact with the North American Religious and Cultural Vice-President of NFTY.
4. To manage the NFTY-CAR RCVP Network.
5. To coordinate all religious services at regional events.
6. To act as a liaison with clergy at temples and in the community.
7. To allocate services towards the NFTY Program Bank when asked to do so.
8. To be aware of and make known to the Chicago Area Region all Jewish Religious and Cultural Events in the Chicago area.
9. To represent the Chicago Area Region at ARZA functions when appropriate.
10. To undertake and coordinate any activities and additional duties which may be necessary to fulfill the above responsibilities, and;

Section E. Membership Vice-President. The duties of the Membership Vice-President shall be as follows:

1. To identify the needs of NFTY-CAR's membership and to address those needs, with the help of appropriate adult resources, Regional Board and/or Staff, and committees
2. To maintain and expand the membership of the Chicago Area Region.
3. To work to create an environment conducive to a friendly atmosphere.
4. To act as a resource for TYGs to maintain and expand their individual memberships.
5. To be an active participant in the NFTY Membership Vice President Network.
6. To maintain the NFTY-CAR MVP Network.
7. To keep an updated list of all active and potential members of the Chicago Area Region.
8. To work with membership related cabinet positions.
9. To coordinate and oversee CAR-avanning.
10. To coordinate outreach to participants before each regional event by the NFTY-CAR Regional Board.
11. To create and oversee the writing of all mixers for regional activities.
12. To hold meetings and activities for new members at each regional event.
13. To undertake and coordinate any activities and additional duties which may be necessary to fulfill the above responsibilities.
14. To maintain and plan NFTY CAR's 678 activities, and;

Section F. Treasurer. The duties of the Treasurer shall be as follows:

1. To establish, maintain, and serve as a resource to a Financial Vice President (FVP) network with all the corresponding TYG positions that encompass similar responsibilities.
2. To maintain a connection with the North American counterparts who are serving as resources to all FVPs and be an active and engaged member of the North American network of regional FVPs.
3. To be in charge of the selling of regional merchandise at events, including, but not limited to, merchandise for shuk at NFTY-CAR regional events.
4. Work with the Regional Staff and Board to create a fundraising plan for the year in order to achieve financial goals for NFTY-CAR.
5. Oversee fundraisers throughout the year to support NFTY-CAR in actualizing its goals.
6. To coordinate fundraising for the Chicago Area Region with immense time being allocated towards Camp CAR.
7. Have access to and work closely with the Regional Staff on matters involving the NFTY-CAR budget.



8. To introduce new merchandise throughout the year.
9. To undertake and coordinate any activities and additional duties which may be necessary to fulfill the above responsibilities, and;

Section G. Communications Vice-President. The duties of the Communications Vice-President shall be as follows:

1. To produce the Geshet, NFTY CAR's Regional Newsletter.
2. To communicate with members of the Chicago Area Region about upcoming programming.
3. To be an active participant in the NFTY Communications Vice President Network.
4. To facilitate the NFTY-CAR CVP network.
5. To publicize Chicago Area Region events.
6. To keep each Regional Board Member up to date with the calendar of events for council meetings and other miscellaneous regional board and regional activities.
7. To take minutes at all Regional Council and Board meetings.
8. To send copies of minutes to each Regional Board Member and the Regional Staff via e-mail after each council meeting.
9. To make minutes from each council meeting available upon request to any member of NFTY-CAR and on the website when requested.
10. To coordinate Senior Wills for the Chicago Area Region to be distributed at the last event of the year.
11. To send thank you notes to advisors, rabbis, and any other staff members at regional events.
12. To handle all regional correspondence.
13. To undertake and coordinate any activities and additional duties which may be necessary to fulfill the above responsibilities, and;

Article Six. *Elections, Appointments, and Dismissals*

Section A. Elections. The following NFTY CAR Regional Board shall be elected annually in this order:

1. President
2. Programming Vice-President
3. Social Action Vice-President
4. Religious and Cultural Vice-President
5. Membership Vice-President
6. Treasurer
7. Communications Vice President

Section B. During a special NFTY CAR Council meeting called at chair's discretion, NFTY CAR elections shall take place to elect the seven (7) NFTY-CAR Regional Board Members.

Section C. Election Procedures shall include the following:

1. Candidates shall declare by communicating their desire to run to the President of NFTY CAR after the end of Winter Kallah. Candidates have until **Tuesday, February 18th, 2020** to declare. No individual shall be nominated.
2. Candidates must meet all requirements set out by the NFTY-CAR Regional President and Regional Advisor in order to maintain eligibility. In special circumstances, the NFTY-CAR Regional Advisor and President can determine a candidate's eligibility.
3. Candidates may change the position they are running for by re-declaring in writing to the President before the deadline. After the deadline, no declarations shall be accepted.
4. Each candidate must currently be a member of NFTY and will be a member of NFTY the following year in order to be eligible to run for Regional Board.
5. All candidates must have attended four (4) NFTY-CAR Regional events. If the candidate has moved from another NFTY Region, at least two (2) of the events must have been in NFTY-CAR.
6. Candidates must write a Letter of Intent, which must fit all criteria set by the Regional President and Advisor.
7. There will be a time set during Elections for a Meet the Candidates- Question/Answer period and TYG caucusing.



