

Resolution Granting NFTY Life Membership to Jeffery Kagan

Approved by the NFTY General Board
NFTY Convention 2005, Los Angeles, CA

Whereas, Jeffery Kagan has been in NFTY for a total of 14 years and has served as the advisor for OPTY (Oak Park Temple Youth) for twelve years and

Whereas, Jeffery Kagan served as the Vice President of the Sinai Temple Youth Group in Michigan City, IN in 1982-1983 and

Whereas, he served as the Social Action Chairperson of CFTY (Chicago Federation of Temple Youth) in 1984-85 and

Whereas, he sought out NFTY as a way to keep in touch with his Judaism as well as to have fun and

Whereas, as an advisor, he sought out NFTY because he remembered how much the organization meant to him as well as how much he had benefited from it in the past and

Whereas, he was interested in giving back to an organization that had done so much for him in so many different ways and

Whereas, Jeffery Kagan has remained in NFTY because of his love for the thought of being an institution rather than being in an institution and

Whereas, he attended Kutz camp in 1983 and 1984 and served as staff there in 1985 and

Whereas, he served as a counselor at the URJ's Camp Harlam in 1987 and 1988 and

Whereas, he became the first TYG advisor to serve on the faculty of Kutz in the summer of 2004 and

Whereas, Jeffery Kagan has been a Life Member of NFTY-CAR since 2000 and

Whereas, he has attended 6 national conventions since 1983 and

Whereas, he legitimized OPTY as a recognized youth group at Oak Park Temple and

Whereas, he has helped to establish the group's credibility in the eyes of the temple leadership and

Whereas, Jeffery Kagan has aided many NFTYites and OPTYites evolve from uncertain timid freshmen to assertive, confident, capable seniors and

Whereas, he has made a profound impact on the lives of many teenagers including many of those who have gone on to Ivy League Universities, graduate schools, at least one

doctoral program, one who has gone on to work at third-world medical clinics and one who has gone on to become a rabbinical student and

Whereas, he has helped to create a community in which there is a love for Judaism and a desire to give back to the community and

Whereas, Jeffery Kagan helped to generate the first NFTY-CAR regional board member from Oak Park Temple since Philip Sang and

Whereas, he has been to more than 130 TYG events, more than 60 regional events, 6 NFTY National Conventions, 3 Biennials and dozens of council meeting.

Therefore, let it be resolved, NFTY-CAR officially thank Jeffery Kagan for the work that he has done and still continues to do for the URJ, NFTY, and the Jewish people, and

Let it further be resolved, that Jeffery Kagan be awarded Life Membership in NFTY, in recognition of his diligent effort on behalf of its members and his immeasurable contribution to the future of Reform Judaism, and

Let it further be resolved, that he be named a Life Member of the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) for twelve amazing years of service to the NFTY Chicago Area Region.

Respectfully Submitted,

The 2004-2005 NFTY-CAR Regional Board

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