



# North American Federation of Temple Youth



An affiliate of the Union for Reform Judaism and a *snif* of Netzer Olami

## Elections Packet 2013-2014 | 5773–5774 Candidates Running for NFTY North American Board

### Candidate Checklist:

- ◇ Candidate Information Form
- ◇ Candidate Contract, Candidate's Signature
- ◇ Parent/Guardian Certification
- ◇ Rabbinic Certification
- ◇ Regional Advisor Certification
- ◇ North American Board Certification
- ◇ Brit Kehilah – NFTY Code of Conduct
- ◇ Letter of Intent (hard copy and email)
- ◇ Brief Bio & Photo (hard copy and email)

**The deadline for all above items is**

**January 18th at 3 PM Eastern  
Time, 2013**

**All items must be received by this  
date in order for your candidacy  
to be accepted.**



Tevet 5773/December 2012

Dear NFTYite:

Thank you for your interest in running for the 2013-2014 NFTY North American Board!

It is important that you fully understand all of the duties and obligations associated with the five North American Board positions and the elections process. Being a part of NFTY Board requires a large amount of time, dedication, flexibility, and commitment – as well as a sense of vision and self-sufficiency to carry out your vision. Being a part of the NFTY Board is a team effort, with both your fellow board members as well as the professional staff of NFTY. Please read through this packet of information with your parent/guardian, your clergy, and your NFTY Regional Staff member. We require you to speak with your current counterpart on the NFTY Board and with the current member of the NFTY Board for the position you seek (which may be the same person). These conversations **must happen** between now and when applications are due. We also encourage you to reach out to one additional NFTY Board member or NFTY Board alumni to discuss the obligations and daily responsibilities of holding a NFTY North American Board position.

This packet includes:

- General expectations of NFTY North American Board Members
- 5773 NFTY North American Board Elections Procedures
- NFTY Board Election Guidelines
- Information from the NFTY Constitution pertaining to the election process and job descriptions
- NFTY's Brit Kehillah–Code of Conduct
- 2012-2013 NFTY Board Contact Information
- Rabbinic Certification
- Regional Advisor Certification
- Parent/Guardian Certification
- North American Board Counterpart Certification
- Candidate Contract

In order to officially run for NFTY North American Board, you will need to submit these forms, either in hard copy by mail or in one complete email with original signatures and all documents, **NO LATER THAN JANUARY 18TH AT 3 PM EASTERN TIME, 2013**. A confirmation email will be sent within 24 hours to confirm that your forms have been received and are legible:

- (1) Candidate Information Form
- (2) Candidate Contract with Candidate's Signature
- (3) Parental Certification
- (4) Clergy Certification
- (5) Regional Staff Certification
- (6) North American Board Certification
- (7) Brit Kehilah – NFTY Code of Conduct
- (8) Letter of Intent (hard copy and email)

- Letters of Intent should be one page double-sided for Presidential candidates and one page single-sided for the four Vice Presidential candidates.
  - For all letters, please set one inch margins all around.
  - Please use Arial 11 point type.
  - Please save the file as a Microsoft Word .doc file (not .docx)
- (9) Brief Bio
- Hard copy and email
  - 75 words or less)
- (10) Digital photo of yourself (e-mail)
- 1” wide by 2” high
  - 150 dpi

**In addition to these submissions, please email your letters of intent, your bio and your digital picture to [NABCandidate@urj.org](mailto:NABCandidate@urj.org) on or before January 18th at 3 PM Eastern Time, 2013.**

It is required that you, your parent/guardian, your congregational clergy, and your NFTY Regional Staff sign these forms, which will be in effect throughout your term, if elected. Your signature on the contract states that you understand the level of integrity and vision expected with the role of being a NFTY Officer and that you are willing to meet these expectations. **You will be sent an e-mail confirmation that your Candidacy Packet was received and is complete within 24 hours of your submission.** Later that week, you will be sent a packet with guidelines for candidates, including more election information regarding speeches and the Meet the Candidates sessions, and the complete list of candidates.

Again, thank you so much for your interest in helping ensure the future of NFTY. Please feel free to be in touch with questions or concerns you may have about running for NFTY Board.

