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Sunday, February 7, 2021

Gatherly- NFTY Convention Large Group Speeches and Announcements

12:05pm Fletcher Broadcast: *Boker Tov! We will start our day of service with a Welcome from our NFTY Social Action Vice President Liana and Rabbi Jonah Pesner from the Religious Action Center on the half hour. For the next 20 minutes or so, I invite you to look around, find your friends and meet someone new. You can also click on the tab for event info at the top of your screen to read about the workshop offerings today.*

12:30 pm Liana Broadcast: *Welcome to day 3 of NFTY Convention. The theme of today is Serve – a day to give back to our community. To kick off this Day of Service and Action, I am thrilled to introduce Rabbi Jonah Pesner, Director of the Religious Action Center, and Senior Vice-President of the Union for Reform Judaism to get us started today. Rabbi Pesner has led the Religious Action Center since 2015. Named one of the most influential rabbis in America by Newsweek magazine, he is an inspirational leader and tireless advocate for social justice.*

12:45 pm Liana Broadcast: *Thank you Rabbi Pesner for a great start to the morning and for calling us to action. We have 9 different organizations joining us this morning. Each one represents a different issue and will offer their session twice. The leaders of each program are experts in their area and each provides a different lens through which to see various issues and actions you can take on them. Some of the more state-based, local, and community organizations will focus on how you can take action in your local communities while other nationally based organizations will focus on how you can take action on a national level. All programs will be led in partnership with NFTYites from various regions. There is a list of the different sessions in the event info tab at the top of your screen. Each one has a different floor and because we want to make sure that all programs are well attended, and all of you have a chance to participate fully, I ask that you find another floor if there are more than 40 people already there. You will have a chance to go to two programs, so if there is one that you really want and there are too many people, you will get another chance. At 2:00 pm ET we will have a*

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15-minute break, and we will start our second round at 3:15. I challenge you to enter each floor with the intention of stepping into a new place ready to engage, learn, and take action with our community. Thank you to all for joining us! We will begin our first session on the hour. Please find the session that you are interested in learning more about and head there now.

2:00 pm **Liana Broadcast:** *Thank you to our presenters. Take a few minutes to get up and stretch and we will start our second workshop in 15 minutes.*

2:10 pm **Liana Broadcast:** *Please head to your second workshop!*

3:15 pm **Liana Broadcast:** *Thank you to all our wonderful guest speakers for leading our sessions today. Taking what you learned and did today, we ask you all to take a minute to make a commitment to yourself. What are you going to do with the things you learned tomorrow, and the next day, and the next month, and even next year? What change do you want to see in the world in 2021? At the end of Convention you will be sent a post-event survey with a question about what you want to do next. I hope you will share your thoughts with us!*

Next on our schedule is NFTY Region time. We hope you have enjoyed meeting people from across North America this weekend and this is great chance to make sure you connect and share experiences with those who are closer to home. At 4:15 pm, all our URJ summer camps will be hosting receptions. Feel free to visit as many as you choose and say hi to old friends and our camp professional teams or hang out in the Lobby of Gatherly. At 5:15 pm Eastern Time we will join back here to close our official time together. There will be additional opportunities later this evening for those who want to continue to connect after the formal close of our program.

Check the floor map to find your region. We will start at 3:30 pm Eastern Time

3:30 pm **Fletcher Broadcast:** *We invite you to look for the floor with your region and get on the elevator to join for region time!*

4:15 pm **Fletcher Broadcast:** *We hope you had fun with your region. Our camp receptions are now beginning! Please head there now. If you prefer, you are also welcome to connect with friends in the lobby. At 5:15 ET we hope you will join us for our Farewell and Closing video.*

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5:15 pm North American Board broadcast together

Fletcher: *We hope you had fun connecting with friends. Before we end this incredible NFTY Convention, we want to share some additional opportunities that will be available throughout the evening if you are looking to continue connecting with those you've met this weekend. Immediately following our closing, we have another Connection Time for people who want to hang out. There is also another NFTY game tournament with LostTribe Esports. At 8:30 pm Eastern Time, I will be co-hosting a game show with Who Knows One and the contestants this evening will be NFTYites from across North America. This friendly competition isn't about who you know, but about who you know knows. Who will win? East, West, North or South? For those who want to watch, sign into the private YouTube channel listed in your email and in the News tab. You can also come back into Gatherly and have a watch party with friends.*

Josh: *This weekend was such a blast, we're happy we got to spend it with you! Take what you learned this weekend and bring it with you, it'll be worth it! Within the next 30 minutes you will get a post event survey. Anyone who fills it out by Monday evening will be entered in a drawing for a \$100 Amazon gift card. If you fill it out by Tuesday night you will be entered to win a \$50 gift card, and if you fill it out by Friday you will be entered to win a \$25 gift card. Thank you so much for joining us at NFTY Convention 2021!*

Liana: *Think about how you might serve your community to help make the world a better place. Let us know in the survey how you want to continue the work we started today.*

Madison: *NFTY, you are the best! We loved every minute of our time together.*

Cat: *We hope you were able to connect with friends and maybe even make some new ones.*

Hannah: *We had a lot of fun in the past 3 days. Let's take a look at some highlights!*

Fletcher: *Thank you to everyone for such an amazing NFTY Convention! Remember to check your email and fill out the post-event surveys to be entered into a drawing for a prize. For those who are interested in more opportunities to connect this evening, we have Connection Time starting soon, another tournament with Lost Tribe Esports, and the livestream for the Who Knows One gameshow starts at 8:30 Eastern Time. Thank you again for a fantastic weekend!*

Cat: *If you are staying for our final connection space, we have some different options. Some rooms have topics, others will have a mixer question, and others will be open!*

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Take the elevator to Connection Floor 1 and choose the area that interests you. Once you arrive on the floor, you will see different booths. Each booth has a different theme. Once I am finished, travel to the booth of your choice and get into groups of up to 15 people - please make sure everyone is included! To start the mixer, go in alphabetical order, share your name, pronouns, region, and answer your mixer question. We will also paste the link to instruction for the Lost Tribe Esports Tournament in the News Chat.

Check out the News Chat for Options

6:30 pm Fletcher Broadcast: *We are ready for a break! We hope to see you for our Big Fun game show in 2 hours. Link to our private YouTube Channel is below and you can also find it in your email from this morning. Gatherly will remain open if you want to visit with friends. See you later!*

10:30 pm Lynne Broadcast: *We hope everyone had an amazing NFTY Convention! NFTY Convention 2021 is now over. We will be shutting down in 5 minutes. Thank you again for joining us and we cannot wait to see you at a NFTY event again soon.*