



## PRESENTER PACKET

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## **Welcome**

NFTY Convention and Youth Workers Conference are significant transformative experiences that bring Jewish teens and youth workers from across North America together for a powerful and inspiring five days. What makes this event unique is the cadre of skills and talents that are shared by our diverse faculty of presenters, worship leaders, and facilitators. It is our hope that you will add your talents into our mix this year, and work as part of this team of more than 120 professionals from the field of informal Jewish education to make the magic happen in Dallas, TX.

## **General Information**

NFTY Convention and the URJ Youth Workers Conference are held concurrently from February 18-22, 2011 in Dallas, TX. Both events will be held at the Fairmont Dallas Hotel in the heart of the Dallas Arts District. The hotel address is 1717 N. Akard Street, Dallas, TX, 75201. The hotel phone number is 214-720-2020. You can find additional information about the hotel by visiting their website, <http://www.fairmont.com/dallas/>. **For more general information about Youth Workers Conference visit [www.nfty.org/ywc](http://www.nfty.org/ywc)**

## **Presenter Guidelines**

The YWC Program Team worked to create a balanced selection of topics that are of interest to our youth workers. We hope you will enjoy facilitating the pieces identified in the cover letter with this packet.

As a presenter, we ask that you agree to the following terms:

- Presenter agrees to serve as a presenter in the workshop(s) described in the enclosed YWC presenter cover letter.
- Presenter will present only educational information. The session may not be used to promote or sell a product, service or program.
- Presenter agrees to allow the possible audio and/or video recording of a session. Presenter understands the URJ has sole rights to any recordings generated and to any revenues generated from sales of recorded material.
- Presenter agrees to create an outline, description and resource materials for each session they facilitate to be used as part of the YWC resource bank, which will be posted online.
- Presenter understands that these resource materials must be submitted prior to Youth Workers Conference 2011.
- Presenter grants permission for any resources distributed at the YWC to be reproduced and redistributed at the URJ's discretion.

Presenters will be asked to sign a statement agreeing to these terms.

Shortly after receipt of your online registration form confirming your attendance, you will be contacted about specific requests and needs for your session, including room set-up, AV needs, etc.

As a general rule, all workshop sessions are taught by no less than two presenters. You will be notified of fellow presenters by January 21, 2011.

Unless otherwise stated in the event descriptions, the URJ staff contact for the Youth Workers Conference program is Lisa David. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa at [ldavid@urj.org](mailto:ldavid@urj.org).

## **Presenter Event Descriptions**

On the email you received, each session you are invited to teach or facilitate begins with “YWC” followed by a three-digit code. Below is a numerical listing of those codes, with a complete description of what the task is, when it takes place, and more specific information about the context or goals of that particular program element.

### ***Youth Workers Conference Intensives***

Session 1: Sat 2/19 2:30pm-5:45pm

Session 2: Sun 2/20 10am-12:30pm

Each YWC participant will select one intensive program, a program designed for deep engagement with leading Jewish thinkers, practitioners, artists and youth workers. Over 5.5 hours of study and discussion, each intensive program allows conference participants to explore various facets of a particular topic related to Jewish youth work. Research, theory and practical applications will be shared and rich dialogue will be encouraged.

- YW101 Youth Power: a Community Organizing Approach to Teens Building Community
- YW102 Breaking into God's Mansion: Kabbalah for Teens with Rabbi Paul Yedwab
- YW103 *Moving Traditions* presents: Understanding Teens and Why Gender Matters
- YW104 Innovation and Leadership with David Bryfman and Tova Garr of the *New Center for Creative Leadership*
- YW105 *A Workshop with Hanoah Piven*: Israel and the World Through an Artist's Eyes
- YW106 When Words Come to Life: Torah Lishmah and Teaching Text to Teens
- YW107 Man Plans and G\*d Laughs... a New Approach to Risk Management
- YW108 Cantor Ellen Dreskin and Alan Goodis Present: Songleading and Songleader Mentoring
- YW109 Understanding the reality of today's teens
- YW110 The 21st Century Youth Worker: A Toolkit

### ***Youth Workers Conference Electives***

Sunday 2/20 1:30pm-2:30pm

Each YWC participant also has the opportunity to select one elective program, a one-hour “mini-intensive” with most of the same topics and presenters as our intensive programs. We're also offering a few additional topics in this time block, with presenters providing resources, skill-building and training on current issues and topics in Jewish youth work.

