

July 2018

Dear Parents:

Welcome to the *kadima* year! Seventh grade *-kadima* *- meets every Tuesday from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The goal of *kadima* is to provide both parents and students with a comprehensive sense of Jewish literacy that will help them place their *b'nai mitzvah* experience in the larger context of the Jewish community.

One session each month will be for students with their parents, all other sessions are for students only. Classes are taught by Rabbi Jodie, Cantor Eric and Solomon. A complete schedule is on the reverse side of this letter. **Please mark these dates on your calendar.** Note that each *kadima* student will chant Torah in front of the class on a Tuesday in close proximity to the weekend that they are becoming *bar* or *bat mitzvah* (or during the final session, for fall 2019 *b'nai mitzvah*).

There are reading assignments for the parents from *Essential Judaism* by George Robinson. The book will be available at orientation. These readings are meant to provide opportunities for family discussion on the topics with which they coincide.

An additional component of *kadima* is called "Judaism in Action." The creation of this "Judaism in Action" component came from feedback we received from families, that students were lacking opportunities to engage and explore their Jewish practice in more experiential and personal ways.

How it works: During the year, each student will have the opportunity to choose two Jewish Actions from a broad list of both cultural and ritual Jewish experiences. They will explore these two actions in depth over the course of the year. Then, at our final *kadima* class of the year, we will break up into small groups, where each student will share a five minute presentation with a few other families whose students have chosen similar Actions to focus on throughout the year. These presentations will be creative, personal accounts of the Actions each student explored. The presentations will take place on May, 7th 2019.

You can find resources and information about "Judaism in Action" at: <http://rsnskadimaclass.weebly.com> (the password is kadima). For additional support in choosing these two Actions, our Educator, Solomon Hoffman solklez@gmail.com will consult with each family about this program, either via phone or Skype appointments.

Pizza, salad & beverages for the students are served from 6:00-6:30 p.m. Please note that **no pizza will be available during class time.** Students need to be finished eating by 6:25 p.m. We require parental supervision at each dinner. Parents will sign up for dates at *kadima* orientation.

We will begin with a day-long retreat at Sands Point Preserve on Saturday, Sept. 15th and then our orientation class will be on Tuesday, September 25th. Please see enclosed flyer for details about this integral piece of the *kadima* year.

**kadima* means "going forward" in Hebrew.

CLASS SCHEDULE ON FOLLOWING PAGE

KADIMA (7TH GRADE) SCHEDULE 2018/2019

DATE	CLASS TIME	PROGRAM	PARENT READING ASSIGNMENT
Tuesdays	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.		in <u>Essential Judaism</u>
Sept 25	with parents	Orientation-Exploring Jewish Identity/Judaism in Action	
Oct. 2		Renewal of Body and Soul	
Oct 9	with parents	Bible	pp. 257-309 (Chapter 5)
Oct 16		Holiday Cycle	pp. 76-137 (Chapter 2)
Oct 23		Ritual Objects	
Oct 30		Tikkun Olam:Tzedakah	pp. 195-256 (Chapter 4)
Nov 13	with parents	Prayer	pp. 7-75 (Chapter 1)
Nov 20		Prayer	
Nov 27		World Religions	
Dec 4	with parents	Hanukah	
Dec 11		December Dilemma	
Dec 18		Contemporary Jewish Ethics	
Jan 8, 2019	with parents	Jews in America	pp. 404-457 (Chapter 8)
Jan 15		Jews in America	
Jan 22		Life Cycle	pp. 138-194 (Chapter 3)
Jan 29		Jewcology	
Feb 5	with parents	The 4 Movements	
Feb 12		The 4 Movements	
Feb 26		Shabbat	
Mar 5	with parents	Home-life	
Mar 12		Rabbinic Texts	pp. 310-359 (Chapter 6)
Mar 19		Tikkun Olam: Social Justice	
Mar 26		Mysticism	pp. 360-403 (Chapter 7)
April 2	with parents	Yom HaShoah at Temple Judea 6:30 p.m. NO PIZZA	
April 9		Jewish Identity	
April 16		Israel	pp. 458-504 (Chapter 9)
April 30		Reflection	
May 7	with parents	Judaism in Action	

All Fall 2019 b'nai mitzvah present Torah portions

Summer, 2018

Dear Kadima Families,

This coming year promises to be an exciting one. The purpose of this letter is to clarify the expectations for the coming year for Kadima families after reflecting on the successes of this process in the past.

