

# Kadimah News

December 2016



Head of school  
Einav Symons

As Kislev brings with it the holiday of Hanukkah, the holiday of light, I want to take this opportunity to thank our devoted staff for all the light they bring to Kadimah Academy.

Our teachers are amazing at planning for multi age pods and at addressing individual student's needs, while giving their heart and soul to their calling. Each one of them has a unique talent and skill. Together, they form the fabric of our school. It is my privilege and my honor to work alongside each one of you and to call each one of you, not only a colleague, but a true friend

Furthermore, as a parent of an eighth grader, I want to thank you for nurturing and for helping to shape my children to the young adults they are with their ability to bring *naches* and light to their world.

I wish all of my extended Kadimah Academy family a happy, healthy and joyous Chanukah!

## Upcoming Events

12/1 - Movie Night 3:00pm - 5:15pm

12/22 - Parent Teacher Conferences  
6:00pm - 8:30pm

12/23 - NO SCHOOL  
Parent Teacher Conferences  
8:30am - 2:00pm

12/26-1/2 - NO SCHOOL - Winter Break



## Message from Mrs. Paskowitz

This year, December 1st is also Rosh Chodash Kislev, which means Chanukah falls on December 25. It is important to celebrate our wonderful holiday of rededication by doing just that - rededicating ourselves and our family members to the joys of Judaism, and the celebration of Chanukah.

By sending your children to Kadimah, you are ensuring and strengthening their connection to Judaism. You are raising Jewish children who are proud of their heritage, who are knowledgeable of their history, who are kind, respectful, and who act with derech eretz, observe Kibud au v'ame, practice the midah of Chesed and the mitzvah of Tzedakah.

Be sure to have your children explain the meaning of the Hebrew words used above, and give you examples of how they have performed these mitzvot.

I know you'll be proud of them; I am!  
Wishing the entire Kadimah family a "freilichen Chanukah" - a joyous Chanukah!

## In the Spotlight

Aaron Herman

Aaron is a Tzadik (righteous man). He has the ability to always find the good in everyone and in his own kind way to speak words of comfort and support to anyone who needs it. He likes to think "out of the box" and comes up with creative ways to solve problems in all of his classes. His classmates benefit from his ideas and good sense of citizenship. Aaron, you are a great role model for putting the words of our Kadimah pledge into action.

Yashar Koach!



## KADIMAH ON THE BIMAH

Marci Wiseman

What's a congregation to do when its rabbi goes on a well-deserved sabbatical? Who takes over the duties to make certain things run smoothly and meaningfully in his or her absence? These were the questions raised as Rabbi Netter of Temple Beth Tzedek began making arrangements to spend the year in Israel with his family from October to May. What's the answer? Send in the Kadimah Academy Middle School!

Kadimah Academy students will take the helm at Friday night services, delivering the weekly *D'var Torah* (words of Torah) while Temple Beth Tzedek's Rabbi Perry Netter is away.

It wasn't a huge leap for our Head of School, Einav Symons, to suggest that the adept students lend a hand... and their skilled, critically-thinking minds.

"I was more than thrilled by the idea," said Netter. "It comes from their study of *parshat hashavuah* (weekly Torah portion). The ability to delve into the *parsha* and be able to teach it to adults deepens their connection to and understanding of the Torah and the community."

Support our students and bring your family to services to see them in action, with a delicious school-sponsored Oneg to follow, at Temple Beth Tzedek, 621 Getzville Rd, Amherst, NY, on Friday nights, 6:00-7:30, November through April. *N'siyah tovah* (safe travels) Rabbi Netter, and Kol haKavod Kadimah!



### Kadimah on the Bimah

Nov 11	Shira Symons	Feb 3	Michael Sanders
Nov 25	Norimi Truskinovsky	Feb 10	Charlie Herman
Dec 2	Jonah Slabodkin	Feb 24	Norimi Truskinovsky
Dec 9	Maya Slabodkin	Mar 3	Gilad Symons
Dec 23	Michael Sanders	Mar 17	Hailey Epstein
Dec 30	Shira Symons	Mar 31	Gilad Symons
Jan 6	Jonah Slabodkin	Apr 7	Jane Ablove
Jan 13	Charlie Herman	Apr 14	Jane Ablove
Jan 27	Maya Slabodkin	Apr 28	Hailey Epstein



Contact Marci Wiseman, Director of Community Relations and Engagement, with questions, or if you'd like to help with sponsoring one of the Onegs, at [marci.wiseman@kadimah.org](mailto:marci.wiseman@kadimah.org) or 716-836-6903. This article is excerpted from a two-part article in the October and November 2016 issues of the Buffalo Jewish Journal, "Kadimah Students Go for the Gold" and "Kadimah on the Bimah" – be sure to take a look! Copies available in the school office.