- YW201 Youth Power: a Community Organizing Approach to Teens Building Community
- YW202 Breaking into God's Mansion: Kabbalah for Teens with Rabbi Paul Yedwab
- YW203 Understanding Boys and *The Brotherhood*
- YW204 Innovation and Leadership with David Bryfman and Tova Garr of the *New Center for Creative Leadership*
- YW205 *A Workshop with Hanoah Piven*: Israel and the World Through an Artist's Eyes
- YW206 When Words Come to Life: Torah Lishmah and Teaching Text to Teens  
*Top 10 Things To Know To Keep Kids Safe (Alive)... Looking at YOUR youth programs through the lens of*
- YW207 *risk*
- YW208 Cantor Ellen Dreskin and Alan Goodis Present: Songleading and Songleader Mentoring
- YW209 Sexual Behavior and Sexual Identity
- YW210 The 21st Century Youth Worker: A Toolkit
- YW211 Teen Issues: Bullying
- YW212 Social Media and Technology: Trends and Tools

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **I've never been to the NFTY Convention/Youth Workers Conference. What can I expect?**

NFTY Convention and the URJ Youth Workers Conference both offer amazing opportunities for Jewish networking, learning and socializing. As the URJ's second largest event, these programs offer a unique biennial opportunity to Reform Jews from all over North America.

### **Should I register for the Youth Workers Conference?**

If you are planning to stay at the hotel beyond the specific day(s) you are teaching, then you should register as a delegate to the Youth Workers Conference. Youth Workers Conference registration includes your meals and the cost of the hotel, and entitles you to all of the workshops and activities being offered to the professionals in this program. If you live in the Dallas, TX area, the Youth Workers Conference also offers a commuter day-rate. For more information about the professional and clergy tracks at the Youth Workers Conference, please visit us online at <http://www.nfty.org/ywc/>

### **I am not planning to attend the Youth Workers Conference; can I stay at the event hotel?**

You will have the opportunity to let us know if you are interested in staying in the hotel on the Visitor Registration form.

### **Will URJ/NFTY cover any of the cost of my travel and/or hotel?**

We are very grateful for your time and talents that you share with our teens. With the recognition that Convention is an expensive event, we continue to work to keep costs for our teens as low as possible. We have not built into this Convention budget funding to subsidize travel or hotel costs for presenters. It is our hope that your congregations and/or affiliates will help cover these costs.

### **What does the NFTY Convention Program Team need from me?**

Please complete the following:

- **By January 13, 2011**, online **presenter acceptance form**. A link to this form was included in your presenter invite. If you do not have the link, please contact Aliza Greenberg at [nftyregistrar@urj.org](mailto:nftyregistrar@urj.org) or 212-650-4130. This form includes space for you to submit a bio.
- **By February 1, 2011**, please fill out the on-line **Workshop Information Form**. A link to this form will be emailed to you with your co-presenter information. One representative from your workshop presenter team must submit this form noting AV needs, materials needed, special space requests, etc. At that time, you will also have the opportunity to upload a program outline, resources and materials to be made available on our website.

### **What do I do when I get there?**

We will be in touch with all presenters prior to the Conference regarding check-in location and procedures.

## YWC DRAFT Schedule

### FRIDAY, February 18

8am – 6pm	Registration
5:30 PM	Welcome and Opening Program
6:30 PM	Dinner
8:15 PM	Evening with NFTY: Shabbat T'filah & Song Session
10:00 PM	YWC Oneg Shabbat sponsored by HUC-JIR

### SATURDAY, February 19

9:00 AM	Morning with NFTY: Breakfast, T'filah and Torah Study
10:00 AM	Torah Study with NFTY
11:00 AM	Hakafah and Completion of T'filah
12:15 PM	North American Board Reports (optional) with YWC Networking Options
12:45 PM	Lunch with YWC Networking Options
1:30 PM	Opening Session Greetings, Paul J. Reichenbach, Director of NFTY Camping and Israel & Melissa Frey, Director URJ Kutz Camp and Associate Director, NFTY
2:30 PM	Hanoch Piven - Opening Keynote and Framing of Intensives
5:45 PM	Intensive Block #1 and Intensive Block #2 (includes a break)
6:30 PM	Break
8:00 PM	Dinner
10:00 PM	Havdalah with NFTY & Siyyum YWC Celebration – out of Hotel

### SUNDAY, February 20

8:45 AM	Breakfast
9:30 AM	Social Action Opening/David Saperstein (optional)
10:00 AM	Intensive Block #3
12:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM	Electives Block
2:30 PM	Break – grab coats, etc.
3:00 PM	Offsite trip
5:30 PM	Dinner at Gilleys
10:00 PM	Return to Hotel & Siyyum
10:30 PM	YWC Social Gathering in the Hotel

### MONDAY, February 21

8:00 AM	Breakfast
Tefilah Time TBD	
8:45 AM	Poster Board Sessions
10:15 AM	Snack break
10:30 AM	Networking/Best Practice Session #1
11:30 AM	Youth Affiliate Group session
12:00 PM	Break
12:30 PM	Lunch
1:45 PM	Teen Engagement at the URJ - Rabbi Laura Novak Winer
2:30 PM	Invisible Children with NFTY
3:30 PM	Networking/Best Practice Session #2
4:30 PM	Final YWC Session
5:30 PM	Break
6:30 PM	Closing Banquet with NFTY
7:45 PM	NFTY Festivities
10:00 PM	Siyyum

### Tuesday, February 22

Breakfast & Departure