



Resolution to Grant NFTY Lifetime Membership to Miriam Chilton

Unanimously Awarded by the NFTY General Board at Mechina

July 23, 2019

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

WHEREAS individuals considered for NFTY Lifetime Membership must meet the following criteria:

1. The individual must have committed no less than seven years of direct service to NFTY at the North American level so that all of NFTY is tangibly impacted, in some way, by the gifts of this individual.
2. The individual must have demonstrated a combination of hands-on and support-role membership.
3. The individual must embody NFTY’s Thirteen Principles, and be seen as a role model to NFTY’s constituents; and,

WHEREAS Miriam Chilton has worked for the URJ for the past 15 years in a variety of functions; and,

WHEREAS Miriam Chilton has served the URJ in a variety of youth roles including, Director of Business Operations Camp and Israel Programs; Director of Strategy, Finance and Operations, Youth, Camp and Israel Programs; and Vice President of Youth; and,

WHEREAS in these youth-oriented roles, Miriam has had an immeasurable influence on the work of NFTY. During her tenure, she has ensured that resources are aligned so that all of our NFTY professionals have full time positions, she has pushed us to use data to maximize our impact on our peer community, and has supported us reaching beyond our walls to partner with other Youth Serving Organizations to increase our reach and our impact; and,

WHEREAS Miriam has served as a role model for young Jewish women, inspiring Jewishly-informed and feminist-centered leadership; and,

WHEREAS as a role model, Miriam has consistently exhibited vulnerability, courage, foresight, and compassion in her interactions with teens, exemplifying to NFTY leaders what meaningful teen/adult partnership can look and feel like; and,

WHEREAS Miriam served eight years on the board of Temple Ner Tamid in Bloomfield, NJ before she began her work for the URJ; and,

WHEREAS Miriam has partnered with NFTY and Reform Youth in many projects, such as the NFTY Museum at Biennial 2015, our going Gun Violence Prevention work, she marched alongside NFTY's delegation at the Women's March 2017, and is constantly uplifting and promoting the work of our youth movement; and,

WHEREAS, Miriam's work is a model of NFTY's Thirteen Principles, especially those of *Tikkun Midot*, *Self*, and *Shutafut*, Partnership;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that Miriam Chilton earn the distinction of NFTY Lifetime Membership and be entitled to its full benefits, merit, and recognition, in accordance with the service and the impact she has had on thousands of teen leaders during her fifteen remarkable years of service.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maya Levy, NFTY President 2019-2020

Kathryn Fleisher, NFTY President 2016-2017