

DRTY Board Packet 2026-2027

Thank you for your interest in DRTY Board! Please complete the following packet and return it to Annie and Ruby Morphis (ruby.d.morphis@gmail.com) via email by **June 11th, 2026 at 5pm**. You will receive an email with the results by **June 15th, 2026**. Please let Annie Joseph, DRTY Advisor, know if you have any questions or concerns (anniejoe00@gmail.com)

Background on DRTY and NFTY:

What is Durham Regional Temple Youth (DRTY)? Our mission is to promote engagement in social action, creative worship experiences, dynamic youth leadership, and open environments that nurture lifelong friendships! We bring together all the reform Jewish teens (8th-12th graders) in the greater Durham/Chapel Hill area. We are affiliated with NFTY-MAR, and part of the Southernsub-region.

What is the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY)? NFTY is a movement that builds strong, welcoming, inspired communities through teen-powered engagement. Together, we pursue *tikkun olam*, personal growth, youth empowerment, and deep connections, all rooted in Reform Judaism. For over 80 years, NFTY has offered thousands of young people the opportunity to explore and live Reform Judaism. Through programs that are offered by nearly 500 Reform congregations, 19 geographic NFTY regions, and on a North American level, teens are encouraged to forge Jewish identities in consonance with the values of Reform Judaism. Participation in NFTY helps teens build confidence, friendships and leadership skills through experiential youth-led educational programming including social justice projects, worship, and community-building initiatives. NFTY is open to teens in grades 9 to 12. After a regional junior youth kallah designed for 6th-8th graders has occurred, an 8th grader can join their local youth group for the remainder of the year.

Overview of the DRTY Positions:

Position Order: President, PVP, SAVP, RCVP, CVP, MVP

President: The President is the face of DRTY. They preside over board meetings and supervise the planning and execution of events. DRTY President is also an active voting member of the Judea Temple Board and attends all temple board meetings. The president picks up the slack and makes sure that all members are included and feel welcomed.

PVP: Programming Vice President. This board member is responsible for planning the activities we do at our meetings and events. From mixers and icebreakers to lessons and discussions, the PVP does it all (with a little help from other DRTYites and board members). The PVP uses NFTY programming format to write out all the programs so anyone could lead them.

SAVP: Social Action Vice President. This board member chooses the Social Action theme for the year and plans a minimum of 2 social action events per year. SAVP also serves on the Judea's Social Action Committee. They connect with the community to maintain good relationships with the temple and the world beyond.

RCVP: Religious and Cultural Vice President. The RCVP is responsible for infusing Jewish ideology and cultural values into our programming while being mindful of the Jewish calendar and holidays. The RCVP also coordinates and leads the annual DRTY shabbat service and serves on the Judea's Religious Practices Committee.

CVP: Communications Vice President. CVP is in charge of publicity for our TYG (Temple Youth Group) events. Making flyers, sending out instagram notifications, updating the linktree, merch, maintaining the website and the bulletin board in the Mirkaz Limud (education building) are the responsibility of the CVP.

MVP: Membership Vice President. MVP maintains contact with the members of DRTY. They reach out to new members and keep track of current ones. MVP also communicates with the Judea Reform temple leadership and NFTY-MAR to be sure that

all membership dues are paid. MVP works closely with the CVP to make sure that all members are being communicated with in the best way possible.

Drop Down: A drop down position means you can run for a second position. This is a back plan in case you do not get the original position you ran for. This is not required.

Parent and Teen Acknowledgment

NAME OF TEEN:

ADDRESS:

CITY, ST ZIP:

PHONE #:

E-MAIL:

SCHOOL:

GRADE IN SCHOOL:

GRADE IN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL:

PARENT'S NAMES:

PARENT'S PHONE #'s:

I (parent) permit my child to participate in youth activities sponsored by Judea Reform Congregation. I (parent) understand that my teen is taking on a leadership role that requires time commitment and responsibility.

Parent's Signature:

I (teen) understand that I am responsible for communicating with the board and DRTY advisor if I can not attend an event or board meeting. I (teen) understand that I am making a commitment to DRTY and to myself with my time and responsibility. I (teen) understand that this is a leadership role and I will conduct myself in a positive manner.

Teen's Signature:

DRTY Board Intent:

Full Name:

Intended Board Position:

Drop Down Position:

Why do you want to be the position you applied for?

What skills or qualities do you have that make you a good candidate for your intended position?

If you have previously held a position on the DRTY Board, please discuss ways you hope to improve as a board member or team member. If you are applying for the same position you have previously held, please discuss that directly.

What ideas do you have for events, programs, or ways to boost membership for this coming year?

What makes you excited about DRTY?