L’shalom,

Evan Traylor  
NFTY President 2012-2013

Beth Rodin  
NFTY Director of Education and Special Projects  
NFTY Board Advisor

## General Expectations of NFTY Board Members

**“It is not the position that honors the person,  
but rather the person that honors the position” -Taanit 21b**

Being elected to NFTY Board is an incredible opportunity that comes with many expectations. If elected, you will have a powerful influence on the lives of thousands of Reform Jewish teenagers. As a leader of NFTY, you will set the examples for fellow NFTYites through your involvement as well as your conduct. You are also expected to set the example of having a vision for NFTY and seeing it through. You are expected to start conversations and push them forward in partnership with the board advisor as well as anticipate next steps and collaborate with your team to elevate NFTY to its highest potential. Not only do you represent the teens of our 19 regions, but you also represent over 500 TYGs across North America, including the one from which you began your journey of leadership in NFTY. It is also important to remember that each of the NFTY Board Members is responsible not only for his or her particular job description, but also must strive to work as a team throughout their term. It is impossible to accomplish anything alone.

### **The following are the general expectations for all NFTY Board Members:**

**Role Model** – Recognize that the members of NFTY look to you to set an example. Be aware of your behavior and attitude at all times, even when you are not actively leading. Lead by example, even more so when it comes to issues outlined in the NFTY Brit Kehillah.

**Approachability** – NFTY Board Members need to be approachable at all times. NFTYites should know how to reach you throughout the year with questions or concerns (especially if you will be in college). At North American events, it is easy to spend your “down” time with participants from your home regions or other members of the NFTY Board, but it is important to remember that you now represent all of NFTY, and everyone should have access to you. There are always new people to meet and get to know.

**Attendance** – As a role model, you should be attending all NFTY events and URJ related meetings (when applicable). School will always be your first priority, but you should know up front about the travel and meeting requirements. By running for North American Board, you are making a commitment that NFTY will be your primary extra-curricular activity throughout the year.

**Partnership** – One of NFTY’s 13 Principles is the value of Partnership – both with your adult counterparts on the professional staff and your regional counterparts. You are expected to be in constant contact with both. This is a weekly – and often daily – expectation. We ask you to keep in touch by phone, email, through social media, writing blogs, as well as participating in meetings and representing the youth voice of the Reform Movement.

The NFTY Board Members will each have the opportunity to visit two or three NFTY Regions during regional events over the course of the year, depending upon availability of resources. They will not be allowed to visit their home region for official or unofficial NFTY business. Please know that one of these travel requirements will happen before the end of October 2013.

### **Events for all Board Members**

NFTY Mifgash Hafifah 2013, Kutz Camp Old Board/New Board Transition Weekend	March 29-31, 2013
Kutz: NFTY’s Campus For Reform Jewish Teens Includes Staff Orientation, Network Trips, and Mechina Camp Session, Post-camp meetings	June 12-July 24, 2013

URJ Biennial – NFTY Leaders Assembly  
NFTY Veida  
NFTY Mifgash Hafifah 2014, Kutz Camp  
NFTY Mechina 2014 at Kutz

December 10-15, 2013  
February 2014  
March/April 2013, TBD  
Mid-June 2014

**Other meetings that you may attend (based on the position):**

URJ Board of Trustees, URJ Kutz Camp Committee, Netzer Veida Olamit, Young Zionist  
Leaders Conference, Commission on Social Action

**Expenses** – If elected, your NFTY related expenses will be covered by the NFTY Dues account. At times, you will need to use your own money initially to cover things like the cost of getting to and from the airport when traveling for NFTY. You will be provided with forms to fill out so that you may be reimbursed. Programmatic purchases and mailings will be handled by the URJ Youth Division office in New York, unless otherwise authorized, to prevent you from incurring any additional costs.

## **NFTY North American Board Election Procedures**

### **Campaigning**

- As per the NFTY Constitution, there is no campaigning allowed during the course of NFTY Veida.

### **Getting to Know the Candidates**

- Each candidate will have a short bio (75 words or less) and photo which will be posted on NFTY.org prior to the election.
- Regional Board Members will have the opportunity to learn more about the candidates in a Meet the Candidates forum on Saturday night of NFTY Convention. The design of this forum will be available for candidates' information two weeks prior to elections.
- Each candidate is allowed to create a position paper that can be distributed during the "Meet the Candidates" session. This should be no longer than one page, single-sided.

### **Speeches**

- Since this is a NFTY Convention year, all speeches will be delivered online. Candidates will receive technical information on submitting a video speech within 2 days of the candidate declaration deadline. Speeches must be submitted within 10 days of the deadline. Candidates may start working on the content of their speech at any time.
- The Vice Presidential candidates' speeches may be no longer than **4 minutes**. The Presidential candidates' speeches may be no longer than **5 minutes**.
- Once all of the speeches have been received, they will be posted online for general viewing. Speeches will not be given live at NFTY Convention.

