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Kadimah parents delight in watching our young children lead Motzi and Kiddush, pray with skill and confidently add Yiddishkeit at the Seder table. Our parents and families form close bonds of friendship with one another, coming together to celebrate Jewish traditions, and sharing Jewish culture with the broader community.

Our love for Judaism, the Jewish people and the land of Israel, together with our commitment to a strong Buffalo Jewish community is what drives us to ensure that a rich immersive Jewish educational environment is available to all who desire it. Our legacy donors are people like you who know that investing in our children is the best way to carry on our traditions and heritage, protect and grow our people, and keep the Jewish flame burning brightly.

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# Mazel tov to all our students!

And a big Todah Rabah to our faculty, staff, parents, donors, the Park family and the Buffalo Jewish Federation.

In a year full of challenge, you all stepped up and made the Kadimah Scholars a huge success once again!

Thank you!

The 2023-2024 Kadimah Board





### Letter from Jonathan Epstein, President

Shalom, Buffalo!

Welcome to the Kadimah family, where we proudly honor a long legacy of Jewish education in Western New York, and celebrate the achievements of our young Kadimah Scholars partnership with The Park School of Buffalo and the Buffalo Jewish Federation.

For over 60 years, a Kadimah day school experience meant that our students received a high-quality education in Hebrew and Judaic Studies, from Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. They developed a strong understanding of our Jewish heritage, customs, traditions, laws and culture, and a rich background in their roots. They knew who they were, and they cultivated a deep love for and pride in being Jewish.

While we may look different today as a school program, those are still the core goals of Kadimah Scholars at Park School of Buffalo. And we are excited to pursue them with you, to ensure that Jewish education remains strong. That is a shared commitment of all the partners.

After nearly three years of Covid disruptions that hindered our program just a few months after our start, we were thrilled to get back in full swing this year. So we hit the ground running, and didn't look back.

We had two dedicated Kadimah classrooms on campus, and two committed educators in Michal Shmuel-Lewis and Einav Symons. We brought back our Torah scroll after several years in storage, placing it in a position of prominence in a glass "ark" in the Judaics classroom. We had classes during the school day and once a week after school. We held tefillah (prayers) two mornings every week, led by Renee Herman, Samantha White and Rabbi Brent Gutmann.



From our youngest to our oldest, our students worked to advance their Hebrew skills, learning the language of our ancestors and the modern State of Israel. Our 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders, who have been with Kadimah the longest, will even be taking the New York State Regents exam in Hebrew later this month – a milestone that continues a long tradition at Kadimah.

Our Scholars are also learning to recite our prayers, and studying the meaning and customs of the holidays. They are learning about the history of the Jewish people, and the laws, interpretations and traditions that guide us and make us who we are. And we were able to bring back a longstanding Kadimah tradition with our Siddur Dedication, by giving out new and specially-designed youth siddurim for 15 of our youngest students to learn from and grow with, still generously donated by one of the first families of Kadimah.

Even more, we are proudly sharing our culture with our friends at Park, who have welcomed us with open arms. We gave out apples and honey for Rosh Hashanah; put up a sukkah in the middle of campus, where we could shake the lulav and etrog; came together for a big Chanukah party in the dining hall with lots of latkes; taught the Park community about Tu Bishvat during a schoolwide environmental program; welcomed over 150 middle- and upper-school students for a model seder; and celebrated Lag BaOmer with a bonfire and BBQ in the Park circle.

But there's more to come! This partnership is unique so there's no real model to follow. We're blazing a trail, and that's why we're constantly working to improve and grow. We want to provide the best possible Jewish educational experience that we can, so our students can reap the most from it. So we are exploring additional avenues for supplemental learning at all ages, while working with the terrific leadership of Park to meet the needs of our students and families.

This is a collaborative effort that requires the support of our entire community to succeed. We look forward to working with all of you to make Kadimah Scholars the best we can be.

