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A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS



Dear Kadimah Friends & Alumni,

We are pleased to share the first ever Camp Kadimah Alumni Newsletter, The Bridge. We would like to begin

by introducing ourselves and our families' camp histories.

Michael Freedman (1966-1980),
St. John, New Brunswick.

Tracy Berman
Daniel Freedman (2002-2016)
Zoey Freedman (2002-2016)

Rachel Budovitch 1973-1982, Halifax,
Nova Scotia.

Howard Budovitch (1966, 1968)
Maya Budovitch (2002-2016)
Robyn Budovitch (2003-present)

The Bridge is named after the iconic Kadimah bridge that connects both sides of our camp across Lake William. Similarly, this newsletter intends to connect Kadimah alumni residing around the world.

We are motivated by the positive role that Camp Kadimah has played in our lives. With this in mind, the goal of The Bridge is to communicate with you regarding upcoming events and updates and, ultimately, to keep us all connected.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any ideas for articles or pictures that would enhance future editions of this newsletter.

As the summer of 2017 is upon us, we are reminded that camp's 75th anniversary is quickly approaching, which will take place Visiting Day weekend of 2018. We hope that you'll join us in this celebrating this milestone; we are looking forward to an enjoyable and memorable weekend.

Don't forget to follow Camp Kadimah on Instagram and Facebook if you don't already. Let's stay in touch!

Chazak V'ematz,
Michael & Rachel

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DIRECTORS REPORT



SHALOM & WELCOME TO 2017 VISITING DAY

On behalf of the 400+ Kadimah campers and staff, I'm happy to welcome all parents and visitors to our wonderful summer home on the shores of Lake William in Barss Corner, Nova Scotia.

Also a special welcome to those Alumni reading this in our inaugural Alumni newsletter!

The summer is speeding by and there's lots more to come. To date, our campers dove head first into a wide range of Peulah and Chugs, Shabbat programming, House Leagues, camping trips at La Have. Israel Day, Haganah Night and our signature event, the 72nd annual Maccabia games. We are so pleased to welcome kids from across Canada and the US, Australia, Singapore and Israel.

As part of our ongoing initiative to 'bring kids outside' where our campers can socialize, collaborate and naturally engage with each other, we continue to fundraise and invest in new equipment for our Sports, Arts, Boating and Waterfront programs. A huge thanks to our alumni, both long-established and newly registered, for your efforts to bring these great initiatives to life.

This summer, we are pleased to introduce two new paved mini-courts by Cabins D and 16; the Kumzits ('Come Sit') Bonfire Site next to the Peter Stone Moadon; the first phase of our Kadimah waterpark (including some pretty neat water-toys) and of course, the new Frank Medjuck Sport Court.

On Visiting Day, we hope you take the opportunity to experience what your kids have these past 3 weeks. Take a tour of camp, swim at the docks, canoe and sail around Lake William, shoot around at the Frank and meet our Israeli Shlichim who

run Shira (Song), Rikud (Dance) and Mel Yad (Arts & Crafts). Remember to join us at noon for a special Visiting Day Showcase on the steps of the Chadar Ochel where the kids will show off their latest Israeli dance moves and sing in tribute to Evy Carnat who sadly passed away last November. Evy was our long-time Shir Kud teacher in the 70s and represented the very core of Kadimah's ruach during her time here. Many of Evy's campers are now Kadimah parents and the values she taught us then remain the benchmark we strive toward today.

During the afternoon free time, pop into the Kadimah General Store at the Moadon:

- Register for Kadimah, 2018 where you can take advantage of excellent Early Bird specials.
- Check out our CK75 Information Booth to get more information about our 75th anniversary celebration. Remember to save the date for the weekend of July 27 to 29, 2018.



- As always, we'll be selling the latest Kadimah fashions in the CK clothing store.
- And drop in on the folks from Bounce Entertainment to get more info about their Bar/Bat Mitzvah and birthday events.

As a final note, we thank you for sending your child to Camp Kadimah. We know you have choices so we will continue to do everything we can to make Kadimah the second home your kids will always cherish.

See you next year for the 75th!