### **Elections**

- Elections will proceed in gavel order on Monday of NFTY Convention during the Veida meeting.
- All candidates running for the same position will be asked to vote (if they are delegates) and then leave the room.
- Delegates will mark their votes on an official ballot, fold it, and hand it in to the NFTY staff member assigned to collecting the ballots. The official ballot will include an option for each candidate, a no-vote option, and an abstention option. The NFTY Constitution requires a simple majority to elect. Please familiarize yourself with election procedures outlined in the NFTY Constitution and the outcomes of each option.
- Ballots will be counted by the current NFTY President, the Director of NFTY, and the NFTY Board Advisor.
- The candidates will be informed of the outcome before it is announced to the General Board.

## **NFTY BOARD ELECTION GUIDELINES**

Each of the following guidelines is subject to the discretion of the NFTY Board. We offer these guidelines to provide candidates with a clear understanding of what is and is not permissible. If you have a question about the appropriateness of any of your actions or materials – i.e., a potentially "gray area" – consult the NFTY President without delay.

### **Things a Candidate Cannot Do (At Risk of Disqualification)**

- Distribute material to any NFTYite that discusses the voting procedure in attempt to sway/affect that person's vote. (Thus, material may educate about the candidate's platform, but may not say, for example, "vote for me," "I am the best candidate")
- Distribute or share inappropriate or negative material about any candidates
- Contact – including by means of telephone, e-mail, text messaging, IM, etc. – delegates or other NFTYites (including other candidates) to initiate conversation about the election and its process

- Visit regions other than the candidate's home region between the time that letters of intent are due and the time of elections
- Distribute material outside of the event during which elections are held (e.g., e-mail delegates, post material pertaining to the election on listservs, blogs, social networking sites, snail mail material, etc.)
- Distribute material that is not paper-based/written. Platform papers are allowed, but pins and other promotional material are not. The material is meant to educate, not advertise. The ONLY permissible material to be handed out is the platform paper, which may be distributed during Meet the Candidates.
- Use the Network listservs as a forum for campaigning in any way.
- Contact delegates from other regions in an effort to block vote. You represent the constituents of your region. At NFTY Veida, all participants hear speeches, and all participants are involved with their regional caucus. Your votes should be reflective of what your region wants.

### **Guidelines for Writing Letters of Intent**

Letters of Intent for candidates for President should be no longer than two sides of one page. Letters of Intent should be no longer than one side of one page for those running for PVP, SAVP, RCVP and MCVP. All letters should be created in Microsoft Word, and should have 1 inch margins all around.

Your Letter of Intent should include a basic summary of **what you intend to do** in the upcoming year, **how you intend to do it**, and any other relevant information. In essence, you are submitting a condensed version of your platform. The Letters of Intent will be posted online for NFTY after they are received by the North American office, so if there is any information you would like kept confidential until your speech, do not include it in your letter. Since your Letter of Intent will become public domain, please use your e-mail alias provided by NFTY only – do not use any personal information such as personal e-mails, IM screen names, phone numbers, etc.

### **NFTY 2012-2013 North American Board Contact Information**

#### **NFTY President**

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#### **NFTY Membership and Communications Vice President**

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#### **NFTY Director of Education and Special Projects**

#### **NFTY Board Advisor**

Beth Rodin

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## **ARTICLE TEN: ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, AND DISMISSALS**

SECTION A. ELECTIONS. The following members of the NFTY North American Board shall be elected annually in this order:

- a. President
- b. Programming Vice President
- c. Social Action Vice President
- d. Religious and Cultural Vice President
- e. Membership and Communications Vice President

Paragraph 1: During the NFTY General Board Meeting at NFTY *Vieda*, election of the NFTY North American Board members shall take place. The NFTY North American Board members shall be installed during NFTY *Mechina* the following June.

Paragraph 2: The election of the NFTY North American Board shall be the last item of new business of the NFTY General Board Meeting at NFTY *Veida*.