Jonathan D. Epstein, Board President

### Letter from ReneeMary Lehner, Administrator

### In Hebrew, Kadimah means "forward."

That is exactly what Kadimah did four years ago when we partnered with The Park School of Buffalo

and the Buffalo Jewish Federation to create the Kadimah Scholars, vaulting ahead into an unknown future with hope. Today, we continue to move forward, but with confidence, forging a path that provides the Jewish youth of Buffalo a superb education in Hebrew and Judaics. Yet even as we direct our efforts towards the future, we must remember and acknowledge the 60-year history that has led us here, and the many changes and challenges we have endured. Forty years ago, we had over 200 students. Fifteen years ago, we had over 100 students and an entire building. When I started working at Kadimah, we had 40 students, one hallway, and some incredibly determined staff. Today, we are a unique hybrid program of Hebrew and Judaic Studies,



with our own identity, teachers and students, but embedded within a broader independent school. As the community around us has changed, we have adjusted, but always with an eye toward our legacy and never forgetting our purpose. Kadimah may not look like it once did, but we will always find a way to continue doing what we do best: educating the future's Jewish leaders.

And now some Thank-you's:

TODAH RABAH to our teachers, Michal Shmuel-Lewis and Einav Symons, and to the members of our Board of Trustees, who work tirelessly as volunteers to make this program possible. And an extra special Thank-You to Scott Herman, who designed and put together this beautiful ad book and who also put up with my endless emails.

Kadimah has been and always will be a community, a FAMILY, and I thank each and every one of you for allowing me to be a part of this family for the last ten years.



# **From our Faculty**

Michal Shmuel-Lewis Hebrew Teacher Lower, Middle & Upper School



Einav Symons Judaic Studies Teacher Lower, Middle & Upper School



We cannot bewith the Kadimah Scholars students from pre-K to 12th grade. We continued to bring the Jewish *ruach* - spirit - to our classrooms and to the broader Park community with our students' families.

We celebrated the holidays in creative and meaningful ways, starting with apples and honey for High Holy Days and then setting up, decorating and enjoying our *Suk*-*kah* on campus for Sukkot. For Chanukah, we gathered for our annual party and celebration in the dining hall, and studied with our two rabbi-parents, Rabbi Bergman and Rabbi Gutmann.

On Purim, all the students dressed up and listened to the Megillah reading led by Rabbi Bergman, and then had a *Seudat Purim* (Purim feast) with the families right after. There was so much *ruach* and joy! At the UB Day Of Jewish Learning, grades 7-12 prepared beautiful and professional presentations about Israel. Grades 6-12 and 1st grade helped lead a middle and upper school community Model Seder for Passover, with over 150 participants, and the high school students planned and presented a Holocaust Memorial to all the upper and middle school students.

In May, we had an afterschool celebration for Yom Ha'atzmaut with the families. For Lag B'Omer, we joined with Kehillat Ohr Tzion for a really special community bonfire and barbeque program at Park which included our students' families as well as members of KOT and the wider Jewish community. It felt good to be a part of a Kadimah family once again.

We concluded the year with our traditional Siddur Dedication and a Shavuot celebration. In the Siddur presentation, our first- to fourth-grade students presented to their families what they have learned all year through dialogues, songs and trivia questions, and then received their own new siddur through a generous donation from one of our earliest families.

Finally, our 8th and 12th grade students focused all year on advanced Hebrew and the history of Israel. We worked hard together, in preparation for taking the New York State Regents' exam in Hebrew this month.

It is a joy to work together with Kadimah Scholars and non-Kadimah students and faculty, and to bring our *ruach* and Jewish education to the rest of the Park School community. It is also a pleasure to watch the older students help and teach the younger students, and all the Kadimah Scholars students help with educating their Park community's peers and teachers about our Jewish cultures and traditions. It is so rewarding to hear the younger students sing Hatikvah, pray, be active participants in a Shabbat Service, and start to read, communicate and sing without the teacher's help in Hebrew, as well as understand and use Hebrew vocabulary. It gives us great joy and *"Nachas"* to watch our students grow and make progress, and to witness all of their accomplishments in both Jewish Studies and Hebrew. We are looking forward to another wonderful year and wishing you all a safe, enjoyable and restful summer.

