PREFACE TO 1990 EDITION

This booklet was compiled as a result of a suggestion made at a President’s Council at Mechina 1979. It contains the resolutions that have been passed since the North American Board Meeting in 1979. However, it does not contain the full wording of the resolutions – only what was actually resolved. If you are interested in complete wording of the “Whereas” clauses, or the minutes of any of these Board Meetings, copies are available from the NFTY Office in New York City. This booklet also does not include “appreciation” resolutions, such as the one commending Washington Hebrew Congregation for its efforts with the Rally for Soviet Jewry. These, too, are on record in the full minutes from the meetings.

The purpose of this manual, as stated by Susan Shankman, NFTY Executive Vice-President, 1987-1988, is “to serve as a guide for regional officers as to what course of action NFTY has taken in the past. Hopefully, it will help in demonstrating what kind of resolutions are discussed for those regional officers who have never attended a NFTY Board Meeting.” In the future, it might serve as a basis of which NFTY’s regions can approach Board Meetings with a sense of knowledge and a desire to accomplish something for NFTY.

At the end of this Abridged Encyclopedia is an index, categorizing each resolution.

Hopefully, this booklet will serve its purpose well. It is important that all of NFTY know what resolutions we have adopted to aid our regional officers in running their regions, and our TYGers in understanding what NFTY’s all about.

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NFTY Programming Vice-President, 1990-1991
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PREFACE TO 1998 EDITION

For Everyone: We are proud to reintroduce a project that we believe to be a basic asset of any organization that upholds ideals and perspectives: a bare necessity for a body whose membership is turned over completely every four years. We, the 1997-98 NFTY Board, owe thanks to all those mentioned below for giving us a foundation on which to reconstruct a very useful manual.

For Future Editors and Readers: Updating the Resolutions Encyclopedia, a work that the current “generation” of NFTY members was surely unaware of, was not a simple task. By the work of the NFTY Board, all the previous entries into the 1990 Edition of the Resolutions Encyclopedia were re-entered into computer via a Page-Scanner and manual entry. All that was entered by scanner-input was checked and edited carefully for computer error and original typos, but no doubt still has errors. All future editors should try to correct and perfect the Encyclopedia, and, so as not to mislead readers, it is suggested that future editors attempt to acquire hard copies of old resolutions to have them on-hand for reference.

The 1998 Edition of the NFTY Resolutions Encyclopedia was compiled with usefulness and appeal both in mind...

For Readers: Please read the “Preface to the 1990 Edition” for some history into the Encyclopedia. All entries read only the resolved portion of any given resolution. For the full text of any resolution contact the current NFTY President or the NFTY Office at Kutz Camp.

Please use this Resolutions Encyclopedia wisely! If you know someone who is considering writing a NFTY Resolution or Amendment, please ask them if they have consulted the past ten years’ worth of NFTY policy. It is extremely valuable for NFTY to reaffirm a position in light of new issues, but worthless to draft a resolution that makes little or no progress. As a last word to all NFTYites, now and forever (including those who may come after a future name change), please try your best to understand an issue as thoroughly as possible when drafting a NFTY position statement, and remember that the roots of our tradition dig deeper through the world’s history and tough the hearts of generations of Grandmothers and Grandfathers.

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NFTY President, 1997-1998  
Ilana Chernow  
NFTY Programming Vice-President, 1997-1998  
Nicole Scaglione  
NFTY Social Action Vice-President, 1997-1998  
Stephanie Leifer  
NFTY Religious & Cultural Vice-President, 1997-1998
PREFACE TO 2003 EDITION

The NFTY Resolutions Encyclopedia has been in existence for many years, yet most NFTYites seem to be unaware of its existence and therefore do not use it as a tool in forming their TYG and Regional Agendas. Therefore, many of the resolutions that NFTY has pasted have fallen by the wayside. In republishing and making this document more accessible to all NFTYites as part of the NFTY Convention 2003 CD-Rom, it is my hope that this document will be used by all NFTYites in their programming.

During the 5 years that have past since this document was last updated, a lot has happened to NFTY and to this world—we live in a very different world today. Although most of the resolutions which NFTY has past during that time are found here, some have been lost. In order to prevent this from ever happening again, it will now be the NFTY Membership and Communications Vice President’s responsibility to update this document annually. When updating the Resolutions Encyclopedia, make sure to also update the chart at the bottom of the document. A key explaining the symbols and letters used within the chart is found at the very bottom of the document as a resource.

During my tenure as NFTY Membership and Communications Vice President, I have learned a lot from NFTY’s rich history. Looking through this document is like looking back on our past. One thing I noticed however is that we don’t necessarily know who or what our past is. Therefore, at the end of this document is a listing of Former NFTY Board Members. The list is incomplete and although I tried to track down the names of all Former NFTY Board Members, the task was daunting. I urge you all to add to NFTY’s history now so that it is remembered in years to come.

Please read the prefaces from the 1990 and 1998 editions as well as the section on “How to Write a Resolution” in order to gain a larger perspective of what this document is and how you should use it. The history of this organization is immense. NFTY has in many ways changed the world and the course of Reform Judaism with the stances it has taken and the resolutions it has past. During your time in NFTY I urge all of you to add to NFTY’s vibrant history and to achieve all that you dream.

L’Shalom,
Debra Eichenbaum
NFTY Membership and Communications Vice President, 2002-2003
PREFACE TO 2005 EDITION

The North American Federation of Temple Youth, affectionately called NFTY, has often been heralded as a politically active, or at least politically opinionated. Furthermore, we take pride in referring to ourselves as a Jewish Youth Movement, rather than an organization. It is often, sometimes fairly, questioned as to why we choose the word "movement".

The NFTY Resolutions Encyclopedia is an extremely valuable tool, and is, in essence, not the product of compilation by the NFTY Membership and Communications Vice President, rather, it is the product of countless hours of spirited, passionate discussions amongst NFTY’s elected leaders. The Resolutions Encyclopedia makes the outcomes of these discussions tangible rather than abstract, accessible rather than obscure. The availability on the website and the creation of a hyper-linked index are simply to make it easier for everyone to use and to help see the Encyclopedia to its potential.

When considering the Reform Judaic perspective on certain issues, one would logically, and correctly, turn to the URJ, the CCAR, or the HUC. Now I hope that it will be actualized that this Encyclopedia can be a viable resource for Reform Judaic opinions, specifically from a vantage point of the youth.

It is with great hope that I, along with help from many others, am trying to continue Debra Eichenbaum’s effort to urge everyone, regional leaders, local leaders, and everyone in between, to utilize the ideas and concepts contained in this encyclopedia. It can be referenced in programs, project proposals, or even modern resolutions.

Please also read and refer to the other prefaces to this Encyclopedia, they, too, contain messages that should be considered as for how to use this Encyclopedia.

L’Shalom,

Justin Felder
NFTY Membership and Communications Vice President, 2004-2005
HOW TO WRITE A RESOLUTION

The way that we have a voice in NFTY, and subsequently the way NFTY has a voice in the world, is through a parliamentary process in which we draft and pass both resolutions and amendments to our constitution and by-laws which state our movement’s goals and shapes our objectives. Everyone is encouraged to consider themselves a very important part of this process, even if you are not a voting member of the General Board.

Everyone has a responsibility to voice their concerns and to take part in finding solutions to our challenges as a movement. The two most important things to remember are:

1. don’t be intimidated to take action on a concern, and

2. make sure that you go about your efforts to act on a concern thoughtfully and comprehensively.

It is not uncommon to feel that you are not knowledgeable and/or informed enough to tackle a challenge, but here is a great word of wisdom to alleviate such fears for those who want to take a stand:

Where do you learn that even if one learns an interpretation from the least learned of the Israelites, he should consider it as if he had learned it from a sage? From the verse “which I [God] command you” (Deut. 11:13). And, more than that, it is not as if he had learned it from only one sage, but as if he had learned it from many sages, as it is said, “the words of the sages are as goads” (Eccles. 12:11): just as a goad guides a cow along its furrows, thus producing livelihood for its owners, so do the words of Torah guide a person's thoughts toward knowledge of God. (Talmud, Sifre Deuteronomy 41)

Thus, if you feel strongly about an issue and know something about it, then prepare yourself with even more wisdom and compassion to try to understand it. Once you believe that it may, truthfully, be to the benefit of your People, offer it to community for discussion. If you have a concern and are prepared, your words will be enlightening and a decision will be made by the majority. For:

it is the forum aspect of culture that gives its participants a role in constantly making and remaking the culture - an active role as participants rather than as performing spectators. (Psychologist, Jerome Bruner)

IF YOU HAVE A GENUINE CONCERN, SCULPT A RELEVANT RESOLUTION...

Lets’ now move simply though the process of writing a resolution. Constitutionally, resolutions must be in to the President three weeks before a gathering of the General Board. Regardless of when you are submitting a resolution, contact the President or NFTY Office before hand by e-mail, s-mail, by phone.

Now let’s look at a resolution:

1. The resolution must be authored by some one or some group. Obviously, the resolution will seem more likely to pass if it is a group effort, so it is recommended to consider a resolution as a TYG / Regional Board, youth group, synagogue, or some other vehicle appropriate to the organization’s membership. When proposed, write the sponsor(s) on top, proceeding the resolution, or sign it “Submitted By” at the end of the resolution.
2. Titling should be appropriate. The title should be clear and succinct. It need not begin “Resolution Concerning…” but should be labeled a “Constitutional Amendment” (or By-Laws Amendment) if it is one.

3. Background is not mandatory, but it really gives the resolution substance for those who are voting on it. It addition, some resolutions call for awareness, or education. Substantial background may serve the goals of the resolution in and of itself if it is passed, and even if it merely just reaches the floor. For complicated issues, background is really a must, or else the resolution ought to be tabled until it may be amended properly.

4. In the background, it is important to state the basis from which the resolution is speaking. Since we are an ethnic and religious organization, tradition usually plays a large role in our policies. Jewish texts and interpretations ought to be researched to give the background relevance to the North American Federation of Temple Youth.

5. Summarizing is important to all resolutions. The summary may close the “Background” paragraph, or it may be stated as “WHEREAS” clauses. The “WHEREAS” clauses concisely state where we are coming from and where we have to go; numerous clauses may be separated line by line with “and,” and then a new paragraph beginning with WHEREAS.

6. Action clauses, or the “THEREFORS,” clearly state what we will do as a body to enact the resolution, and are usually worded:

   Therefore let it be resolved: or,

   Therefore let the Constitution be amended to read:

One THEREFORE may be broken down into a numbered list, or various parts considering that all relate to a similar course of action. Separate agendas should begin a new “LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED” following after a hanging “and” from the last action clause.
RESOLUTIONS: 1979-2004

NFTY GENERAL BOARD - 1979

A - LEadership TRAINING TASK FORCE

It is suggested that:
1. Each region in the spring hold a leadership event geared especially for the potential and upcoming Youth Group leadership. An added responsibility of current TYG Officers is to insure that potential leaders are sought out.
2. A responsibility of the Regional as well as TYG boards, should be to prepare the new board for their positions for the upcoming year.
3. Each region in the fall on following TYG elections should conduct a "how to" leadership event for the already elected Youth Group leaders.

B - MEMBERSHIP

Resolved:
NFTY establish a comprehensive drive for membership. This program shall include membership programming files, full national membership lists, a national publication, national membership cards, and reward encouragement for TYGs wishing to increase their membership. This drive shall be in conjunction with the regions of NFTY also setting as a major goal greater and more active membership.

C - SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK

Resolved:
National Board of NFTY establish a social action network to facilitate participation in rallies, research the issues, communicate with people who are informed about the issues, and possibly become witnesses to the problems; and, that this network shall be chaired by the NFTY Special Projects Vice-President and shall consist of the seven District liaisons; and, that because the CHAI impact program has the ability to immediately disseminate the information, it is the recommendation of this task force that the NFTY Social Action Network use the CHAI impact program as a means of distributing social action material; and, that the Special Projects Vice-President will send to each of the 21 regions an application to subscribe to the CHAI impact program with the expectation that each region will subscribe as to facilitate the aforementioned program.

D - PROGRESSIVE YOUTH MOVEMENTS

Resolved:
NFTY National Board in recognition of the need for increased education and awareness between the various progressive youth movements (i.e., England, Netherlands, South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, and Israel) and do hereby call for the establishment of an international youth seminar in Israel for the summer of 1980. The purpose of the seminar will be to explore the relationship between the various progressive movements, and to see how some of our activities could possibly be coordinated through either the World Union for Progressive Judaism or through joint programs in Israel.

E - NATIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Resolved:
1. Leadership training at Mechina should include teaching regional officers how and what to teach TYG officers.
2. There should be two distinct types of programs at Mechina:
   a. Experienced members of the Reform movement would present the ideas and concepts of what is to be accomplished.
   b. General educators and programmers would teach the delegates how to transfer these concepts into concrete program ideas.
3. The staff of Mechina should consist of professionals in the various aspects of Reform Judaism and youth programming. The task force also recommends that the Mechina staff include qualified people from these three areas:
   a. Participants in the Reform college programs.
b. Former members of NFTY Israel programs  
c. A few regional officers who have just completed their terms of office and who could offer their 
practical experience to the incoming officers at Mechina.  

4. The NFTY officers and directors should follow the leadership training at Mechina with a series of 
newsletters throughout the year dealing with leadership problems, techniques, organization of duties, etc.

F - KAVOD  

Suggested:  
1. NFTY retain the 1978-79 Kavod Award form.  
3. The region's entire packet be sent to the Regional Kavod Chairperson. (Packet will include forms and the 
previously mentioned letter).  
4. The Kavod form is used as a TYG evaluation form, not only an award.  
5. A list of suggestions for programming be included with the packet.  
6. It is the responsibility of the Regional Kavod Chairperson to implement and support the program.  
7. The benefit of Kavod is not only the material award, but the balanced programming achieved.  
8. Each regional Kavod Award Chairperson require every Temple Youth Group of his/her region to submit 
both the preliminary and final Kavod Award contract forms as TYG evaluation forms.

G - PROGRAM BANK AND RESOURCES  

Recommended:  
1. This bank would be ordered on the outline devised by the task force with the addition of any feasible 
categories omitted.  
2. The bank should be highly publicized, cumulative and easily accessible to the regions and the TYGs.  
3. The index of the program file shall be distributed to the regional officers and TYG presidents in catalog 
form. This will enable any NFTY officer to obtain any program available in an organized fashion.  
4. It will be the responsibility of the regional programming chairperson to send the best programs in the 
region to NFTY. This is vital to the success of the program bank.

H - NESTLE'S BOYCOTT  

Resolved:  
NFTY educate its membership and the community on the problem and that we actively support the Nestlé’s 
Boycott; and, that NFTY urge the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, its affiliates, and the Nine 
Camps to endorse the Nestlé’s Boycott; and, that we urge that everyone who participate in the boycott write to 
Nestle at Nestle Co., Inc. 100 Bloomingdale Road, White Plains, NY 10605, and express their concerns; and, 
that the following is a list of Nestle products that should be boycotted: Taster's Choice, Nescafe, Nestle QUIK, 
Nestle Crunch, Nestea. All of Libby's products, Soup time, Decaf, All Stouffer's products, Cross and 
Blackwell, Maggi products, Swiss Knight Cheese, Jarlsburg Cheese, and Sunrise.

I - ZIONISM  

Resolved:  
NFTY identify with and support the concepts of "k'lal Yisrael" and Zionism and the perpetuation of the Jewish 
state, Israel, under the Jewish ethnic. NFTY actiley coordinate itself with ARZA, Kadima, the World Union 
for Progressive Judaism and other Zionist organizations. NFTY shall actively work with and dedicate itself 
towards cooperation with the Israeli movement of progressive Judaism; and, that NFTY crate and extensively 
implement programming (with Israel Program Division) to introduce and define the concepts and realities and 
opportunities of Zionism to its members on all levels.

J - INTRODUCTION TO JEWISH COMMUNITY SURVIVAL KIT  

Realizing: that NFTY should adopt a national project/study theme that is educationally and socially relevant to 
all North American Jews. The project/study theme must deal with a basic Jewish sense of identity, that being 
the Jewish Community. We must, as tomorrow's Jewish leaders, present to our fellow Jews our colorful 
heritage as well as our religious obligation. Only through this presentation of our basic education and concepts 
can we hope to offer a full picture of the Jewish community and the community in general in its proper 
perspective. This project/study theme should also deal directly with the impending crisis facing Reform
Judaism. This situation must be presented, not in a negative or foreboding manner, but one that will make the National Federation of Temple Youth and its members aware of this condition. This project/study theme must be a long range commitment on the part of all levels of NFTY. If not, it loses any sense of a unifying factor.

Resolved:
NFTY National Project/Study Theme for 1979-1980 and this movement's national long range commitment be entitled: “The Jewish Community: A Survival Kit.”

K - STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ON NAZI WAR CRIMINALS
Resolved:
NFTY will make the possible expiration of the Statute of Limitations on Nazi war criminals a social action issue in 1979 effective immediately.

L - OLYMPICS
Resolved:
NFTY adopt an important priority in the year 1979-1980. Olympics to be held in Moscow. In order to carry this out, NFTY will produce materials on how Regions and TYGs can deal with this problem and will have these materials ready for Mechina of June 1979.

NFTY GENERAL BOARDS - 1980

A - YOUTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION
Resolved:
NFTY strongly urges each region to have a youth Biennial Convention in connection with the UAHC Biennial Convention in their individual regions, and that those regions who have successfully held such conventions in past years, or have program ideas for a convention, write up an outline and present it to the NFTY office to be sent to all regions.

B - SYNAGOGUE ACTION WEEK
Resolved:
NFTY supports the institution of Synagogue Action Week, and calls upon all TYGs to participate in this valuable program, and designates Synagogue Action Week as an annual program which can be used to fulfill certain aspects of the Saved program, the date to be determined by the National Executive and announced at Mechina.

C - COMPETITIONS
Resolved:
NFTY reaffirms its endorsement of creative expression, and regional support of the NFTY National Arts Competitions, and calls upon each region to institute or support national competitions in the areas of Song, D’var Torah, and Photography supplementary to and in conjunction with the NFTY National Competitions.

D - KAVOD
Resolved:
NFTY urge regional support of the Kavod Program and call upon every NFTY TYG to participate actively in the program.

E - VISIONS
Recommended:
VISIONS be continued with the addition of programming ideas for TYGs in every issue (these ideas could come from KAVOD Project participants), and that VISIONS include a report of all business conducted at NFTY Board Meetings.

F - NFTY WORSHIP POSITION
Resolved:
The President of NFTY appoint a Worship Chairperson, the conditions and duties of the position to be as follows:
1. **Appointed** and therefore not a full NFTY officer.
2. To serve as a liaison to all regional Worship chair people in order to united NFTY Worship commonly.
3. To be the overseer for all services taking place during NFTY events (e.g. Mechina).
4. To serve as a resource person for Worship information and service material for any member of NFTY.

The position of NFTY Worship Chairperson would be appointed by the newly elected NFTY officers at Mechina and would serve for the term of one year.

**G - OLYMPIC BOYCOTT**

Resolved:
NFTY support the Olympic Boycott as a protest until the Soviets have pulled their forces out of Afghanistan allowing them their freedom and rights, and that NFTYites actively show their support of the Olympic Boycott by writing letters and signing petitions.

**H. ETHIOPIAN JEWRY**

Resolved:
NFTY make the cause of Ethiopian Jewry a national priority. NFTY begin a program of consciousness raising including dissemination of information about the Jews of Ethiopia, who they are and what their situation presently is; and, that NFTY support a national letter writing campaign to the Israeli government in support of our Ethiopian brothers and sisters.

**I - ENERGY**

Resolved:
NFTY renew its 1977 pledge to help in the energy crisis, and every TYG should make a conscious and continual effort to conserve energy, reporting their progress in this area directly to NFTY, through the following actions:
1. Discontinuing programs that involve much driving. Avoid treasure hunts, road rallies. Have meetings in the most central locations.
2. If driving cannot be avoided, encourage the use of carpooling.
3. Try to schedule TYG events when the Temple is already open for other events, rather than heating or cooling the building just for the TYG.
4. Disallow inter-city car driving for all regional events if feasible and encourage all regions to charter buses, rent vans, or insist that members use available public transportation.