Paragraph 3: Election procedures shall include the following:

1. Letters of Intent shall be sent to the NFTY Office no later than one month prior to the NFTY General Board Meeting.
2. Candidates may change the office for which they are running by submitting a new Letter of Intent before the deadline has passed. No individual may be nominated or change his/her position during election procedures.
3. There will be a time set aside at the NFTY *Veida* for a Meet-the-Candidates question and answer period.
4. One speech will be given by each candidate. Presidential candidate speeches will be a maximum of five minutes in length. All additional candidate speeches will be a maximum of four minutes in length.
5. Voting
  - a. Each regional federation will receive up to four votes, based on the number of voting delegates present, and if the regional federation has met the dues criteria.
  - b. Each of the NFTY Board officers will have one vote, with the exception of the NFTY President, who only votes in the event of a tie.
  - c. Each ballot will list the name of the position, the name of the candidates in alphabetical order, an option for abstention, and an option for no-vote.
  - a. Votes will be tallied by the current NFTY President and NFTY Director(s).
  - b. If more than two candidates are running for a position, and no simple majority is met, the candidate with the lowest number of votes will be dropped from the ballot, and a run-off election will take place. A run-off ballot will include the name of the position, and options for each of the viable candidates in the race, the option for abstention, and the option for no-vote. The candidates will be informed of this, and the General Board will be informed of this. This process will continue until a simple majority is achieved.
  - c. Candidates for each position will be notified of the final outcome before the NFTY President shares the information with the NFTY General Board.
  - d. Should the no-vote option carry a majority vote, then the NFTY North American Board and the NFTY North American Board-elect shall appoint a member of NFTY to the position within the upcoming month.

## **ARTICLE TEN: ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, AND DISMISSALS (continued)**

Paragraph 4: All NFTY North American Board members must meet the following requirements:

1. A NFTY North American Board member must not hold a regional office during his/her term of office.
2. A NFTY North American Board member, at the time of election, must be a member of a NFTY Regional Federation.



3. The NFTY North American Board member, at the time of election, must be a Junior or Senior in High School.

Paragraph 5: The NFTY North American Board shall have all powers it deems necessary and proper for the administration of the election process.

Paragraph 6: There will be no campaigning at the NFTY General Board Meeting. However, position papers will be allowed. Final discretion is up to the NFTY Executive.

SECTION B. If a member of the NFTY North American Board resigns or is dismissed, the President shall appoint an interim replacement.

Paragraph 1: The remaining NFTY North American Board members, under the direction of the highest ranking member of the NFTY North American Board, shall use the process for appointments created by the Executive Advisory Committee and Executive Review Committee of 2007.

SECTION C. Dismissal procedures shall take place when a member of the NFTY North American Board has extremely violated the NFTY Constitution, shown a lack of responsibility, behaved in a disruptive and destructive manner, or infringed upon the terms outlined in the NFTY *Brit Kehilah*.

With all cases excluding infringements of the NFTY *Brit Kehilah*, dismissal from office shall follow the procedures outlined below:

Paragraph 1: The President shall issue a warning to the NFTY North American Board Member under consideration. When the NFTY North American Board Member under consideration is the President, the Programming Vice President, with the consent of the NFTY North American Board, shall issue the warning.

Paragraph 2: The NFTY Director(s) shall issue a warning to the NFTY North American Board member under consideration.

Paragraph 3: The NFTY North American Board shall ask for the NFTY North American Board member's resignation. If this is not received, the NFTY North American Board may consider dismissal procedures.

Paragraph 4: The NFTY North American Board may, after extensive review, dismiss any NFTY North American Board Member by at least a majority vote of the NFTY North American Board.

SECTION D: In the case of a North American Board Member's infringement of the NFTY *Brit Kehilah*, dismissal procedures will follow under the direction and discretion of the NFTY Director(s), in consultation with the NFTY North American Board.

## **ARTICLE ELEVEN: DUTIES OF THE NFTY NORTH AMERICAN BOARD**

### **SECTION A. It shall be the duty of the NFTY PRESIDENT:**

1. To determine and execute a vision for NFTY in consultation with the NFTY Leadership Team, to offer direction and orientation for their term.
2. To call and preside over all NFTY North American and General Board Meetings.
3. To be directly responsible for and exercise direct supervision over the NFTY North American Board and the NFTY General Board.
4. To be the liaison between NFTY and the NFTY Director(s).
5. To be responsible for the execution of the NFTY Constitution and other rules pertaining to NFTY.
6. To define NFTY's North American priorities and objectives with the NFTY North American Board's approval.
7. To act as a public spokesperson for NFTY.

