Resolution Concerning NFTY Life Membership for Rabbi Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi

Whereas, Article VI, Section D of the NFTY Constitution states “The NFTY General Board may honor any individual or individuals by granting them Life Membership in NFTY”; and,

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

Whereas, having served for two years on NFTY’s North American Board, Rabbi Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi had an active role in the development of our movement spanning generations; and,

Whereas, Rabbi Sabath has long been a champion of NFTY’s connection with Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, the Reform Seminary; and,

Whereas, Rabbi Sabath has been incredibly influential in helping to advance the careers and dreams of NFTYites on their journeys towards meaningful pursuits in Jewish professional and communal life; and,

Whereas, Rabbi Sabath has served as a pioneer for the NFTY Binah study weekends at HUC-JIR; and,

Whereas, Rabbi Sabath is an exemplification of Reform Judaism through scholarship and lifelong Jewish learning; and

Whereas, Rabbi Sabath’s relationship with Israel has provided a model for Zionism in its truest form; and,

Whereas, Rabbi Sabath maintains her status as one of the world’s leading experts on Jewish philosophy, specifically her time spent studying the works of Eugene Borowitz; and,

Whereas, Rabbi Sabath is a model of NFTY’s Thirteen Principles, especially those of Medinat Yisrael, The State of Israel, and Am Yisrael, The People of Israel;

Therefore let it be resolved, Rabbi Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi earn the distinction of NFTY Lifetime Membership and be entitled to its full benefits, merit, and recognition.