Every TYG and the regions should actively push for legislation for increased solar energy funding and for mandatory conservation efforts. This should be a required short or long term social action project, and every TYG should request its Temple Board to make the Temple more energy efficient. Every NFTYites parents should be made aware of the UAHC and NFTY's position on energy, and be strongly encouraged to make their individual homes more energy efficient.
J - DRAFT
Resolved:
NFTY urge each member TYG region to institute an intensive study into the draft issues with the development of new programming, and that NFTY firmly opposes any form of a peacetime conscription as a gross invasion of personal freedom.

K - SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRATION AND INTEGRATION INTO AMERICAN JEWISH LIFE
Resolved:
NFTY must make a concentrated effort to involve Russian Jewish youth in our youth groups, regional events, summer camps, and leadership training programs; and, that NFTY encourages youth group and regional programming that can involve Russian Jewish youth and which can aid Russian Jewish youth to the adjustments of American life.

L - SOVIET JEWRY PLIGHT
Resolved:
NFTY must continue to be concerned and work for the plight of Soviet Jewry; and, that NFTY must call upon the U.S. government to take all possible actions to nullify restrictive Soviet policies affecting Soviet Jewish emigration - this can be accomplished by contacting and writing appropriate government officials; and, that NFTY must continue to educate the American public and our own Jewish communities through public demonstrations, rallies, rights, letter writing campaigns and services; and, that NFTY must remain committed to the Soviet Jews themselves by flooding their mailboxes with letters of encouragement; and, that NFTY institute a third Seder for Soviet Jewish freedom as part of a national project.

M - INDO-CHINESE REFUGEES
Resolved:
NFTY adopt the cause of these Indo-Chinese refugees as a National project, and NFTY support this topic with creative programming included letter writing, adopting a boat family, fund raising, and emotion stimulating programs, and that the NFTY office will send out information on how to adopt a boat family.

N - NORTH AMERICAN JEWISH YOUTH COUNCIL (HEREAFTER KNOWN AS NAJYC)
Resolved:
NFTY, the youth arm of the Reform movement in North America, make a statement of conscience by removing its representation from NAJYC and suspending its participation in NAJYC until NAJYC acknowledges and accepts the validity and integrity of the Reform movement in Judaism, thereby actively and publicly reaffirming the ideal upon which NAJYC was conceived: Slat Yisrael, the community of Israel.

O - CONCLAVE ATTENDANCE
Resolved:
All TYG, Regional and National officers make an extensive effort to increase communication levels with each other and with TYG members through diversified methods including, but not limited to, letters, phone calls, personal visits, letters, newsletters, flyers, etc.; and, that these communications not be limited to programming problems, but reflect the diversity of problems facing this movement including, but not limited to: Social Action concerns, lack of ideas in worship and study, lack of membership, etc.

P - JEWISH PLURALISM
Resolved:
NFTY calls on the State of Israel as the homeland of the Jewish people to implement fully the principle of guaranteed religious rights for all its Citizens including equality of opportunity, equality of recognition, and equality of governmental aid to all religious movements within Judaism. To further the cause of authentic Jewish pluralism, we call upon our constituent organizations to support this principle.

Q - MEMBERSHIP
Resolved:
Every member of the NFTY Board go back to his/her region dedicated to increasing TYG membership and
participation on local, regional, and national levels through active recruiting of non-active eligible youth of their congregations and surrounding communities.

R - COLLEGE PROGRAMS

Resolved:
All National, Regional and local TYG leaders inform NFTY members, especially seniors, what is available on campuses, and that participation in these programs be strongly encouraged, and this board commends Rabbi Ramie Arian and Margie Slome for their efforts in implementing these campus programs.

S - NATIONAL DUES

Resolved:
1. This national board endorse the idea of national dues.
2. National dues will pay for: current expenses incurred by the travel fund, editorial funding for VISIONS, additional officer travel and expenses, charitable and special projects as decided by the national board.
3. National, Regional, and Local dues will be billed as one sum.
4. Billing will be done by the Temple each spring to the parents of all eligible youth groupers.
5. Local, regional and national boards will retain the right to set their own dues levels.
6. Each congregation will send a complete list of names, addresses and grades of all paid members of the NFTY national office by June 1 of each year.
7. In addition, congregations will send the regional and national portion of the total collected to the regional treasurer no later than June 1 of each year.
8. In addition, each congregation will issue a check to the youth group treasury for the appropriate number of members by June 1 of each year.
9. Regional treasurers will issue a check to NFTY for all paid members no later than July 1 of each year.
10. Additional dues may be collected by the TYG treasurer at any time, and the appropriate lists of names and checks paid to the regions and NFTY as collected.
11. The NFTY President should appoint a task force at Mechina '80 to set an appropriate National dues level to be approved by the National Board in February 1981.
12. This task force recommends that the proposal go into effect with the 1981/82 youth group year. Therefore, procedures should be set in motion so that the first billings can take place during Spring 1981.
13. Each NFTY region should make its member TYGs aware of this proposal and begin discussion concerning its implementation on the regional and local levels at their next major regional event.
T - TRAVEL FUND
Resolved:
The scale of reimbursement currently included as Section F of the NFTY By-Laws, be replaced with the new scale listed below, and that the new scale be reviewed annually by the National Executive, and that annual recommendations for its change be made to each Board Meeting, if necessary; and, that this new scale of reimbursement go into effect with Mechina 1980:

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U - LETTERS OF INTENT
Resolved:
National Board recommends to the National Executive that the letters of intent of those candidates running for the National Office be sent out two weeks prior to the National Board Meeting to all regional officers and candidates.

V - DROP-DOWN PROCEDURES
Resolved:
The National Board recommend to the National Executive that the Drop-Down procedure in election of National Officers be eliminated as a national practice; and, that election procedures will continue according to the constitution with regard to all other aspects; and, that Drop-Downs will be allowed in cases where the offices of the Executive Vice-President and Special Projects Vice-President are vacant at the time of elections; and, that in cases of vacant office, the election for that office will be held last in the sequence of elections to allow maximum competition between those candidates who have dropped down. Floor nominations will not be accepted; and, that drop-downs will also be allowed in cases where only one individual is running for an office at the time of the election. The election of that office will then be held last in sequence.
This resolution will become effective at the NFTY National Board Meeting elections in 1981.

W - PROGRAM INFORMATION
Resolved:
The NFTY office help interested regions by providing program information on what was formerly known as the majority opinion of the National Project Task Force to all who are interested.

X - NESTLE’S BOYCOTT
Resolved:
NFTY actively continue supporting the Nestlé’s Boycott, and the directors of NFTY will investigate and report on the marketing and advertising activities of all other infant formula producing companies in order to recommend whether they should be included in the boycott; and, that the Social Action Network issue a report to the delegates to Mechina and the National Board, and issue an update to the regions by mails between Mechina and the National Board Meeting, as to whether the conditions of the boycott have been met, and then whether to continue the boycott or not.
That NFTY take the following actions:
1. To call upon the UAHC to endorse the Nestlé’s Boycott.
2. To call upon our brother and sister affiliates, NFTB and NFTS, to endorse the Nestlé’s boycott.
3. To call upon the CCAR to endorse the Nestlé’s boycott.
4. To call upon the UAHC-CCAR Joint Social Action Commission to endorse the Nestlé’s boycott.
5. To use the good offices of the UAHC to call upon our orthodox and conservative co-religionists to join us in endorsing the boycott and to remove its Hechsher (Kosher seal of approval) from Nestlé’s products sold in America.
6. To distribute a list of all boycotted products to the NFTY regions (this list to be prepared by the Social Action Network).
7. To call upon the UAHC Camps, Temples, and NFTY Regions and TYGs to actively support the boycott by not using the boycotted products.
8. To create program and study resources on this topic to educate the members of NFTY.

NFTY GENERAL BOARDS - 1981

A - DISABLED PERSON

Resolved:
NFTY adopt the theme of "Disabled Persons" as its two-year National Project for 1981 - 1983; and, that each region in NFTY attempt to establish a program in conjunction with its local organizations who deal with the disabled, that would create an interaction between the members of the region and the physically impaired.

B - BIENNIAL PARTICIPATION

Resolved:
That each NFTY region actively educate the member TYG about the UAHC Biennial; and, that each region set as a goal the attendance of youth delegates from at least 2/3 of the total number of youth groups in the region at the UAHC Biennial; and, that youth groups be encouraged to seek financial aid from their congregation, sisterhood, brotherhood and rabbi discretionary fund; and, that NFTY set a goal of three hundred voting youth delegates at the UAHC Biennial in Boston, Massachusetts from December 3-8, 1981.

C - COMMUNICATION

Resolved:
That NFTY establish a newsletter to be published three times a year and that it be organized according to the following guidelines:
1. The short newsletter will consist of information about NFTY projects and programs, nations resolutions, best regional and youth group programs, and youth member contributions.
2. The newsletter will be mailed directly to youth group members and high-school age religious school students of all UAHC affiliated congregations three times a year.
3. It will be the responsibility of a regional chairperson to:
   a. Supply a complete TYG membership list to NFTY (that specifies congregation and year of graduation)
   b. Solicit written contributions for the newsletter.
   c. Send these contributions to the national office in time for the publication.

D - YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Resolved:
That each Youth Region of NFTY, in cooperation with their UAHC Council, should establish a Youth Advisory Committee comprised of youth delegates, Council officers, Rabbis, adults and any other interested parties, and serve the following suggested functions:
1. To serve as a youth advocate to the Regional Council but not to replace the present youth representation on the Regional Council.
2. To assist in the selection of and support the Regional Youth Advisor.
3. Aid in coordination of Biennial activities.
4. Serve as a sounding board for program ideas and provide evaluation for programs.
5. Create, or improve, a TYG advisor training program.
6. Aid in improving TYG officer relationship training programs.
7. Serve as lay staff to Regional events.
8. Assist in communications and administration.

E - NFTY ISRAEL PROJECT
Resolved:
That NFTY supports ARZA/Kadima by educating American Reform Jews through methods such as creating programs, distributing literature, and facilitating discussion; and, that NFTY will assist ARZA/Kadima in its goal of 100,000 members by recruitment of NFTY and UAHC congregations.

F - DUES
Resolved:
That NFTY dues be set at $2.00 to take effect beginning in the 1981-82 year; and, that the moneys collected be approximately distributed as follows:
- 50% for Regional officer travel to National Board & Mechina, both to be perpetually held in the New York area.
- 15% for National officers' administrative expenses.
- 10% for personal contact between National officers and NFTY regions.
- 15% for direct mailing.

G - SEXIST LANGUAGE IN LITURGY
Resolved:
That in at least one service during the year each region shall, for education purposes, remove all terminology that refers to gender in reference to G-D in the English liturgy; and, that each region report to the Social Action Task Force of the 1982 National Board Meeting on their region's attempts to modify the English liturgy.

H - ANTI-SEMITISM
Resolved:
That NFTY adopts "Anti-Semitism and the New Right’s” as its 1981-82 study theme; and, that all NFTY regions increase the awareness of this problem among themselves and in their communities through:
1. Development of new resources and programs by NFTY concerning the Moral Majority and the New Right, the K.K.K. and Neo-Nazism, and the roots of anti-Semitism and its manifestations.
2. The carrying out of a series of educational programs within local TYGs and regions.
3. Encouragement of interfaith interaction to help combat the problem of anti-Semitism through a greater degree of understanding.
That NFTY recommends the establishment of youth interfaith councils within each community to deal with the problems of anti-Semitism in the following ways:
1. Providing letters, articles and publicity to the media.
2. Encouraging appropriate responses to anti-Semitic incidences within the communities.
3. Developing programming for use in schools, civic and multi-religious organizational settings.
I - REGIONS SUPPLYING MATERIALS TO NFTY
Resolved:
That the individual regions of NFTY each supply the Youth Division with five color slides reflecting the unique nature of each region, and that these slides be incorporated into a Youth Division slide/tape presentation to expose the members of each region to the current youth programs available within the Reform movement; and, that each region utilize this slide show as much as possible, and that NFTY encourage each region to establish its own regional slide show.

J - KAVOD PROGRAM
Resolved:
That the National Projects/Study Theme be integrated into the Social Action requirements of the Kavod Program as a one program requirement (one program on any of the projects study themes).
That the NFTY Israel Project be integrated into the Israel awareness requirement of the Kavod Program as a one program requirement.

K - NFTY CODE OF CONDUCT
Resolved:
That the National Executive appoint a task force to explore the possibilities of creating a national code of conduct; and, that the task force gather all regional codes of conduct and from these create a National code of conduct to be submitted at Mechina 1981.

L - ANNUAL DUES
Resolved:
That the National Director and Executive shall present a detailed financial report to the National Board annually.

NFTY GENERAL BOARDS - 1982

A. ENDANGERED JEWISH COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD
Resolved:
That NFTY adopt as the 1982-1984 National Project "Endangered Jewish Communities Throughout the World."

B - THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOVIET JEWRY ASPECT OF THE "ENDANGERED JEWISH COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD" PROJECT.
Recommended:
That in dealing with the Soviet Jewry aspect of the “Endangered Jewish Communities Throughout the World” project.
1. NFTY exert pressure on the current Administration to increase the emigration of Refusniks and Soviet Jews,
2. NFTY prepare study and audio-visual materials concerning the plight of Soviet Jews.
3. Every NFTY region adopt a "Refusnik" family.
4. Each individual TYG offer emotional support to the region's family through letters, phone calls, petitions, rallies, etc.
5. Every TYG present a program on the current "Refusnik" problem in the Soviet Union (such as having Soviet Jewish immigrants speak to the TYG, using the NFTY program “Underground”, etc.)

C - THE ARMS RACE
Resolved:
That NFTY adopt the “Arms Race and Its Effects on Society” as a one year national project for 1982-1983; and, that NFTY, its regions and TYGs develop educational programs to raise consciousness on this issue; and, that work on all levels (national, regional and local) for a bilateral nuclear arms freeze and/or reduction.
D - ISRAEL STUDY THEME
Resolved:
That NFTY examine the question, "Israel, A Light Unto the Nations?" as its study theme, and
Recommended:
That the following topics be used in order to implement this theme: Territorial Disputes; Palestinian issues; Religious Pluralism and Israel arms trade; and, that TYGs report the substance of their findings to representatives in Congress and other public officials.

E - DISABLED PERSONS
Resolved:
That NFTY, its regions and TYGs play productive roles in the successful completion of these national projects by working for legislation concerning accessibility and recognition of the disabled at the local, regional and national level.

F - DISABLED PERSONS
Resolved:
That each region submit the programs and projects done in their region and TYGs concerning the disabled to the NFTY office by the last day of April 1982. These programs will be distributed in the form of a program bank with room for additional programs; and, that the book be distributed at Mechina 1982 and completely reviewed. That this project be evaluated by a task force at the 1983 National Board Meeting to decide if it is worthwhile to continue publishing booklets on National Projects.

G - REGIONAL MITZVAH CORPS
Resolved:
That each region investigate the possibility of having a regional Mitzvah Corps project and report back to the NFTY Special Projects Vice President by December 1982; and, that the Special Projects Vice-President appoint a person to serve as the National Mitzvah Corps chairperson, helping each region develop, where possible its own Mitzvah Corps, and communicating social action ideas among regions; and, that NFTY publicize the regional Mitzvah Corps programs to the UAHC affiliates and general public by word of mouth, brochures, speakers, and circulation of slide shows, and by attempting to attract national as well as local media coverage of the Mitzvah Corps.

H - MECHINA TASK FORCES
Resolved:
That a taskforce be set up at Mechina to discuss ways of working with and implementing these programs; and, that NFTY distribute the products of this task force to the regions.

I - REPRESENTATION
Resolved:
That representatives of NFTY will not attribute to NFTY a specific position on a political issue without the consent of the National Board. That representatives of NFTY will not affiliate NFTY with any political organization unless the National board has previously consented to or taken a position coinciding with that of the political organization on any given issue. In the event of an affiliation with a multi-interest organization, let the issue of common interest be state clearly; and, that approval by a majority of the National Board of a political position or affiliation, as evidenced by a phone or mail solicitation or by a caucus of the delegates to Mechina, shall constitute consent of the National Board as required herein. If consent is obtained in this fashion, the position will then be officially ratified at the next meeting of the National Board, or shall no longer be considered the official position of NFTY.
J - THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT
Resolved:
That NFTY supports legislation in Congress to extend the Voting Rights Act; and, that NFTY oppose all efforts by Congress to weaken the Voting Rights Act; and, that NFTY support, local, regional, and national efforts to secure the passage of such legislation.

K - THE CLEAN AIR ACT
Resolved:
That NFTY urge that the Clean Air Act remain in its present form so that it may continue to protect our environment as it has done in the past.

L - CREATIONISM
Resolved:
That NFTY strongly support the concept of separation of church and state. That NFTY oppose any efforts anywhere in the United States to mandate the teaching of creationism in public school; and, that NFTY participate in local lobbying and support legal action to safeguard the separation of church and state.

M - EL SALVADOR
Resolved:
That NFTY urges the suspension of all economic and military aid to the government of El Salvador until such time as the government of El Salvador reinstates the basis human rights it has suppressed, and encourages the peaceful resolution of the civil war in that country through negotiations; and, that NFTY urges the Reagan administration to re-establish respect for human rights as a basic criterion for friendly relations with countries in Latin America and around the world.

N - BLACK-JEWISH RELATIONS
Recommended:
That every region and youth group in NFTY make an effort to hold educational programs on Black-Jewish relations; and, that the regions and youth groups make efforts with Black youth groups in their area to hold joint events.

O - ABORTION RIGHTS
Resolved:
That NFTY continue strongly to support the right of a woman to choose to obtain a safe, legal abortion; and, that NFTY oppose any constitutional amendment that could lead to the restriction of that right; and, that NFTY encourage its member TYGs and regions to conduct educational programs relating to this issue; and, that the regions and TYGs of NFTY be encouraged to become active in their local chapters of the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights and other Pro-Choice organizations.

P - AMENDMENT TO THE NFTY BY-LAWS CONCERNING THE TYG OF CONGREGATION B’NAI ISRAEL, CHARLESTON, WV
Resolved:
That the Temple Youth Group of Charleston, West Virginia terminate this affiliation with and representation by MAFTY, and become affiliated with and represented by OVFTY.
**Q - NFTY CODE OF CONDUCT**

*Resolved:*

The following code of conduct will prevail for all NFTY (National, Regional, and TYG) events. Please read it carefully and indicate your willingness to abide by these rules by signing the bottom.

1. The drinking and/or possession of alcoholic beverages, other than sacramental wine, even if the participant is of legal drinking age, is strictly prohibited.
2. The possession and/or use of any illegal drug, including Marijuana, and/or the supplying of drugs to any person at the event is strictly prohibited.
3. No gambling is allowed, except for fund-raisers approved by the advisor in charge.
4. Vandalism, disturbing the peace, or other inappropriate behavior as predetermined by the advisor in charge, chair-people, or supervising faculty, will not be tolerated, and any damage must be paid for by the person(s) who caused it.
5. No member may fail to attend part of the event or leave the location of the event without the consent of the advisor in charge.
6. Curfews announced by the leadership are to be observed in-camp. Curfew is defined as being in your cabin or room with the lights out. For home-hospitality, curfew means going directly to your host's home and not leaving it.
7. Any act by a NFTYite that is in violation of Federal, Provincial, State or Local Law will be in violation of the NFTY code.
8. Late arrivals and early departures must be approved by the adult leadership of the event in advance. Parental permission is also mandatory.
9. There are no guests allowed at events unless the advisor in charge has given permission in advance. Unauthorized guests will be asked to leave.
10. Each NFTYite must have signed the NFTY Code of Conduct and completed the medical information and release form prior to attending an event.
11. Any additional rules pertinent to the specific event shall be announced by the advisor, chair-people of the event, board, or supervising faculty, and shall be observed as written rules.
12. Any infraction of the above rules will result in disciplinary action by the advisor in charge, in consultation with the board which holds authority for that event.

We have read the rules above, understand them, and will abide by them.

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**RELEASE FORM**

My son/daughter has permission to attend __________________ event on __________(date) at _____________ (place).

I release the hosting group and the region for all responsibility other than housing, food, and supervised activities. I hereby give my permission to the physician selected by the advisor to hospitalize, give necessary treatment or anesthesia to my child as named above in the event that I cannot be reached in an emergency.

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R - TWO-DIMENSIONAL VISUAL/GRAPHIC ARTS COMPETITION
Resolved:
That two-dimensional visual/graphic arts be included in the North American Federation of Temple Youth National Competitions beginning with the 1982-1983 year; and, that a task force be assigned at the National Board Meeting following the first two-dimensional visual/graphic arts competition to evaluate the contest and alter it if necessary.