# Kadimah Academy

## Robotics

Mrs. Martinick

The Kavod class is making great progress in the construction of their unique robots. Mr. Yair offers the students guidance and support as they continue to work out the various problems that arise as they build and program their robot. Learning computer programming continues to be the major goal of our Robotics program and our students are rising to the challenge.



## REMINDER

No School 12/23-1/2

Parent Teacher Conferences 12/22 & 12/23

## Science – Kavod & Israel

Mrs. Martinick

The Kavod class is completing their unit on Earth Dimensions by exploring Topographic maps. Students created their own topographic map using a plastic model reproduction of a steep volcano located in Mexico.



Students in the Israel class are investigating different types of faults and how movements along faults generate earthquakes.



## Math – Chesed, Kavod, & Israel

Ms. Wiese

During November, we sure had a lot to be thankful for! The kids continue to amaze me with all they're learning. Both Algebra classes worked with complicated inequalities and even combined inequalities with absolute values. That's definitely not an easy task! The 8th graders began to study functions and their real-world applications. The 7th and 8th graders will go more in depth with functions and graphing next month. Chesed demonstrated great knowledge of division and decimals! We worked on multi-digit division problems and adding and subtracting decimals. The most difficult part is remembering to line up place values and everyone is a pro at that! Our next unit will be to combine the past units and to multiply and divide decimals. Shalom math's focus has been multiplication. We have been reviewing multiplication facts and using them to multiply single-digit numbers with multi-digit numbers. The next unit will be multiplying double digit numbers with multi-digit numbers. The Guess What Jar this month contained M&M's and the estimations were closer this month than they have been in previous months!

## SHALOM FROM CHARLOTTE



Recently Team Kadimah (L-R: Marci Wiseman, Director of Community Relations and Engagement, Jonathan Epstein, President, Einav Symons, Head of School, Alan Rosenhoch, President-elect) flew to Charlotte, NC to participate in the prestigious Governance and Fundraising Academy (GFA), sponsored by PRIZMAH (formerly PEJE, the Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education). The goal of this 18-month program is to boost Kadimah's financial sustainability by making sure that a solid governance and fundraising structure is in place.

We also had a chance to catch up with Kadimah alumni siblings Laya Kushner and Mathew Kushner who have made their home and law firm base in Charlotte. What an absolute treat! Both Laya and Mathew are actively engaged in the small but thriving Charlotte Jewish community and remain closely connected to their Kadimah family.



# Kadimah Academy

## Israel and Kavod

Mrs. Shmuel-Lewis

We had a busy month. We continued with our Flight unit from the book in the process of preparing for our trip to Israel. We practiced conversational Hebrew by writing and presenting dialogues and played matching games with the words and pictures/meaning, reinforcing the learning of new vocabulary. We also reviewed the song Bashana Habaha (In the next year) and prepared for our presentation in the support event for Israel. We performed in school with students from Shalom and Chesed followed by Dr. Shulman's music. This month we also worked on preparing a 'Taste of Buffalo' care package to our Israeli partners from the project Friends Over Seas. After they sent us a package last school year called a Taste from Israel, we decided to send our friends Kosher snacks we love to eat in Buffalo. Each student brought a type of snack they love, such as Buffalo wings flavored pretzels, and added a letter with a short biography and a picture. We made them a booklet of all the letters and added a thank you note for the lovely package they sent us. We are looking forward to meeting them in person and planning a group activity in Israel. We are planning a joined skype session soon. Our Israeli friends received the package recently and were extremely excited to learn more about us and eat the tasty snacks. (see the pictures below)

We also had a guest speaker from Israel who told us his story of being an observant Jew in the IDF and how he brings Jewish Ruach (spirit) to soldiers in their military bases.

