



## 2016-2017 NFTY NY Area Regional Calendar

### **Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Kickoff**

To celebrate the beginning of the NFTY year, **NFTY Kickoff** will provide different opportunity for teens to engage in learning, social justice, and fun! More information about this event will be shared late summer.

### **September 23-25, 2016 – NFTY/Northeast Teen Collective Rabbi Jonah Pesner and Dana Gershon Leadership Retreat (Eisner Camp, Great Barrington, MA)**

In partnership with our friends at Eisner & Crane Lake Camps, this leadership weekend will be open to our regional leaders who are interested in developing specific skills in community organizing, relationship building and event planning, for the purposes of creating engagement opportunities for Jewish teens not currently active in Jewish life. Teens from throughout the NFTY-GER, NFTY-NAR and NFTY-NE will be invited to participate in this weekend-long leadership experience.

### **November 11-13, 2016 – Fall Kallah (Kutz Camp, Warwick, NY)**

Our first weekend-long retreat of the year open to all of the teens in our region, Fall Kallah provides teens from all over the NY area the opportunity to experience exciting social opportunities, meaningful educational conversations, and dynamic spiritual encounters. The event is organized and led by teen leaders from throughout the NY Area.

### **January 20-22, 2017 – Winter Kallah (Congregation Hosted, TBA)**

What makes Winter Kallah different from our Spring and Fall Kallah is the ability we have to join with a hosting congregation for the weekend. Together we'll experience the power of Shabbat while exploring a variety of different topics and issues that are important to teens. The event is co-coordinated by our regional teen leadership, as well as teen leaders from the hosting congregation, providing an opportunity to elevate even more teens in our community.



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### **February 17-20, 2017 – NFTY Convention (Chicago, IL)**

NFTY Convention is a one of a kind experience – bringing together more than 1,000 Reform Jewish teens from across North America. Teens will learn valuable leadership skills, meet incredible people, and laugh, learn, and sing as one community. Adults will network, share, and socialize with a community of other Jewish adults invested in the future of our youth. Registration opens prior to the summer.

### **March 5, 2017 – Elections (Congregation Hosted, TBA)**

Elections provide the opportunity for our teen leaders to choose who will be the next leaders of our Region. Delegates learn about the various candidates and their visions for the region before casting ballots to select the nine regionally elected officers in NFTY-NAR.

### **March 19-20, 2017 – Albany Advocacy Day (Albany, NY)**

Albany Advocacy Day is an overnight social justice experience open to Jewish teens from throughout NY State. Teens spend Sunday learning about relevant social justice issues and preparing lobby speeches, and then all day on Monday in Albany meeting with our state assembly members and senators.

### **April 21-23, 2017 – Spring Kallah (Eisner Camp, Great Barrington, MA)**

The final weekend-long retreat of the year, Spring Kallah is the quintessential NFTY event. For our seniors, it's the final opportunity they have to experience the magic of NFTY as participants and we spend part of the weekend celebrating their contributions to our region. Simultaneously, we also welcome our 8<sup>th</sup> graders into the NFTY high school community, and begin to share with them the power that is the NFTY experience.

### **May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – NFTY Leadership Summit & End-of-year Celebration (NYC)**

In partnership with NFTY-GER, we'll conclude our year with the 2017 NFTY Leadership Summit. Open to Jewish teens in grades 8-12, teens will be able to learn from a variety of different experts in the fields of membership, spirituality, programming, community organizing, social justice, executive leadership and Israel. We're excited to be able to provide a special track for our seniors as they prepare to head off to college, looking at the variety of opportunities and obstacles that might lie ahead. The Summit will conclude with an end-of-year celebration and *Havdallah*.