S - DUES
Resolved:
That all participants in NFTY high school programs at Kutz Camp Institute and in Israel be required to join NFTY and its affiliated regions and TYGs subject to the provisions of Article 5, Section B of the NFTY Constitution; and, that the administrators of NFTY and NFTY high school programs at Kutz Camp and in Israel assume responsibility for the development and implementation of the resolution stated above.

T - ON LIAISON
Recommended:
That each congregation having a Temple Youth Group within the individual region be visited by a regional officer each year; and, that each regional board strive to visit congregations that do not have a youth group at that time; and, that the purpose of the visit would be to inform the congregation of the happenings of the Reform Jewish youth movement.

U - HOLOCAUST STUDY
Resolved:
That the North American Federation of Temple Youth encourage its member regions as well as individual youth groups to work toward the implementation of Holocaust study in high schools. This should be pursued both on a local and state level; and, that each region submit the first part of this proposal to its respective regional council of the UAHC for ratification of its annual or biennial meeting, and that NFTY submit it to the UAHC for ratification at the 1983 UAHC Biennial.

V - PLURALISM IN ISRAEL
Resolved:
NFTY, in coordination with ARZA and Kadima and the UAHC, seek to establish a coalition with the Conservative movement aimed at the establishment of Jewish pluralism in Israel; and, that NFTY, in coordination with ARZA and Kadima and the UAHC, voice its displeasure with the present use of funds from Reform Jews for Israel to the philanthropic organizations that do not fund the Conservative or Reform movement in Israel; and, that NFTY through its office in Jerusalem, set up communication with the Reform movement's constituencies in Israel, such as the World Union for Progressive Judaism, Netzer, Olami, Noar Telem, Kibbutz Yahel, Kibbutz Lotan, the Reform congregations throughout the country, and their leading rabbis in order to establish plans and actions for religious pluralism in Israel. NFTY enter into dialogue with members of Garin Arava and Garin Yirach who are making aliyah to Israel about their input for Religious Pluralism; and, that NFTY in coordination with ARZA, Kadima and the UAHC voice its stand and concern on this issue to the Israeli Ambassador in Washington and representatives of the State of Israel.

W - A MEMORIAL TO WENDY BLICKSTEIN
Resolved:
That a Memorial Fund be established in memory of Wendy Blickstein, and that the 1983 NFTY Board will choose an appropriate memorial to Wendy, and will divide the funds between that Memorial and cancer research agencies.

X - A MEMORIAL TO WENDY BLICKSTEIN
Resolved:
That the next NFTY album be dedicated in loving memory of Wendy Blickstein.
NFTY GENERAL BOARDS - 1983

A - CENSORSHIP  
Resolved:  
That NFTY opposes any book banning or book removals inspired pro-censorship elements, from public school and community library systems; and, that NFTY will monitor the situation through its local TYGs and Regions.

B - AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS (F) / RESOLUTION ON BORDERS  
Resolved:  
That the state of South Dakota terminate its affiliation with, and representation by MOVFTY and become affiliation with, and represented by NOFTY.

C - SOVIET REFUSENIKS  
Resolved:  
That NFTY support efforts on behalf of Lev Furman (adopted by CFTY), and on behalf of any other Soviet Refusniks; and, that all regions in NFTY be encouraged to adopt a Soviet Refusnik.

D - WENDY BLICKSTEIN MEMORIAL  
Resolved:  
That the NFTY D'var Torah Competition be dedicated to Wendy's memory; and, that the Competition shall be named "The Wendy Blickstein D'var Torah Competition of the North American Federation of Temple Youth", and that $500,000 be used to establish a fund from which will come a stipend of $250,000 in the form of a scholarship to any NFTY camp or function or UAHC activity, to be awarded to the winner of the Competition each year that in Wendy Blickstein's name NFTY donate to the National Cancer Institute the remaining funds that shall be used for equipment for research of cancer and treatment of cancer patients.

E - PARENTS NOTIFICATION FOR CONTRACEPTIVES  
Resolved:  
That NFTY oppose any regulation that would require mandatory parental notification when a person under 18 receives contraceptives. That the regions and TYGs of NFTY urge their Representatives to block this regulation before it can go into effect; and, that the regions and TYGs focus attention on Jewish attitudes on sex, and encourage discussions on family planning.

F - NESTLE BOYCOTT  
Resolved:  
That NFTY recognize the progress made by Nestle and encourage the continuation of this progress; and, that Nestle remain in the boycott of Nestle until we have further proof that Nestle is making progress not just on paper but also through actions on Third World countries; and, that NFTY re-evaluate our boycott of Nestle at next year's National Board Meeting.

G - REVITALIZATION OF SMALL TYGS  
Resolved:  
That the North American Federation of Temple Youth through its regions undertake the responsibility of researching and organizing programs of action which address this problem, in order to effect solutions. That NFTY form a committee to meet at Mechina 1983 to develop a programming manual designed to aid the regions in meeting the programming needs of the small TYG; and, that the benefits of this program be available to any TYG who considers itself small enough to profit from it.

H - TEENAGE YOUTH IN THE HUC-JIR CURRICULUM  
Resolved:  
That the North American Federation of Temple Youth strongly recommend to the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion administration that courses on working with youth be incorporated into the curriculum for student rabbis and that actual experience working with teenagers be required as part of the practical education for the student rabbis.
I - AGAINST AMERICAN ARMS SALES TO JORDAN
Resolved:
That NFTY OPPOSE ANY ARMS SALE TO JORDAN until that country joins in the Camp David peace process and recognizes Israel's right to exist.

J - EDUCATED SOCIAL ACTION
Resolved:
That NFTY committed to educated social action endeavor in our future social involvement, including our NFTY projects and NFTY Board resolutions to emphasize through objective education on the issues.

K - MAKING "POVERTY" NFTY'S 1983-1985 TWO YEAR NATIONAL PROJECT
Resolved:
That the NFTY 1983-1985 two year national project be "poverty" and That regions and TYGs conduct programs to educate their members on the problem of poverty; and, that NFTY encourage the establishment of major mitzvah and social action projects through the implementation of this resolution and that each region encourage its TYGs to have ongoing involvement in the alleviation of poverty in its geographical area; and, that a task force be established at Mechina 1983 to discuss the different aspects of poverty, to develop resources, and to determine possible actions that can be taken by regions and TYGs to combat this problem and that NFTY oppose any further federal budget cuts in social programs which would harm the poor.

L - CONTINUATION OF "ARMS RACE AND SOCIETY" PROJECT FOR 1983-1984 YEAR
Resolved:
That NFTY continue the "Arms Race and Society" project for the 1983-84 year; and, that the project continue to focus in on the following issues. Education on the arms race, lobbying for a nuclear freeze and reductions of nuclear weapons, and freezing the defense budget.

M - BIO-ETHICS
Resolved:
That the NFTY Study Theme for 1983-84 be: “Bioethics: Dilemmas of the Human Body.”

N - ISRAEL AS NFTY 1983-84 STUDY THEME
Resolved:
That NFTY educate its members on political and social issues involving Israel such as the peace process, West Bank and Gaza Strip settlements, the political status of the PLO, and world involvement in Israeli politics. That NFTY adopt as a 1983-84 Study Theme "Israel its politics in a Modern World."
NFTY RESOLUTIONS ENCYCLOPEDIA

NFTY GENERAL BOARDS - 1984

A - CHILDREN'S BUDGET CUTS

Resolved:
That we urge the restoration of funds to the various children's programs that have been cut; and, that in conjunction with our Poverty Project, we attempt to raise the consciousness of our members and others to the connections between poverty, children, and the Federal, state and local government budgets.

B - DRUNK DRIVING

Resolved:
That NFTY work toward informing its members about the dangers of driving while under the influence of alcohol.

C - NFTY SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE

Resolved:
1. It shall be the responsibility of the Special Projects Vice President Elect:
   a. To discuss with all regional advisors and regional presidents elect the purpose and structure of the Social Action Network before Mechina and to try to obtain a candidate for the network.
   b. To consider applications from any member of NFTY for a position on the Social Action Network.
   c. To contact the candidates and inform them of their candidacy, and to make sure that each candidate is interested in the position.
   d. To send out applications to all candidates.
2. The Special Projects Vice President Elect shall appoint the members of the Social Action Network, in consultation with both the NFTY Executive Board and NFTY Executive Board Elect.
3. All candidates and all Regional Youth Directors shall be notified on the appointments.
4. Each Tri-Region, as mandated by article 1, section A of the By-Laws, shall be represented on the Social Action Network.
5. Every effort will be made to rotate appointments within each Tri-Region, every three years.
6. All other decisions concerning appointments to the Social Action Network, will be made by both the NFTY Executive Board and the NFTY Executive Board Elect.

That each Tri-Region in NFTY be represented on the Network each year; and, that the NFTY Executive make every possible effort to rotate network appointments so that each region has a network member every three years; and, that the NFTY Executive develop a procedure for network appointments to be approved by the NFTY Board at the Winter Meeting.

D - VATICAN AID TO FLEEING NAZIS

Resolved:
That NFTY, through the actions of the regions and TYGs, take every step possible to urge the governments of the United States and Canada to place pressure on the Chilean government to extradite Walter Rauff to stand trial in Israel or West Germany; and, that NFTY encourage the United States and Canadian governments to pressure the Vatican into cooperating fully in the efforts to prosecute Nazi war criminals.

E - FREE SYNAGOGUE OF FLUSHING IN FLUSHING, NY

Resolved:
That the Youth Group of the Free Synagogue of Flushing terminate its membership in the Long Island Federation of Temple Youth, and become affiliated with the City Region, a Federation of Temple Youth.
F - PRAYER IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Resolved:
That NFTY reaffirms its stand on the prayer in public schools issue, and that NFTY strengthen its opposition by writing letters to the President expressing our great displeasure of his advocacy of this issue, and that this issue become a priority of one of the NFTY Social Action Network members for the year 1984-85.

G - SEXISM IN JUDAISM
Resolved:
That at Mechina 1984 there be a taskforce dealing with the topic of sexism in Judaism; and, that a committee, including the NFTY Chaplain, be appointed by the NFTY Executive, to investigate the general problem of sexism in Judaism, specifically the use of sexist language in prayer translation and educational material and the possibilities of NFTY publishing only non-sexist prayer and educational materials; and, that the members of this committee complete a report to be presented at the NFTY Board Meeting in 1985.

H - CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ON NAMES OF NFTY EVENTS
Resolved:
That all references to people be made with the adjective "NFTY" and all references to events be made with the adjective "North American" both instead of the adjective "national", and That revised editions of the NFTY constitution be published immediately following the board meeting.

I - CAFTY NAME
Resolved:
That the name be changed to Central Western Area Federation of Temple Youth, and that the name continue to be pronounced "CAFTY", and spelled C-A-F-T-Y.

J - HOMOSEXUALITY
Resolved:
That homosexuals are entitled to equal protection under the law, and NFTY, in accordance, opposes discrimination against homosexuals and urges the public to affirm this opposition by providing protection from such discrimination, and That NFTY urge its member youth groups to study the issue of homosexuality, the Jewish view of homosexuality and to educate the community by designing programming for adults and youth on the topic of homosexuality.

K - HUMAN SEXUALITY
Resolved:
That NFTY facilitate education on the issue of Human Sexuality through its regions during 1984-85.

L - LOCATION OF NFTY CONVENTIONS
Resolved:
That NFTY rotate its conventions throughout different areas of the continent in an effort to meet the needs of all regions; and, that NFTY representatives to the UAHC Youth Division urge the UAHC to rotate the NFTY Convention throughout the continent.

M - PRIVACY
Resolved:
That NFTY establish the topic of "Privacy" The Role of Government and the individual in a Democratic Society as a NFTY Study Theme 1984-85 in order to inform its membership of recent developments in information control and a decline in the individual's right to privacy.
N - ISRAEL
Resolved:
That the following courses of action be taken:
1. That an Israel current events "update" be included in TYG officer mailings sent by NFTY;
2. That NFTY-in-Israel programs include a meeting with representatives of Telem Noar, the Reform Jewish Youth movement in Israel;
3. That local TYGs and regions make an effort to educate members with their parents about Israel, and
4. That the "Israel is Real" activities packet be enclosed in the TYG officer mailings sent by NFTY upon its completion, and,
5. That the NFTY 1984-85 Study Theme to be incorporated into KAVOD be "Israel, The Reality Behind the Myth."

O - DRUNK DRIVING --1984-86 NORTH AMERICAN TWO-YEAR PROJECT
Resolved:
That NFTY, its regions and local TYGs work toward informing their members and others about the problems associated with driving under the influence; and, that NFTY establish action programs incorporating such established programs as Safe Rides and the Contract for Life among other action oriented programs; and, that NFTY encourage its member regions and local TYGs to persuade their legislators to work for more effective enforcement of present laws, and that NFTY encourage endorsement of stricter legislation concerning DWI, such as earlier suspension and revocation of the driving privileges of previous offenders; and, that the severity of the current situation demands that NFTY adopt Drunk Driving as the 1984-86 two year NFTY project.

P - SPIRITUALITY AND REFORM JUDAISM
Resolved:
That NFTY adopt the theme of "Spirituality and Reform Judaism" as a 1984-85 Study Theme.

Q - REFORM ETHIOPIA AID PROGRAM - SPECIAL LONG TERM PROJECT
Resolved:
The Present situation of Ethiopian Jews is one of great importance, which requires immediate attention in January, 1984, two representatives of NFTY went to Ethiopia with the purpose of bringing direct aid to the Jews there. The success of the mission has laid the foundations for REAP (Reform Ethiopia Aid Program) outlined below.
As committed members of the North American Federation of Temple Youths it is our responsibility and obligation to initiate this project by involving:
1. All NFTY regions
2. All Temple Youth Groups
3. All UAHC Congregations (in that order)
OBJECTIVES
1. To aid Ethiopian Jews financially, medically, educationally, and culturally.
2. To heighten awareness in the west of the Ethiopian plight.
3. To create a link between Ethiopian Jews and Jews around the world.
4. To demonstrate to the Ethiopian Jews our concern and willingness to help.
5. To send a steady flow of groups to Ethiopia.
METHODS
NFTY Regions initially support Project REAP by sponsorship of three hundred dollars (Fourteen regions have already done so under its former name ("Adopt A Village"). The regions are given pictures of Ethiopian Jewish families, visited by the NFTY representatives, which are then distributed to TYGs. TYGs in turn take their photos to their congregations and propose that they sponsor the family for two-hundred dollars a year (there is no ceiling on the number of families a congregation may sponsor). The two-hundred dollars is then placed in a central REAP fund and will be used to send four aid missions to Ethiopia per year. The missions will include Hebrew speaking person(s), medical personnel, and it is recommended that a youth delegate be included. It is also recommended that a UAHC Committee be formed to oversee, implement, and perpetuate Project REAP, including one NFTY representative.
NFTY GENERAL BOARD - 1985

A - COMMUNICATION ON SOCIAL ACTION ISSUES
Resolved:
That regions and TYGs should demonstrate support for such stands; and, that the NFTY Executive coordinate mailings designed to educate our members on how best to inform governmental leaders as to our stands on such issues adopted by NFTY, and that the NFTY Executive coordinate an information “hot line” to reach all regions of NFTY within one week to inform all of NFTY of any pressing issue of which NFTY has a stated position.

B - MITZVAH CORPS CHAIRPERSON
Resolved:
That the position of Mitzvah Corps Chairperson be eliminated as it exists now; and, that the remaining members of the NFTY Executive Board take on as an additional responsibility helping regions that want to work on Mitzvah Corps; and, that NFTY encourage the Religious Action Center to work closely with the regions and NFTY on the Mitzvah Corps project.
Appendix: This position was never a full executive board position so it does not have a budget, nor full access to resources, nor does it attend NFTY events so it is difficult for the person in the position to be effective.

C - INCREASE IN NFTY MEMBERSHIP DUES
Resolved:
That NFTY increase its membership dues from the current $2.00 (two dollars) to $3.00 (three dollars), effective at the beginning of the 1985-1986 programming year.

D - PHONE CHAIN
Resolved:
That NFTY adopt a phone chain (like the one below) in order to further organize the NFTY regions into a strong and influential force in the community.

Original source of action ➔ NFTY Executive Board ➔ Social Action Network ➔ Tri-Regions

E - CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ON ELECTION OF NFTY RELIGIOUS VICE-PRESIDENT
Resolved:
That the position of NFTY Religious Vice-President become an elected office on the NFTY Executive Board, elected under the same procedure and regulations as existing NFTY officers, and having all responsibilities and privileges accorded as a NFTY Executive Board member; and, that the NFTY Religious Vice-President shall occupy position on the NFTY Executive Board immediately below the Special Projects Vice-President, and shall be voted on in that order at NFTY Executive Board elections, and that the elected NFTY Religious Vice-President shall continue with all responsibilities an projects, and their related duties, presently executed by the appointed NFTY Chaplain.
This resolution may be adopted on a one-year trial basis, to begin with the NFTY Executive Board elected to serve 1987-88.
Subject to ratification by the 1986 NFTY Board, but did not pass in 1986.

F - NUCLEAR FREEZE
Resolved:
That NFTY join others in a call to preserve humanity by supporting a bilateral, mutually verifiable freeze on the testing, production, and deployment of nuclear weapons and their delivery systems, as a first step to the ultimate elimination of all nuclear arms; and, that call for a comprehensive test ban try among all nations that possess nuclear arms or the nuclear capability; and, that NFTY urge all nations that possess nuclear arms to join together to stop the proliferation of nuclear arms; and, that NFTY urge the U.S. Government and the Soviet Union to deal in good faith in arms negotiations; and, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Present, Senators, and anyone else selected by the members of this board; and, that NFTY encourage its members personally to write the aforementioned leaders to inform them of their views on this issue.
G - PROJECT REAP YOUTH DELEGATE
Resolved:
That NFTY strongly urge the UAHC to appoint a Youth Delegate to Project REAP; and, that NFTY strongly endorses the aforementioned Youth Delegate to act as a full-fledged member of Project REAP with responsibilities including travel with one of Project REAP's expeditions; and, that NFTY urge each region to establish a chairperson who would seek financial support for Project REAP on the youth group level.

H - NFTY TRAVEL
Resolved:
That a committee of 3 to 5 NFTY Board Members, along with the NFTY President, be established to look into this problem, and that the committee examine the concept of absorbing the cost of airfare on the same sliding scale as for Presidents for 3 delegates to Mechina, since it is a social prelude to the NFTY Board Meeting.

I - TIKKUN OLAM
Resolved:
That TIKKUN OLAM replace Kavod as the NFTY programming guideline beginning in the year 1986/87 as a trial year; and, that the NFTY President immediately establish a task force to aid in the concretization of the program; and, that a second task force be established at Mechina 1985 under the direction of the incoming and outgoing NFTY Executives further to concretize the program.

1. My Reality:
A. Suicide
B. Family
C. Drug and alcohol use and abuse
D. Cults and missionaries
2. My Judaism
A. Reform Spirituality
B. God concepts
C. Tefillot (mandatory)
D. Israel
3. My Responsibilities
A. Black-Jewish relations
B. Church-State issues
C. Endangered Jewish communities
D. Economic Justice
E. NFTY Project

The numbered headings are the components of TIKKUN OLAM as it would be enacted by the NFTY Board. The lettered subheadings are examples of the numbered headings and are there to clarify the numbered headings. TIKKUN OLAM works like a Chinese menu. There would be a variety of choices under each of the three headings and each TYG would have to program on some of their choices. Under each heading we will add the choice titled "local concern" to give each TYG the option of programming on a topic not listed in the TIKKUN OLAM. In addition, please note the reinstatement of the NFTY Project Fund. Also notice that one service, or Tefillot, will be required of each TYG.

J - AMENDED RESOLUTION ON NON-GENDER TERMINOLOGY
Resolved:
That when God is addressed in English, referring to the spirit of God, God be neither masculine nor feminine; and, that NFTY materials employ the use of non-gender related terminology.

K - BLACK/JEWISH RELATIONS
Resolved:
That NFTY adopt “Black/Jewish Relations” as a 1985-1987 NFTY Project; and, that the resources be compiled jointly be leaders of NFTY and the Black community who will facilitate action; and, for successful implementation, that we encourage equal collaboration, calling upon our TYGs and regions to take part in direct interaction with the Black Community.
L - ISRAEL STUDY THEME
Resolved: That ISRAEL LIFELINE TO A PEOPLE be adopted as a 1985-1986 NFTY Study Theme; and, that this theme may incorporate the following sub-topics:
1. Ethiopian Jews
2. Reform Jews
3. Ashkenazim and Sephardim
4. American Jews and Aliyah
5. Holocaust Survivors
6. Jews from Arab Lands
7. Soviet Jews

M - THE CHANGING ROLES OF MEN AND WOMEN IN JUDAISM AND OUR SOCIETY
Resolved: That NFTY adopt a study theme encompassing The Changing Roles of Men and Women in Judaism and Our Society.

N - SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE
Resolved: That NFTY adopt "Separation of Church and State" as a study theme for 1985-86, in addition to generally studying the issue.
1. That the Social Action Network compile and distribute to its members a packet with specific information about the national and state laws which deal with prayer in school and recent "Equal Access" legislation.
2. That NFTY encourage its local youth groups to act in opposition to blatantly religious symbols, such as nativity scenes or menorahs, which are displayed on public lands or supported by public funds.
3. That NFTY encourage its local youth groups to act in opposition to public funding for teachers working in private schools under the "shared time" program.
4. That NFTY initiate lobbying efforts by organizing letter writing campaigns and other action to prevent further legislation promoting prayer in school.

O - TEENS IN CRISIS
Resolved: That NFTY establish an ongoing study theme on teen crises centering on the pressures adolescents face in our society; and, that NFTY extend the awareness of teen crisis through programs, flyers, fact packets, etc. beyond the NFTYite to include the entire family; and, that NFTY encourage its Temples to establish parent awareness and education groups and through these groups establish more interaction between parents and youth; and, that NFTY encourage each TYG to host family awareness programs, and that NFTY call upon the UAHC, NFTS (National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods) and NFTB (National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods) to join us in establishing a joint committee dealing with teenager crises as well as joint programs on the national, regional and local levels; and, that NFTY encourage each region, and TYG to contact and coordinate programs with secular organizations and agencies that deal with teen crisis.
NFTY GENERAL BOARDS - 1986

A - CREATION OF AN ADVISOR SELECTION COMMITTEE
Resolved:
That whenever a new regional advisor must be hired for a region that the NFTY Director of the UAHC Council Director confer with the regional youth leadership in order that the leadership may add the youth's input to the election process and a representative of the region's leadership be able to meet the candidates under consideration; and, that whenever a new advisor must be hired for NFTY that the NFTY Director confer with the NFTY officers so that the NFTY leadership may add its input to the selection process and a representative of the NFTY Executive Board be able to meet the candidates under consideration.

B - NFTY AFFILIATION IN SADD
Resolved:
That NFTY accept SADD's invitation to become an official affiliate, encourage TYGs through the TIKKUN OLAM program to participate as local SADD chapters.

C - NFTY ONGOING PROJECTS
Resolved:
That NFTY Ongoing Projects or Social Action Network topics come up for review before the NFTY Board at each NFTY Board Meeting, providing the opportunity for the Board, by majority vote, to decide whether to continue the project as it stands, or instead to alter, re-focus, or eliminate it.

D - DISTRIBUTION OF LIAISON REGIONS OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS
Resolved:
That NFTY urge the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) to insure that each NFTY region, according to its particular needs, is adequately staffed with rabbis who are involved in providing support to regional youth programming. That NFTY urge HUC-JIR to require of its rabbinical students some form of youth training.

E - SANCTUARY
Resolved:
That NFTY:
1. Consistently petition during all lobbying endeavors for a politically unbiased application of the Refugee Act of 1980, an application independent of foreign policy, and of or legislation which temporarily suspends deportations of those fleeing El Salvador and Guatemala until they can safely return to their native countries.
2. Redress the Attorney General of the United States to apply extended voluntary departure status to refugees from the nations of Guatemala and El Salvador.
3. Mandate that a program be dedicated to sanctuary at the 1986 Mechina and that additional workshops be offered at the 1987 NFTY Board Meeting and Convention.
4. Urge its regions and youth groups to explore the moral issue of sanctuary in relation to existing international, national, and above all Jewish laws and values.
5. Produce, under the executive of the Social Action Network, a study booklet which provides source material for the above-mentioned program, and distribute this booklet to all participants at Mechina.
6. Acknowledges that religious institutions do not stand outside the law and that any act, whether by individuals or institutions which may be judged outside the law requires deep and prayerful consideration. Nevertheless, this administration's selective interpretation call for a moral response from us as Jews. Accordingly, we urge our youth groups and their members to provide sanctuary in one or more of its forms to Central Americans and other refugees who request safe haven out of fear of prosecution upon return to their homelands.
We recognize the serious legal implications of some forms of sanctuary and alert the youth groups to the recent prosecutions for assistance and support of these refugees, even as we commit ourselves to support efforts to overturn the administration's interpretation and application of existing law.
7. Encourage its youth groups to make sanctuary a focus for congregational debate in order to foster the
objectives stated within the sanctuary resolution adopted by the UAHC 58th General Assembly, namely to:

a. Provide material and financial support to organized religious or humanitarian entities with aid earmarked for persecuted individuals.

b. Sponsor counseling for refugees to explain remedies available to them under the Immigration and Naturalization Act.

c. Create funds or programs to meet their legal, psychological, counseling, and language training needs.

d. Join like-minded groups to ask local governments through publicity and other media tactics to declare themselves "sanctuary cities".

8. Empower the Social Action Network to institute any national projects it deems necessary to further the cause of sanctuary within NFTY.

G - POVERTY

Resolved:
That NFTY adopt "Poverty" as an ongoing Social Action Network topic, and that NFTY encourage all its youth groups and regions to act to lessen the poverty problem. That NFTY youth groups and regions promote legislation to re-evaluate government spending for social programs.

H - AID TO AMERICAN FARMERS

Resolved:
That a 1986-87 NFTY Social Action Network member covering the "Poverty" social action theme study the economic plight of these farmers and the anti-Semitism stemming from it, and suggest means by which NFTY, its regions and its TYGs can take effective action in supporting the mainstream farmers and in countering the spread of anti-Semitism among farmers.

I - APARTHEID

Resolved:
That NFTY adopt as a suggested Social Action Network topic "Apartheid in South Africa" for the 1986-87 year; and, that NFTY encourage its member youth groups to urge their congregations and families to divest all investments in corporations doing business in South Africa; and, that NFTY recommends that its member TYGs urge their congregations and individual families to cease the purchase of Krugerrands and other South African gold coins as a protest against South Africa's racist and oppressive regime.

J - NFTY EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHAPLAIN

Resolved:
That NFTY Chaplain be appointed by the NFTY President in consultation with the NFTY Executive, and the responsibilities of this position be:

1. To coordinate and maintain the NFTY service bank and provide information on creative worship to all interested TYGs and regions;

2. To be responsible for t’fillah for the NFTY Board Meeting, Mechina, and when applicable, the NFTY Convention.

That beginning with the 1987-88 Executive Vice President, the Executive Vice-President assume the following duties:

1. Implement and distribute religiously-based programs such as topics concerning Reform Judaism and our relations with other branches of Judaism;

2. Receive copies of all materials in the NFTY Resource Bank and coordinate these materials in conjunction with the NFTY Executive Board liaison system;

3. Write programming on each of the NFTY Study Themes and on related topics to be distributed to the regions along with "Connections" and "Signal".

That the NFTY Chaplain shall be provided with an appropriate budget for the initiation of projects and the distribution of resource materials.

K - THE ARMS RACE

Resolved:
That NFTY immediately begin working to involve itself in the peace march by publicizing the march and
encouraging the TYGs to participate in the march.

**L - INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAMMING**

Resolved:
That NFTY adopt Intergenerational Programming as an integral part of NFTY’s 1986-87 program and that Intergenerational Programming become a part of Tikkun Olam; and, that NFTY join other organizations in increasing the quality of life of youth and elders by providing Intergenerational Programming to bridge the current generation gap; and, that NFTY send Intergenerational Programming ideas to local TYGs.

**M - K’LAL YISRAEL**

Resolved:
That NFTY adopt as a 1986-88 Study Theme, pending review by the 1986-87 NFTY Board, "K’lal Yisrael: Unity of the Jewish People", and that in order to further respect and broaden understanding, TYGs and NFTY regions hold education programs which present Reform Jewish beliefs in relation to other branches of Judaism, emphasizing those things that unite us as the Jewish people; and, that after educational programs have taken place and when feasible, TYGs participate in cooperative activities such as Mitzvah programs with youth from other segments of the Jewish community.

**N - RELATIONS BETWEEN JEWISH AND ARAB ISRAELIS**

Resolved:
That NFTY adopt as a Study Theme/Project “Relations Between Jewish and Arab Israelis”; and, that NFTY urge the NFTY-in-Israel program to incorporate experiences which would allow NFTYites in Israel to experience and become familiar with projects involving both Arab and Jewish children or youth, and that NFTY look into possible fund-raising projects for existing programs in Israel that work towards improving relations between Arab Israelis and Jewish Israelis.

**O- MAZON PROGRAM**

Resolved:
That NFTY add an additional 3% to the registration fee of every 1986-87 North American event, to be allocated to the Mazon program, subject to the ongoing review of the NFTY Board; and, that NFTY strongly encourage its regions to add an additional 3% to the registration fee of every 1986-87 regional event, to be donated to Mazon in the name of NFTY, thus being collected by NFTY and forwarded to Mazon; and, that the NFTY Special Projects Vice President take all necessary means to promote this program and oversee the collection and disbursement of the funds; and, that each member of the NFTY Social Action Network shall aid the Special Projects Vice President in the above duties within their tri-regions.

**NFTY GENERAL BOARDS - 1987**

**A - YOUTH GROUP OF BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA**

Resolved:
That the Bluefield Youth Group affiliate with the Mid-Atlantic Federation of Temple Youth.

**B - BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

Resolved:
That the youth group of the Beth Israel Congregation in Plattsburgh, New York terminate its affiliation with the North Eastern Lakes Federation of Temple Youth and affiliate with the Northeast Federation of Temple Youth.

**C - MEMBERSHIP**

Resolved: That NFTY strongly urge its temple youth groups and regions to expand their executive boards to include a position to specifically deal with the membership of this organization; and, that NFTY include in its temple youth group mailings, materials and programs designed to promote membership increases locally.
D - REFORM JEWISH COLLEGE GROUPS
Resolved:
That NFTY encourage its graduates to actively participate in Reform Jewish groups on campus and, with the assistance of the College Education Department of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, even form such groups if they do not presently exist; and, that NFTY's 21 regions hold an informative program for seniors in order to educate their members about Reform Jewish life on campus.

E - REFORM JEWISH OUTREACH
Resolved:
That the North American Federation of Temple Youth enthusiastically support the efforts of the Commission on Reform Jewish Outreach of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; and, that NFTY and its affiliates welcome into our midst the children of couples comprised of Jew and Non-Jew who may have no formal Jewish identification but who do not identify with another religion, bringing these high school youth closer to Judaism and the Jewish people; and, that NFTY place particular emphasis on sensitizing youth to the specific needs of children of couples comprised of Jew and Non-Jew; and, that NFTY recommend for use in the region and the TYG many new programs which will be developed and which will be available through the Commission on Reform Jewish Outreach of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

F - THE JERUSALEM PLATFORM
Resolved:
That NFTY Adopts the Jerusalem Platform, affirming that the aims of Zionism are:
1. The unity of the Jewish people and the centrality of Israel in Jewish life
2. The in-gathering of the Jewish people in its historic homeland, Eretz Yisrael, through aliyah from all countries.
3. The strengthening of the State of Israel which is based on the prophetic vision of justice and peace.
4. The preservation of the identity of the Jewish people through the fostering of Jewish and Hebraic education and of Jewish spiritual and cultural values.
5. The protection of Jewish rights everywhere.

G - SUPPORT FOR THE HUMANE PRODUCTS TESTING ACT
Resolved:
That the North American Federation of Temple Youth support the "Humane Products Testing Act of 1985 (HR 1877)"; and, that NFTY send a letter in support of this act to both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

H - THE FUND FOR UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN JEWISH AND ARAB ISRAELIS
Resolved:
That NFTY reaffirm its support of the NFTY Fund for Understanding Between Jewish and Arab Israelis; and, that NFTY's 21 regions will publicize the existence of this fund throughout all of its temple youth groups; and, that NFTY's 21 regions and/or their TYGs will, when it is feasible, schedule a fund-raiser which will enable them to contribute to this fund.
I - MAZON PROJECT
Resolved:
That NFTY continue to add an additional three percent to the registration fee of every North American event, to be allocated to the Mazon program; and, that NFTY also continues to strongly encourage its regions and their TYGs to add an additional three percent to the registration fee of every regional event, to be donated to Mazon in the name of NFTY, thus being collected by NFTY and forwarded to Mazon; and, that the NFTY Special Projects Vice President take all necessary means to promote this program; and, that each member of the NFTY Social Action Network shall aid the Special Projects Vice President in the above duties within their tri-regions; and, that NFTY reaffirm its commitment to the ideals of Mazon and Tikkun Olam by establishing Mazon as an ongoing project, allowing it to be automatically reviewed before the NFTY Board at every NFTY Board Meeting.

J - NAME OF NFTY CHAPLAIN
Resolved:
That the position of NFTY Chaplain be renamed NFTY Worship Chairperson.

K - RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF JEWISH EDUCATION
Resolved:
That NFTY recognize the importance of Jewish Education and encourage its constituents to continue their Jewish Education not only through the programs and activities that NFTY provides but also in their Temples, urging study through Bar or Bat Mitzvah, Confirmation, and in the years that follow.

L - JEWISH FAMILY
Resolved:
That NFTY encourage its TYGs and Regions to focus on issues of Jewish Family and develop programs investigating new and diverse family models, such as single parent homes intermarried couples, and unmarried couples, and investigating the impact that changing lifestyles have had on the Jewish family and the preservation of the Jewish people, and the NFTY's, TYGs and Regions be encouraged to develop programming that will foster the sharing the Jewish experiences between NFTYites and their families.

M - AMENDMENT TO NFTY CONSTITUTION, ARTICLES 9C AND 11C
Resolved:
That the title of NFTY Special Projects Vice President be changed to NFTY Social Action Vice President, beginning in the 1988-89 year.

N - THE ARTS
Resolved:
That NFTY recognizes the importance of the arts in our religious and spiritual awareness; and, that NFTY's regions promote the NFTY competitions as a continuation of the artistic traditions of the Jewish people; and, that they also strive to perpetuate this tradition by instituting Hagigot on the regional level.

O - SEXUALITY AND AIDS
Resolved:
That NFTY:
1. Assist and encourage its youth groups and regions to program on the topic of Sexuality and AIDS.
2. Educate its youth about AIDS, instituting programs on the various means by which AIDS is transmitted (and specifically educating on safe sexual practices and the dangers of intravenous drug use) through programming at the 1987 Mechina and the 1987 NFTY Academy at Kutz Camp.
3. Adopt Sexuality and AIDS as the new focus of the ongoing Teens in Crisis project.
4. Encourage temple youth groups to make AIDS an open issue, raising it in the congregation and making literature available.
That NFTY take a stand, lobbying against discriminatory legislation on AIDS through letter writing.

P - JEWISH SPIRITUALITY
Resolved:
That Jewish Spirituality be a two-year NFTY study theme beginning in the 1987-1988 year, pending the decision of the 1987/88 Board.

Q - CONTINUATION OF K’LAL YISRAEL AS A STUDY THEME

Resolved:
That “K’lal Yisrael--Unity of the Jewish People,” continue as a NFTY Study Theme through the 1987-1988 year.

R - REFORM JUDAISM IN ISRAEL

Resolved:
That NFTY adopt "Reform Judaism in Israel" as a 1987-1988 Study Theme.

S - POVERTY

Resolved:
That Poverty in North America be a part of the Tikkun Olam Program for the years 1987-1989.

T - TAKING ACTION ON K’LAL YISRAEL

Resolved:
That wherever possible, NFTY regions affiliate themselves with the Jewish Youth Council of the Jewish Community Relations Council and send delegates to attend its meetings, thus, through education and communication leading to unification, fulfilling the NFTY Study Theme of K’lal Yisrael.

NFTY GENERAL BOARDS - 1988

A - ISRAEL'S FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Resolved:
That NFTY join the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in saluting the people and the leaders of the State of Israel on the occasion of its 40th anniversary, and send a letter of congratulations to the President of the State of Israel; and, that NFTY support the Association of Reform Zionists of America in its efforts to deepen the level of Israel programming within the Reform Jewish movement; and, that NFTY urge its regions to include programs on Israel in their regional events and in the activities of their member Temple Youth Groups.

B - SOVIET JEWRY

Resolved:
That NFTY view its participation in the Rally for Soviet Jewry as a beginning and not as a culmination by continuing and expanding upon its efforts in the area of Soviet Jewry; and, that NFTY urge its regions to convey the never-ending imprisonment of Soviet Jews to their members by including information on Soviet Jewry at the social action booth at every regional event, at which information is dispensed and the opportunity to write letters to Soviet Jews and to government officials in office; and, that NFTY urge its regions and TYGs to adopt their own Refusniks, and that NFTY create a position on its North American Board called "Board Member in Absentia" to which a Soviet Jewish Refusnik teenager will be appointed-by the NFTY General Board, who will receive NFTY publications, minutes of NFTY Board meeting, and other NFTY mailings. In addition, his or her name will be included in each roll call taken at every gathering of the NFTY Board to remind NFTY of the oppression of Soviet Jews.
C - NFTY SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK

Resolved:
That the NFTY Social Action Network be comprised of the 21 regional social action officers, and that one representative from each tri-region who has attended the meeting in Washington, D.C. be chosen to communicate the events of the meeting to any region in their tri-region which did not send a delegate to Washington, D.C., and to aid the NFTY Social Action Vice-President in the coordination of communication between the social action officers of each tri-region; and, that this network meet before Mechina for training in NFTY and regional social action (including issue-oriented programming, "how to" discussions on social action in the region and TYG, Mitzvah Corps, Regional, Social Action Networks, etc.); and, that NFTY will pay one-third of the program costs for each individual, and individuals attending this meeting will have their travel reimbursed in accordance with the NFTY Presidential sliding scale; and, that this group be responsible for contributing to and publishing SIGNAL under the direction of the NFTY Social Action Vice-President; and, that the members of this group be in communication with each other and with the NFTY Social Action Vice-President.

D - NFTY RESOLUTIONS ABRIDGED ENCYCLOPEDIA

Resolved:
That the "NFTY Resolutions Abridged Encyclopedia" be supplemented every five years with the resolutions that have been passed in those five years, in the manner utilized in the present booklet, and, that each updated booklet, beginning with this year's first edition, be distributed to every NFTY region; and, that the task of updating this booklet come under the duties of the NFTY Executive Vice-President.

E - K'LAL YISRAEL

Resolved:
That the regions of NFTY commence, continue and expand upon their efforts to communicate with other Jewish youth movements; and, that the regions of NFTY encourage their Temple Youth Groups to work with the local chapters of United Synagogue Youth and the National Conference of Synagogue Youth by incorporating the joint program of NFTY, NCSY, and USY - to be distributed after the NFTY North American board meeting-into the TYGs activities.

F - NUMBER OF NFTY STUDY THEMES

Resolved:
That NFTY adopt two study themes for the 1988-1989 NFTY year, and that these themes be chosen with an eye towards balanced programming to incorporate the important aspects of our lives. For example, Particularism and Universalistic Education and Action; and, that the use of only two study themes be utilized on a permanent basis, pending review of the 1989 NFTY General Board.

G - USE OF STUDY THEMES

Resolved:
That all regions or all sub-regions of a region devote at least one appropriate full conclave per year towards one of NFTY's study themes or an aspect or sub-aspect thereof; and, that throughout each year the NFTY Executive Board will provide information and programming ideas on the study themes to the regional officers, and in turn, the regional officers will provide the information and programming ideas to each and every TYG through regional events and liaison.

H - HANDGUN CONTROL

Resolved:
That the North American Federation of Temple Youth declare its support for Handgun Control; and, that NFTY send a letter in support of the Handgun Violence Prevention Act to both the House of Representatives and the Senate.
I - NFTY AND THE EISENDRATH INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM
Resolved:
That when the opportunity exists, each region of NFTY host its own EIE student; and, that regions appoint any EIE student within their boundaries to an honorary position on their regional board, responsible for bringing the identity of Israel closer to the region and its members. Each region may determine the most appropriate structure for this position.

