

Twelve Resolutions Selected as Most Important of the Century

1915: Immigration Bill

NFTS protests and urges the U.S. president to veto a restrictive immigration bill.

1923: Representation of Women on Union Boards and Commissions

NFTS recommends that the UAHC grant NFTS representation on UAHC boards and committees.

1933: Jewish Braille Institute

NFTS recommends the endorsement of the Jewish Braille Institute.

1935: Birth Control Literature

NFTS supports efforts to exempt physicians, hospitals, and clinics from federal laws that prohibit birth control literature in the mail.

1949: Genocide

NFTS urges the U.S. Senate to ratify the UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1948.

1950: Civil Rights

NFTS advocates equal employment opportunities for minorities, establishment of civil rights agencies, and strengthening of government provisions for dealing with violations.

1963: Ordination of Women as Rabbis

NFTS calls for a CCAR, UAHC, HUC-JIR, and NFTS conference to determine appropriate action for ordination of women.

1969: Israel

NFTS urges Arab-Israel peace negotiations, asks sisterhood for contributions to build a synagogue at Ben -Shemen Children's Village, Lod, Israel, and calls for telegrams to obtain release of prisoners held by Arab terrorists.

1975: Rights of Individuals

An omnibus resolution supporting: halting all illegal surveillance, legal representation in court for the poor, establishment of counseling centers for rape victims, distinguishing between minors who have committed status offenses and those who have committed criminal acts, and the right of women to a legal abortion. It also proposes comprehensive single-benefit health insurance.

1985: AIDS

NFTS calls on its affiliates to advocate for increased resources for AIDS treatment and research, prohibition of discrimination against individuals with AIDS.

1991: Rights of Gay Men and Lesbian Women

NFTS resolves to support gay and lesbian Jews in fulfilling their communal aspirations, urging member sisterhoods to support: full opportunity and civil protections; integration within congregations and communities; the right of gay and lesbian Jews to serve as rabbis, cantors, and professionals in our synagogues; and to sensitize youth to the diversity of families and life styles.

2001: Complete Health - Mental and Physical

Call for action on: congregational efforts to prevent bullying, genetic diseases among people of Ashkenazi descent, and "funding of responsible research involving stem cells"

2006: Ending Global Poverty

WRJ endorses the UN Millennium Development Goals, which seek to halve global poverty by 2015. WRJ urges its affiliates to develop programming, encourage use of fair trade products, and support the work of relief organizations.