



NORTH AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEMPLE YOUTH

## NFTY's *B'RIT K'HILAH*—Code of Conduct

### ברית קהילה

**I will promote the creation of a religious youth community based on mutual respect and a sense of personal well-being. I will treat others with *kavod* (honor and respect) because we are created *b'tzelem Elohim* (in the image of God). I have read the following rules, designed to promote the health and safety of all event participants, and have indicated my complete acceptance by my signature and that of my parent/guardian.**

I will not possess, consume, or distribute alcoholic beverages, other than that served by adult leadership for Jewish sacramental purposes, even if I am of legal drinking age.

I will not possess, use, or distribute any illegal drug or drug paraphernalia.

I will not smoke or consume or distribute tobacco products at any time during the event.

I will attend and participate fully in the entire event, unless otherwise agreed upon with the NFTY Regional Advisor.

I will arrive on time, stay until the end, and remain on the event premises at all times.

I will not bring or use any weapons, firearms, or anything that may be construed as a weapon.

I will not commit any illegal act. I understand that vandalism, disturbing the peace, or other inappropriate behavior as determined by the adult leadership in accordance with the youth leadership will not be tolerated. I understand that I will have to pay for any damage that I cause. I understand that no gambling is allowed, except for fundraisers approved by the adult leadership.

I will abide by the event curfew announced by the leadership. After each event session, I will go directly to my cabin, hotel room, or host home and remain there until the next session.

I understand that no guests are allowed at any event, unless the adult leadership grants permission in advance, and that any unauthorized guests will be asked to leave immediately.

I will not drive to, during, or from events, unless advance permission for a special situation is requested in writing by my parent/guardian and granted in writing by the NFTY Regional Advisor. This includes driving to/from my home to meet NFTY's designated transportation.

I will not participate in any activities that could be deemed as hazing, sexually harassing, demeaning, or hurtful.

I agree to refrain from inappropriate sexual behavior.

I agree to abide by any additional rules, pertinent to a specific event, which may be announced, and to accept the consequences of their violation.

**I understand that these rules of behavior apply from the time I leave home for the event, during the event itself, and until I return home after the event.**

**We understand that part of the NFTY experience involves activities, group living arrangements and interactions that may be new to my child. These things come with certain risks and uncertainties beyond what my child may be used to dealing with at home. I am aware of these risks, and I am assuming them on behalf of my child. I realize that no environment is risk free and so I have instructed my child on the importance of abiding by NFTY's *B'rit K'hilah*—Code of Conduct. My child and I both agree that he or she is familiar with these rules and will obey them. We further understand that sanctions imposed by the NFTY Regional Advisor for violation could include immediate expulsion from the event, at the expense of the parent or guardian.**

**My signature, and the signature of my parent/guardian, on the attached Health and Safety Form for Union for Reform Judaism Youth Programs, affirm my agreement to the rules and policies of NFTY and this *B'rit K'hilah*.**