This year, we held a Moving-Up Day with Park for our 8th grade Kadimah Scholars students, who will be entering high school. This is a class that has been together with Kadimah since Kindergarten. We wish Gabe, Ava, Rozie and Daniela the best of luck in high school.

We wish a big Mazal Tov to Sophia Lazarenko and Shaina Potash, who are graduating this year from high school. Sophia and Shaina are the first Kadimah Scholars to graduate from the program in 12th grade in our entire 64-year history. We congratulate them on their achievement, wish them the best of luck, and hope they continue to pursue their Jewish and Hebrew education in the future.

Todah Rabbah to our students, parents, the Kadimah Board of Trustees, the Buffalo Jewish Federation and our generous donors for a great and productive year of Jewish learning. *Yasher Koach*!

Ms. Shmuel-Lewis and Ms. Symons

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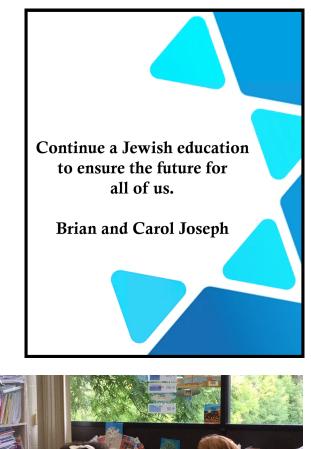
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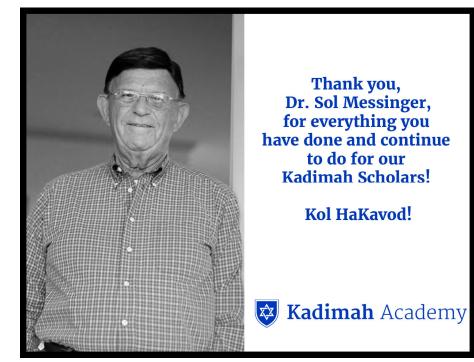




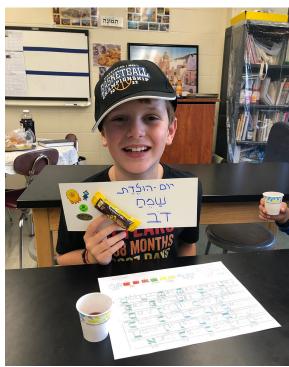


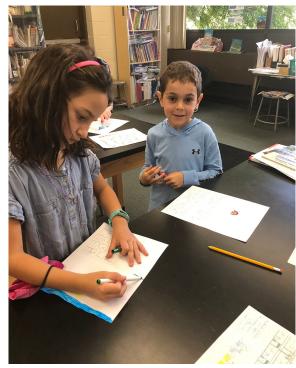
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			1	2 Tu B'Av	3	<b>4</b> 8:14p Candle lighting	5 9:19p Havdalah
	6	7	8	9	10	<b>11</b> 8:05p Candle lighting	12 Mevarchim Chodesh Elul 9:09p Havdalah
	13	14	15	16	17 Rosh Chodesh Elul	18 Rosh Hashana LaBehemot Rosh Chodesh Elul 7:55p Candle lighting	19 8:57p Havdalah
	20	21	22	23	24	25 7:44p Candle lighting	26 8:45p Havdalah
	27	28	29	30	31		

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# September 2023



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
					1 7:32p Candle lighting	8:32p Havdalah	2
3	4 Labor Day	5	6	7	8 7:20p Candle lighting	Leil Selichot 8:19p Havdalah	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Erev Rosh Hashana 7:07p Candle lighting	Rosh Hashana 5784 8:06p Candle lighting	16
17 Rosh Hashana II 8:04p Havdalah	18 5:33a Fast begins Tzom Gedaliah 7:55p Fast ends	19	20	21	22 6:55p Candle lighting	Shabbat Shuva 7:53p Havdalah	23
24 Erev Yom Kippur 6:51p Candle lighting	25 Yom Kippur 7:50p Havdalah	26	27	28	29 Erev Sukkot 6:42p Candle lighting	Sukkot I 7:41p Candle lighting	30





