

WHAT IS LEFTY?

LEFTY (Lexington Federation of Temple Youth) is Temple Isaiah's adolescent youth group, serving teens in grades 9 through 12, although many local events are open to 8th graders as well. *LEFTY strives to make the teachings of Judaism a functioning part of the social outlook of all its members as well as to promote an understanding and practice of the values and traditions of Judaism. LEFTY's main goal is to provide a venue for Jewish youth to meet, develop friendships, and learn in a Jewish setting.*

LEFTY is one of the largest and most active youth groups in NFTY-NE, the Northeast Region of the North American Federation of Temple Youth. NFTY-NE holds regional events throughout the year that meet the social, educational, and spiritual needs of its members. There are approximately 70 youth groups in NFTY-NE. For more info on NFTY go to www.nfty.org.

Below is sampling of our local events in addition to some of the incredible regional events.

- Freshman Kidnap (Our Annual Opening Event)
- High Holiday Food Drive
- LEFTY Shul-In
- Mazon Dinner
- Creative Service
- Purim Carnival
- Yom Shabbat Activities
- Mitzvah Day
- Grade Events
- Final Event
- Regional Events: Dances, Conclavettes, Institutes, Winter Wonderland, Shul-ins...

It is extremely difficult to put down on paper the vibrant spirit of LEFTY. We are fortunate enough to have a community in which all members are fully welcome and feel they can play an important role. LEFTY is entirely teen-run under my guidance. LEFTY strives to reach out to all adolescents in the Temple Isaiah and greater Lexington community, and our members are an enthusiastic, caring, friendly, and welcoming group.

Within this mailing, you will find...

- A Description of LEFTY (see above)**
- A Breakdown of LEFTY's Membership Dues (see below), which are due with the Membership forms**
- LEFTY's Membership Form**
- The URJ's Health and Safety Form**
- NFTY's Brit K'hillah**

Please return these forms to Alicia McGee or the LEFTY Mailbox. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 781-862-7160 or amcgee@templeisaiah.net.

Thank you,

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LEFTY MEMBERSHIP DUES (\$45/per LEFTY-ite)

What do the LEFTY membership dues include and where does the money go? Below is a list of a few of the ways the dues are put to use throughout the year. Please note that LEFTY is completely financially responsible for all of its events, transportation, and supplies.

1. **Scholarship Funds** – LEFTY dues allow us to provide need-based scholarship funds to LEFTYites, for events, throughout the year.
2. **Supplies** – Each year we make improvements to the LEFTY Lounge, the least of which is stocking the supply closet with anything and everything that might be used by LEFTY-ites throughout the year, including various office and arts and crafts supplies, envelopes, labels, paper, etc.
3. **Offset Event and Transportation Costs** - Membership dues are used to offset the cost of other programs, events and activities that LEFTY sponsors throughout the year. While many of our programs take place at Temple, there are occasions that we need to hire bus transportation or purchase additional supplies. We will do our best to keep the cost of these individual events to a minimum. Membership dues assist us in doing so.
4. **Regional Dues** – Each local Temple Youth Group (LEFTY) is responsible for paying dues to the Northeast Region of NFTY. Part of the dues that you contribute will go toward our yearly regional dues.
5. **LEFTY T-Shirts** – All LEFTY members receive a LEFTY t-shirt with their membership.