Onegs:

An oneg is a time for our community to come together post Friday evening service, to share refreshments and celebrate. Each Kadima family will be assigned to serve as the “coordinator” for one oneg for a child in your son/daughter’s Kadima class. The coordinator will be ultimately responsible for the refreshments at that oneg. (See list of assigned dates on verso of this letter.)

Oneg Coordinators are responsible for:

- 1 – contacting the bar/bat mitzvah family a month prior to ascertain how many guests they are anticipating at the oneg and whether there are any dietary specifications;
- 2 – contacting the RSNS oneg chair to coordinate with their efforts for that date:
For family services, contact Hope Pecullan at FamilyOneg@rsns.org
For regular Friday evening services, contact Susan Hicks, 516-767-6898, Oneg@rsns.org
- 3 – coordinating volunteers (usually friends and family of the bar/bat mitzva family from within and/or outside of the congregation) to bring different items to the oneg, i.e., baked goods, fruit, beverages, etc.
- 4 – set up oneg prior to services, and clean up afterwards (basic paper-goods are available at RSNS, pack up leftover food)

Ushering/Security: If you expect more than 20 unaccompanied young adults at the Friday night service, please make sure to ask Sylvia to hire a guard (\$60) for Friday services. For all Saturday services you must arrange with Sylvia for one guard for every 25 young people (\$60 per guard.)

Parents in the Kadima grade will be assigned to usher during services for the bar/bat mitzva directly preceding their son or daughter’s. Ushers are responsible for welcoming and seating guests and maintaining order inside the sanctuary. They will need to pay particular attention to children attending the service without their parents, who have a tendency to be disruptive or noisy. **Important: Families who are unable to usher on their assigned dates should trade dates with another Kadima family.**

Providing for Saturday morning Kiddush:

The bar/bat mitzvah family must provide a simple kiddush, consisting of sliced challah and grape juice for everyone in attendance, as well as one unsliced challah for the bima, following the Saturday morning service. The synagogue custodial staff will set up, and families may elect to have RSNS provide the challah and grape juice at a cost of \$85 for 150 guests, or \$125 for 200 guests. Please make arrangements with Sylvia Jacobs if you would like the office to take care of the kiddush provisions.

FOOD RECOVERY

Dear Kadima Class Parents -

RSNS, working in conjunction with Rock and Wrap It Up, is offering an easy means for donating leftover food from synagogue events. Below is some brief information about Rock and Wrap it Up! (RWU) as well as the steps to follow for food donation.

What is Rock and Wrap it Up!?

RWU is an anti-poverty think tank that was founded in 1991. Part of its mission is to feed those who hunger using safely recovered, leftover food. RWU accomplishes this mission through a growing network of volunteers who identify situations where leftovers are common as well as the local centers (shelters, food pantries, etc.) where those who suffer from hunger are served. The organization also collects and donates toiletries and cleaning products at the National level and conducts several other local and national outreach initiatives. RWU supports over 43,000 agencies in North America and works in connection with the music industry, hotel industry, national sports teams, colleges/universities and local schools, entertainment industry, government agencies and conducts public advocacy in the House and Senate.

RWU has also been working with student volunteers in the Port Washington School District. At Weber Middle School, student volunteers collect unwanted, wrapped snack items from the cafeteria during lunch periods. These snacks, which would often otherwise be placed in the garbage, are delivered to food shelters and pantries in town. At Schreiber High School, student volunteers collect leftover food from the cafeteria (including cartons of milk nearing the due date, sandwiches, fruit and other unserved perishables) and deliver it to local agencies who feed the hungry. In addition, leftover food is recovered from special events such as Teacher Appreciation Luncheons and other celebrations.

Separate from the school programs, individuals in the community who are hosting events and parties contact RWU volunteers and coordinate food donations in anticipation of leftovers.

To learn more information about RWU, please see the website at www.rockandwrapitup.org

LEFTOVER FOOD AT RSNS

Here's how to donate leftovers from events:

1. Inform the caterer that you plan to donate leftovers. Ask the caterer to wrap the food in trays or boxes as appropriate. We can provide the caterer with a copy of the *Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Law* which allows food donations and collections to take place without liability.