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# October 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sukkot II 7:39p Havdalah	2 Sukkot III (CH''M)	3 Sukkot IV (CH''M)	<b>4</b> Sukkot V (CH''M)	5 Sukkot VI (CH''M)	6 Sukkot VII (Hoshana Raba) 6:30p Candle lighting	7 Shmini Atzeret 7:29p Candle lighting
8 Simchat Torah 7:27p Havdalah	9 Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples Day	10	11	12	13 6:18p Candle lighting	14 Mevarchim Chodesh Cheshvan 7:17p Havdalah
15 Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan	16 Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan	17	18	19	20 6:07p Candle lighting	21 7:06p Havdalah
<b>22</b> Yom HaAliyah School Observance	23	24	25	26	27 5:56p Candle lighting	28 6:57p Havdalah
29	30	31 Halloween				









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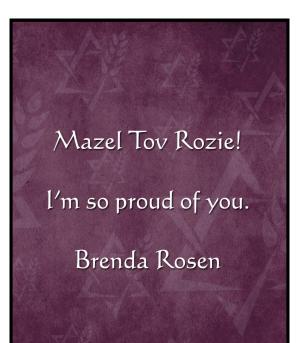
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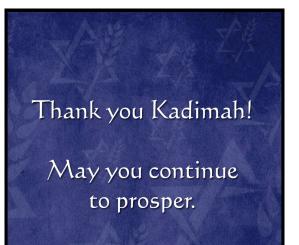
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### Brenda Rosen





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Mazel Toy to Gabriel, Ava, Daniela and Rozie on completing 8th grade at Kadimah Scholars at Park.

Gabe, Onward and upward to Park Upper School (Class of 2027)!

Love, Hailey Epstein (Class of 2018), Judith Gendler (Class of 1986) and Jonathan Epstein

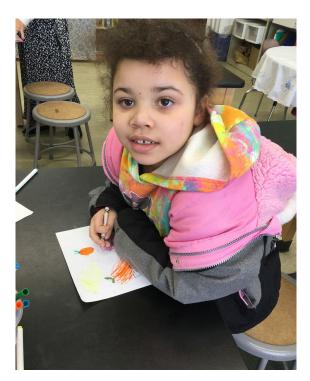
# November 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	<b>3</b> <b>5:47p</b> Candle lighting	4 6:48p Havdalah
5	6	7	8	9	10 4:39p Candle lighting <i>Veterans Day</i>	11 Mevarchim Chodesh Kislev 5:41p Havdalah
12	13 Sigd	<b>14</b> Rosh Chodesh Kislev	15	16	17 4:32p Candle lighting	18 5:35p Havdalah
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving	24 4:27p Candle lighting	25 5:31p Havdalah
26	27	28	29	30		

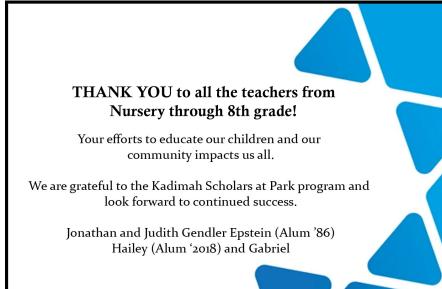


Kol Hakavod, Kadimah and thank you for all you do to promote Jewish education and identity in our community. L'dor V'dor!!



Mazal Tov on another great year! Keep on "Roaring!"