Phil

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Fall 2017 Wine & Cheese Toronto**
- **Spring 2018 Alumni Womens Weekend Camp Kadimah**
- **June 2018 Alumni Mens Weekend Camp Kadimah**
- **July 2018 75th Reunion Halifax & Camp Kadimah**

CHAIRMENS REPORT

Dear FRIENDS and ALUMNI of
CAMP KADIMAH,

Dear Kadimah Family: As we approach our milestone 75th anniversary next year, Kadimah is thriving. This summer we will be at full capacity with over 330 campers and C.I.T.'s. The last couple of years we have seen strong growth and return of so many Kadimah alumni's children to the shores of Lake William. Under the professional leadership of our Executive Director, Phil David of Sydney, Nova Scotia and his senior team, our reputation as one of the premier Jewish summer camps has spread across North America and over the ocean to Israel. We continue to be characterized by our warm Maritime hospitality and a place where young Jewish children and teenagers strengthen their Jewish identities and develop relationships with the land and people of Israel. Our strength remains our strong and committed alumni base, who send their children and grandchildren and support Camp Kadimah regardless of where they reside. We are blessed with an amazing group of committed people who serve on the Camp Committee and provide expert guidance to our professional team. Camp Kadimah truly embodies the notion of a caring Kehillah, and each of you is an important part this community. Chag Pessach Sameach

Michael Pink
Co-Chair

Michael Soberman
Co-Chair



75TH UPDATE

It's hard to believe that almost 25 years have gone by since our last KADIMAH reunion here in Halifax!! In July of 1993 almost 400 camp alumni gathered to celebrate the first 50 years of camp.....and now we have another 25 years to celebrate!! Time sure flies!!

KADIMAH 75 - LET'S CELEBRATE!

The dates are July 27th-29th 2018 in Halifax at PIER 21 and of course at CAMP KADIMAH for a very special Visiting Day.

The Celebration will include a traditional Friday night dinner and Oneg Shabbat featuring Israeli singing and dancing.

Saturday will be a more relaxed dinner along with a trip down memory lane with a digital presentation that covers the whole 75 years, and lots of surprises.

The evening will end with, what else, a social featuring a great Halifax band.

Sunday will be a visit to CAMP KADIMAH for Visiting Day, featuring entertainment and many more memories. The kitchen will serve all of our old and current favorites.

Also our venue will have a NOSTALGIA presentation for the entire 75 wonderful years of Camp Kadimah. This will run all weekend and give every one a unique ability to look back at how important the CAMP KADIMAH experience has been in our lives.

So make your plans t to join your friends for KADIMAH 75. We can't wait to see you!

Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

We look forward to seeing all of you in July 2018.

All the best

Your Hosts

Karen and Howard Conter

Gloria and Steven Pink

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Shirley

Shirley (Borden) Abramsky Camp years: 1945, 1946

Current City: Toronto/Kingston

Favourite camp memory: Although I was very homesick, my friends were with me from Glace Bay and I soon got over it.

What Kadimah means to me: I was lucky enough to meet new friends from all over the Maritimes. It's a special place where 2 of my children also attended and all of my grandchildren! My daughter Karen met her husband Howard there.

Bev

Bev (Bernick) Jacobson Camp years: 1970, 1973, and 1974 (staff)

Current city: Altadena California (near Pasadena)

Favourite camp memory: Winning Maccabia as Co-Captain with Michael Freedman on "Cream of the Crop"

What Kadimah means to me: I was very shy as a kid and camp was instrumental in bringing me out of my shell.

Mathew

Mathew Burnstein Camp years: 1969-1973, 1975-1979 (staff) 1985-1988

(Camp Doctor)

Current City: Toronto

Favourite Camp memory: 6:30am swim and waterski

What Kadimah means to me: Camp was instrumental in my personal development, It's also where I met my wife.

Jacob

Jacob Medjuck Camp years: 1983-1992, 1995-1997 (staff)

Current City: Los Angeles

Favourite camp memory: Way too many... Just see the movie Summerhood (on Youtube)

What Kadimah means to me: Family. Friendship. Home. And heart. Kadimah was my launchpad for life. Especially as a small town Jew—summers at Kadimah were the critical core of my Jewish identity; learning our great history through incredible camp programs. Brilliant adventures. And cherished memories. I am forever grateful!

