

PREAMBLE TO THE NFTY CONSTITUTION: THE THIRTEEN PRINCIPLES OF NFTY

We, the members of the North American Federation of Temple Youth, the Reform Jewish youth movement of North America, in order to secure and perpetuate a strong, meaningful and enjoyable Reform Jewish youth experience based on the principles of

TORAH - תורה

A commitment to God and Torah as a means of inter- and intra-personal fulfillment;

THE JEWISH PEOPLE - AM YISRAEL - עם ישראל

The unity of the Jewish People;

THE STATE OF ISRAEL - MEDINAT YISRAEL - מדינת ישראל

The centrality of the State of Israel to the strength and survival of the Jewish People;

HEBREW - IVRIT - עברית

The importance of the Hebrew language as a vital component to the strength of the Jewish People;

HISTORY - MIDOR L'DOR - מדור לדור

The recognition that in order to fully appreciate our present and ensure our future we must strive to understand our past;

TO LEARN AND TO DO - NILMAD V'NA'ASEH - נלמד ונעשה

The necessity of lifelong Jewish learning and teaching as a foundation for our observance through a life of continual discovery of Jewish tradition, law and ethics;

PLURALISM - KOL YEHUDIM - כל יהודים

The acceptance and encouragement of alternate modes of Jewish experience;

SELF - TIKKUN MIDDOT - תיקון מידות

The understanding that we are to be a light unto the nations by fostering an environment where every individual can meet and exceed their potential as Jews and citizens of the world;

JUSTICE - TZEDEK - צדק

The obligation to work for justice for all;

COMMUNITY - KEHILAH - קהילה

The need for community to provide an outlet for the individual needs of all Jews;

REPAIRING THE WORLD - TIKKUN OLAM - תיקון עולם

The obligation to repair the world;

PARTNERSHIP - SHUTAFUT - שותפות

The need and desire to work together to foster each individual's connection and commitment to ensuring the vibrancy of our movement;

FUN AND SPIRIT - KEF v'RUACH - כיף ורוח

The importance of fun and spirit as foundations of our movement;

do hereby ordain and establish the Constitution of the North American Federation of Temple Youth. These are the core values on which NFTY stands.