



BRUCHIM HABAIM- WELCOME!



Dear Kadimah Friends & Alumni,
Welcome to the 4rd edition of "The Bridge".

As we write this newsletter we both have bittersweet feelings. The reason being is that we

love Kadimah and this will be the first summer that we will not be at a Visiting Day weekend in over 18 years. We both have had children attending until last summer. Fortunately we still have nieces, nephews and cousins carrying on the tradition and we are sure we will be back again soon.

Last year we celebrated Kadimah's 75th anniversary with great success. It is so nice to hear the stories of old friends reconnecting and to have been apart of that momentous occasion. We are also so fortunate that Lynda (Medjuck) Suissa has taken on a huge project in producing a documentary on the history and traditions of Camp Kadimah including the 75th anniversary. We will be announcing 2 viewings to be held in Halifax & Toronto fall 2019. Another great way for us to connect and reminisce.

In this edition we look in on our alumni who live around the world. Don't forget

to look at the section "where are they now". We also pay tribute to David & Eleanor Star for all the philanthropic endeavours they have made to enhance our waterfront and make the breaking of Maccabia a time to remember.

Without our alumni and all of your generous contributions and time given, we could not exist at the level that we do. For Kadimah to "grow more and more" we must continue to look to you for generous contributions. Camp is over 75 years old and after this many years of use, it has taken its toll on our facilities. We are constantly maintaining our beautiful camp and appreciate any contributions you may wish to give.

As always we hope you enjoy reading this as well as your visit to the Maritimes!

Warmly,

Chazak V'ematz,

Michael & Rachel

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CHAIRMEN AND DIRECTORS REPORT

Dear Alumni Family:

Camp Kadimah 2019 is off to a wonderful start. This summer we have over 350 campers and are operating at full capacity. Our staff and leadership team has been working all year to ensure that the Kadimah experience continues to be as meaningful as it has for the past seventy five years. It is so nice to see so many of your children and grandchildren enjoying their summer at Kadimah as the alumni connection and generational nature is central to who we are as a community.

Many of us are challenged by the question “has camp changed?” From our vantage point today, it is the lens through which we look at camp has changed. Perhaps we have changed more than camp has changed! While we realize camp has changed over the years, it is much more similar than different. Ask any camper about their experience at camp, what they enjoy most, and what is the value of camp; and they will answer in the same campers did in the 50’s, 70’s, and 90’s. Camp Kadimah is a unique blend of the timely and the timeless.

The timely and timeless values upon which the community of Kadimah is based have remained consistent and

unchanged; these same shaped us all as Jews and human beings. These values continue to shape the growth and development of the current campers and staff thus continuing a long tradition of building the leaders of tomorrow.



Wishing you all a meaningful and enjoyable summer
Warm regards

Sarah Atkins
Director

Michael Pink
Co-Chair

Michael Soberman
Co-Chair

SHIRA B'TZIBUR: NOT YOUR PARENTS SING ALONG!

On Sunday, July 14, Camp Kadimah was the first camp in North America to participate in an exciting new program called Shira b'tzibur. In partnership with the iCenter for Israel Education, the almost 500 Kadimah campers and staff built a community through song!

A tradition in Israel for decades, shira b'tzibur was generally considered as something for “older people”. In recent years, this phenomenon has become very popular with younger audiences and these days, shirah b'tzibur is trendy, fun and even funky.

Each section learned their piece of the puzzle and in the

evening these pieces were woven together in a musical tapestry of community singing about love and peace. The “mash-up” featured Arik Einstein’s timeless classic “Ani Ve’ata” (Me and You), which is a simple tune that talks about changing the world; “Salamm (Od Yavo Shalom Aleinu)” as popular song sung in Arabic and Hebrew about peace; and “One Day” a song sung by reggae singer Matisyahu, expressing a hope for an end to violence and a prayer for a new era of peace and understanding.

The final result was inspiring. Watch out for the release of the video of this inaugural event to be posted on the CK website in the coming weeks.

A special thank you to the iCenter for choosing Camp Kadimah as its first ever partner in this incredible new program!