8. To act as a liaison between NFTY and *Netzer Olami* in the capacity of *Rosh Chutz*, ambassador to the other *snifim* of *Netzer Olami*.
9. To represent NFTY while serving on the URJ Board of Trustees and Executive Committee, and any other appropriate and necessary committees, councils, and commissions.
10. To appoint representatives to the URJ Committees and Commissions with the NFTY North American Board's approval.
11. To fill vacancies on the NFTY North American Board, pending constitutional rule.
12. To create new NFTY committees and appoint chair people when necessary, upon the NFTY North American Board's approval.
13. To coordinate the activities of the Presidents Network.
14. To act as a resource and role model to all members of NFTY, in addition to upholding the NFTY *Brit Kehilah*.
15. To attend all North American events, including a specified amount of time at Kutz: NFTY's Campus for Reform Jewish Teens.
16. To act as a liaison in the travel region system under the direction of the NFTY Board and Director(s).
17. To coordinate any activities and/or accept any other duties assigned by the NFTY Director(s).
18. To undertake and coordinate any activities and additional duties which may be necessary to fulfill the above responsibilities.

**SECTION B. It shall be the duty of the NFTY PROGRAMMING VICE PRESIDENT:**

1. To take the place of the President when so required.
2. To be directly responsible for and to assist in the duties of the President when so required.
3. To emphasize, encourage, and embody the principles of History, Choice through Knowledge, and Pluralism within our movement as a whole, in addition to the remaining principles stated in the preamble of the NFTY Constitution.
4. To be an educational and programmatic resource to all of NFTY.
5. To coordinate NFTY programs, such as the Study Theme for the present year, and NFTY Programming Competitions including but not limited to the *Nilmad V'Na'aseh* Award, with the intent of aiding and strengthening TYGs.
6. To establish, chair and maintain a Programming Vice Presidents Network, and encourage members of the network to share programming resources which function as unique parts of and distinguish each region.
7. To provide NFTY and *Netzer Olami* with innovative and holistic programs and resources, and to make these materials accessible through the Programming Vice Presidents Network, the NFTY Program Bank, and the *Netzer Olami Peulah* Bank.
8. To represent NFTY and Reform Jewish youth as a whole to committees and commissions of the Union for Reform Judaism that pertains to programming, outreach and congregational youth involvement, specifically the URJ Commission on Lifelong Jewish Learning.
9. To act as a resource and role model to all members of NFTY, in addition to upholding the NFTY *Brit Kehilah*.
10. To attend all North American events, including a specified amount of time at Kutz: NFTY's Campus for Reform Jewish Teens.
11. To act as a liaison in the travel region system under the direction of the NFTY Board and Director(s).
12. To coordinate any activities and/or accept any other duties assigned by the President.
13. To undertake and coordinate any activities and additional duties which may be necessary to fulfill the above responsibilities.

**SECTION C. It shall be the duty of the NFTY SOCIAL ACTION VICE PRESIDENT:**

1. To lead and empower NFTYites individually and collectively in the pursuit of justice and *Tikkun Olam* in our movement.
2. To take stands as a representative of the NFTY General Board when a position has been taken by the General Board on pertinent issues when deemed necessary, even when those issues are controversial.
3. To provide NFTYites with transferable tools to effectively pursue social action in their everyday lives, and support NFTY Programming Competitions including but not limited to the *Tikkun Olam* Award, with the intent of aiding and strengthening TYGs.

4. To empower NFTYites to engage themselves and others in responsible and active citizenship.
5. To coordinate, facilitate, and/or aid in social action oriented projects initiated by the NFTY North American Board or NFTY General Board, including the NFTY Action Theme for the present year.
6. To uphold justice and equality within NFTY, and to be accessible to those NFTYites who feel that this is not already being carried out within our movement and the URJ.
7. To facilitate and encourage holistic social action programming, including the use of multiple sources and the opportunity for a safe space to dissent.
8. To be a member of the URJ Commission on Social Action.
9. To act as a liaison between NFTY and the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism.
10. To encourage, aid, and/or co-ordinate the activities of the Social Action Vice Presidents Network.
11. To act as a resource and role model to all members of NFTY, in addition to upholding the NFTY *Brit Kehilah*.
12. To attend all North American events, including a specified amount of time at Kutz: NFTY's Campus for Reform Jewish Teens.
13. To act as a liaison in the travel region system under the direction of the NFTY Board and Directors.
14. To uphold the values stated in the preamble of the NFTY Constitution
15. To coordinate any activities and/or accept any other duties assigned by the President.
16. To undertake and coordinate any activities and additional duties which may be necessary to fulfill the above responsibilities.