J - MAZON PROGRAM
Resolved:
That NFTY continue to add an additional three percent to the registration fee of every North American event to be allocated to the MAZON program upon review by every NFTY Board; and, that NFTY continue to encourage its regions and TYGs to participate in the MAZON program by adding an additional three percent to the registration fee of every regional and TYG function, to be donated to MAZON in the name of NFTY, thus being collected by NFTY and forwarded to MAZON, and that the NFTY Social Action Vice-President take all necessary steps to promote the MAZON program.

K - ANIMAL RIGHTS
Resolved:
That NFTY recognize the importance of the awareness of animal rights, and that NFTY publish and distribute a resource guide of different organization and facts about and supporting animal rights; and, that animal rights be included as a topic in the Tikkun Olam structure for 1988-1989.

L - NEGATIVE TRADITIONS
Resolved:
That NFTY's regions will orient all future regional boards to their regions' specific negative traditions as well as to identify some possible solutions so that the regional boards may initiate some proper policy for the coming year; and, that a pamphlet summarizing this Task Force (on Negative Tradition's) work be sent to regional boards in order to help with the orientation process; and, that NFTY urge its regions to send information to the candidates for their regional elections, regarding the importance and the responsibilities of correcting negative traditions, so that they may run for office understanding the attitudes needed for tackling these negative traditions.

M - UNITY
Resolved:
That the 1988-1989 Executive Board of NFTY carefully review the list of suggestions to ameliorate NFTY unity set forth by the Task Force (on Unity), considering them potential future resolutions; and, that a copy of this list of suggestions be sent out to regional boards and directors in the first mailing of NFTY's 1988-1989 year; and, that this list of suggestions and any others put forth in the future by the NFTY General Board be considered by any later Task Force on Unity appointed by NFTY.

N - REFORM JEWISH OUTREACH
Resolved:
That NFTY reaffirm its commitment to the Outreach program of the UAHC; and, that, in accordance with the Outreach resolution of the 1987 NFTY North American Board meeting, regions and TYGs utilize the programs that NFTY and the Outreach Department of the UAHC have created for regional and TYG use.

O - TIKKUN OLAM
Resolved:
That a Tikkun Olam Task Force, including the NFTY Executive Vice-President and the NFTY Executive Vice-President Elect, choose the themes for the Tikkun Olam program, and include the two selected NFTY themes for the 1988-1989 year.
NFTY RESOLUTIONS ENCYCLOPEDIA

NFTY GENERAL BOARDS - 1989

A - “J.A.P.” SLUR
Resolved:
That NFTY institute "J.A.P." as an expression of Anti-Semitism as a Tikkun Olam option for the 1989-90 year in order to educate NFTYites about this problem so that they will become aware of it and they will be able to help prevent the spreading of this derogatory stereotypical phrase, and that NFTY will prepare and make available resource material for TYG and regional programming.

B - POETRY
Resolved:
That poetry become a category of the NFTY Competition, and that this category be included in the 1989-90 NFTY Competition, and that the total number of finalists per competition be limited to four so that the financial strain upon NFTY not be increased.

C - CHILDREN'S TELEVISION ACT
Resolved:
That the North American Federation of Temple Youth pledge its support to Action for Children's Television which concerns itself with the Children's Television Act of 1989. The bill which is to be proposed in the next session of Congress requires the Federal Communication Commission to determine whether licensees have "served the educational overall informational needs of children in (their) overall programming." This generally relates to limiting commercial time on children's programs; and, that NFTY show its support for the bill through letter writing and by lobbying for this issue in the future.

D - REGIONAL STATIONERY
Resolved:
That all regions on their regional stationery include the phrase "an affiliate of the North American Federation of Temple Youth."

E - ELIMINATING WORSHIP/TORAH CORP-APPOINTED POSITION AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO CREATE WORSHIP/TORAH CORPS ELECTED POSITION
Amended:
That the position of NFTY Worship/Torah Corps Chairperson be eliminated as a NFTY appointed position for the 1989-1990 year; and, that an elected position of NFTY Worship/Torah Chairperson be established (Religious and Cultural Vice-President) and that the implementation of this change begin for the election of the 1991-1992 NFTY Executive Board; and, that the specific responsibilities of the newly elected position be addressed as a separate amendment.
(passed in 1989, ratified in 1990)

F - CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ON NAME CHANGE OF THE NFTY EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT
Amended:
That the title of the NFTY Executive Vice-President is changed to NFTY Programming Vice-President.
(passed in 1989, ratified in 1990)

G - ISRAEL
Resolved:
That NFTY applaud the United States for its role in encouraging the PLO to revise certain of its historic stands (i.e. the renunciation of terrorism and recognition of Israel) as pre-conditions for possible future negotiations; and, that NFTY applaud the United States for advocating open and direct discussions between the Israeli government and the PLO, and that NFTY encourage Israel to take the necessary steps to enter a dialogue with the representatives of the Palestinians, and that NFTY discourage any international peace conference including powers which refuse to recognize Israel's existence or which do not have diplomatic relations with the Israeli state.
H - LAW OF RETURN
Resolved:
That NFTY clearly and vigorously oppose the proposed amendments to the Law of Return; and, that NFTY clearly and vigorously oppose the proposed restructuring of the Rabbinic Courts; and, that NFTY clearly and vigorously oppose the proposed amendments to the Change of Religion Law.

NFTY GENERAL BOARDS - 1990

A - VIRGIN ISLANDS FEDERATION OF TEMPLE YOUTH
Resolved:
That the Virgin Islands Federation of Temple Youth officially become a part of CRAFTY and that this be noted on the official NFTY map.

B - RELIGIOUS COALITION FOR ABORTION RIGHTS
Resolved:
That NFTY commend Patricia Tyson and her staff at RCAR for their outstanding efforts on behalf of women's rights; and, that NFTY continue to work with RCAR and "Voice our Choice" as a religious community.

C - NFTY FOREST
Resolved:
That we take all steps possible to enhance this forest. Together at a time when we should be most aware of our surroundings, we can therefore say that we are doing our part to help preserve the Israeli environment, and that NFTY take an appropriate course of action and expend all necessary resources into the restoration and preservation of the forest, and that the previous mentioned course of action include contacting and working with the JNF and the NFTY office in Israel, so that our concerns may be known and acted upon; and, that NFTY encourages its Summer Israel Programs to concentrate on maintenance and upkeep of the forest, while regions encourage the purchase of new trees to be planted during the proper planting season.

D - SOVIET JEWRY MEMBERSHIP
Resolved:
That NFTY take a part in the integration process of Soviet Jews into American Jewish life. We must center on bringing Soviet youth into society, and this can best be done by bringing them into NFTY, and that NFTY extend its hand to the incoming Soviet Jewish youth by granting them free membership in NFTY, including their region and the local youth group, for one calendar year, therefore alleviating any financial burden upon the family. This process will be done by the local youth group sending a list, including the names of these people, with the dues sent to NFTY; and, that NFTY urge Jewish organizations across North America to grant free membership to families and individuals who have emigrated to the United States and Canada from the Soviet Union; and, that NFTY urge the local youth groups to allow the Soviet youth not only free membership, but also to allow them to come to the youth group's events for free if the cost of the event is too much of a burden. This will allow them to take an active role in youth group without any financial burden.

E - SONG COMPETITION
Resolved:
That in commemoration of Anselm Rothschild's love for life, which he expressed through music, NFTY name the annual Song Competition the Anselm Rothschild Memorial Song Competition.
F - NFTY COMMUNICATION
Resolved:
That every NFTY Executive Board develop a firm and tangible plan of establishing a communication network between them and the 21 regional boards; and, that this plan is not based on a single phone call at the beginning of the year but rather regularly scheduled phone callings to the respective NFTY executive officers' associated regions established through the NFTY liaison system; and, that the region submitting this resolution urge the NFTY Executive officers to phone the regions every other month.

G - PARENTAL CONSENT
Resolved:
That NFTY reaffirm our position that abortion must remain the choice of a woman; and, that NFTY oppose all local, state, and federal notification laws requiring legal guardians to be informed of an abortion performed on a minor whether before or after the abortion takes place.

H - NFTY RECYCLING
Resolved:
That NFTY, including the regions, adopt mandatory recycling at all associated meetings and conventions, whenever such recycling is feasible; and, that the use of environmentally harmful products, such as Styrofoam, be banned from use at NFTY and regional events whenever such restriction is feasible; and, that NFTY urge all TYGs, congregations, Union Camps, and NFTYites, in their homes, to adopt similar policies; and, that NFTY, including the regions; printings be copies double-sided when possible, to conserve paper; and, that NFTY support all legislation advocating recycling and supporting the ban of environmentally harmfully products.

I - AIDS
Resolved:
That NFTY formally adopt a non-discriminatory policy toward people with AIDS; and, that NFTY encourage all Reform Jewish youth including those who have HIV positive or have AIDS to participate in NFTY; and, that NFTY encourage a non-discriminatory policy toward hiring NFTY advisors and staff.

J - NFTY JUNIOR PROGRAM
Resolved:
That NFTY strongly encourage events organized especially for the junior youth.

K - CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NFTY POSITION
Amended:
That Article Seven, Section B. Paragraph Five, be amended that the NFTS President receive the symbolic position of Honorary Vice-President of NFTY (passed in 1990, ratified at Special Board meeting, Mechina 1990)

L - CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CREATION OF SUPER REGIONS
Amended:
That the current system of liaisons be amended in the following way to Article One of the By-Laws of the NFTY Constitution:
ARTICLE ONE: Districts and Liaisons
SECTION A: Each of the NFTY Executive Board members is to be the head of a North American “Super Region” comprised of the regions to which the officers is a liaison.
SECTION B.: Each of the NFTY Executive Board members shall be given the authority to appoint a liaison chairperson to assist with and help coordinate the liaison system and other necessary forms of communication.
SECTION C: A liaison chairperson will be appointed to assist with mandatory phone calls every six weeks, which focus on, but not limited to, the following:
Membership
Fundraising
Communications
Programming Themes (Tikkun Olam, Social Action, Religious and Cultural Programming)
Particular strengths or weakness of the regions
SECTION D: The appointed chair-people, being officially recognized by NFTY, be directly responsible for their own reimbursements from the NFTY North American Office.

SECTION E: A Super Regions Task Force is to be held at each of the NFTY Winter Board meetings (Convention years also, if possible) to determine pertinent topics for inter-regional communications.

SECTION F: The NFTY Executive Board members include a Super Region Update in each of their respective newsletters.

(passed in 1990, ratified at Special Board meeting, Mechina 1990)

M - CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ON NFTY ELECTIONS
Amended:

That the following will serve as Article Ten, SECTION A of the NFTY Constitution.

ARTICLE TEN: Election, Appointment, Resignation, and Dismissal

SECTION A: ELECTIONS

the following NFTY officers shall be elected annually in this order:

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

Paragraph One: During the NFTY North American Board Meeting, election of the NFTY officers shall take place. These officers shall be installed during Mechina the following summer.

Paragraph Two: The election of officers shall be the last item of business of the North American Board Meeting.

Paragraph Three: Election procedures shall include the following:

1. Letters of Intent
   a. These shall be sent to the NFTY office and post-marked two months prior to the NFTY Board Meeting.
   b. The previous shall be mailed to all North American Board Members no later than one month prior to the NFTY Board Meeting.

2. Candidates may change the office for which they are running by submitting a new Letter of Intent before the deadline, but may not change their desired position after the two month deadline. No individual may be nominated or change his/her intended position during the election procedure.

3. There will be a time set aside at the Board Meeting for Meet the Candidates--A Question/Answer Period.

4. Voting
   a. One speech will be given by each candidate.
   b. A no-vote option is available. Should the no-vote option carry a majority vote, then the NFTY Executive Board and the NFTY Executive Board-Elect shall appoint a member of NFTY to the position within the upcoming month.

Paragraph Four: All NFTY officers must meet the following requirements:

1. A NFTY officer must not hold a regional office during his/her term of office.
2. A NFTY Executive officers at the time of election, must be a member of a NFTY region.

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

Paragraph Six: There will be no campaigning at the North American Board Meeting, however, position papers will be allowed. Final discretion is up to the NFTY Executive.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Task Force on Elections recommends that this policy be adopted for the 1991-1992 elections, pending ratification of this amendment at the 1991 NFTY Board Meeting.

(Passed in 1990, ratified at Special Board meeting, Mechina 1990)

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AT MECHINA - 1990

A - CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT DUTIES OF THE RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL VICE-PRESIDENT
Amended:


That the following will serve as Article Eleven, Section D of the NFTY Constitution:

ARTICLE ELEVEN- Duties of the NFTY Officers

SECTION D. It shall be the duty of the Religious and Cultural Vice-President
1. To coordinate and maintain the NFTY Service Bank and provide information on creative worship to all interested TYGs and regions.
2. To promote and encourage NFTY, regional, and TYG involvement in Jewish cultural activities.
3. To be responsible for Tefillot for the NFTY Board Meeting, Mechina, and when applicable, the NFTY Convention.
4. To act, as a liaison in the liaison system under the direction of the NFTY President.
5. To stimulate knowledge of our Jewish heritage in keeping with Reform Judaism's creed of "Choice through knowledge."
6. To accept any other duties assigned by the President.
7. To undertake and coordinate any activities and additional duties which may be necessary to fulfill the above responsibilities.

(passed at 1990 Special Board Meeting, ratified at 1991 Board Meeting).

B - MEMBERSHIP CARDS
Resolved:
That the section of the 1979 resolution on Membership requiring the use of membership cards be declared null and void.

C - CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ON PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL
Amended:
That the following serve as Article Eight, Section B paragraph 4 of the NFTY Constitution:

ARTICLE EIGHT, Section B.
4. A full NFTY General Board meeting will take place each year at Mechina. All business conducted at the General Board Meeting at Mechina will be considered as binding as that business done at the previously existing Board meeting.

(passed at 1991 Board Meeting, requires ratification at next meeting)

D - NON-GENDER SPECIFIC LANGUAGE
Resolved:
That the North American Federation of Temple Youth encourage the use of non-gender specific language rather than require it.

E - CCAR RESOLUTION ON HOMOSEXUALITY
Resolved:
That NFTY respond to the CCAR resolution as follows:
1. NFTY officially commend the CCAR for taking a stance that allows rabbis to be ordained on the basis of their integrity and ability and not on the basis of their sexual orientation.
2. NFTY, as an organization founded upon the idea that people should be judged solely upon the content of their character, does, however, express concern over the blanket-type statement which states that homosexuals cannot fulfill their covenantal obligations and therefore requests that the CCAR examines the possible implications of this phrase to see whether or not they feel a need for a change on the basis of phrasing, ideology, etc.

That in order to effectively voice this opinion, the following be done:
1. NFTY undertake to send a letter to the President and Executive Vice-President of the CCAR and the 17 members of the Ad-hoc committee who drafted the resolution commending the CCAR's resolution overall and respectfully voicing concern about the aforementioned statement.
2. The NFTY Executives undertake to send a letter to the President of the UAHC, the President of HUC, and the National Dean of Admissions of HUC voicing NFTY's opinion on the CCAR Resolution.

F - CATHOLIC/JEWISH RELATIONS
Resolved:
That NFTY commend the Vatican and Pope John Paul II for their work in combating anti-Semitism and the
vision and resolve on both sides that has allowed us to extend our hands to each other with new hopes of unity; and, that in order to effectively voice our thanks to the Vatican and those who have worked to improve Catholic/Jewish relations the following be done:

1. A letter be sent to the Vatican from the NFTY Executive on behalf of all NFTY commending their recent statements and work on Catholic/Jewish relations and requesting the continuation of this effort that would include the recognition of Israel.

2. A letter be sent from the NFTY Executive on behalf of all NFTY to Rabbi Gary M. Bretton-Granatoor (the Director of the Department of Inter-religious Affairs) commending his personal work and the work of his department to bring about these landmark reforms.

G - OREGON VS. SMITH

Resolved:

That NFTY affirm its position on the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and Oregon vs. Smith as follows:

1. NFTY is officially in support of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

2. NFTY officially express regret and concern over the decision reached by the Court in the Oregon vs. Smith case.

That in order to effectively voice this opinion NFTY do the following:

1. The NFTY Executive undertake to send a letter on behalf of all NFTY expressing NFTY's position on the R.F.R.A. and Oregon vs. Smith to key senators and congressmen.

2. NFTY encourage its regions and youth groups to do programming on Civil Rights that covers the R.F.R.A., and encourage Representatives through lobbying and letters to vote for the R.F.R.A.

H - NFTY POLICY HANDBOOK

Resolved:

That NFTY compile a "NFTY Policy Handbook," outlining the policies adopted by NFTY on various important issues; and, that this handbook contain not only the policies adopted by NFTY, but suggestions on methods of implementation of these policies, and that this Handbook be compiled by the NFTY Executive Board in conjunction with the NFTY office; and, that this Handbook be sent to all TYGs and regions at the beginning of the 1991-1992 NFTY year and updated every three years thereafter.

I - NFTY BOARD MEMBER IN ABSENTIA

Resolved:

That the appointed NFTY Board position of "Board Member in Absentia," originally limited to only Soviet Jewish teenagers, be redefined to include all oppressed Jews by enabling the NFTY General Board to appoint a Jewish teenager from ANY oppressed Jewish community to serve as the NFTY Board Member in Absentia; and, that this Board Member in Absentia be sent NFTY publications, minutes of NFTY Board meetings, and other NFTY mailings. That the name of the Board Member in Absentia be included in each roll call taken at every gathering of the NFTY General Board to constantly remind NFTY of those Jews in countries around the world who are not yet free to practice their religion; and, that NFTY encourage each region of NFTY to implement such action as described above for each respective regional board, and maintain such a position and communication for each consecutive year.
J - CANADIAN INVOLVEMENT
Resolved:
That NFTY reaffirm its commitment to its Canadian contingent, and that NFTY continue to produce resource and programs which reflect an international perspective and highlight differences between the American and Canadian positions on key issues.

K - PERSIAN GULF CRISIS
Resolved:
That NFTY strongly condemn the unprovoked attacks by Iraq on Israel and Kuwait; and, that NFTY deny any "linkage" or association between the current Persian Gulf crisis caused by the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and the Arab-Israeli conflict. The only true involvement of Israel in this issue is its unfortunate position as a victim of Iraqi aggression. That NFTYites be encouraged to take on the responsibility to help out in their own households and in the homes of friends and relatives when such a need has been engendered by the Persian Gulf Crisis by getting in touch with the following organizations:
1. Family service centers
2. Local Chaplain offices
3. Operation Orange Ribbon (primarily in the Midwest), and, That NFTY encourage NFTYites to take such actions which would provide to the betterment and comfort of families and individuals who are in such conditions, as requested by those being served, and which are appropriate and tangible.
That NFTY take an affirmative role in showing support for the troops.

L - COMPANIES SUPPORTING THE ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL
Resolved:
That NFTY denounce the Arab economic boycott of Israel, encourage other North American Jewish organizations to do the same, and call for all companies supporting the boycott to resume trade with Israel; and, that NFTY caution its members against supporting companies that participate in the boycott; and, that NFTY strive to educate its members about the boycott in the hopes of promoting action on this issue and a cessation of the policies of companies facilitating and supporting the boycott.

M - ANIMAL RIGHTS
Resolved:
That NFTY be officially opposed to the killing of all animals fur or exotic reptile skins (not including leather); and, that NFTY be officially opposed to the use of animals in consumer product testing; and, that NFTY be officially opposed to animal testing it deems, upon study, to be cruel and unnecessary; and, that NFTY encourage its member regions and youth groups to do educational programming on the issue of skin, product testing, and cruel and unnecessary scientific research; and, that NFTY encourage its member regions and youth groups to participate to the best they can in any form of peaceful public or private protest of skin, product testing, and scientific research deemed cruel and unnecessary; and, that NFTY and its member regions and youth groups do the best they can to purchase animal cruelty-free products, as indicated by the aforementioned research; and, that the NFTY Social Action Vice-President (in office at the time this resolution is adopted) undertake to send information on the issues of fur, product testing, and scientific research to all NFTY regions via the NFTY Social Action Network; and, that NFTY continue to investigate other possible forms of animal cruelty, and make the necessary official statements and resolve to take action similar to the above.

N - MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS
Resolved:
That NFTY endorse the concept of direct negotiations between Israel and the Arab entities in the region, including a legitimate, non-terrorist representative of the Palestinians, as a method of resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict; and, that NFTY reaffirm its discouragement of any international conference dealing with the Middle East that involves countries which refuse to recognize Israel's existence.
That NFTY urge the government of Israel to take tangible, positive steps towards the peaceful resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict via the policies outlined in this resolution; and, that copies of this resolution be sent to the UAHC office and to the government of Israel, publicly defining the position of the Reform Jewish youth of North America.
MECHINA - 1992

A - RESOLUTION ON RACIAL CONFLICT
Resolved:
That we, the General Board of NFTY, as the leaders of the youth of today and the adults of tomorrow, call upon the TYG's and membership of NFTY to direct their energies and resources towards fighting racial unrest. The youth of America are a driving force in national sentiment and must collaborate to achieve the common goal of racial harmony. We have the ability to change the world and the perceptions of those around us. We as Jews have a special stake in achieving racial harmony. We know what it is to face prejudice and discrimination and must work to end it. Furthermore, we are commanded Justice, justice, shall you pursue (Deuteronomy 16:20) by fighting racial injustice, we are working to fulfill our Biblical obligations to ourselves and those around us. That the TYGs of NFTY should:
1. Strive to produce and implement programming on the issues of racial conflict and racial harmony.
2. Institute programs with organizations of youths from various racial groups with the goal of fostering racial harmony.
3. Educate the nation at large about issues involved in racial strife and about peaceful means of resolving such issues.

B - YARTZEIT
Resolved:
That the NFTY Administrative Office consider puking on all applications for the NFTY events so mentioned, a space in order for the applicant to write the name of a loved one(s) to be remembered on the Shabbat of that week; and, that if a death occurs the week prior to the event the NFTYite need only inform the NFTY RCVP or appropriate Officer of the death and s/he will see to it that they are included in the service; and, that it is encouraged that regional boards adopt this policy or a similar one of their own; and, that the host advisor/regional advisor shall include a yartzeit list for confirmation by NFTYites in the regional advisor's packet, in order to insur that no name is accidentally left off.

C - REGIONAL TRAVEL
Resolved:
That NFTY strongly encourage inter-regional visitation with the approval of both involved Regional Advisors.

D - BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
Resolved:
That NFTY call upon the Boy Scouts of America and all other organizations affiliated with the Boy Scouts which have the same policy on homosexuals, to open its membership and leadership to all men, women, and boys without regard to their sexual orientation, and that NFTY begin discussion with the Boy Scouts of America and all other organizations affiliated with the Boy Scouts which have the same policy on homosexuals, on this matter through the efforts of the TYG; and, that NFTY encourage all its members to divest from the Boy Scouts of America and all other organizations affiliated with the Boy Scouts which have the same policy on homosexuals, financially, and to withdraw their membership from the Boy Scouts and all other organizations affiliated with the Boy Scouts which have the same policy on homosexuals, until basic civil rights are extended to include homosexuals.
NFTY GENERAL BOARDS - 1993

A - LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR CHARLIE VANN

Resolved:
That NFTY honor Charlie Vann for his commitment to the youth of Reform Judaism by making him a life member of NFTY; and, that we send Charlie Vann a letter for his commitment to NFTY and a certificate of his life membership in NFTY.

B - NFTY AFFILIATION WITH ARZA

Resolved:
That NFTY become the official youth arm of ARZA, with all the rights assigned to that relationship.

C - CRISIS IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

Resolved:
That NFTY reaffirm the UAHC Executive Committee's Resolution (passed in September 1992) on this issue which reads as follows:
“Events in the former Yugoslavia have shocked the world. Reports of attacks on civilians, the establishment of concentration camps, and ‘ethnic cleansing’ - the mass expulsion of innocent people singled out for their ethnic or religious identity - summon the darkest memories of World War II.
“The Western World must not turn its back on this unfolding catastrophe, which is the bloodiest factional fighting in Europe in half a century. The Jewish people in particular, bound by the memory of its own martyrs, views the violence, the ongoing violations of human rights, and the displacement of the people of that troubled region in the name of ethnic purity as intolerable. The cries of anguish of the innocent cannot be ignored.”

That the Executive Committee of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:
• Applauds the efforts now underway in Geneva to reach a political settlement to the war that would permit large numbers of the refugees to return to their homes;
• Urges the government of the United States to exert its leadership to bring an end to the slaughter, dispossession and devastation in Bosnia;
• Calls upon the United States, acting in concert with the European community and the United Nations, to take the necessary steps to open the detention camps to inspection; to guarantee the commitment of all belligerent parties to international law, particularly the Third and Fourth Geneva Convention; and to speed the delivery of adequate food and medical supplies to suffering communities in the former Yugoslavia.
• Calls upon our congregations to work in support of the above goals and to assist with humanitarian aid by following the action guidelines distributed by the Commission on Social Action.
• That NFTY urge its youth groups to take action towards the goals mentioned above by writing levers, urging the United Nations to take action to ensure the safety of the peoples in the former Yugoslavia,
• That NFTYites educate and help to raise general consciousness of the problems in the former Yugoslavia through programs in communities throughout North America.

D - RISING ANTI-SEMITISM AND HOLOCAUST REVISIONISM

Resolved:
That NFTY renew the resolution passed in March 1992.
MECHINA - 1993

A - TZEDEKAH
Resolved:
That NFTY establish the NFTY Tzedakah Fund with the following guidelines:
1. Regions may make annual monetary contributions at the NFTY Winter Board Meetings
2. Contribution decisions will be made by the NFTY General Board at the Mechina Board Meeting (suggestions can be submitted by TYGs as well)
3. TYG’s may also make pledges through the Social Action Tikkun Olam Program.
4. The amount of TYG and regional donations will remain anonymous.

B - LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR RABBI ERIC BRAM
Resolved:
That MoVFTY and Temple Israel Youth Group honor Rabbi Bram for his commitment to the youth of Reform Judaism by making him a Life Member of NFTY

C - PROGRAMMING COMPETITIONS
Resolved:
That NFTY estab lish Pro gramming Compe ti tions, under the leadership of the NFTY Programming Vice President, acting within the following guidelines:
1. The categories will be each of the NFTY Options in the Tikkun Olam Program (example: the categories for 1993-1994 will be L'Dor Va'Dor, P*Kuach Nefesh, Sexual Issues, Breaking Down the Barriers of Society, Rising anti-Semitism and Holocaust Remembrance, Government Intervention in the Private Realm, T’filah: An Exploration of Our Jewish Identity, Celebrate Israel, ant Back to the Basics).
2. The judges will be an equal number of representatives of the Programming Network and the NFTY Office. (The NFTY Programming Vice President CANNOT be a judge, as s/he will coordinate the competitions.)
3. The competitions will take place on a regional level before being submitted to NFTY. All regional winners will be finalists in the NFTY Competition. The guidelines for regional competitions will be left up to each region, however there may only be one finalist in each category per region.
4. The NFTY Programming Vice President will sent the program finalists out to the committee anonymously. Competitions will be judged in 2 categories: Small programs (for fifteen people and under) and large programs (for fifteen people or over). The judges will score each program on a scale of 1-10 (10 being the highest). They will be asked to consider creativity educational value, relevance to the theme, and originality. The scores of all the judges will then be tabulated by the NFTY Programming Vice President to determine the winners.
5. Winning TYGs will receive certificates and recognition in Ani V’Atah. Also, the award-winning programs will be distributed to appropriate people (as designated by the NFTY office and NFTY Programming Vice President).
That the aforementioned guidelines be reviewed after the first year of existence.

D - DISSOLUTION OF SUPER-REGIONS
Resolved:
That Article One of the By-Laws of the NFTY Constitution, dealing with the function of Super Region, be struck from the Constitution.

E - LIFTING THE BAN
Resolved:
That NFTY encourage its members to work to ensure that their synagogue’s bylaws guarantee equal rights to homosexuals. That NFTY reaffirm its commitment to securing equal rights for homosexuals and encourage all TYG’s to perform program on issues of homosexuality and gay rights. That NFTY encourage all regions and TYGs to program on the issues of homosexuals in the military and gay rights.

F - LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR ERIC LEVENTHAL
Resolved:
That Eric Leventhal be awarded a Life Membership in NFTY.

**G - NFTY COMPETITIONS**

*Resolved:*

That a dance/choreography category be included in the NFTY Competitions beginning with the 1993-1994 year; and, that a video acts category be included in the NFTY Competitions beginning with the 1993-1994 year.

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**NFTY GENERAL BOARDS - 1994**

**A – KADIMA**

*Resolved:*

That Temple Youth Groups and local NFTY regions in Canada become officially linked to Kadima in the same manner as United States Temple Youth Groups and local NFTY regions are connected to ARZA.

**B – SIBLING TYG RESOLUTION**

*Resolved:*

That two TYGs shall be paired up in the following manner:
1. The two TYGs shall be called “Sibling TYGs”
2. The sibling TYGs shall be from separate regions
3. The TYGs shall be paired up by similar populations and programmatic needs
4. That NFTY give all TYGs an opportunity to have a sibling TYG by notifying them about the program through a mailing near the end of the school year.
5. That it will be the responsibility of the TYG to return the mailing to NFTY if they wish to have a sibling TYG, along with the name region, population of their TYG, and programmatic needs.
6. That after receiving the return mailing, NFTY shall find a suitable sibling TYG for the following year.
7. That NFTY provide all sibling TYG participants with information that will allow the sibling TYGs to communicate (i.e. board lists, addresses, phone numbers) and possible exchange and create programs, services, ideas for activities, and be available to each other as a resource.

**C – RESPONSE TO ANTI-GAY RIGHTS REFERENDA**

*Resolved:*

That NFTY actively oppose state and local referenda and statutes restricting the civil rights of gays, lesbians, bisexuals, or transgenders; and, that NFTY work in coalition with other national and local organizations to mount a national campaign to counter the anti-gay rhetoric of the Religious Right, and other anti-gay rights organizations; and, that NFTY commend the UAHC for taking initiative by passing a similar resolution at the 1993 UAHC Biennial Convention.

**D – MEMBERSHIP**

*Resolved:*

That the North American Federation of Temple Youth support the following model for collection of NFTY dues:
1. Temples would include in their Temple dues a space for families to check off if they have a child of youth group age.
2. Temples would collect youth group dues when collecting membership dues.
3. Temples would transfer youth group dues to the TYG in a lump sum, along with a list of the members and the addresses to the Temple Youth Group Treasurer who will appropriately distribute the dues to the local region (and then on to NFTY) and the list of members.

That upon NFTY support of this model, NFTY propose this model to the Board of Trustees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

**E – NFTY UNIFYING RESOLUTION**

*Resolved:*

That
That the NFTY regions gradually remove their names (CAFTY, CFTY, CNYFTY, CRaFTY, JFTY, LIFTY, MAFTY, MoVFTY, MSTY, NEFTY, NELFTY, NoFTY, OVFTY, PAFTY, SCFTY, SEFTY, SOFTY, SWFTY, TOFTY, WeFTY, and WESTY) from stationary, mailings, and other documentation in favor of NFTY, North American Federation of Temple Youth; and, that at international meetings (i.e. Mechina, NFTY Convention, and Boards), the regions will be recognized as “NFTY’s your region’s area region” (example: NFTY’s Southern Region); and, that in congruence with the upcoming name change of the UAHC, NFTY consider changing its name to a title more representative of the regions and TYGs it represents.

F – FURTHER DEFINITION OF RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL VICE-PRESIDENT
Amended:
That to further define the evolving position of NFTY Religious & Cultural Vice President, the NFTY Constitution be amended to include the following responsibilities:
11. To disseminate relevant information on Israel to NFTY, primarily but not exclusively through the NFTY Religious & Cultural Network
12. To represent NFTY at national ARZA and Kadima Board Meetings and other meetings of Zionist youth movements worldwide.
Let it be further resolved that on the TYG and regional levels, NFTY’s TYG and regional Religious & Cultural Vice-Presidents be encouraged to assume responsibilities similar to those outlined above.

MECHINA - 1994

A – NFTY MEMBERSHIP
Resolved:
That NFTY support the UAHC Youth Committee recommendation that UAHC congregations make provisions to allow all Jewish youth to join a UAHC Temple Youth Group even if one’s parents are not members of a UAHC congregation; and, that NFTY specifically encourage the UAHC to establish procedures for youth to become associate members of a temple, and thus be able to participate in all temple activities (not just youth group) for a nominal fee.

NFTY GENERAL BOARDS - 1995

A – ARZA MEMBERSHIP
Resolved:
That all members of NFTY be encouraged to become youth members of ARZA at a monetary cost, and that this move spark a mutually supportive relationship between NFTY and ARZA for future years.

B – ARZA’S “OPERATION EQUALITY”
Resolved:
That NFTY help ARZA with “Operation Equality” on the TYG level; and, that ARZA members enlist the support of local TYG’s in upcoming years in their targeting of congregations for “Operation Equality.”
NFTY GENERAL BOARDS - 1996

A – HAGGADAH RESOLUTION
Resolved:
That “The NFTY Haggadah”, written by the 1995-1996 Religious and Cultural Vice President Marla Swartz, be adopted by NFTY as the official NFTY Haggadah; and, that regions and TYGs will be encouraged with their communities, using the NFTY Haggadah, to organize and execute inter-faith seders.

B – SHOAH RESOLUTION
Resolved:
That NFTY, in all formal usage, replace the word Holocaust with the proper noun Shoah; and, that NFTYites are encouraged to begin making this change in their speech, services, programs, and all activities on the national, regional and TYG levels.

C – RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF THE CHILDREN WHO PERISHED IN THE SHOAH
Resolved:
That NFTY strongly encourage every Bar/Bat Mitzvah to honor a specific child victim of the Shoah as he or she is called to the Torah; and, that and Bar/bat Mitzvah who has already celebrated this milestone in his/her life be encouraged to be called to the Torah once again to honor a child victim of the Shoah, and That NFTY create a proposal to be presented to an appropriate organization; and, that NFTY serve as a consultant to this proposal; and, that this program help perpetuate remembrance of the Shoah through a new and positive tradition.

MECHINA - 1996

A – FOURTH VOTING DELEGATE AMENDMENT’S PROCEDURES
Resolved:
That the 1996-1997 NFTY General Board give the 1996-1997 NFTY President, Jacob Zlotoff, permission to suspend the rules and reword Article 2, Section D, of the NFTY Constitution to read, “The top three delegates to the North American Board Meeting shall, one their region has fulfilled its debts and obligations to the NFTY Travel Fund, receive partial reimbursement from this fund…”; and, that an amendment to the By-Laws of the NFTY Constitution concerning the NFTY Travel Equalization Scale be presented in the following year to the NFTY General Board to complete the process of a fourth voting delegate per region.

B – REGIONAL VOTING DELEGATES AMENDMENT
Amended:
That there be four (4) voting delegates from each region in order to hopefully increase the involvement and attendance to networks to accommodate the differing view of NFTY members.

C – EXECUTIVE BOARD OBLIGATIONS AMENDMENT
Amended:
That Article Ten: Duties of the NFTY Officers, of the NFTY Constitution, read as follows:
SECTION A: It shall be the duty of the PRESIDENT:
1. To call and preside over all NFTY Executive and General Board Meetings.
2. To be directly responsible for and exercise direct supervision over the NFTY Executive and General Boards.
3. To be the liaison between NFTY and the NFTY Directors.
4. To organize and oversee the NFTY travel region system.
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 Executive Board’s approval.
7. To act as a public spokesperson for NFTY.
8. To represent NFTY while serving on the UAHC Board of Trustees and Executive Committee, and any other appropriate and necessary committees, councils, and commissions.
9. To appoint representatives to the UAHC Committees and Commissions with the NFTY Executive Board’s approval.
10. To fill vacancies on the NFTY Executive Board, pending constitutional rule.
11. To create new NFTY committees and appoint chair people when necessary, upon the NFTY Executive Board’s approval.
12. To coordinate the activities of the President’s Network.
13. To design the fall and spring NFTY TYG mailings.
14. To attend all North American events, including specified amounts of time at the NFTY Leadership Academy at Kutz Camp.
15. 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 PROGRAMMING VICE-PRESIDENT:
1. To take the place of the president when so required.
2. To be directly responsible to, and to assist in the duties of the president when so required.
3. To coordinate the NFTY Tikkun Olam Program and NFTY Programming Competitions with the intent of aiding and strengthening TYGs.
4. To implement programs concerning membership and programming, as well as other pertinent Jewish topics.
5. To establish, chair and maintain a Programming Vice President’s Network.
6. To provide NFTY with both innovative programs and resources, and to make these materials accessible through the Programming Vice Presidents’ Network.
7. To be actively aware of the Programming facilities and resources which function as part of and distinguish each region of NFTY, and to share these resources with all of NFTY by presenting them to the Programming Vice President’s Network.
8. To coordinate resource material and make these available to TYGs through the Programming Vice President’s Network.
9. To act as a liaison in the travel region system under the direction of the President.
10. To attend all North American events, including a specified amount of time at the NFTY Leadership Academy at Kutz Camp.
11. 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 SOCIAL ACTION VICE-PRESIDENT:
1. To coordinate and facilitate social action oriented projects initiated by the NFTY Executive or General Boards.
2. To aid in the production and dissemination of information pertinent to these and other projects.
3. To coordinate any activities assigned by the President.
4. To accept any other duties assigned by the President.
5. To act as a liaison in the travel region system under the direction of the President.
6. To be a member of the UAHC Social Action Commission.
7. To act as a liaison between NFTY and the Religious Action Center.
8. To coordinate the activities of the Social Action Network.
9. To attend all North American events, including a specified amount of time at the NFTY Leadership Academy at Kutz Camp.
10. 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 RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL VICE-PRESIDENT:
1. To promote and encourage NFTY in Reform Jewish religious and cultural activities.
2. To stimulate knowledge of Jewish culture, religion, Reform Judaism’s creed “Choice through Knowledge,” history, the NFTY study theme and Israel.
3. To maintain the NFTY Religious and Cultural Vice President’s files and disseminate information as needed.
4. To coordinate the activities of the Religious and Cultural Vice presidents’ Network.
5. To be responsible for T’fillot at NFTY Board Meetings, Mechina, Convention, Youth Biennial and when needed.
6. To represent NFTY at all ARZA and Kadima functions as well as within other Zionist and relevant organizations.
7. To act as a liaison in the travel region system under the direction of the president.
8. To be responsible for the planning and running of NFTY Competitions.
9. To accept any other duties as assigned by the President.
10. To attend all North American events, including specified amounts of time at the NFTY Leadership Academy at Kutz Camp.
11. To undertake and coordinate any activities and additional duties which may be necessary to fulfill the above responsibilities.

D – MEMBERSHIP AMENDMENT

Resolved:
That the position of the NFTY Programming Vice President be expanded to include membership responsibilities, such as acting as a liaison to regional membership vice-presidents and chairs; and, that the NFTY Programming Vice-President establish and chair an informal network of membership vice-presidents to share ideas and programs for regional membership; and, that the meetings of the informal NFTY Membership Network shall be held at Mechina, and the informal network shall consist of those regional Membership Vice-Presidents who can attend Mechina; and, that the informal Membership Network meet separately at Mechina to discuss regional membership problems and solutions, and will be mediated by the old Programming Vice-President and chaired, when possible by the new Programming Vice-President; and, that the informal Membership Network shall also meet, if possible, at NFTY Board Meeting alone, or when possible, chaired by the NFTY Programming Vice-President; and, that the NFTY Programming Vice-President, as chair of the informal NFTY Membership Network, shall be responsible for communicating with the informal Membership Network throughout the year through mailings, phone trees, and other forms of communication deemed appropriate by the Programming Vice-President; and, that it be understood that the regional Membership Vice President is still not an official NFTY voting delegate, and the passing of this amendment does not change the reimbursed voting delegates in conjunction with the NFTY Executive Board gavel order; and, that it be suggested that the regions without a membership vice-president or chair establish a membership vice-president as an executive board position; and, that the duties of the NFTY Programming Vice-President, as described in Article Eleven, Section B, now read:

It shall be the duty of the PROGRAMMING VICE-PRESIDENT:
1. To take the place of the president when so required.
2. To be directly responsible to, and to assist in the duties of the president when so required.
3. To coordinate the NFTY Tikkun Olam Program and NFTY Programming Competitions with the intent of aiding and strengthening TYGs.
4. To implement programs concerning membership and programming, as well as other pertinent Jewish topics, and establish and chair a network of membership vice-presidents.
5. To establish, chair and maintain a Programming Vice President’s Network.
6. To provide NFTY with both innovative programs and resources, and to make these materials accessible through the Programming Vice Presidents’ Network.
7. To be actively aware of the Programming facilities and resources which function as part of and distinguish each region of NFTY, and to share these resources with all of NFTY by presenting them to the Programming Vice President’s Network.
8. To coordinate resource material and make these available to TYGs through the Programming Vice President’s Network.
9. To act as liaison in the travel region system under the direction of the President.
10. To attend all North American events, including a specified amount of time at the NFTY Leadership Academy at Kutz Camp.
11. To undertake and coordinate any activities and additional duties which may be necessary to fulfill the above responsibilities.
A – A RESOLUTION TO RE-AFFIRM NFTY’S AFFILIATION WITH THE RELIGIOUS COALITION FOR REPRODUCTIVE CHOICE INC.

