



THE ZIONIST YOUTH MOVEMENT OF HADASSAH

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Young Judaea, the Zionist Youth Movement of Hadassah, Joins BBYO, USY, NFTY, NCSY to Promote Keshet's "Don't Stand Idly By" Campaign

Young Judaea, the oldest Zionist youth movement in North America, has officially added itself to the "Coalition of Jewish Teen Leaders," currently focused on the Keshet Pledge to create safe spaces within the Jewish community for LGBTQ teens.

During its National Midwinter Convention at Camp Young Judaea Texas from February 18th-21st, over 100 of Young Judaea's most prominent high school leaders and members deliberated over joining the coalition through educational programming, discussions, and its annual "election" session. Ultimately the convention body unanimously voted to join the coalition currently including BBYO, NFTY, NCSY, and USY.

On a separate, but related motion, the convention also unanimously voted to add a clause to its one page constitution, which reads, "Based on our belief in *Kol Yisrael Arevim Ze la Ze* (All of Israel is responsible for one another), we are responsible for creating an environment that is safe, emotionally and physically, for all members of our kehila (community)."

The unanimous passage of both these motions reinforces Young Judaea's commitment to Pluralism within the Jewish People and enables Young Judaea's leadership to aggressively take part in supporting Keshet's "Don't Stand Idly By" campaign, as well as future campaigns that deal with the issue of inclusion within the Jewish community.

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