**SECTION D. It shall be the duty of the NFTY RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL VICE PRESIDENT:**

1. To promote and encourage Jewish religious and cultural activities in NFTY from a Reform Jewish perspective in a pluralistic environment.
2. To emphasize, encourage, and embody the principles of Torah, The Jewish People, The State of Israel, Hebrew, and History within our movement as a whole, in addition to the remaining principles stated in the preamble of the NFTY Constitution.
3. To assist the Programming Vice President and Social Action Vice President in designing and adding religious and cultural content to the NFTY Study and NFTY Action Themes.
4. To coordinate the activities of the Religious and Cultural Vice Presidents Network, and create an open forum for Judaic programs and *tefilot* to be shared.
5. To be responsible for *tefilot* at NFTY *Veida*, NFTY *Mechina*, NFTY Convention, NFTY's program concurrent with the URJ Biennial and when needed.
6. To provide a vehicle for understanding when exploring alternate modes of prayer experiences.
7. To present benedictions, *d'vrei torah*, invocations, and other spiritually uplifting statements at NFTY Board meetings.
8. To be responsible for the planning and running of NFTY Competitions, including working with the NFTY MCVP to advertise competitions well in advance of NFTY Convention.
9. To represent NFTY at all ARZA/ARZENU functions as well as within other Zionist, Israeli and relevant organizations, including *Netzer Olami* in conjunction with the NFTY President.
10. To be the NFTY representative on the Commission for Worship, Music, and Reform Jewish Living.
11. To ensure the integration of Hebrew at all NFTY programs through projects including, but not limited to
  - a. the creation, publication, and distribution of the Hebrew/English newsletter **העיתון** (*haitone*) which will be distributed in conjunction with NFTY's newsletter *Ani V'atah* to participants in each region. The newsletter shall be distributed to the participants of each region.
  - b. creating, by his/her installation, a plan for education and implementation of the Hebrew language throughout the NFTY regions and implement it with the help of his/her network throughout the programming year.
  - c. maintaining a NFTY Hebrew/English **מילון** (*milon*), a dictionary of words useful for events
  - d. ensuring the integration of Hebrew in all NFTY official letterheads.
12. To act as a resource and role model to all members of NFTY, in addition to upholding the NFTY *Brit Kehilah*.
13. To attend all North American events, including a specified amount of time at Kutz: NFTY's Campus for Reform Jewish Teens.

14. To act as a liaison in the travel region system under the direction of the NFTY Board and Director(s).
15. To coordinate any activities and/or accept any other duties assigned by the President.
16. To undertake and coordinate any activities and additional duties which may be necessary to fulfill the above responsibilities.

**SECTION E. It shall be the duty of the NFTY MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNICATIONS VICE PRESIDENT:**

1. To promote, encourage, and maintain membership and communication within NFTY.
2. To emphasize, encourage, and embody the principles of Self, Community, and Fun and Spirit within our movement as a whole, in addition to the remaining principles stated in the preamble of the NFTY Constitution.
3. To coordinate the activities of the Membership and Communications Vice Presidents Network which include all positions that concern membership and communication.
4. To identify the needs of NFTY's membership, and work to solve those needs, with the help of appropriate adult resources, URJ departments, and committees.
5. To implement programs concerning membership and communications, as well as other pertinent Jewish topics.
6. To publish the *Ani V'atah* newsletter at every North American gathering of NFTY leaders (i.e. *Mechina*, NFTY Convention, URJ Biennial, NFTY *Veida*), and make the *Ani V'atah* available to every NFTYite.
7. To be responsible for NFTY's contribution to the quarterly *Netzer Olami* update.
8. To coordinate and review all publications and resources of NFTY on the North American level, in consultation with the NFTY Leadership Team.
9. To update and maintain the NFTY Constitution and Resolutions Encyclopedia.
10. To work with the adult leadership of the URJ and the URJ Department of Marketing and Communications, as well as other outside publications and news outlets, to publicize NFTY and its activities.
11. To work directly with the URJ Youth Division's Web Department to utilize the NFTY website to its fullest potential.
12. To establish communications with outside sources regarding the Study and Action Themes.
13. To act as a resource and role model to all members of NFTY, in addition to upholding the NFTY *Brit Kehilah*.
14. To attend all North American events, including a specified amount of time at Kutz: NFTY's Campus for Reform Jewish Teens.
15. To act as a liaison in the travel region system under the direction of the NFTY Board and Directors.
16. To coordinate any activities and/or accept any other duties assigned by the President.
17. To undertake and coordinate any activities and additional duties which may be necessary to fulfill the above responsibilities.