We had a great month.



## Chesed

Rabbi Strosberg

We have been studying Mishna Bava Kama, an engaging and relevant text that deals with the laws of damages and responsibility. For example, if your dog causes someone to spill coffee on their shirt, do you have to pay the laundry bill? Does it matter if the damage takes place in public property or in private property? If you injure someone in your sleep are you liable? In our class, we always come up with our own answers first, and then see how they compare to the thinking of our Talmudic Sages more than 1,500 years ago.

## Israel

Rabbi Strosberg

This past month, we have been studying Shmuel Aleph, or First Samuel. It is the story of the first king of Israel, Shaul, a complicated character, and the transition of power to King David. We make sure to read interesting comments of Rashi to add color and creative interpretation to the text. We had fun creating our own "Presidential Campaigns" where one group endorsed Saul and another David. "Make Israel great again!"

## Gym



# Kadimah Academy

Art  
Mrs. Miller

This month in art class Ahava painted in tempera and learned about primary and secondary colors. Shalom finished their beautiful collages of dinosaurs returning to the cities. Chesed continued exploring positive/negative space with reverse pattern animal drawings. Kavod and Israel finished self-portraits inspired by the work of Frida Kahlo.

We also just got the great news that we received a Georgia-Pacific Innovation Grant for an Upcycled Seder Plate project involving new technologies. We will have the funds to purchase materials to do this project with most of the students in the Spring. I am including photos of a few examples of the some of the work we just completed.



Better Together

Hope Bongiorno

On Thursday, November 17th the students participated in another wonderful visit to Weinberg. The students are very comfortable working and visiting with their senior friends. Students know their way around the various spaces and are quite comfortable chatting with everyone. November's activity was Bingo. Shira and Maya were excellent callers! Everyone had a wonderful time.



**Kadimah Academy**



# ***Kadimah Babysitting***

## ***And Mother's Helpers***

Help send the 7th and 8th graders of Kadimah Academy to Israel!



**Our babysitters are:**

**\*Shira Symons,  
\*Hailey Epstein, Jane  
Ablove, Charlie  
Herman, and Michael  
Sanders**

**\*Certified by the  
American red cross**



## ***Price***

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child***

**Shira Symons**

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**Or Email us at:**

**[israeltrip.fundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:israeltrip.fundraiser@gmail.com)**

## Hello from the Shalom Class!

Mrs. Steinberg – Secular Studies

November provided us with several opportunities to integrate our reading skills with Science and Social Studies. We learned about the election process and a few facts about the two major candidates for President of the United States. Interestingly, the result of the straw poll we held on Election Day was a perfect 50-50 tie. For Veterans' Day we learned about the branches of the Armed Forces, and the history of honoring those who have served our country, and we learned about food chains, cicadas, and turkeys in preparation for Thanksgiving.

We finished our Flat Stanley read aloud and have begun our Flat Stanley Project. The students have colored their paper Stanleys, which will be mailed with their letters to friends and family members outside of Western New York. Some are even going out of the country. We look forward to receiving pictures and letters back. Keep your eye on the bulletin board outside Room 118 to see where our Stanleys have been and the adventures they have had!

Some of the students have begun working on Word Study, in which they learn patterns of sounds and letters and are then better able to use correct spelling in their writing. They all love when we work in our Writing Folders, and are even more delighted when we find time for Independent Reading.

All three Math classes are moving along and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade class has increased by two students who moved up from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade class. Mazal Tov!



## SAVE THE DATE

Be sure to save the date for Anna Martinick's Celebration of Service (30 years!) on Monday, January 9, 2017.

Current students will be celebrating with Mrs. Martinick during the day. Current parents, grandparents, staff, faculty, board, and alumni are invited to the evening celebration from 7:00-9:00pm, at the school, for a dessert and wine reception. Does your family have a special story about Mrs. Martinick to share? Would you like to make a donation to Kadimah Academy in her honor? Please contact Marci Wiseman at [marci.wiseman@kadimah.org](mailto:marci.wiseman@kadimah.org), before December 15, so we can add you to the program. There is no charge for this special evening, but reservations are required.