Shira and Rob Goldberg



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# December 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 4:24p Candle lighting	2 5:29p Havdalah
3	4	5	6	<b>7</b> <b>5:13p</b> Chanukah: 1 Candle	8 4:23p Chanukah: 2 Candles 4:23p Candle lighting	9 5:28p Chanukah: 3 Candles Mevarchim Chodesh Tevet 5:28p Havdalah
10 5:13p Chanukah: 4 Candles	<b>11</b> <b>5:13p</b> Chanukah: 5 Candles	12 5:13p Chanukah: 6 Candles	13 5:14p Chanukah: 7 Candles Rosh Chodesh Tevet	14 5:14p Chanukah: 8 Candles	15 Chanukah: 8th Day 4:23p Candle lighting	16 5:30p Havdalah
17	18	19	20	21	22 6:12a Fast begins Asara B'Tevet 4:26p Candle lighting	23 5:33p Havdalah
24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29 4:31p Candle lighting	<b>30</b> 5:37p Havdalah
31 New Years Eve						



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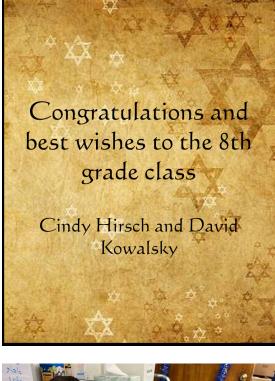
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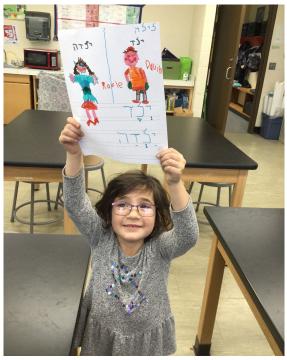
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	1 New Years Day	2	3	4	5 4:36p Candle lighting	6 Mevarchim Chodesh Sh'vat 5:42p Havdalah
7	8	9	10	<b>11</b> Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat	12 4:43p Candle lighting	13 5:49p Havdalah
14	15 Martin Luther King Day	16	17	18	19 4:52p Candle lighting	20 5:57p Havdalah
21	22	23	24	25 Tu BiShvat	26 5:01p Candle lighting	27 Shabbat Shirah 6:05p Havdalah
28	29	30	31			





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# February 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 5:10p Candle lighting <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3 Mevarchim Chodesh Adar I 6:14p Havdalah
4	5	6	7	8	9 Rosh Chodesh Adar I 5:19p Candle lighting	10 Rosh Chodesh Adar I 6:23p Havdalah
11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16 5:28p Candle lighting	17 6:31p Havdalah
18	19 Presidents Day and Washington's Birthday	20	21	22	23 Purim Katan 5:38p Candle lighting	24 6:40p Havdalah
25	26	27	28	29		

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# March 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 5:46p Candle lighting	2 6:48p Havdalah
3	3 4	5	6	7	8 5:55p Candle lighting	9 Shabbat Shekalim Mevarchim Chodesh Adar II 6:57p Havdalah
<b>1</b> ( Rosh Chodesh Adar II	Rosh Chodesh Adar II	12	13	14 St. Patrick's Day	15 7:03p Candle lighting	16 8:05p Havdalah
17	7 18	19	20	21 5:51a Fast begins Ta'anit Esther 8:03p Fast ends	22 7:12p Candle lighting	23 Shabbat Zachor Erev Purim 8:14p Havdalah
Purim 24	4 25 Shushan Purim	26	27	28	29 7:20p Candle lighting Good Friday	30 Shabbat Parah 8:22p Havdalah
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# April 2024



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Sunday			-			
	1 International Hug a Couch Potato Day	2	3	4	5 7:28p Candle lighting	6 Shabbat HaChodesh Mevarchim Chodesh Nisan 8:31p Havdalah
7	8	<b>9</b> Rosh Chodesh Nisan	10	11	12 7:36p Candle lighting	13 8:40p Havdalah
14	15	16	17	18 Yom HaAliyah	19 7:44p Candle lighting	20 Shabbat HaGadol 8:49p Havdalah
21	22 4:48a Fast begins Ta'anit Bechorot Erev Pesach 7:48p Candle lighting <i>Earth Day</i>	23 Pesach I 8:53p Candle lighting	24 Pesach II 8:54p Havdalah	25 Pesach III (CH''M)	26 Pesach IV (CH''M) 7:52p Candle lighting	27 Pesach V (CH''M) 8:58p Havdalah
28 Pesach VI (CH''M) 7:55p Candle lighting	29 Pesach VII 9:01p Candle lighting	30 Pesach VIII 9:02p Havdalah				







