



Netzer Olami Platforms Concerning Zionism

Netzer Olami is the worldwide Progressive Zionist youth movement of which NFTY is a snif or branch.

Netzer stands for Noar Tzioni Reformi (Reform Zionist Youth) and is the International Reform Zionist youth movement, home to thousands of young people in a range of countries spread over four continents. Netzer Olami (Worldwide Netzer) is based in Jerusalem and is the central, headquarters for all of Netzer's snifim (branches) around the world. NFTY is the North American snif (branch) of Netzer Olami. For more information on Netzer Olami, see <http://www.nfty.org/about/netzer/>.

Netzer Olami works to bring together all of its members in both ideological and practical ways, especially in Israel. Netzer Olami encourages as many chanichim (members) as possible to come to Israel on short term summer tours, on its long term leadership program, Shnat Netzer, and on various other seminars and conferences. Netzer Olami also help to provide shlichim (educational emissaries) to several of the snifim, people who go over for a few years to help the young people run their movement in their own countries.

As a youth movement, Netzer Olami also believes in a particular ideology, Reform Zionism, and believes in taking an activist stance, striving to bring about the practical realization of that ideology in our world. Some of the key ideas and concepts that Netzer Olami believes are:

Reform/Progressive Judaism:

A dynamic blending of the Jewish tradition and the modern world in the prophetic tradition whose goal is to revitalize Judaism in the modern world.

Tikkun Olam ('Repair of the World'):

Our responsibility for striving to make the world a better, more perfect, place, whether in dealing with ourselves as individuals, our communities, Israel, the Jewish People, or the whole world.

Aliya Nimshechet ('continuing Aliya'):

A commitment to Israel as the Jewish homeland, where we have the best opportunity for leading a wholly fulfilled Jewish lifestyle, and to Netzer members coming to live in Israel as a first step to living out the Movement's ideology here on a daily basis.

Reform Zionist Community:

The building of communities in Israel, built on our values, which are communities of intimacy, purpose, participation and communal religious authority based on serious study and informed decision-making.