

## YOUTH REPORT 2011 NFTY Convention

➔ Nearly 700 Reform Jewish teenagers from across North America joined together last February 18–22 in Dallas to sing, pray, laugh, learn, and discuss the “hot” issues of our times, such as the death penalty, health care, immigration, gay marriage, and offshore drilling. Union of Reform Judaism President Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie spoke on the importance of faith in Judaism. Jacy Good, the Muhlenberg College graduate who lost her parents and suffered grievous injuries in an accident caused by a teen driver using a cell phone, asked NFTYites to commit to “driving cell phone free”; most of the delegates pledged to do so. Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, addressed how NFTYites can make a difference in their communities. The vocal conventioners (shown

here) came away from Dallas hoarse but happy. As one participant later

tweeted: “To be a NFTYite: To lose your voice but still have one.”

