Resolution Concerning Gun Regulations
Submitted to NFTY-CAR at Winter Kallah 5774

WHEREAS gun violence rates in the United States have risen to an unacceptable level, and;

WHEREAS NFTY and the URJ have taken clear stances against such violence, and;

WHEREAS the URJ has long recognized the need for legislation "that would limit and control the sale and use of firearms" and has called on the United States government to "eliminate the manufacture, importation, advertising, sale, transfer and possession of handguns except for limited instances" (URJ 1975), and;

WHEREAS Tikkun Olam, Repairing the World, is one of the thirteen principles of NFTY, and;

WHEREAS the world has been deeply scarred by gun violence, and;

WHEREAS the Torah commands, “Thou shalt not murder” (Exodus 20:13), and;

WHEREAS our Jewish faith teaches us that the people of the Earth are to “Beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks” (Isaiah 2:4), therefore;

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT NFTY-CAR calls on the Illinois state legislature to enact legislation with common-sense gun regulations such as (1) regulations regarding missing firearms, (2) regulations restricting purchase of assault weapons, (3) regulations restricting magazine capacity, and (4) regulations regarding firearm registration, and;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT NFTY-CAR calls on the Indiana state legislature to enact legislation with common-sense gun regulations such as (1) regulations regarding missing firearms, (2) regulations requiring the use of
gun locks, (3) regulations regarding private sales of firearms, (4) regulations for the sale of weapons at gun shows, (5) regulations regarding ownership of rifles and assault weapons, (6) restrictions on open carry, (7) regulations regarding firearm registration, and (8) repeal of the state’s “Stand Your Ground” law, and;

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** NFTY-CAR calls on our representatives in the United States Congress and in the United States Senate to enact legislation (in accordance with the Constitution of the United States) with common-sense gun regulations such as (1) regulations requiring the use of gun locks, (2) regulations regarding firearm drop tests, (3) regulations requiring background checks for all gun purchases, and (4) regulations regarding private firearm sales and firearm sales at gun shows, and;

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** NFTY-CAR calls on the United States Congress and the United States Senate to re-enact the Federal Assault Weapons Ban that expired in 2004, and;

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** NFTY-CAR will continue to call on our local and state governments as well as the federal government to enact this legislation until it is passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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