Resolved:
That NFTY affirms our unwavering commitment to the protection and preservation of the reproductive rights of women; pledge our presence and support wherever, whenever, and for however long our goal may require it at the federal, state and local levels of all government; further, we affirm our commitment to work in coalition with pro-choice groups especially the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, for the attainment of our common goal; and, that NFTY endorses the 1973 United States Supreme Court decision on Roe vs. Wade and deplore all attempts, legislative and judicial, to dismantle it. Further, we applaud those decisions of the Supreme Court of Canada that have assured Canadian women their reproductive freedom; and, that NFTY re-affirms our partnership with the Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) with respect to WRJ’s efforts on behalf of protecting women’s right to reproductive choice.

B – MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION

Resolved:
That each region who does not currently have a membership vice-president, membership chair, or corresponding board position, create a membership vice-president or membership chair; and, that each region consider making their membership position a part of the executive board so that they may more easily inform and be informed of happenings in the regions; and, that NFTY remain committed to increasing membership not only for the strength of the regions, but for the strength of NFTY and Reform Judaism as a whole.

C – MAZON CHAIR RESOLUTION

Resolved:
That it be highly suggested that each NFTY region appoint a regional Mazon chair to facilitate the functions of Mazon, with the exception of the home region to the NFTY Mazon appointee; and, that these chairs have the following responsibilities to be further specified and added to by future NFTY-Mazon liaisons:
• To keep in close contact with the NFTY-Mazon liaison and the regional board, most likely through the Social Action V.P.
• To receive Mazon updates, reports, and materials from the NFTY-Mazon liaison.
• To be aware of state of hunger issues concerning our environment and to help facilitate the spread of this information through awareness programs, announcements at regional events, and/or the inclusion of materials in regional mailings.
• To make available to regional and youth group programmers hunger and poverty related awareness programs from the NFTY-Mazon liaison and/or the Mazon organization.
• To ensure the inclusion of the optional Mazon staple 3% of proceeds of all regional events, and the encouragement of TYG participation in the optional 3%.
• To oversee and facilitate the collection of Mazon money from the TYG level to the regional level under the organization of the NFTY-Mazon liaison.
D – RESOLUTION TO MAKE YOM HA’ATZMAUT AN ARZA-BASED DAY
Resolved:
That Yom Ha’atzmaut shall be celebrated throughout NFTY; and, that NFTY and its leadership shall work with ARZA’s leadership to construct programming and other related activities for Yom Ha'atzmaut.

E – A RESOLUTION FOR THE SOCIAL ACTION THEME FOR 1997-1998
Resolved:
That the 1997-1998 Social Action theme continue to be Religion in Society: Am Echad Panim Rabot

MECHINA - 1997

A – RESOLUTION CONCERNING SEX EDUCATION
Resolved:
That NFTY’s regions acknowledge that abstinence is the best way for youths to prevent STDs, including HIV/AIDS, and unwanted pregnancy and therefore encourage abstinence before suggesting alternative methods of prevention; and, that NFTY’s regions call upon our local youth groups and congregations from which we commit to support and assist in the creation and implementation of effective and comprehensive sex education programs; and, that NFTY calls upon regions to implement a sex education program that would provide information on the following topics: teenage sex and the physical, emotional, and developmental processes involved in teenage sex; STDs, including HIV/AIDS; pregnancy; condom accessibility issues; Jewish perspectives on sex: in an effort to create awareness about the risks youth face and the options they have; and, that this would be done by having statistical and factual information, in the form of packets, articles, and a suggested book list, available through the NFTY Social Action Vice President; and, that each region who does not currently have a membership vice-president, membership chair, or corresponding board position, create a membership vice-president or membership chair; and, that each region consider making their membership position a part of the executive board so that they may more easily inform and be informed of happenings in the regions; and, that NFTY remain committed to increasing membership not only for the strength of the regions, but for the strength of NFTY and Reform Judaism as a whole.

B – RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE ENVIRONMENT
Resolved:
That NFTY strongly encourages complete recycling programs to be implemented at all temple youth group, regional, and North American events, programs and projects; and, that NFTY encourage the purchase of recycled products (post consumer preferred); and, that NFTY encourages the purchase of products that can be recycled once used; and, that NFTY encourages that each youth group strongly urges their respective synagogue to implement a recycling program, to encourage the purchase of recycled, post-consumer products and to encourage the purchase of products that can be recycled once used, to help protect the planet that we will mature in as the next generation of adults in North America; the planet that future generations of NFTYites will grow up in; and, that this is merely a beginning; that protecting the environment and serving justice to the ecosystems that we live in is more than one step; that NFTY will encourage action to be taken in the name of environmental justice and Tikkun Olam.

C – RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE SOCIAL ACTION THEME
Resolved:
That all further NFTY Social Action Themes shall continue to encourage NFTYites to take a stand on Social Action issues, by having the NFTY Social Action Theme focused on one issue at a time; and, that the NFTY Social Action Theme shall change annually; and, that the NFTY Social Action Theme shall be used as NFTY’s statement and commitment to a social action issue concerning Reform Jewish youth.
D – RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE NFTY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AND KUTZ CAMP
Resolved:
That regional board members be given the responsibility of encouraging all TYG leaders and all potential leaders on any level to attend a session of the NFTY Leadership Academy at Kutz Camp; and, that TYG’s, congregations, and regions find ways to recognize and utilize the skill and experience acquired at a Leadership Academy.

NFTY MID-YEAR BOARD MEETING - 1998
A - NFTY 1998-99 ACTION THEME: WE DO NOT FORGET - CONTEMPORARY GENOCIDE
Resolved:
That the 1998-99 NFTY Action theme be entitled: “We Do Not Forget - Contemporary Genocide”; and, that the NFTY Social Action VP compile a packet containing information, resources, and programs on contemporary genocide; and, that all NFTY TYGs and regions be strongly encouraged to program and act on the theme of contemporary genocide.

B - ETHICS REFORM INITIATIVE
Resolved:
That NFTY’s membership take personal responsibility for its ethical behavior, as Hillel said: im ein ani li, mi li? If I am not for myself, who will be for me?; and, that NFTY take a proactive role in identifying the influences that are a danger to us, and draw remedies and strength from our traditions and our culture by:
1. Establishing the issue of our ethical conflicts both within and outside of NFTY as the primary theme for the next General Board at Mechina.
2. Encouraging all NFTY leaders to include ethical issues and Jewish responses in their future leadership training agendas,
3. Beginning a process of analyzing our “Code of Conduct” with the commitment to identify from where our ethics are derived, and to attach a sense of ownership and connection to the Jewish values that our youth organization holds.
4. Actively involving itself with any UAHC program of effort to develop a youth ethics curriculum.
That upon the passing of this resolution and the conclusion of this session of the General Board, that the current and incoming Executive Boards work together to make programs, guides, and initiatives available at Mechina 1998 concerning the items mentioned in the previous clause.

C - RESOLUTION ON NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS RESOURCE PACKETS FOR OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF COMMUNICATIONS
Resolved:
That a NFTY North American Communications Resource Packet be assembled and distributed to all NFTY Regional Officers in charge of communications, or the appropriate board member, chairperson, or regional member responsible for the duties described in the resource packet, upon their election, at Mechina, or in a timely fashion; and, that this resource packet is initially compiled by Beth Kander and updated each year by outgoing regional Officers in charge of communications, or the appropriate board members, chairpersons, or regional members responsible for the duties described in the resource packet, for their individual regions.

D - SUPPORT FOR PEACEFUL RECONCILIATION OF PLURALISM IN ISRAEL
Resolved:
That NFTY calls for the education of its members on issues of pluralism in the Diaspora and in Israel, as well as on fundamental differences in belief between the Reform community and the other leading Jewish communities, in order to:
1. Support an understanding of the conflicts inherent in Jewish pluralism for the sake of fair judgment, for Hillel says, al tadin et chaver’cha ad shetagia lim’komo Do not judge your fellow until you have reached his place.
2. To prevent harsh confrontations between Jews of different communities, and indeed to facilitate more frequent peaceful discourse for this and all other fruitful purposes.
3. Ensure that our community is conscientious both of the aims of preserving Jewish oneness and continuity, as well as our community’s values, if compromises must be made for the sake of these issues, and that NFTY call upon its leadership to actively entreat the leaders of other Jewish communities, especially the youth bodies thereof, to support the above items in order to expedite peaceful resolves and relationships between all Jews in these tumultuous times, for as it is said, kol machaloket shehi l’shem shamayim, sofah l’hitkayem All disputes for the sake of heaven will have a constructive outcome. (Pirke Avot 5/20)

NFTY BOARDS-2000

A. NFTY 2000-2001 ACTION THEME “BEATNG OUT SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES: GUN CONTROL AND GUN SAFETY”

Resolved:
That the 2000-2001 NFTY Action Theme be entitled "Beating Our Swords Into Plowshares: Gun Control and Gun Safety", and that the NFTY Social Action Vice President compile a packet containing information, resources, programs, and action projects on gun control and gun safety, and that all NFTY temple youth groups (TYGs), and regions be strongly encouraged to program and act on the theme of gun control and gun safety, and that the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (“RAC”) be formally thanked for their longstanding commitment on behalf of all Reform Jews, young and old, to gun control and gun safety. And that NFTY continue to adhere and press forward regarding the implementation of its 1999 Mechina “Resolution Concerning Preventative Youth Safety” because it demands for the “elimination of the manufacture, import, transportation, advertising, sale, transfer and possession of handguns, with limited exceptions allowed in instances such as the military, police, security guards and licensed and regulated pistol clubs.”

MECHINA-2000

A. RESOLUTION CONDEMNING BOY SCOUT’S OF AMERICA

Resolved:
NFTY allows membership to voice discontent and extreme disapproval with the current policy of the Boy Scouts of America regarding exclusion based on sexual orientation, and, that the NFTY Social Action Vice President compose a detailed letter to the Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America voicing NFTY’s concern over the Boy Scouts’ policy, and, that NFTYites and temple youth groups (TYGs) contact local scout troops in their area and work to educate them on the importance of including all scouts, regardless of sexual orientation, and, that NFTYites be encouraged at TYG and Regional events to write letters to the following people currently serving in leadership positions with the Boy Scouts of America and that NFTYites be encouraged to write letters to the United Way, the largest financial supporter of the Boy Scouts of America, and ask them to pressure the Boy Scouts of America to become more accepting:
United Way of America
701 N. Fairfax Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-2045
Phone: (703) 836-7100
http://www.unitedway.org
and, that NFTYites visit http://www.shamash.org/scouts to see if their local Temple is affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America and, if it is, to engage in a discussion with the congregants in charge of the scouting troop to see if discriminatory practices are in place, and, that the NFTY Social Action Vice President contact the Jewish Committee on Scouting and demand that they remove any mention of NFTY from literature available on their website as a way to draw membership into scouting as long as their views regarding sexual orientation are at odds with this organization’s, and, that NFTYites be encouraged to write emails and make phone calls to the Jewish Committee on Scouting calling for the leadership of the organization to help repeal the discriminatory practices of the Boy Scouts.
B. RESOLUTION CONCERNING RAISING NFTY DUES
Resolved:
That NFTY’s dues be raised from a previous amount of three dollars to a new amount of five dollars.

C. RESOLUTION GRANTING NFTY LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP TO MATT SHOTKIN
Resolved:
That Matt Shotkin be awarded and honoured with a symbolic lifetime membership to NFTY and that a decorative plaque be made and presented to Matt Shotkin and an additional copy of the plaque be displayed at UAHC Kutz Camp.

D. RESOLUTION CONCERNING GUN CONTROL
Resolved:
That NFTY commits to spreading awareness of gun violence and taking concrete steps to end gun violence and that NFTY strongly urges education and programming on gun violence in such areas as suicide prevention, domestic violence, and other gun-related issues in Temple Youth Groups (TYG) and regions, and that the 2000-2001 NFTY SAVP compose and send out a letter outlining NFTY’s position on gun control as to better inform NFTYites about where their organization stands and that in addition another letter explaining NFTY’s stance on guns, specifically addressed to NFTYites families, will be sent out to every regional advisor and that it will be the responsibility of each regional advisor to distribute these letters to all families hosting NFTYites during regional and TYG events and encourage the host families to abide by the NFTY policy, and that regions make it a priority to have open-forum discussions within families and communities on the danger of guns to promote awareness and understanding of the growing problem.

NFTY BOARDS-2001

A. RESOLUTION CONCERNING ISRAEL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION
Resolved:
That NFTY regions encourage all youth to participate in Israel programs, and that each NFTY region accompany Israel programming by incorporating updates regarding the current political situation in Israel as a part of each event and/or meeting, or a comparable cultural/political activity, and, that each NFTY region is encouraged to provide programming on the topic of modern Israel throughout the year, and, that the Temple Youth Groups

B. RESOLUTION CONCERNING PAR PRICING FOR CANADIAN RESIDENTS
Resolved:
That NFTY recognizes that the current pricing scheme for Convention causes a financial burden on Canadian participants, and that NFTY adopt a stance in favor of at par pricing for Canadian residents at NFTY North American events, including but not limited to NFTY Convention, Mechina, and the NFTY Mid-year Board Meeting, and that the NFTY Executive Board will promptly submit to the UAHC Board of Trustees a resolution in support of allowing Canadian residents to pay at par for the entirety of NFTY North American events including but not limited to NFTY Convention, Mechina, and the NFTY Mid-year Board Meeting.

C. RESOLUTION GRANTING NFTY LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP TO RABBI GLYNNIS CONYER
Resolved:
That Rabbi Glynis Conyer be awarded and honored with a symbolic lifetime membership in NFTY.

D. NFTY 2001-2001 STUDY THEME: ETHICS IN THE NEW MILLENIUM
Resolved:
That the NFTY 2001 - 2002 Study Theme is entitled and encompasses the phrase from text, “You should be holy, because I Adonai your God am holy.” (Leviticus 19:2) ETHICS IN THE NEW MILLENIUM
E. NFTY 2001-2002 ACTION THEME: STRIVING TO BE HUMAN: HATE CRIME AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

Resolved:
That the 2001-2002 NFTY Action Theme be entitled “Striving To Be Human: Hate Crime Awareness and Prevention”, and that the NFTY Social Action Vice President compile a package containing information, resources, programs, and action projects on hate crime awareness and prevention, and that all temple youth groups (TYGs), and regions be strongly encouraged to program, raise awareness, and act on the theme of hate crimes and hate crime prevention.

MECHINA-2001

A. RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE ENVIRONMENT

Resolved:
That we, as NFTYites, take the next step in pursuing environmental justice and Tikkun Olam by being vigilant of our individual demands for energy, and that NFTY recognizes that drilling in protected natural habitats is not a favorable solution to the energy crisis and actively opposes any legislation that compromises the preservation of wildlife refuges such as the Arctic Refuge, recognizing that such legislation ignores our responsibility to the land as said in Genesis 2:15, “L’ovdah v’l’shomrah,” to serve and to guard, and that NFTY educates and updates its regions on the crisis by distributing an environmental awareness packet; compiled by the Regional Social Action Network; and involves all NFTYites in the conservation effort by instituting letter-writing campaigns to legislators, and that we help to alleviate the situation by being cognizant of our energy uses at local and regional events, especially when events are at large camps that consume great amounts of energy, by turning off power sources, such as lights in cabins, restrooms, and meeting halls, when they are not needed, and that NFTY reviews and renews its past pledges to the environment, making it an urgent priority to actively preserve our environment for future generations by strongly encouraging that energy inefficient incandescent light bulbs be replaced with lasting compact fluorescent bulbs in UAHC Camps, offices, and synagogues, and NFTY will encourage the conservation of gasoline and other petroleum products through awareness and creative solutions brought to the attention of NFTYites at events.

B. RESOLUTION GRANTING NFTY LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP TO RABBI NORMAN ROMAN

Resolved:
That Rabbi Norman T. Roman be made an honorary lifetime NFTY member.

NFTY BOARDS-2002

A. RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE DEATH PENALTY

Resolved:
That NFTY hereby takes a stand in opposition of the death penalty as it is Applied in the United States today and that it will support steps to reform the American Justice system’s use of the death penalty and that NFTY will support any legislation that works to make our Justice System adopt more fair practices and activities and that NFTY will work to continuously update and educate our participants on the issue of the death penalty and that NFTY will take an active role in the anti-death penalty movement and make it an important part of our social action agenda.

B. 2002-2003 NFTY ACTION THEME: LEAVING THE CORNERS OF OUR FIELDS: NFTY’S RESPONSE TO HUNGER

Resolved:
That the NFTY action theme for the 2002-2003 NFTY year will be Leaving the Corners of OUR Fields: NFTY’s Response to Hunger, and that NFTY take action on local levels by engaging in activities including but not limited to organizing food drives and volunteering at Food Banks and Soup Kitchens, and that NFTY, on local, regional, and North American levels, actively educate its members about hunger and ways to combat it.
and that NFTY members and Temple youth groups are strongly encouraged to educate their local communities about hunger, so as to promote awareness and action throughout the world in which they live, and that NFTY track the North American and international political scenes by taking note of and responding to issues which relate to hunger, and that NFTY participate in the North American and international political scenes by engaging in activism, including but not limited to letter writing, fundraising, and lobbying, to increase recognition and aid for those who suffer from hunger.


Resolved:
That the 2002-2003 NFTY Study Theme be “Kol Ha Yehudim Ba’Olam: All the Jews of the World”, and that NFTY explore how we maintained our Jewish identities throughout Jewish history and in the face of anti-Semitism, and that we, as NFTYites, learn about Judaism in other cultures through history, language, folktales, food, dancing, music, art, and literature, and that we reaffirm our commitment to our chevrei throughout the world by educating ourselves.

MECHINA-2002

A. RESOLUTION CONCERNING CAFÉ STANDARDS

Resolved:
NFTY resolves to advocate increased CAFE standards and legislation calling for increased CAFE standards for both light trucks and passenger vehicles as well as legislation reclassifying large passenger vehicles such as SUVs as passenger vehicles as opposed to light trucks, and NFTY additionally not support legislation preventing CAFE standards from being raised, and NFTY formally acknowledge Senators John McCain of Arizona, John Kerry of Massachusetts for their efforts to raise CAFE standards and Representative Sherwood Boehlert of New York for his advocacy of including SUVs in the passenger vehicle category, and NFTY encourage its members to take gas mileage into consideration when purchasing automobiles and to boycott SUVs until they are declassified as light trucks.

NFTY MID-YEAR BOARD MEETING-2003


Resolved:
That the 2003-2004 NFTY Study Theme be “Conflict at Home and Abroad: Striving for Insight”, and that NFTY learn about worldwide conflicts especially those involving Israel and the Middle East, and that NFTY explore North American political, social, and economic conflicts on both a national and local scale, and that NFTY programming explore inner conflicts and allow participants the opportunity to better understand themselves and their opinions as they try provide a basis for programming regarding larger conflicts, and that NFTY strive for understanding and eventual settlement of conflict through knowledge

B. 2003-2004 SOCIAL ACTION THEME: TEACHING THEM DILIGENTLY: NFTY ACTS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INCREASE LITERACY

Resolved:
That the 2003-2004 NFTY Social Action theme be Teaching Them Diligently: NFTY Acts to Improve Public Education and Increase Literacy, and that NFTY will take action locally by engaging in activities including but not limited to adopting and creating comprehensive partnerships with local schools, recording books on tape, organizing Read-to-me programs, collecting books and school supplies, volunteering as tutors to help people of all ages, fundraising to provide schools with new supplies, assisting high school seniors with the college application process, and that NFTY actively educate its members about education and literacy and ways to promote both, and that NFTY members and TYGs be strongly encouraged to educate their local communities about education issues, so as to promote awareness and action throughout the world in which they live, and that NFTY collaborate with other organizations working to promote education and literacy, including the National
Jewish Coalition for Literacy and the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, and that NFTY promote an environment that encourages its own members to further their own education, both secular and Jewish, and that NFTY engage in political activism, including but not limited to letter writing, and lobbying to support public education by calling for increased funding, reduced class size, high quality teachers, modern buildings, universal pre-kindergarten, and literacy programs and to oppose school vouchers and other threats to the public school system.

