

**Resolution to update the NFTY Central West Regional Constitution.
Submitted to the NFTY CWR General Board at Spring Conclave 5779**

BACKGROUND: The Reform Jewish Youth Movement (NFTY) and each of its 19 Regions are governed by a central constitution. These constitutions act as a guide for the Regional Board and leadership on how to lead the region. The constitutions are also supposed to be living documents, regularly updated to reflect and affect changes in each region. In NFTY CWR, our constitution is outdated and has been untouched for more than ten years. Thus, it no longer accurately reflects the way our region runs.

WHEREAS One of NFTY's 13 Principles is 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, and;

WHEREAS One of NFTY's 13 Principles is COMMUNITY – KEHILAH - קהילה, the need for a community to provide an outlet for the individual needs of all Jews, and;

WHEREAS, One of NFTY's 13 Principles is 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, and;

WHEREAS, one of NFTY's 13 Principles is 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, and;

WHEREAS, the Constitution for NFTY CWR has not been updated since at least 2008, and;

WHEREAS, NFTY and its members are always growing and changing to fit the needs and goals of our movement, and;

WHEREAS, the regional constitution contains language and scenarios that are no longer applicable to NFTY CWR or true to its functionings, including but not limited to:

- I. Some of the events referred to in the NFTY CWR constitution are no longer part of our calendar and/or have different names and goals, such as Mitzvah Torah Corps (MTC), Leadership Training Institute (LTI), and Central West Region Machon Conclave (CMC)
- II. The fact that NFTYites no longer pay dues to the region, both on the individual and TYG level,
- III. The constitution refers to the position of the Treasurer, which is now the Fundraising and Merchandising Vice President (FMVP)
- IV. The NFTY Central West Regional Board established a Cabinet in the year 5775-5776 and thus eliminated the need for an Extended Board, and

WHEREAS, these inaccuracies invalidate the ability of the CWR Constitution to assist in governance, and;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT NFTY CWR will establish a committee supervised by the regional advisor and comprised of Regional Board members, Cabinet members, and

participants to update the constitution to reflect our current workings, and;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT participants will apply for this committee and begin work in advance of the 5779-5780 year, and;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the goal of this committee shall be to update the Constitution to reflect how the region currently operates and *not* to make changes to how the region operates, and;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that these updates will include but will not be limited to:

- I. Updating position responsibilities
- II. Clarifying any ambiguous language and discrepancies
- III. Updating the constitution to include the descriptions and existence of Cabinet
- IV. Updating language that is no longer applicable or relevant, such as the movement's name, event names and themes, paying dues, and any other necessary material, and;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Asefah shall occur twice in a year, once at C-Dubb Smash and once at Spring Conclave, and;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the current and proposed constitution will be made readily available for viewing online on the CWR website as soon as possible, and;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT these changes will be presented to the general board and ratified at the next asefah that will take place at C-Dubb Smash 2019.

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