**5773-5774 NFTY North American Board  
Candidate Information Form  
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Full Name of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate for the position of \_\_\_\_\_

NFTY Region: \_\_\_\_\_ Current position held: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Prov/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Current Age \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-alias E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Facebook \_\_\_\_\_ Twitter \_\_\_\_\_

URJ Congregation & City: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 1 Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2 Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**I am considering a gap-year program during the 2013-2014 school year: YES NO MAYBE (circle one)**

If so, which program: \_\_\_\_\_

**I am considering delaying starting college during the 2013-2014 school year: YES NO MAYBE (circle one)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**5773-5774 NFTY North American Board  
Candidate Contract & Candidate Signature**

Name of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate for the position of \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate Contract**

It is the expectation of NFTY and the URJ Youth Division that the NFTY North American Board serve as role models for all the members of our organization. Because of your personal leadership skills, programming ability, strong commitment to Judaism, and forward thinking on social issues, you are taking a step towards being a leader for the participants of the North American Federation of Temple Youth. This wonderful experience comes with a tremendous amount of responsibility. In addition to the job descriptions provided in this packet, it is expected that each member of the NFTY North American Board will be present at and participate in all of the travel requirements listed in this packet as well as the meetings that will be scheduled throughout the year.

Being elected as one of the five North American Board Members means that you are choosing to make NFTY your primary extra-curricular activity during the next academic year. You can only lead by the example you set for your peers. It is also expected that you will uphold NFTY's Brit Kehillah–Code of Conduct as well as support the enforcement of the Brit at all NFTY events in which you participate, and in how you portray yourself online. Breaking any of its rules may result in the consequences outlined in the NFTY Constitution. If elected to be a NFTY North American Board Member, you will be held to a higher standard. You will be compensated and serve under a contract for your time as a staff member at the URJ Kutz Camp. If for any reason you are terminated from your employment at Kutz Camp, you will lose your NFTY North American Board position.

**The Candidate's Signature**

I am fully aware of the expectations placed upon NFTY North American Board Members and commit to the terms of this contract and the NFTY Board Election Packet if elected to the 5773-5774 NFTY North American Board.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**5773-5774 NFTY North American Board  
Parental Certification**

Name of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate for the position of \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature**

I am aware that my teen is registering to be a candidate for the 5773-5774 NFTY North American Board. I have read the NFTY Board Election Packet and NFTY's Brit Kehillah–Code of Conduct, and am familiar with the travel schedule outlined in this packet. I understand that if my child breaks the NFTY Brit Kehillah while holding a North American Board position, they may lose their NFTY Board position. I understand that if elected, my teen is making a commitment to make NFTY their primary extra-curricular activity during the 2013-2014 academic year. I am fully aware of the expectations placed upon NFTY North American Board Members.

**I understand that if I choose, I can arrange a call with Beth Rodin between January 2 and January 18, 2013 to answer questions I might have about my teen's role if elected to NFTY's North American Board, before the applications deadline.**

**Please note that Beth will be out of the country January 3-14, 2013, but is available via Skype or phone. Please email Beth at [brodin@urj.org](mailto:brodin@urj.org) to set up a time to speak if you so choose.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**5773-5774 NFTY North American Board Candidate  
Clergy Certification**

Name of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate for the position of \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Rabbi or Cantor,

The above-named candidate intends to run for a NFTY Board position for the 5773-5774 school year. **Please take the time to meet with him/her and discuss his/her potential role as a board member as well as the importance of such a commitment. If you have questions about what is appropriate for this meeting, please don't hesitate to be in touch with Beth at the email below.** After you meet with the candidate, please sign the bottom of this form, certifying his/her candidacy for the position above.

Please feel free to contact us with us any questions.

