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We are thrilled that you will be joining us February 18th in Dallas, Texas. Please read this document carefully as it provides a great deal of information about how to prepare for your trip and what you should expect upon arrival.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PROCEDURES

Arrival procedures for Friday, February 18th

- **FOR THOSE ARRIVING BY PLANE**

Please be sure to have a copy of your reservation and itinerary so there is no confusion about your return home. You must present a valid Government-issued I.D. providing age to the Customer Service Agent at the airport when you check in for your flight.

Dallas Fort-Worth Airport (DFW)

NFTY staff will be at the terminal baggage claim meeting points (see below) from 8:00am to 5:00pm to assist Convention participants in collecting their belongings, meeting the other teens and transferring to our hotel.

After you land, take all of your belongings off the plane with you. Make sure you have everything. Walk with everyone from your flight to collect your checked baggage from the baggage claim belt for your flight. After you have collected your checked baggage you will proceed to the designated meeting point in your arrival terminal (see the list below).

Terminal A Meeting Point – A17 Baggage Claim
Terminal B Meeting Point – B20 Baggage Claim
Terminal C Meeting Point – C25 Baggage Claim
Terminal D Meeting Point – D18 Baggage Claim
Terminal E Meeting Point – E35 Baggage Claim

Dallas Love Field (DAL)

NFTY staff will be at the terminal baggage claim (there is only one baggage claim area at Love Field) from 9:00am to 5:00pm to assist Convention participants in collecting their belongings, meeting the other teens and transferring to our hotel.

After you land, take all of your belongings off the plane with you. Make sure you have everything. Walk with everyone from your flight to collect your checked baggage from the baggage claim belt for your flight.

If your flight is significantly delayed and will land after 5:00 PM, please call the NFTY Office at the Hotel to notify our staff. The phone number of the NFTY Convention Office at the Dallas Fairmont Hotel is 419-407-NFTY (6389). (The hotel's general phone number is 214-720-2020.)

NFTY chartered busses will shuttle participants to the hotel. Please be patient upon arrival in Dallas, as it will take time to load and dispatch buses. The trip to the hotel will take up to 1 hour.

Participants scheduled to land after 5:00 PM are responsible for their own transportation to the hotel. A taxi cab will cost approximately \$ 30.00 - \$65.00 plus tip depending upon which airport you are flying into. The Fairmont Dallas Hotel is located at 1717 N. Akard Street, Dallas, Texas, 75201.

For more information about the DFW area airports, check out: Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) www.dfwairport.com or Dallas Love Field (DAL) www.dallas-lovefield.com.

- **FOR THOSE ARRIVING BY REGIONAL BUS**
You will be arriving to and departing from the hotel according to your Regional Bus schedule.
- **FOR THOSE ARRIVING BY CAR**
Please arrive no later than 4:00 PM. For exact directions to The Fairmont Dallas, visit their website: www.fairmont.com/dallas/MapAndDirections.htm. Remember, participants may not drive themselves to or from the convention.

Departure procedures for Tuesday, February 22nd

NFTY will have chartered buses departing early for the airports. Participants will arrive at their airport terminal departure locations well before their scheduled flight departure. NFTY representatives will be available for assistance at these locations as well. If departing by car, please arrange to be picked up between 8:00 and 10:00 AM.

INFORMATION TO GET YOU PREPARED

Housing and accommodations

We are thrilled that over 700 participants will be joining us in Dallas. We did not want to turn anyone away from this wonderful event. In order to accommodate everyone, participants will be housed 3 or 4 to a room. In some instances, participants will be sharing a queen or king sized bed with another participant. Every effort is made to accommodate roommate requests, but as previously stated, this is not always possible. Participants must sleep in their assigned room and room changes will not be possible.

What to pack and Dallas weather

What kind of clothes should I pack for NFTY Convention? Most of the event is casual. Participants should bring jeans, sweaters, close-toed shoes, and clothing for sleeping.

Shabbat: Please bring appropriate clothing for Shabbat. Men should wear khakis or nice pants, nice shirts, sweaters, and nice shoes. Coats and ties are optional, but suggested. Women should wear nice shirts, sweaters, khakis, nice pants and/or skirts and nice shoes. Skirts and dresses are optional, but suggested.

Closing Night Banquet: There will be a final celebratory banquet on Monday evening. The dress is semi-formal, so plan to dress accordingly.

Outerwear - REQUIRED: We will be leaving the hotel during the convention and will be spending time outdoors. Dallas in February may be cold. All participants are encouraged to check the weather before packing as they may need to bring a warm coat, hat and gloves. For current weather information for Dallas, please visit <http://www.weather.com/weather/tenday/USTX0327>.

