

May, 2017  
Youth Committee Report  
Haverhill Emanu-El Federation of Temple Youth (HEFTY) (grades 8-12)

To the Members of Temple Emanu-El:

This year's HEFTY board consisted of (1) senior and (4) 10<sup>th</sup>& 11<sup>th</sup> graders along with 12 active members. Although the number of members has decreased, the members worked hard to promote their theme of Community & Inclusion. We saw evidence of this as our teens held a fundraiser for Syrian refugee children which raised \$100.00. As we look at the numerous activities and social opportunities our children have access to as teenagers; I think we can be especially proud of our HEFTY members as they spent many weekends as Madrichim (student aides) in the religious school, volunteering for the Purim carnival, and assisting crafter's schlep in their supplies during this year's craft fair. I think it is fair to say our HEFTY members have certainly embraced their community and worked hard to provide inclusive opportunities to all.

Once again, Jesse opened up his winter retreat and hosted Shabbaton Weekend! This is an annual favorite where we come together to celebrate Shabbat and enjoy the solitude of the White Mountains. This year we went up earlier than usual so we missed the snow but thoroughly enjoyed hiking, swimming, and one another's company.

Other favorites this year included Shear Madness, Shul-In, and a tour of Salem, Mass. Our next event will take place at Mel's Fun Land for go-carts and mini-golf. The season will conclude with a HEFTY BBQ at Alex Hogan's house where we will announce the new Executive Board for 2017/2018, swim, and wish our senior member, Becca Flieder, well as she heads off to college.

We have record number of teens participating in regional events including Conclavette and leadership institutes. These events are instrumental in helping our children develop leadership skills and allowing them to connect with other Jewish peers throughout the North East.

In conclusion, we would like to recognize the commitment and guidance Jesse Kamien has provided for our children as youth group advisor. Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end and Jesse plans to embark on other endeavors. We are now actively seeking a new advisor for the upcoming year who will continue to lead our HEFTY members with the same tenacity Jesse has.

Wishing everyone a healthy and happy summer,

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Co-chair

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Co-chair