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ELECTIONS PACKET

March 2007

Dear Potential NFTY-MAR Board Candidate,

We would like thank you for considering your candidacy for NFTY-MAR regional board, 2007-2008. Being on NFTY-MAR board is a very serious, yet rewarding, experience. We, the election co-chairs, Benjamin Sol Fuld and Michael Gilbert Lobel, would like to take this moment to tell you about the process called elections.

As a NFTY-MAR board member, you will be expected to devote a serious amount of time and energy to the region. You will have to be involved in planning and attending every regional event. Furthermore, when at events, you are expected to be a role model of the values that embody NFTY-MAR. Each NFTY-MAR board member is actively involved in planning regional events. In addition, each board member has responsibilities that are specific to their position. If you have any questions about these responsibilities, or any general questions, be sure to ask the regional board member who currently holds the position you are considering. If you are unable to fulfill the time or energy requirements of a NFTY-MAR board member, then there are many other ways to be active in the region, such as being a member of the NFTY-MAR cabinet.

Elections for NFTY-MAR board are held during Spring Kallah, however if you are unable to attend Spring Kallah you are still eligible to run for NFTY-MAR Board. Several items are required from you, as a candidate, in order to run for regional board. By **Friday, March 23, 2007** you must e-mail your intent to run to BOTH the elections co-chairs and Lindsey Morgan (e-mail listed below). By **Friday April 13, 2007** submit the following in both **HARD and ELECTRONIC copies** to Lindsey: your questionnaire and your board application. No items will be accepted that are not received or postmarked by March, 23. SERIOUSLY.

When your application has been received, you will be sent an acceptance letter that outlines election policies and procedures. During Spring Kallah you will have multiple opportunities to address the region in a speech as well as during a meet the candidate's session. All speeches must be three minutes or less, with the exception of the President, who will have five minutes.

There are a total of nine regional board positions. Any candidate who loses an election may drop down to a lower position in the gavel order. Candidates are limited to one drop down. The positions, in gavel order, are as follows: President, Programming Vice-President, Social Action Vice- President, Religious and Cultural Vice-President, Communications Vice-President, Northern Membership Vice-President, Eastern Membership Vice-President, Western Membership Vice-President and Southern Vice-President. In order to run for a sub-regional Membership Vice-President, you must be a member of a TYG from the aforementioned sub-region. Prior to election, there will be absolutely **no** campaigning. If you have any question on what is considered campaigning, do not hesitate to ask the election co-chairs.

We would like to thank once again for considering a NFTY-MAR regional board position. If you have any further questions, need more information or just to muse the meaning of life, feel free to contact your bodacious election co-chairs. Have a great one and we'll see you at Spring Kallah!

Quintessentially Your Election Co-Chairs,
Michael Lobel and Benjamin Fuld
2006-2007 *Northern and Eastern Membership Vice-President*
Best Looking Boys on Board

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North American Federation of Temple Youth

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MID-ATLANTIC REGION
2007-2008 CALENDAR

Event	Dates	Location
Summer Kallah	August 21-24, 2007	URJ Camp Harlam Kunkletown, PA
Leadership Training Institute	TBA	TBA
Fall Kallah	November 9-11, 2007	Temple Oheb Shalom Baltimore, MD
Mid Atlantic Junior Youth Kallah (MAJYK)*	November 30-December 2, 2007	Temple Beth Ami Rockville, MD
URJ North American Biennial	December 12-16, 2007	San Diego, CA
Winter Kallah	December 26-30, 2007	Camp Harlam
TheVent	February 22-24, 2008	Washington Hebrew Congregation Washington, DC
Spring Kallah	April 3-6, 2008	Ohef Shalom Temple Norfolk, VA

ADDITIONAL DATES TO KNOW FOR NFTY-MAR REGIONAL BOARD

NFTY-MAR SPRING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING	**MAY 18-20, 2007**
NFTY MECHINA	**JUNE 20-24, 2007**
NFTY-MAR SUMMER BOARD MEETING	**AUGUST 19-21, 2007**
NFTY-MAR WINTER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING	**DECEMBER 22-24, 2007**
NFTY VEIDA	**FEBRUARY 15-18, 2008**

*MAJYK is held for 7th and 8th graders. NFTY-MAR Regional Board members attend as representatives of the region.

Important North American Dates and Program Information

SAVP Trip with the Religious Action Center

June 17-20, 2007 in Washington, DC
This event is highly encouraged for all incoming Regional SAVPs.

Mechina: NFTY's Leadership Training Program

June 20-24, 2007 at the URJ Kutz Campus for Reform Jewish Teen Life
This event is required for all incoming regional board members who will be part of the North American networks after Mechina (if you are unsure of which Board members this applies to, please be in touch with me directly). The Mechina website will go live on or before May 1, 2007. Incoming officers will be sent a personal e-mail invitation with password information for the site once we receive regional board rosters.