## SAVE ANOTHER DATE

The first Kadimah Alumni Night at the Jewish Repertory Theater (located in the Maxine and Robert Seller Theatre at the JCC Benderson Building) will take place **Thursday, February 23, 2107, 7:15pm**, and feature the Pulitzer Prize-nominated, off-Broadway hit *AFTER THE REVOLUTION*, by Amy Herzog. Cocktails to follow (all kosher dietary laws observed). Cost is \$40.00(50% of ticket sales to benefit Kadimah Academy), RSVP by 2/15/17 to [marci.wiseman@kadimah.org](mailto:marci.wiseman@kadimah.org).



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## Ganon Kadimah

Morah Zahava

Gobble Gobble Gobble! The Ganon classroom was full of turkeys over the last couple of weeks while we learned about Thanksgiving! The students learned all about how the pilgrims sailed across the big blue ocean in their boat *The Mayflower* to reach America. Once the pilgrims reached America, they became friends with the Native Americans, and the Native Americans helped them settle in a new land. Being a good friend is so important!

We also talked about the yummy foods that we eat on Thanksgiving every year, such as turkey and stuffing! The children began to understand what being thankful means, and shared some things that they were thankful for in their lives. Some highlights included jellybeans, coloring, and family. Of course, the students made beautiful arts and crafts, such as Thanksgiving cards for their families, and a *Mayflower* made from their handprints. The results were beyond precious!



## K/1 Ahava

Morah Berkowitz and Morah Dana

K/1 students were so excited to begin our weekly Parsha (Torah portion) studies. Dramatic play, art, science, ELA, math and Hebrew are all part of our Parsha time. Of course we also enjoy our Parsha related snacks! We use a real Chumash (Torah book) when we are introduced to the Parsha and we even learn information that many adults don't know. We are wise beyond our years. Our Parsha studies also provide numerous opportunities to learn about Jewish values. Recently we focused on the mitzvah of Bikkur Cholim (visiting the sick); one of the students brought in Sammy Spider's First Mitzvah (we love those home/school connections), we called sick friends, made a card for a sick teacher and helped with a card for a Kadimah Academy supporter who is ill. We even have a refuah shlemah (get well) song that we sing when friends are absent for 2 days.

We were also busy this month with Election Day, Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving. We learned about the president's job, made pictures for local veterans, read many emergent readers, sang songs, worked together on decorating our bulletin board and hallway and much more. We're thankful for our friends, families and wonderful school!

Our class really enjoyed being part of the Rainbow Courtyard (playground) Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. All of our students were able to help cut the giant ribbon and then all the CHC and Kadimah students played together outside. It was a very moving event.

## Shalom

Morah Becky

The focus is on Tefila (prayers) and the learning of Jewish Values. Every Day we pray to Hashem asking for good health, peace, and Parnasah (monetary comfort).

We begin with Mode Ani through the Shmona Esré ending with Alaynu and Mi Sheberach (prayer for the ill). We have a permanent Mi Sheberach list which includes the children's grandmothers, grandfathers, neighbors, friends, and pets who need help from G-d. We even mention the children from CHC.

These children are kind, loving, and caring people and I am so happy to be a part of their lives.

## Ahava

Morah Becky

We are progressing beautifully. We have learned to read and write the Hebrew Letters from Alef through Nun Sofit (final nun). The spoken language in class is Hebrew and we are comfortable hearing it. We find Hebrew learning to be easy and fun. I am very proud of our students!



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## Chesed

Mrs. Shmuel-Lewis

Since Cheshvan is known as the month of the fall our theme this month was fall weather. We learned new vocabulary using pictures and translations and played a matching game with the words. We filled in a daily report about the weather and described what we saw outside both in writing, using sentence starters and fill-in-the-blank forms, and in reading presenting it to the class. As part of the unit we learned a song called Geshem Geshem Mi-Shamyim (Rain rain from the sky). It is a well-known Israeli song. We learned the vocabulary in all four verses (each verse described a different type of fall weather), and focused on the reading of the song. We related each verse to the parts of the body and the senses; things we see, hear and feel. We sang and practiced the song in class with Mr. Shulman (see our pictures). We sang individually and with the whole class and finally performed the song to our Kadimah audience.

We continue to work in our books learning Hebrew grammar and doing reading comprehension exercises based on stories or dialogues we read by ourselves or with a partner.

