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Jewish teens from across 22 New England cities and 36 Jewish organizations gathered at Temple Israel of Boston to arrive together to March for Our Lives

Boston, MA: On March 24, 2018, Temple Israel of Boston was the hub for Jewish Boston teens from across 22 New England cities, and 36 Jewish organizations who came together to join the March for Our Lives Boston. The collaboration was organized by Temple Israel of Boston in partnership with Jewish Teen Initiative, NFTY (North American Federation of Temple Youth), and BBYO (B'nai B'rith Youth Organization). We had representation from Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist, Pluralistic, and Lubavitcher organizations, camps, congregations, youth groups, and schools.

Mike Fishbein, Associate Director of Education - Engagement at Temple Israel of Boston shares, "The fact that we gathered a group like that is one of the takeaways. Rabbi Matt Soffer said that in all the years he's been affiliated with NFTY (since he was 14), he has never ever seen a lineup of logos all on the same poster, which we had this weekend. I'm really hoping that this gathering is the first moment of sustained partnership, power-building, and civic engagement for these teens/Jewish teen organizations."

Prior to leaving for the March, the teens had a program at Temple Israel of Boston which included text study, advocacy, and sign making.

About Temple Israel of Boston: Temple Israel is a diverse, urban, Reform Jewish congregation where all are welcome to live Judaism together through discovery, dynamic spirituality, and righteous impact. We welcome the opportunity to comment further on this story.

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