



# NFTY-MAR MAJYK Coming Soon to Baltimore!!!



Dear Parents of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Reform Jewish Teens,

As members of the Reform Jewish community, your child has an incredible opportunity to be a part of the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY). NFTY is the Union for Reform Judaism's youth movement that focuses on providing teens with the opportunity to explore their Jewish identity as well as learn how they can carry Judaism with them for the rest of their lives. NFTY provides teens with a safe space to socialize, make friends, learn about community, and grow as young Jewish adults.

NFTY is divided into 19 regions. Your child is a part of NFTY's Mid Atlantic Region (MAR). NFTY-MAR has 5 events a year for high school students, as well as one event for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders only, MAYJK (Mid Atlantic Junior Youth Kallah). **MAJYK will take place the weekend of January 30<sup>th</sup>-February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 in Baltimore, Maryland!** At this event, your child will take part in programs that allow him or her to begin finding their Jewish identity as well as make friends and build connections with other Reform Jewish kids.

Every year, NFTY shapes countless lives and has a positive impact on thousands of teens across North America. Below are testimonials from both a parent and a participant, illustrating the impact the experience has had. You should talk to your child about attending an event in the future.

- "NFTY has been an excellent influence on my child. In the beginning it gave him a safe place to socialize with other teens. He developed friendships with teens not only from our local community, but also all over North America. NFTY is not just about teens developing friendships with other Jewish teens, it is also about each kid learning about themselves, their values, and how their actions influence others. It teaches them that they have a voice – and how to make their voice heard. I feel every Reform Jewish teen should try NFTY as the impact it has had on my teen has been priceless."

- **NFTY-MAR Parent**

- "NFTY is a place where Jewish teenagers can explore their passions. I've seen countless artists, storytellers, and musicians go through NFTY-MAR, sharing with us their talent and creativity. Social justice is an important part of NFTY culture; our efforts help to change lives from refugees in Africa to the hungry in the streets of Baltimore. Let's not forget the Judaism. NFTY provides opportunities for each teen to explore their individual connection to Judaism through inspiring tfilot (prayer experiences) and programs. I began NFTY as a post bat mitzvah skeptic and I'm leaving it with the intent of being a Jewish Studies major in college. The spirituality in all aspects of NFTY is unparalleled. I can quite easily say that NFTY was the best part of my high school experience and it truly changed my life."

- **NFTY-MAR Teen Participant**

Please visit [www.nfty.org/mar](http://www.nfty.org/mar) to learn more about NFTY-MAR!  
Contact your youth group advisor or educator for more information.

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