Evan Traylor  
NFTY President  
[nftypresident@urj.org](mailto:nftypresident@urj.org)

Beth Rodin  
NFTY Director of Education & Special Projects  
NFTY Board Advisor  
[brodin@urj.org](mailto:brodin@urj.org)

I am aware that this member of my URJ congregation is registering to become a candidate for the NFTY North American Board. I have spoken to him/her in detail about this commitment. I certify that he/she is a member in good standing of my URJ congregation having paid his/her TYG dues. I have spoken with this member of my congregation about the time commitment involved and the expectations and Jewish values of following NFTY's Brit Kehillah. I also certify his/her candidacy for the position above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Clergy

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Clergy

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of URJ Congregation

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State

I certify that I have met with my Rabbi to discuss my candidacy for the NFTY Board.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**5773-5774 NFTY North American Board Candidate  
Regional Staff Certification**

Name of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate for the position of \_\_\_\_\_

Dear NFTY Regional Staff,

The above-named candidate intends to run for a NFTY Board position for the 5773-5774 school year. **Please take the time to meet with him/her and discuss his/her potential as a board member as well as the importance of such a commitment.** After you meet with the candidate, sign the bottom of this form in order to certify his/her candidacy for the position above.

Please feel free to contact us with us any questions.

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I am aware that this member of my NFTY Region is registering to become a candidate for the NFTY North American Board. I have spoken with this member of my region about the commitment level expected of NFTY North American Board members, and my personal expectation that they will uphold the NFTY Brit Kehillah while in office. I certify that he/she is a member in good standing of this Region having paid his/her Regional dues. I also certify his/her candidacy for the position above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Regional Advisor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of NFTY Region

I certify that I have met with my Regional Staff Member to discuss my candidacy for the NFTY Board.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**5773-5774 NFTY North American Board Candidate  
Current North American Board Certification**

Name of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate for the position of \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Candidate,

While we have tried to clearly outline the expectations and goals for North American Board Members, the greatest understanding of a North American Board position can only come from one who has held that position. Please take the time to talk with the current North American counterpart for the position you currently hold and the position for which you choose to run (which may be the same person) and discuss the realities of being a board member as well as the importance of such a commitment. After you speak with the North American Board members, please sign the bottom of this form, and indicate who you have spoken with. Please know that at any time, in addition having the required conversation(s) with the current NFTY Board, you can also feel free to direct questions to Beth Rodin, who is the Advisor to the North American Board.

**REMINDER: NFTY President and NFTY RCVP** will be attending the Netzer Veida Olami in Jerusalem from January 3-14, 2013. If you need to speak with the NFTY Board, please be sure to schedule that conversation so that you do not miss out on the opportunity. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

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I certify that I have spoken to the following NFTY Board member(s) to discuss my candidacy for the 5773-5774 NFTY Board.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Position I currently hold: \_\_\_\_\_

Position for which I am running: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of the two North American Board members I have had a formal conversation with about my candidacy before January 21, 2013:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Current Board member who holds the position I am seeking

\_\_\_\_\_  
One additional current or former NFTY Board Member

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## NFTY's *B'RIT KEHILLAH*—Code of Conduct

### ברית קהילה

**I will promote the creation of a religious youth community based on mutual respect and a sense of personal well-being. I will treat others with *Kavod* (honor and respect) because we are created *B'tzelem Elohim* (in the image of God). I have read the following rules, designed to promote the health and safety of all event participants, and have indicated my complete acceptance by my signature and that of my parent/guardian.**

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 possess, use, or distribute any illegal drug or drug paraphernalia.

I will not smoke or consume or distribute tobacco products at any time during the event.

I will attend and participate fully in the entire event, unless otherwise agreed upon with the NFTY Regional Advisor.  
I will arrive on time, stay until the end, and remain on the event premises at all times.

I will not bring or use any weapons, firearms, or anything that may be construed as a weapon.

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.

I will abide by the event curfew announced by the leadership. After each event session, I will go directly to my cabin, hotel room, or host home and remain there until the next session.

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.

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 Advisor.

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

I agree to refrain from inappropriate sexual behavior.

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 these rules of behavior apply from the time I leave home for the event, during the event itself, and until I return home after the event.**

NFTYite Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**We understand that part of the NFTY experience involves activities, group living arrangements and interactions that may be new to my child. These things come with certain risks and uncertainties beyond what my child may be used to dealing with at home. I am aware of these risks, and I am assuming them on behalf of my child. I realize that no environment is risk free and so I have instructed my child on the importance of abiding by NFTY's *B'rit Kehillah*—Code of Conduct. My child and I both agree that he or she is familiar with these rules and will obey them. We further understand that sanctions imposed by the NFTY Regional Advisor for violation could include immediate expulsion from the event, at the expense of the parent or guardian.**

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