Spending Money

You may want to bring some money with you to buy snacks, hotel gift shop items or souvenirs. All of your meals will be covered in your registration fee for the Convention. The hotel will offer food that you can purchase late night and you will need to pay for it in cash. You will not be allowed to charge things to your room. At the NFTY *Shuk* (store), participants will have the opportunity to peruse and purchase NFTY merchandise for sale from regions all over North America. There will also be special items on sale from URJ Books and Music with great discounts available just for NFTY Convention.

Valuables

Please leave articles of value at home. Do not bring expensive jewelry or expensive electronic devices. Important Note: If valuables are brought to convention the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) or the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) will not be held responsible for the loss or theft of such items or their replacement if damaged, lost, or stolen.

Cell Phone use during Convention

We know that you are traveling far from home and will want to use your cell phone to stay connected in touch with your family while in Dallas. You will be able to use your phone during free time and your parents will be able to reach you on your phone, except during program times. We ask that you keep your phone in silent mode throughout the convention and that you are prepared to limit use of your during convention programming.

There will be times during the program where you will be able to interact with the program using your cell phone. There will be many opportunities throughout the weekend when not in programming, such as free time and meals, when you will be able to follow the NFTY Convention Live! website and blog from your phone and interact with NFTY via Facebook, Flickr and Twitter.

Please speak to your parents to make sure you have permission to use text messaging and/or internet access on your phone. Remember, you will be responsible for any costs incurred with your phone carrier throughout the weekend.

Getting in touch with participants during the convention

Family members may choose to call the hotel switchboard (214-720-2020) and be transferred to a participant's room directly, although participants spend little time in their rooms. Messages may also be left with the NFTY Convention Office at 419-407-NFTY (6389); in most cases, these messages will be delivered at the late-night floor meeting.

Calling home during the convention

Participants will not be able to make long distance calls from their hotel room, but will be able to use calling cards at the pay phones in the hotel. They may also use their cell phones when they are not participating in a program.

In case of an emergency

From 8:00AM to 8:00PM CST, please call the NFTY Office at the Fairmont Dallas Hotel. Our direct phone number (effective Thursday, February 17 at 9:00am CST) will be 419-407-NFTY (6389). After hours please

call the Fairmont Dallas Hotel directly at 214-720-7405 and ask the hotel Operator to page the NFTY Staff Member on call.

Visitors

Please keep in mind that for a number of reasons, including safety and security, family and friends who are not participants are not permitted to visit NFTY Convention or to visit with NFTY Convention participants once NFTY Convention has started.

Medical Care

We will have a medical doctor and registered nurses on site during the Convention if you need immediate medical attention. The Fairmont Dallas Hotel is close to area hospitals in the event of an emergency. **If you are not well just prior to the Convention or if you have been exposed to any communicable disease within 3 weeks of the Convention, you must inform NFTY prior to Convention.**

Safety and Security

As in all of our programs, health and safety is our foremost concern. Hotel and URJ/NFTY security will be on duty 24 hours a day supervising all access to the hotel. All participants and staff will be required wear identification badges.



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SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES

NFTY Remembers

As we gather for five wonderful days in Dallas, it gives us an opportunity to remember those who were close to our NFTY community, who are no longer with us. If you would like to submit a name for the *Kaddish* list, which will scroll onscreen during *tefilah*, [please submit the name using our online form](#).

URJ Books and Music Store

Be sure to stop by for an awesome selection of Jewish music CDs and songbooks from your favorite Jewish artists. At Convention we'll be celebrating the release of Ruach 5771, the newest collection of cool Jewish music with tunes from Dan Nichols, Josh Nelson, Alan Goodis, Peri Smilow, Ross M. Levy, Craig Taubman, Elana Jagoda, Jay Rapoport, Yom Hadash, and Mikey Pauker, to name just a few. Visit us on the Banquet Level just outside the Regency Ballroom. We accept all major credit and debit cards, or a personal check (sorry, no cash sales). And check this: we're giving away a brand new iPod Shuffle, loaded up with every one of the six Ruach CDs, including the brand new Ruach 5771! Just stop by and fill out an entry form, and you could take home a cool little iPod around, filled with all your NFTY music favorites. No purchase necessary to win. Come by and see us – you can't win if you don't enter!

NFTY in Israel JewGlee Auditions

JewGlee auditions are happening at NFTY convention! This is your chance to audition and be a part of the first ever JewGlee Ensemble and sing your way through Europe and Israel this summer. For anyone who is attending NFTY convention and wants to audition, visit www.nftyisrael.org/jewglee/.

Learn about Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR)

HUC-JIR trains the next generation of rabbis, cantors, communal and educational professionals of the Reform Movement. We know that the future depends on you! If you are interested in hearing about how you can shape the future and make our world a better place, then you won't want to miss these two special meetings: stop by our table on Shabbat afternoon, 5 to 6 p.m., for a nosh and to pick up your free gift and visit us again during lunch on Monday and take home your free HUC memorabilia. [Learn more about HUC-JIR and American Jewish Archives Youth Programs on our website!](#)

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