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It is with both gratitude and a sense of urgency that I reach out to you today. The past year has been marked by challenges and unexpected trials, both on a global and personal level. We have witnessed unsettling events and profound loss, which have reminded us of the importance of our mission – to ensure that no Jewish child is denied a Jewish education due to financial constraints.

From pre-K to high school, the Kadimah Scholars at Park School continue to thrive in a nurturing environment, where Hebrew and Judaic Studies classes are integrated into their daily curriculum. Our students are also blessed to participate in a 90-minute after-school program each week and morning prayers twice a week in the Park Theater. They experience the joy of celebrating Jewish traditions, from Rosh Hashanah's apples and honey to a Sukkah on campus and a Chanukah party in the dining hall, to upcoming festivities such as Tu B'Shvat, Purim, and Pesach (Passover) in the spring. These experiences are made possible by the enthusiastic support of the Park administration and faculty, and the backing of Kadimah and the Buffalo Jewish Federation.

But we cannot do it alone. We rely on the generosity and kindness of our community to make this educational experience accessible to all who seek it. For five years, Kadimah Scholars at Park School has been in this amazing cooperative model and our commitment to scholarship support remains as steadfast as ever. Many of our students receive scholarships from Kadimah in addition to the support provided by Park School. These scholarships bridge the gap, ensuring that no child is denied the opportunity to embrace their Jewish heritage due to financial constraints.

In recent months, we were deeply affected by the horrors and atrocities inflicted upon our people in Israel as we celebrated Simchat Torah last October. These events shook us to our core, but also ignited our resolve to stand strong and united as a community. The best way to combat darkness is to raise the next generation as proud Jews and Jewish leaders, imparting in them the knowledge and values to sustain our future.

With this in mind, I implore you not only to support Israel in its hour of need but also to give generously to Kadimah Scholars at Park School. This innovative educational partnership between Kadimah Academy, The Park School of Buffalo, and the Jewish Federation ensures that our mission continues. We remain committed to providing our community's youth with a solid foundation in Judaism and their Jewish heritage.

Your support is a beacon of hope for our students, a testament to the resilience of our community, and an investment in the future of Judaism. We ask you to join us in making a meaningful difference in the lives of our Scholars. Your generosity will make a lasting impact on young Jewish minds and the strength of our community.

Warm regards,

Jonathan D. Epstein

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