The Regional Board Leadership Track

June 24 – July 18, 2007 at the URJ Kutz Campus for Reform Jewish Teen Life
A 3 ½ week intensive leadership training academy taught by the NFTY Board, NFTY Staff, and amazing educators from the movement, focusing on aspects of all regional board positions, and deeply rooted in Jewish ethics.

NFTY Veida: The Mid Year Board Meeting at Kutz

February 15-18, 2008 at the URJ Kutz Campus for Reform Jewish Teen Life
Our constitutionally mandated mid-year board meeting, where in addition to regular business, we will select a Study Theme and Action Theme, and elect NFTY's 2008-2009 North American Board.

2007 NFTY-MAR Regional Board Questionnaire

Please answer the following questions openly and honestly. Your responses should be typed on a separate piece of paper and take up no more than one page front and back. Due to paper conservation and fairness, we will not print anything past that limit, so choose your words wisely. You MUST answer all of the "Serious Questions" and your choice of two of the "Not-so-serious Questions." Your election questionnaire must be submitted both electronically and hard copy to:

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Washington, DC 20036

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E-mail: lmorgan@urj.org

The deadline is April 13, 2007. No materials will be accepted if they are not received by this date. You must also notify the election co-chairs and Lindsey of your intent to run by e-mail by March 23, 2007. Your page of responses will be published in the NFTY-MAR Election Packet, which will be distributed to NFTY-MAR members at the beginning of Spring Kallah and published online at www.nfty.org/mar.

NAME:
CITY AND STATE:
SUB-REGION:
TEMPLE YOUTH GROUP:
YEARS IN NFTY-MAR:
POSITION RUNNING FOR:
INTENDED DROP-DOWN:
GRADE AS OF SEPTEMBER 2007:
CURRENT REGIONAL AND/OR TEMPLE YOUTH GROUP POSITION:

SERIOUS QUESTIONS

1. What are your qualifications for this position?
2. What are your goals for next year and how do you plan to achieve them?
3. What position or positions do you intend to drop down to and why?
4. What do you hope to gain from the experience of being on Regional Board?

NOT-SO-SERIOUS QUESTIONS (choose 2 questions to answer)

1. If you were stranded on a desert island, and you could only obtain one toiletry product, what would it be and why?
2. Write a haiku, limerick, or poem in honor of the greatness that is Ben and/or Mike
3. If you were a character on a TV show, which character would you be, and why?
4. Relate one of the following quotes to NFTY-MAR;
    - "See you and me have a better time than most can dream of, better than the best, so we can pull on through, whatever tears at us, whatever holds us down, and if nothing can be done, we'll make the best of what's around."
      – Dave Matthews
    - "Size matters not. Look at me. Judge me by size, do you? Hmm? Hmm" – Yoda
    - "Chuck Norris doesn't sleep… He Waits…" – Mike Ditka

APPLICATION FOR THE 2007-2008 NFTY MAR BOARD

I,_____ state my intent to run for NFTY-MAR _____.

My intended drop-down position is _____.

In order to run for regional office, you must have ten (10) signatures from NFTY-MARites in good standing who have been members for at least one year. In order to run for sub-regional office, you must have seven (7) of those signatures from NFTY-MARites in good standing who have been members for at least one year and are in your sub-region. Your final signature MUST be from the current board member holding the position for which you wish to run. If you are choosing to exercise your option to "drop-down" your second-to-last signature must be from the board member currently holding the position for which you wish to drop to.

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I understand that as a member of the NFTY-MAR Regional Board I serve as a role model not only when I am in front of the group, but as a participant as well. I will attend all regional events and executive board meetings barring special circumstances cleared ahead of time with the NFTY-MAR Regional Advisor. I will maintain active membership in my TYG and serve as a role model when in attendance at TYG events. ***I will be a model participant at these events, observing all rules from the B'rit Kehillah.***

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Applicant's Signature

I understand the commitment my son/daughter is making with the decision to run for NFTY-MAR Regional Board. I understand the monetary commitment for my son/daughter to attend regional events and executive board meetings. I know there is a significant time commitment associated with these positions of leadership that impact the entire family and hereby give my permission for him/her to run for NFTY-MAR board.

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Parent's Signature

The above candidate is an active member in good standing of our synagogue and youth group which is affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism. I have had a conversation with this candidate and I believe they understand the commitment they are making and are fit to serve in the position for which they are running.

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TYG Advisor's Signature

The above candidate is a member in good standing of our synagogue and youth group which is affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism. I have had a conversation with this candidate and I believe they understand the commitment they are making and are fit to serve in the position for which they are running. I have spent time with this candidate discussing the benefits of holding such a position and also presented some of the obstacles which may arise when holding a position of leadership such as this.

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Rabbi's Signature