We are very happy to continue working with our wonderful Israeli volunteers Tova and Liora.

We are starting to get ready for Hannukah so stay tuned!  
We had a lovely month.



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## Shalom

Mrs. Shmuel-Lewis

This month we focused on the theme of fall weather. There are no Jewish holidays in the month of Cheshvan, but Cheshvan is known as the Fall month in Israel. We learned new vocabulary such as Shlu-li-yot (puddles), Ti-pot ge-shem (rain drops), ram (thunder) and ba-rak (lightning). We went outside to collect leaves and described the variety of colors in Hebrew. We also went outside and checked on the weather so we can describe it in class. We wrote down what we saw and felt outside, and filled in a daily report about the weather using the new vocabulary as well as pictures to reinforce learning. We were also pretending to be the weather-boy or girl and reported the weather to our classmates. As part of the unit we learned a well-known Israeli song called Geshem Geshem Mi-Shamyim (Rain rain from the sky). We learned the vocabulary and played a matching and memory game with the words and pictures. We sang the song and learned a dance which we practiced with Mr. Shulman in class along with Ahava group. We performed the song followed by Mr. Shulman's music together with Ahava students and some of our Ganon kids. Finally, on Fridays we describe some of the activities we like to do over the weekend using action verbs and other related nouns.

We are getting ready for Hannukah so stay tuned!  
We had a great busy month.



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## Introducing: Rainbow Courtyard

Marci Wiseman

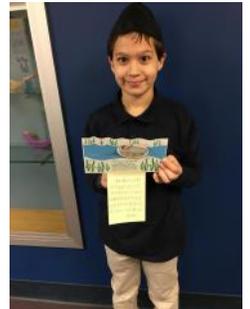
November 18 was a perfect day all-around with sunshine, blue-skies and a perfect 70 degrees for our host school, CHC, to gleefully cut the ribbon inviting all students, families and friends from both schools to the opening of the new and fabulous inclusive playground. Financed by a grant and charitable donations from the greater community and Kadimah students, it's a place for play that is welcoming to children with all levels of abilities.



## Chesed

Mrs. Cowen

The Chesed Class has been learning about the early years of Moses's life. We have been discussing reasons why G-d wanted Moses to be brought up in the palace rather than with his family. Parshat Hashavuah, the portion of the Torah read each week in synagogues and temples, is reviewed each week. Tzedaka money is collected every day. The Shalom Class filled up their box already. The class voted to send the money to poor people in Israel. I am very proud of them.



## Shalom

Mrs. Cowen

The children in the Shalom Class have been learning a lot in Jewish Studies. The smaller group is beginning to learn the story of Eliezer's search for a bride for Isaac. We are trying to analyze words according to their roots, prefixes and suffixes. We are also discussing the difficulties in trying to find an appropriate bride for someone else. The students' questions and comments are wonderful. The larger group has started learning chapter XII in Genesis. We are talking about prefixes and suffixes and how they change the meaning of the root of the word. We are discussing Abram's emotions, thoughts and reactions to being asked to leave his home and go to the land that G-d shows him. All of the students are doing so well.



# Kadimah Academy

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Enlist your friends and family to help out by taking advantage of these same benefits, using Kadimah as the beneficiary – spread the word at home and in the office at work – with thanks and appreciation!

# DECEMBER 2016

1 KISLEV - 2 TEVES 5777

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 MOVIE NIGHT 3:00PM-5:15PM CHICKEN NUGGETS	2 GRILLED CHEESE	3
4	5 MAC & CHEESE	6 CHICKEN PATTY SANDWICH	7 PIZZA	8 PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY PASTA W/ MEAT SAUCE	9 POTATO BAR W/ VEGGIE CHILI	10
11	12 PASTA W/ SAUCE	13 VEGGIE SOUP	14 PIZZA	15 HOT DOGS	16 WAFFLES	17
18	19 GRILLED CHEESE & TOMATO SOUP	20 CHICKEN SOUP W/ MATZA BALLS	21 PIZZA	22 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE 6:00PM-8:30PM CHICKEN NUGGETS & LATKES	23 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE 8:30AM-2:00PM NO SCHOOL	24
25	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	31