Amy

Amy Budovitch Camp years: 1979-1986, 1989 - 1990 (staff)

Current city: Boston

Favorite Camp Memory: 1986 - It was my last year as a camper at CK and, after 2 years of my brother (Jason) not being at camp, he returned as Machar staff. I got to see and experience him in a mentorship role. This later had a profound impact on me in that it facilitated my desire and courage to be more independent, fulfilling leadership roles throughout various aspects of my life. It also shaped the beginning of a more mature and new found relationship between us.

What Kadimah means to me: Camp was a true love affair. It nourished not only my Jewish identity and soul but also the humanity in me. CK was always loyal, dependable and forgiving, implanting lessons in friendship, which later proved invaluable to my life. The deep-seated impact CK had on my relationship to Judaism and Israel is strongly connected with my desire to live a Jewish life today and it is, for a good part, the primary reason why I have passed this relationship onward to my children.

Please email us at kadimahAlumniCommittee@campkadimah.com if you would like us to feature someone in the future editions.

MILESTONES



BIRTHS

Erika Yazer and Ryan Phillips - Joshua Morris
 Jacob Medjuck and Shauna Nep - Olive Frankie
 Darcy (Elbaum) and Benji Roza - Leo Judah
 Adam and Ariela Conter - Isaac Lev
 Lauren Jacob and Michael Shedletsky - Ty
 Charisse Roza & Serge Lojo - Luca Mason
 Evan Sadofsky & Stephanie Wainberg - Cole Spencer
 Josh Bernick and Kayla Goldrich - Jackson Ariel
 Jeremy Koven & Aviva Attis - Benjamin Rio
 Elysha Ames and Eric Friedberg - Shai Alexander
 Tali Lewin and Edan Dotan - Leo
 Adam Armeland and Jessica Freidlich-Sam
 Adam Borer and Shiran Porges- Emma



WEDDINGS

Natasha Budovitch & Ryan Grossman
 Kyle Lichtman & Marli Gurvey
 Kim Lichtman & Brian Waltman
 Elysha Ames & Eric Friedberg
 Eric Goldberg & Genna Schnurbach
 Marla Greenberg & Sean Maislin
 Ari Unterman & Shira Gelkopf



GRADUATIONS

Roy Argand-Law
 Russell Lindzon-Law
 Ari Unterman-Law
 Adam Handler-Medicine
 Elliot Cohen-Medicine
 Josh Bernick-Medicine
 Hailey Abramsky-Law
 Abby Suissa -Masters in Communication and Culture



DEATHS

Steven Zatzman
 Evy (Dubinsky) Carnat
 Frank Medjuck
 Paul Goldberg
 Beth Velensky
 Karen (Zelikovitz) Isaacson
 Sam Chernin

If you would like us to mention your milestone, please email us at
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EVENTS

"The Frank"



We are thrilled to announce a brand new sports facility at camp - The Frank Medjuck Sport Court - which has been donated by Ralph and Shirlee Medjuck in memory of Ralph's younger brother, Frank, who passed away last year.

Throughout his lifetime, Frank was deeply devoted to his family, his community, Judaism and Israel. He loved Camp Kadimah and attended every summer from 1952 to 1965 as a camper, counsellor and Head of Waterfront, then later as an alumnus and parent. In 1993, for the 50th year celebration of Camp Kadimah, Frank single-handedly created the hard cover historical book commemorating "The First Fifty years" of Kadimah.

Frank was a dedicated athlete, always very active in sports including swimming and cycling, with Basketball being his favorite. He was a devoted fan of the game and a great team player his entire life.

So it is very fitting that Frank is remembered at Camp with this wonderful new Sport Court. We are so grateful for this fabulous new facility, a great addition to our Camp sports program which will be enjoyed by all for years to come.



DONATIONS

I would like to donate to camp Kadimah

Purpose: _____ Amount: \$18 \$36 \$180 \$1800 \$_____

Please send a cheque payable to Camp Kadimah to the address below or go to www.campkadimah.com/alumni/giving-back-to-camp/donate-now/

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