8. Drop Downs

- a. Candidates are allowed one (1) drop down.
- b. Drop downs must be declared one (1) week prior to elections in writing to the President.
- c. If the candidate loses their drop-down election, and if there is an undeclared position below said drop down, a candidate's may choose to attempt to drop down one (1) more time

9. Speeches

- a. One (1) speech shall be given by each candidate for each position run for.
 1. A speech for a declared position may not exceed three (3) minutes.
 2. A speech for an undeclared drop down may not exceed three (3) minutes.
 3. A speech for a drop down may not exceed one and a half (1 ½) minutes
 4. TYGs will be given a length of time determined by the regional President to caucus following the speeches for an undeclared drop down.



NFTY CHICAGO AREA REGIONAL BOARD 2019 – 2020

President: Joshua Glucksman (*Am Shalom - Glencoe, IL*)
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Religious & Cultural VP: Lisa Silverstein (*B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim Congregation – Deerfield, IL*)
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Treasurer: Adele Lowitz (*Makom Solel Lakeside – Highland Park, IL*)
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Communications VP: Ellory Penner (*Emanuel Congregation – Chicago, IL*)
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Regional Director: Naomi Looper (*Chicago, IL*)
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NFTY Brit Kehillah (Code of Conduct)

The undersigned acknowledges that an online signature will, for all purposes, be treated as an original.

NFTY is a movement that builds strong, welcoming, inspired communities through teen-powered engagement. This b'rit serves to ensure that we are able to focus on enacting our shared mission. We will promote the creation of a religious youth community based on mutual respect and a sense of personal responsibility. We will treat others with kavod (honor and respect) in order to facilitate the feeling of shalom bayit (peace in the home) and create a sense of NFTY's welcoming community.

Our NFTY community feels incomplete without all our members fully present,

I will attend and participate fully in the entire event, unless otherwise agreed upon with the NFTY Regional staff member

I will arrive on time, stay until the end, and remain on the event premises at all times. To maintain shalom bayit within our living space

I will abide by the event curfew announced by the leadership. At the time of the announced curfew

I will go directly to my cabin, hotel room, or host home and remain there until the next session

As a means of respect and for the well-being of the community and myself,

I agree to exercise proper consent, and I agree to refrain from inappropriate sexual behavior.

I understand that consent is only given when someone gives positive and verbal permission to a sexual activity with another person, and that all people in a sexual situation must feel comfortable saying an explicit "yes" or "no" of their own free will to stop the physical activity at any point.

In order to maintain our *kehillah kedosha*, it is essential that I uphold consent at NFTY events and in my daily life. Consent is a form of respect, and I will continue to show respect for my peers.

As NFTY is a safe and inclusive space for all participants,

I will not participate in any activities before, during or after events that could be deemed as hazing, sexually harassing, demeaning, hurtful, or bullying.

This includes in-person interactions during regional events, interactions over cell phone and email, and actions in online spaces including Facebook groups, twitter, Instagram, and other forms of social media between events.

If I hear of, or see any act of sexual misconduct, whether it be seen in person, over social media, or by ear, I will report it to my regional director or trusted adult.

I also agree not to photograph or make video recordings of anyone without their express permission, and not to take any photographs in inappropriate places, such as restrooms, host homes, and cabins. If I post or distribute any pictures/media, they will represent NFTY, the staff, and other participants in a positive and wholesome manner. Anything I post will represent the Jewish values the NFTY community teaches and upholds.

In order to ensure the well-being of myself and my peers, I understand that no guests are allowed at any event, unless the adult leadership grants permission in advance, and that any unauthorized guests will be asked to leave immediately.

Because overnight events can cause a lack of sleep and create dangerous driving conditions, I will not drive to, during, or from events, unless advance permission for a special situation is requested in writing by my parent/guardian and granted in writing by the NFTY Regional staff member. This includes driving to/from my home to meet NFTY's designated transportation.

To promote a healthy and safe NFTY environment,

I will not possess, consume, or distribute alcoholic beverages, other than that served by adult leadership for Jewish sacramental purposes, even if I am of legal drinking age.



I will not smoke, consume, or distribute tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, at any time during the event. I will not possess, use, or distribute any illegal drug or drug paraphernalia, including marijuana regardless of the legality in the hosting state.

I will not commit any illegal act. I understand that vandalism, disturbing the peace, or other inappropriate behavior as determined by the adult leadership in accordance with the youth leadership will not be tolerated. I understand that

I will have to pay for any damage that I cause. I understand that no gambling is allowed, except for fundraisers approved by the adult leadership.

As NFTY is a community that I want to keep safe and free of violence, I will not bring or use any weapons, firearms, or anything that may be construed as a weapon.

As NFTY is a community of teens that respect and appreciate the adult leadership and each other, I agree to abide by any additional rules, pertinent to a specific Event, which may be announced, and to accept the consequences of their violation.

I understand that elements of this brit apply from the time I leave home for the event, during the event itself, and until I return home after the event. Some elements include behaviors and expectations between events.

My signature, and the signature of my parent or guardian, on the attached Health and Safety Form for Union for Reform Judaism Youth Programs, affirms my agreement to the rules and policies of NFTY and this B'rit K'hilah.

Signature of Candidate

Date