D. RESOLUTION CONCERNING MERCHANDISE SALES ON SHABBAT
Resolved:
That NFTY recommend that merchandise will not be sold on Shabbat at a NFTY regional event, and that NFTY recommend that no credit accounts will be honored for the sale of merchandise on Shabbat at a NFTY regional event, and that NFTY recommend that there be no exchanges of money and/or merchandise on Shabbat at a NFTY regional event, and that NFTY recommend to the Director of NFTY and the UAHC Kutz Camp to prohibit sales from the canteen on Shabbat.

E. RESOLUTION GRANTING NFTY LIFE MEMBERSHIP TO RACHEL MERSKY WODA
Resolved:
That Rachel Mersky Woda be granted NFTY Life Membership.

MECHINA-2003

A. RESOLUTION CONCERNING REAFFIRMATION OF NFTY’S COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL AND SPECIFICALLY TO NFTY IN ISRAEL PROGRAMS
Resolved:
That NFTY take a more active and committed stance in supporting Israel and specifically supporting NFTY in Israel, and that NFTY regions should raise awareness of issues facing Israel all the time through social, economic support of Medinat Yisrael, at each regional event and at the local level and that NFTY at the North American, Regional, and local levels should include programming about the politics in Israel, enabling each NFTYite to have informed political opinions about Medinat Yisrael, and that each region be strongly encouraged to have an Israel chair or an Israel task force/committee under the auspices of the RCVP and/or SAVP to ensure that Israel advocacy is occurring at the regional level, and that each NFTY region encourage their representation in all future NFTY in Israel programs, both summer trips and EIE semester in Israel, and that NFTY reaffirms its stances on Israel described in the 2001 and 2003 resolutions and continues providing programs and updates at regional and NA events, and that NFTY reaffirms its encouragement of TYG’s to program and give updates on Israel, and that on a North American, regional, and local level, NFTY will emphasize Israel travel, specifically NFTY in Israel.

B. RESOLUTION REGARDING THE COMBINING AND DIVISION OF NFTY REGIONS
Resolved:
That in all other situations where regions will be dividing and combining, the Youth Division and UAHC supervision of said NFTY regions should consult youth representatives on continuous basis from that region, as well as the regional board members of the respective regions. This consultation should take place from the commencement of the combination and splitting of regions’ process bringing youth representatives to the meetings before any concrete plans are made, and that the regions within NFTY strongly encourage that they be made aware of possible changes to their region that will alter the integrity of said region for time immemorial. NFTY strongly encourages the UAHC to update its youth regions of possible changes to regional structures as soon as they are proposed, and that NFTY will urge the UAHC to give said region at least six months notice before the act of combination is commenced, and that in the future structural changes to all NFTY regions, the UAHC will hold open discussion and allow for a longer, more extensive and protracted process, which will allow its youth to adjust to and embrace its decisions, and that a copy of this resolution will be sent to the UAHC Youth Division office.
C. RESOLUTION CONCERNING SAME-SEX MARRIAGES
Resolved:
That NFTY strongly supports the right of two people of the same sex to wed or the equivalent thereof one another, and that NFTY strongly supports legislation on any level of government which facilitates or grants for the first time the right of same-sex couples as are received by opposite-sex couples, and that NFTY believes the struggle for same-sex marriage or the equivalent thereof should stop nothing short of equal rights for same-sex couples as are received by opposite-sex couples, and that the issue at hand is one at multiple levels of government (local, state and federal) and can therefore be applied to social action programming and awareness at various levels of NFTY (local youth group, regional youth groups, and North American), and that all NFTY regions and participants are strongly encouraged to write letters to the rabbinic staff at their temple, in their region or at a North American level in support or in opposition to the rabbi’s personal stance on the issue, and that NFTY reaffirms an amendment passed on a similar topic, and that NFTY’s position on same-sex marriages be the same where transgender marriage is concerned, and that NFTY shows its respect and support to its gay, lesbian, and bisexual participants.

D. RESOLUTION CONCERNING FORMALIZED PRAYER IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Resolved:
That NFTY will encourage its members to openly protest the implementation of formal prayer in public schools that carries religious influence. Such protest, though, should not be used as response to times of group reflection such as moments of silence; so long a clear boundary is defined between religious ceremonies, and unbiased acts of human compassion, and that NFTY reaffirms its stance stated in the 1984 resolution, and that dissent to school prayer will be non-violent, and that in agreement with the 2003-2004 Social Action Theme, NFTYites are encouraged to further pursue the study of this subject.

E. RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE RAISING OF NFTY DUES
Resolved:
That NFTY dues are raised by two dollars effective immediately for the 2004-2005 calendar year, and that the duties of administration of this fund shall fall under the purview of the Membership and Communications Vice President, and the duty of oversight of the regional treasures shall fall under the purview of the Membership and Communications Vice President, and that the NFTY dues cannot be raised for five years, until 2009-2010 Mechina.

F. RESOLUTION GRANTING NFTY LIFE MEMBERSHIP TO MARK S. ANSHAN
Resolved:
That Mark be presented with Life Membership in NFTY by the NFTY-NEL Executive Board at NFTY-NEL Camp in August 2003.

NFTY BOARDS-2004

Resolved:
That the NFTY Action Theme of 2004-2005 be "Mibeit Avadim," From the House of Bondage: NFTY acts to eliminate child labour, slavery and sweatshops worldwide, and that the action which NFTY takes against child labour, sweatshops and slavery be included but not limited to: participating in and running programs designed to educate, take action, and take steps toward advocacy; coordinating letter-writing campaign to officials; creating and displaying pro-freedom research projects and posters; exhibiting pro-freedom art; forming and participating in civil and human rights groups and rallies; initiating and participating in email campaigns; starting and signing petitions; mobilizing street campaigns to educate the public, and that NFTY take further action against child labour, sweatshops and slavery by: organizing and participating in a March for Freedom; selling anti-slavery merchandise; studying the history of slavery; organizing benefits; inviting speakers; running programs; assembling Free the Children Health and School kits; consider partnering with businesses and celebrities to make and match donations to anti-slavery activist groups such as the American Anti-Slavery
Group, iAbolish - the Freedom Action Network, International Labour Organization, Free the Children, Save the Children, and S.T.O.P Slavery, and that NFTY actively pursue the decrease in and eventual complete abolition of child labour, slavery, and sweatshops, and use our knowledge and passion to bring freedom to millions.

B. RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE SWEAT-FREE INITIATIVE

Resolved:
That NFTY adopt a sweat free initiative as defined in the attached guidelines*, and that NFTY accept the attached “NFTY Vendor Guidelines” as the guidelines for vendors who wish to make sales to NFTY and the NFTY regions, and that NFTY and all NFTY regions only purchase, to the best of our knowledge and within reason, goods to be sold as regional merchandise from vendors whose products are manufactured in workplaces complying with the NFTY Vendor Guidelines, and that a committee under the auspices of the NFTY SAVP and Regional SAVP network be formed to ensure compliance of NFTY and NFTY regions to this resolution, and NFTY vendors to the NFTY Vendor Guidelines, and that this committee be given a deadline of the 2005 NFTY Mid-Year Board Meeting at NFTY Convention to ensure the requirements of this resolution have been met by NFTY and all NFTY regions, and that NFTY will produce a list of “sweat-free” vendors available to the 19 regions, and that SAVPs be encouraged to implement the sweat-free initiative on a regional level.

* NFTY Vendor Guidelines

A. Vendors agree to operate work places and contract with companies whose work places adhere to the standards and practices described below. NFTY prefers that Vendors exceed these standards.

B. Legal Compliance: Vendors must comply with all applicable legal requirements of the country(ies) of manufacture in conducting business related to or involving the production or sale of apparel and other merchandise. Where there are differences or conflicts with the Guidelines and the laws of the country(ies) of manufacture, the higher standard shall prevail, subject to the considerations stated in Section VI.

C. Employment Standards: Vendors shall comply with the following standards:

1. Wages and Benefits: Vendors recognize that wages are essential to meeting employees’ basic needs. Vendors shall pay employees, as a floor, wages and benefits which comply with all applicable laws and regulations, and which provide for essential needs and establish a dignified living wage for workers and their families. [A living wage is a “take home” or “net” wage, earned during a country’s legal maximum work week, but not more than 48 hours. A living wage provides for the basic needs (housing, energy, nutrition, clothing, health care, education, potable water, childcare, transportation and savings) of an average family unit of employees in the garment manufacturing employment sector of the country divided by the average number of adult wage earners in the family unit of employees in the garment manufacturing employment sector of the country.]

2. Working Hours: Hourly and/or quota-based wage employees shall (i) not be required to work more than the lesser of (a) 48 hours per week or (b) the limits on regular hours allowed by the law of the country of manufacture, and (ii) be entitled to at least one day off in every seven day period, as well as holidays and vacations.

3. Overtime Compensation: All overtime hours must be worked voluntarily by employees or in compliance with applicable laws. In addition to their compensation for regular hours of work, hourly and/or quota-based wage employees shall be compensated for overtime hours at such a premium rate as is legally required in the country of manufacture or, in those countries where such laws do not exist, at a rate at least one and one-half their regular hourly compensation rate.

4. Child Labor: Vendors shall not employ any person at an age younger than 15 (or 14, where, consistent with International Labor Organization practices for developing countries, the law of the country of manufacture allows such exception). Where the age for completing compulsory education is higher than the standard for the minimum age of employment stated above, the higher age for completing compulsory education shall apply to this section. Vendors agree to consult with governmental, human rights, and nongovernmental organizations, and to take reasonable steps as evaluated by NFTY to minimize the negative impact on children released from employment as a result of implementation or enforcement of the Guidelines.

5. Forced Labor: There shall not be any use of forced prison labor, indentured labor, bonded labor or other forced labor.
6. **Health and Safety**: Vendors shall provide a safe and healthy working environment to prevent accidents and injury to health arising out of, linked with, or occurring in the course of work or as a result of the operation of Vendor facilities. In addition, Vendors must comply with the following provisions:
   a. The Vendor shall ensure that its direct operations and those of any subcontractors comply with all workplace safety and health regulations established by the national government where the production facility is located, or with Title 29 CFR of the United States Federal Code of Regulations, enforced by Federal OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration), whichever regulation is more health protective for a given hazard.
   b. The Vendor shall ensure that its direct operations and subcontractors comply with all health and safety conventions of the International Labor Organization (ILO) ratified and adopted by the country in which the production facility is located.

7. **Nondiscrimination**: No person shall be subject to any discrimination in employment, including hiring, salary, benefits, advancement, discipline, termination or retirement, on the basis of gender, race, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, political opinion, or social or ethnic origin.

8. **Harassment or Abuse**: Every employee shall be treated with dignity and respect. No employee shall be subject to any physical, sexual, psychological, or verbal harassment or abuse. Vendors will not use or tolerate any form of corporal punishment.

9. **Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining**: Vendors shall recognize and respect the right of employees to freedom of association and collective bargaining. No employee shall be subject to harassment, intimidation or retaliation in their efforts to freely associate or bargain collectively. Vendors shall not cooperate with governmental agencies and other organizations that use the power of the State to prevent workers from organizing a union of their choice. Vendors shall allow union organizers free access to employees. Vendors shall recognize the union of the employees’ choice.

10. **Women’s Rights**
    a. Women workers will receive equal remuneration, including benefits; equal treatment; equal evaluation of the quality of their work; and equal opportunity to fill all positions open to male workers.
    b. Pregnancy tests will not be a condition of employment, nor will they be demanded of employees.
    c. Workers who take maternity leave will not face dismissal or threat of dismissal, loss of seniority or deduction of wages, and will be able to return to their former employment at the same rate of pay and benefits.
    d. Workers will not be forced or pressured to use contraception.
    e. Workers will not be exposed to hazards, including glues and solvents, that may endanger their safety, including their reproductive health.
    f. Vendors shall provide appropriate services and accommodation to women workers in connection with pregnancy.

**C. RESOLUTION CONCERNING HUNGER AMONG ETHIOPIAN JEWISH CHILDREN**

Resolved:
That NFTY should continue its support of Ethiopian Jewry, and that NFTY establishes a working relationship with Shalom Ethiopia: The Million Quarter Project, and that NFTY urges its regions and local youth groups to create basic Tzedakah boxes for donations of 25 cents or more, with the knowledge that 25 cents is one meal for a hungry Jewish Ethiopian child, and that the money collected will go directly for food for Ethiopian children, not for administrative costs in the compounds, and that NFTY, on the North American, Regional, and Local level recognize Ethiopian Jewry, and specifically Shalom Ethiopia: The Million Quarter Project, as a valid and feasible organization and cause for both social action programming as well as fundraising, and that all of these steps would ensure a working relationship with Ethiopian Jewry and Shalom Ethiopia: The Million Quarter Project in the future at no vast expense of time to NFTY or its Regions, and that this relationship has no boundaries and can last as long as NFTYites bring spare change to local, regional, and North American events, and that all regions are encouraged to collect at least one dollar per participant at each regional event to give to Ethiopian Jewry, specifically Shalom Etheopia: The Million Quarter Project, thus providing for meals. This will be effective immediately. At the end of the 2004-2005 NFTY Year, the decision to continue will be decided upon regionally, and that this resolution hereby encourages the NFY President to present the Million Quarter Project to the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) and outline NFTY’s advocacy of this initiative in an effort to
inspire URJ advocacy of involvement in the Million Quarter Project. Together, NFTY and the URJ can make a massive contribution to the Million Quarter Project.

D. RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE CHANGE OF NFTY “SCAL” TO NFTY “SoCal”

Resolved:
That the official abbreviation for the Southern California Region of the North American Federation of Temple Youth be changed from SCAL to SoCal on official North American documents or electronic medium whenever possible, and that SoCal will replace any instances of SCAL on Southern California Regional paperwork, merchandise, electronic medium and constitution.

E. RESOLUTION GRANTING NFTY LIFE MEMBERSHIP TO RABBI EVE RUDIN

Resolved:
That Rabbi Eve Rudin is awarded NFTY’s prestigious Life Membership Award in recognition of her contribution to NFTY and our Movement, and of her tireless devotion to the Jewish people.

F. RESOLUTION GRANTING NFTY LIFE MEMBERSHIP TO BARUCH KRAUSS

Resolved:
That Baruch Krauss become a Lifetime Member of the North American Federation of Temple Youth.


Adopted by the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 NFTY Boards at Mifgash Haftifah:
That the NFTY Study Theme for the 2004-2005 year be “Interreligious Understanding: Hearing God’s Presence”, and that the NFTY leadership urge the leadership of the Commission on Interreligious Affairs to raise the level of youth involvement in the Commission on Interreligious Affairs of Reform Judaism to that of the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism, which offers NFTY leaders 4 delegates on its Commission, and that the NFTY leadership and NFTY staff over the summer and throughout the 2004-2005 NFTY year, develop and make available the necessary resources on Interreligious Affairs so that NFTY regions, TYGs, and all NFTYites with little to no knowledge on this important subject can run extraordinarily successful programs and build important bridges between religious communities, from start to finish of the 2004-2005 NFTY year, and that these resources include: basic summaries of the major religions and denominations in North America; a “How-to” guide for NFTY regions and TYGs to establish first contact with their neighborly church or mosque; regular off-the-shelf programs exclusively for Jewish participants on pertinent interreligious issues (i.e., non-dialogical programs); resources for regions or TYGs to engage in meaningful interfaith social action projects; a comprehensive Reading List of graspable, interesting books relating to the subject of Interreligious Understanding; a website devoted to helping NFTYites utilize the web to learn about interreligious subjects and news, and that the healthy dialogues and interreligious friendships that will result from NFTY’s commitment to Interreligious Understanding be sustained on local, regional, and North American levels, well beyond the duration of the 2004-2005 year, so that generations of NFTYites to come will benefit from this study theme and richly experience for themselves sacred glimpses of the “other.”

MECHINA-2004

A. RESOLUTION CONCERNING VIDEO COMPETITIONS AT NFTY CONVENTION(S)

Resolved:
That NFTY reaffirm the video competition category mentioned in the NFTY Resolution Encyclopedia, under Mechina 1993 Section G, and that NFTY outline the competition category with the following requirements:

• Each NFTY region may only submit one video for the NFTY Video Competition
• Received on or before posted deadline for submission
• A 5-7 minute running time
• Submitted in the form of VHS or DVD - no other format will be accepted
• Proper credit given within the film
• All music authorized for use
B. RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE JNF, ILAN RAMON, AND REGIONAL COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL

Resolved:
That NFTY applaud the Jewish National Fund for all its work in Israel and abroad, and that NFTY and regions memorialize all of the astronauts of the Columbia, and specifically Ilan Ramon, on his anniversary of the final Columbia mission's launch in formal recognition of all he did for Israel/American relations, and that NFTY regions contribute increments of 18 dollars toward trees or water certificates in Israel on an annual basis until 2014, at which point this resolution will be reconsidered by the current general board, and that regions encourage TYGs to do the same, and that NFTY encourage regions to contribute higher levels, such as the 500 and 5,000 dollar levels, so long as it is within their means, and that NFTY reaffirm its stance and course of action as stated in the 1990 resolution titled "NFTY Forest", and that NFTY continues to encourage support for Israel within each NFTYite's means, and that NFTY regions work specifically for a regional section of the NFTY Forest by contributing at least 500 dollars for 100 trees in the next year, and that the total amount donated by all regions be announced at the general assembly, and that NFTY supports and commends all other institutions dedicated to using nature to support Israel, and that this resolution does not limit donations to only the JNF.

C. RESOLUTION CONCERNING TOBACCO COMPANIES' ADVERTISING TACTICS

Resolved:
That NFTY take an active stance against, as well as encourage educational programming on a regional level (Regions are encouraged to provide educational and informative literature from independent research groups at regional events as well as through the regional networks to TYGs furnished by contacts at these independent research groups, such as the FDA, and RAC), about these reprehensible tactics taken by Tobacco companies to exploit minorities of our society and join in cause with anti-tobacco targeting groups, and that NFTYites encourage their respective elected government representatives to ratify the World Health Organization’s Tobacco Treaty, which includes bans on advertising and promotion, increases on cigarette taxes, and measures to control secondhand smoke, by organizing letter and e-mail writing campaigns to tobacco companies and organizations that educate on the effects of smoking tobacco, such as Truth & Rebel, making telephone calls and lobbying elected government representatives, and that NFTY encourage the URJ, the CCAR, and other umbrella members of the URJ to take action against said actions of the Tobacco companies for targeting minority members of our society, and to encourage the RAC and other anti-smoking organizations to lobby against the tobacco interest groups that promote said advertising and work against the continual congressional tax benefits worth about $100 million annually to the tobacco industry, beginning with the NFTY President’s address to the URJ General Assembly, and that the NFTY SAVP supply regions with a yearly update regarding the actions of the tobacco companies, Congress, and other factorable groups that can then be forwarded to our regions for educational purposes, and that the specific methods by which these actions are taken be delegated to the individual regions themselves, and that these tasks fall as a specific assignment under the SAVP network, and that NFTY take action encouraging the media not to advertise for tobacco (including letter writing campaigns, etc.), and that the NFTY SAVP will organize a movement-wide petition against major tobacco companies; this petition shall be formulated during Kutz Camp 2004, completed by the end of NFTY Convention 2005, and resubmitted to the tobacco companies by March 1st, 2005; Said petition shall be available by the end of Kutz Camp 2004 for regional circulation by the NFTY regional SAVPs, to be presented at their fall and winter events, and that said petition will include hard facts in order to express NFTY is in opposition to the motives of tobacco companies, including those of their advertising campaigns as specified by project SCUM, which showed that tobacco companies targeted GLBTQ individuals, immigrants, the homeless, and members of Generation X and Y.
D. RESOLUTION GRANTING LIFE MEMBERSHIP TO SHELLEY ANN SCHWEITZER

Resolved:
That NFTY-NEL officially thank Shelley Schweitzer for the work she does for the Jewish people, and that Shelley Schweitzer be awarded Life Membership in NFTY-NEL, in recognition of her tireless effort on behalf of its members and her immense contribution to the future of Reform Judaism, and that this resolution be presented by the 2004-2005 NFTY-NEL Executive Board to the General Board of NFTY at Mechina 2004, that Shelley Ann Schweitzer be named a Life Member of the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) for eighteen years of service to the NFTY’s Northeast Lakes Region and five years of official service to the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ).
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