

August 20, 2014

Dear Parents and FYGBI-ites,

First we would like to wish everyone a Shanah Tovah and welcome you to a great year in FYGBI (Fresno Youth Group Temple Beth Israel)!!! We have an exciting year planned for all of our high school youth. Zachary Smith and Max Hill will be assisting Youth Advisor Sharon Smith this year. This will enhance the youth group experience for everyone. One exciting thing that we hope will help this year is FYGBI now has their very own page on Temple Beth Israel's website www.tbifresno.org.

In addition to local programming and events, there will be four conclaves this year for 9-12 graders, some of them will be at Camp Newman. This is also a NFTY Convention year, which will be in Atlanta, Georgia. In order for your children to participate in the conclaves, they must be paid members of FYGBI and NFTY. Enclosed you will find a membership application form for FYGBI (which will also be found on our website page along with event dates and information). The application forms are due to Sharon **before** the first NFTY conclave C-Dubb Smash September 19, 2014. The registration forms for all NFTY conclaves will be found online and downloaded from the NFTY website. The website is www.nfty.org/cwr. The user name is **nftycwr** and the password is **centralwest**. Each member is responsible for downloading their own forms and mailing them with the payment. Please call Sharon and let her know that your teen is going to conclave. We will let you know when the forms are available. There are limited funds available for NFTY regional conclaves **for paid FYGBI members** from FYGBI as well as the Federation. Call Sharon for scholarship information.

If you have any questions or problems please contact Sharon Smith at 447-1028(home) or 709-0639(cell).

We look forward to an exciting fun-filled year!

See attached for this year's regional event dates and several local events.

Shanah Tovah,

Sharon Smith

Zachary Smith

Max Hill

Here are the regional event dates:

C-Dubb Smash: September 19-21, 2014 at URJ Camp Newman

Fallinter: October 31- November 2, 2014

NFTY Convention: February 13-17, 2015 in Atlanta, Georgia

Spring Conclave: March 27-29, 2015

Gesher Kallah: May 15-17, 2015

Here are several local event dates (dates of some events may be subject to change):

FYGBI Car Wash- August 24, 2014 at TBI 9:00 am- 1:00 pm

FYGBI Kickoff- Our first event of the year!! Saturday September 6, 2014

FYGBI Campfire after Shabbat in the Sukkah- October 10, 2014

Chanukah bazaar – November 16, 2014

FYGBI Service- November 7, 2014

Chanukah Party- December 13, 2014

PJ Dinner- To be determined

Purim Carnival – March 8, 2015

More local event dates to follow.

**FYGBI MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM
2014-2015**

Name _____ T-Shirt size _____

Address _____

Home phone number _____ Cell number _____

Your email address _____

Parent #1 name _____

Parent #1 home phone number _____ Cell number _____

Parent #1 e-mail _____

Parent #2 name _____

Parent #2 home phone number _____ Cell number _____

Parent #2 e-mail _____

Please enclose your \$65.00 annual membership dues payable to "FYGBI"
(each FYGBI-ite needs a separate membership form)

Send to: FYGBI, Temple Beth Israel, 6622 N. Maroa, Fresno, ca. 93704

I give permission to post pictures of my child on the FYGBI page of TBI website
____yes ____no (please check one)

I agree to abide by all of the rules of **FYGBI, NFTY, and TBI**

FYGBI-ite signature

Parent signature

FYGBI's *B'RIT K'HILAH*—Code of Conduct

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 FYGBI 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 FYGBI Advisor. This includes driving to/from my home to meet FYGBI'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 FYGBI 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 FYGBI'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 FYGBI 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, affirms our agreement to the rules and policies of NFTY/FYGBI and this *B'rit K'hilah*.

Participant Signature _____

Parent Signature _____