2. Please contact me, Jessica Clateman, at jessprince66@gmail.com or cell: 917-882-3870 to coordinate the date and time of the event and establish what, when and where leftovers will be picked up. The more lead time the better!
3. I will coordinate with a RSNS B.A.M. (Be a Mensch) volunteer to handle the specific food storage and delivery details. I will also keep a log of all food donated by RSNS so that we are able to track how many meals we provide to those in need. Currently, we

deliver food to Our Lady of Fatima Food Pantry in Manorhaven, the Food Co-Op on Lower Main Street and the Senior Center in Manorhaven. There is also a kosher food pantry in Syosset which may be a site for future deliveries.

4. If you are interested in helping with food deliveries, please let me know. This is a great opportunity for High School students who have their driver's license! This is also a wonderful family activity that requires very little time and guarantees a very good feeling of preventing waste and supporting our own community.

Thanks and looking forward to working with all of you.

Jessica Clateman

[Jessprince66@gmail.com](mailto:jessprince66@gmail.com)

917-882-3870

B'NAI MITZVAH PRESENTATIONS DURING KADIMA CLASS TIME

To enable students to celebrate their upcoming *b'nai mitzvah* with their entire class community, each *kadima* student will present their Torah portion in front of the class. This will occur on a Tuesday in proximity to the Shabbat that they becoming bar or bat mitzvah.

Students whose *b'nai mitzvah* falls after May 5th will present on Tuesday, May 7, 2018.

On the day listed for your child, please bring a dessert to share with the class.

Family is welcome to observe. Presentations will be at 6:30 p.m.

Oct 16	Harry Germain
Oct 30	Sara Strassberg
Nov 13	Mac Tiger
Nov 27	Perry Rubens
Dec 18	Eve Siff-Scherr
Jan 15	Sophia Rosenberg
Feb 26	Emelia Adler
March 12	Adam DeLeeuw
March 19	Sam Levine
March 26*	Sam Capuano & Cami Psaltos
April 9	Will Wesson
April 30*	Rachel Schupak & Eli Klein
May 7*	Elizabeth & Zoe Paisner, Mia Clateman, Sabrina Giordano, Maya Marder, Hannah Rosenberg

* Feel free to coordinate dessert with others on the same day.

Class Gift:

It is a tradition at RSNS for the families of the Kadima class to contribute to a "Class Gift" for the synagogue. This year we would like to donate towards the sanctuary renovation with a gift towards the ark.

Gifts from the Family:

Talk with Rabbi Jodie about the Friday evening service presentation of books to your child and a gift to the Synagogue.

Date * B'nai Mitzvah Student Oneg Coordinator Parent Ushers*

10/20/18	Harry Germain	Levine	Strassberg
11/3/18	Sara Strassberg	Wesson	Tiger
11/17/18	Mac Tiger	Capuano	Rubens
12/1/18	Perry Rubens	DeLeeuw	Siff-Scherr
1/5/19	Eve Siff-Scherr	Clateman	Sophia Rosenberg
1/19/19	Sophia Rosenberg	Adler	Adler
3/2/19	Emelia Adler	Sophia Rosenberg	DeLeeuw
3/16/19	Adam DeLeeuw	Rubens	Levine
3/23/19	Samuel Levine	Germain	Capuano
3/30/19	Sam Capuano	Tiger	Psaltos
4/6/19	Cami Psaltos	Paisner	Wesson
4/13/19	Will Wesson	Klein	Klein
5/4/19	Rachel Schupak	Hannah Rosenberg	Clateman
5/5/19 (Sunday)	Eli Klein	Strassberg	Paisner
6/1/19	Elizabeth & Zoe Paisner	Psaltos	Schupak
6/8/19	Mia Clateman	Siff-Scherr	Germain
10/19/19	Sabrina Giordana	Marder	Marder
11/16/19	Maya Marder	Giordana	Hannah Rosenberg
11/23/19	Hannah Rosenberg	Schupak	Giordana

* ALL Saturday services begin at 9:45 a.m. unless indicated otherwise

We are looking forward to working with everyone in the class to make this year a memorable one for all of our children. Please don't hesitate to contact us with questions or suggestions!

Rabbi Jodie and Cantor Eric

*Sara Levine & Nira Psaltos
kadima class liaisons*