



North American Federation
of Temple Youth ★ ★ ★

An affiliate of the UNION *for* REFORM JUDAISM and branch of Netzer Olami



Resolution Regarding NFTY Lifetime Membership for Melissa Anton Frey

Passed unanimously and enthusiastically by NFTY's General Board 5772-5773 on June 22, 2012

BACKGROUND:

Melissa Anton Frey has served NFTY for almost 15 years in many roles. As an alumna of the Greene Family Camp in Bruceville, TX, the URJ Kutz Camp in Warwick, NY and TOFTY, Melissa has been a pillar of Reform Jewish education and Youth Engagement her entire life. Through her passion for teaching, belief in the power of young people to be the “present” of Reform Judaism, and love of all things pink and glittery, Melissa has created space in which thousands of people have been inspired to find intention and holiness in their Jewish identity. Martin Buber teaches us that God exists in deep personal relationships. Melissa has helped so many of us to find and experience Godliness in the love and respect she brings to our relationships.

WHEREAS the NFTY Constitution empowers us to honor select individuals for their years of outstanding commitment to the youth of Reform Judaism; and

WHEREAS NFTY Lifetime Membership is the highest honor that our movement can bestow on an individual; and

WHEREAS the *Madrich Hachlatot: NFTY's Guide to Writing Resolutions* states that a lifetime member must have given direct service to NFTY on the North American level for at least seven years; and

WHEREAS Melissa has taught her invaluable lessons to Reform Jewish youth in the following roles: NFTY-TOR Regional Advisor, NFTY-NEL Regional Advisor, NFTY Assistant Director, NFTY Director of Operations and Special Projects, NFTY Associate Director, Regional Board Track Major teacher, NFTY Convention Program Director, NFTY Convention Director and the Consultant on Procreation of the Movement; and

WHEREAS Melissa has been the Director of the URJ Kutz Camp since the summer of 2008 when she led the campaign to Return to Excellence which includes recently heading the proposal for a Master Plan to continue to expand and improve NFTY's home; and

WHEREAS Melissa has served as the North American Board Advisor for boards – mentoring and guiding more than 40 North American Board members through their terms; and

WHEREAS NFTY is a better place and we are better people because of the lessons we have learned from Melissa including “Everyone is the most important person to someone”, “Generational leadership”, “Assume Good Will”, the speed of trust, the power of Will and Grace, and the importance of **not choosing a bad font**;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that Melissa Anton Frey is awarded NFTY's most prestigious honor, Life Membership, in recognition of her contribution to NFTY and for the work she has done, and continues to do, for the Jewish people; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that this award be presented to Melissa at the NFTY Board Installations ceremony on June 23, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
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