

Friends of NFTY,

Recently in Washington, DC, the NFTY General Board gathered at NFTY Convention for NFTY Veida 5769 to conduct their midyear board meeting. The NFTY General Board passed several pieces of business which will be available for reference next week at www.nfty.org. Highlights include:

2009-2010 NFTY Study Theme

Bakesh Shalom v'Radaph'hu —Seek Peace and Pursue It
NFTY Studies Peace

2009-2010 NFTY Action Theme

Kolot B'ad Hasheket: Voices for the Silent
NFTY Fights Political Injustice and Denied Civil Liberties by Empowering Communities

Additional business of note included:

- NFTY Dues increase beginning July 1, 2009. NFTY Dues will be raised from \$7 per member to \$10 per member.
- Addition to the responsibilities of the NFTY President to include, "serving as an equal member of the Kutz Camp Leadership Team."
- Resolution regarding NFTY's Partnership with Nonprofit Organizations in Israel was tabled and will be addressed at Mechina 5769.

Officers for the 2008-2009 NFTY North American Board were elected!

It is our great pleasure to inform you of the Officers-Elect, who will begin their terms in June, when they will be installed at Mechina — NFTY's annual Leadership Training Institute at the URJ Kutz Camp.

NFTY President-Elect

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Aliza is a member of Temple Beth El in Aptos, CA. She currently serves as the President of NFTY-Central West Region (CWR). Aliza is an alumna of Camp Newman and two-summer alumna of Kutz Camp, where she took part in the Social Action and Regional Board Leadership majors. She participated in EIE in the Spring of 2008, the NFTY Leaders Assembly at the URJ Biennial in San Diego, and two NFTY Conventions. Aliza also serves as a member of the Kutz Student Advisory Board.

Programming Vice President-Elect

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Tyler is a member of Congregation Schaarai Zedek in Tampa, FL. He currently serves as the Regional President for NFTY-Southern Tropical Region (STR). Tyler is an alumni of Camp Coleman, spent two summers at Kutz Camp, most recently in the Regional Board Leadership major, and serves as a member of the Kutz Student Advisory Board. Tyler has been on the NFTY Adventure trip with NFTY in Israel, has attended a L'taken seminar at the Religious Action Center, as well as the Institute for Religious School Teaching Assistants at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati.

Social Action Vice President-Elect

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Sophie is a member of Congregation Beth Israel in San Diego, CA. Sophie currently serves as the Social Action Vice President for NFTY-Southern California Region (SoCAL). Sophie is an alumna of NFTY in Israel, the Regional Board Leadership Track at Kutz Camp, Camp Newman, and has attended a L'Taken Seminar at the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism. Sophie will be spending her year on NFTY Board as a participant in our Netzer Gap Year program in Israel.

Religious and Cultural Vice President-Elect

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Josh is a member of Temple Sinai in Sarasota, FL, and currently serves as the Religious and Cultural Vice President for NFTY-Southern Tropical Region (STR). Josh has participated in the EIE Semester in High School program and has attended a L'Taken Seminar at the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism. Josh has spent three summers at Kutz Camp, most recently in the Regional Board Leadership Track, following summers as a Social Action and then Judaic Studies major.

Membership and Communications Vice President-Elect

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Alyssa is a member of Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park, PA. Alyssa serves as the Eastern membership Vice President for NFTY-Pennsylvania Area Region (PAR). She is a proud alumna of Camp Harlam, where she spent last summer in the Machon program following several summers as a participant. Alyssa has also attended NFTY in Israel's Adventure Program and a L'Taken Seminar at the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism.



A very enthusiastic NFTY Board-Elect 2009-2010!

I-r: Josh Levin, Alyssa Kress, Sophie Vener, Tyler Benjamin, Aliza Gazek

If you have any questions about the business of NFTY Veida 5769, please don't hesitate to be in touch. Thank you for your ongoing support of NFTY.

Shabbat shalom,
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