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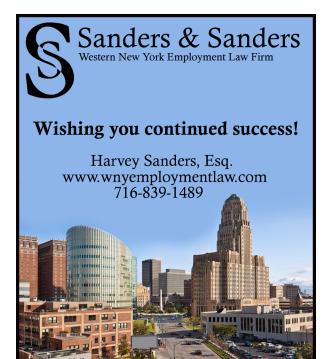
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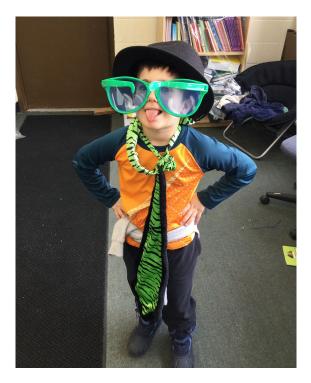


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 8:00p Candle lighting	4 Mevarchim Chodesh Iyyar 9:07p Havdalah
5	Yom HaShoah	7	8 Rosh Chodesh Iyyar	<b>9</b> Rosh Chodesh Iyyar	10 8:08p Candle lighting	11 9:16p Havdalah
12 Mother's Day	Yom HaZikaron	14 Yom HaAtzma'ut	15	16	17 8:16p Candle lighting	18 9:25p Havdalah Armed Forces Day
19	20	21	22 Pesach Sheni	23	24 8:22p Candle lighting	25 9:33p Havdalah
26 Lag BaOmer	Memorial Day	28	29	30	31 8:29p Candle lighting	





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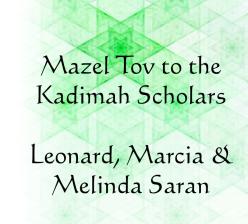


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# June 2024

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2	3	4	5 Yom Yerushalayim	6	7 Rosh Chodesh Sivan 8:33p Candle lighting	<b>8</b> 9:46p Havdalah
9	10	<b>11</b> Erev Shavuot <b>8:36p</b> Candle lighting	12 Shavuot I 9:48p Candle lighting	13 Shavuot II 9:49p Havdalah	14 8:37p Candle lighting Flag Day	<b>15</b> 9:50p Havdalah
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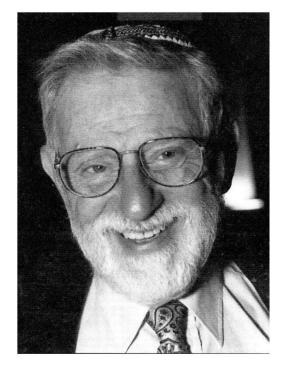


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>7</b> Rosh Chodesh Tamuz	8	9	10	11	12 8:35p Candle lighting	1 9:45p Havdalah
14	15	16	17	18	19 8:30p Candle lighting	2 9:38p Havdalah
21	22	23 4:10a Fast begins Tzom Tammuz 9:25p Fast ends	24	25	26 8:24p Candle lighting	2 9:30p Havdalah
28 Parents' Day	29	30	31			

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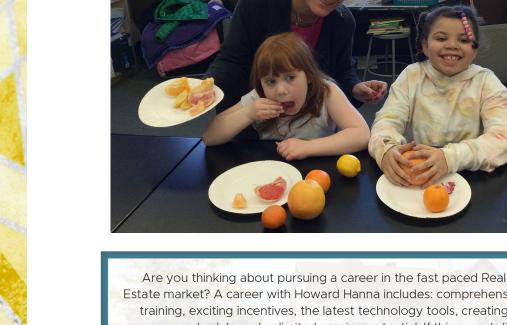


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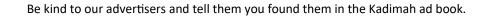
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