PHILANTHROPY REPORT



B'YACHAD! THE CAMP KADIMAH PARTNERSHIP CAMPAIGN

In honour of our 75th anniversary, we are embarking on B'Yachad! The Camp Kadimah Partnership Campaign where Kadimah's alumni and families living outside Atlantic Canada are being asked to step up in partnership with families from Atlantic Canada to ensure the continued strength of our precious camp. The B'Yachad Partnership Campaign will be a five-year plan to upgrade infrastructure and to create needed space for programming. Components will include a new septic system, cabin and program facility upgrades, an improved staff lounge, new tennis courts, and a refurbished Gibbieland playground.

Today's Camp Kadimah is vibrant and thriving and has a well-managed operating budget. Scholarships for Atlantic Canadian campers have been ensured thanks to the tremendous generosity of A.J Leventhal z"l and the fund he created for this purpose. The remaining piece to be addressed is the need to maintain and improve the physical infrastructure of the camp. The B'Yachad Partnership Campaign will provide the funds necessary to meet this need in a significant way and secure the future of Camp Kadimah for our children and grandchildren.

Stay tune for updates and we look forward to having you participate in this exciting opportunity!

David & Eleonor Star

David attended Kadimah in the late 60's and early 70's

Did any other family members attend camp?

(Eleanor attended camp Northland/ B'nai Brith in Ontario) Davids sisters Goldie, Brenda and Ellen all went to camp for varying lengths of time.

Why did you choose to come to Camp Kadimah?

David wished to meet wild Jewish women which wasn't really an option growing up in Yarmouth as the only wild Jewish women in Yarmouth were his sisters. We send our kids to Kadimah because we believe in the importance of camp. We chose Kadimah because David grew up in Nova Scotia and knows how special Kadimah really is. Also two of our three children were born in Halifax so Kadimah gave our kids a chance to reconnect with their Halifax friends. As well, we think it is important to go to camp with a different group of friends than you spend the school year with.

What were your most memorable moments at camp?

Easy to answer: (1) A dart board was hanging on the side of our cabin. I missed the target by a long shot and landed a dart squarely in Victor Fineberg's arm as he was exiting the cabin. It changed our relationship. (2) Being bunked for a week. A week!! That was harsh. (3) Having a serious conversation about Judaism with my counsellor at lunch while I was pouring ketchup on his feet underneath the table. For some reason he didn't find that too funny. I couldn't stop laughing. (4) Forming J.U.M. (Jewish Underground Mafia) with Brent Weiser and my cousin Phil and pulling anonymous and continuous raids on fellow campers. Causing general mayhem in the camp seemed to be a natural fit for us. (5) Winning back-to-back best camper awards. I now know the pressure LeBron must have felt going for the repeat in Cleveland.

Why have you chosen to donate to camp?

We chose to donate to camp because we know that kids have a lot of options for their free time in today's world. There are a lot of different activities as well as a lot of different camps out there. We want to see Camp Kadimah as a viable and competitive option for kids.

Why did you choose to donate in the way that you did?

We wanted to add something new and fun to the camp that could be enjoyed for years and generations to come.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fall 2019 The release and showing of the Camp Kadimah Documentary in Halifax and Toronto

Follow us on



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Belitsky

Lorraine Belitsky

Current city: Singapore **What city are you from:** Halifax, NS

How long have you lived there?: 9 years

Years at Camp-camper: 1978-1983

What are you doing now?: Teaching at an international school

Favourite Camp memory: Maccabia and water skiing in Lake William Havdallah services
So fun to be back as a parent now and to see my children enjoying CK

What Kadimah means to me: Fun, friends, a Jewish identity

Boniuk

Debbie Boniuk

Current city: Houston, TX **What city are you from:** Fort Worth, TX

How long have you lived there?: 53 years

Years at camp-staff: 1980 (CIT) - 1982

What are you doing now?: In-house Counsel for our family real estate and management companies.

Favourite Camp memory: Everything!! The CIT program my first year. Counselor of Goshrim girls my 2nd year and the Gibbies my 3rd year. Living in cabins on a lake. The outdoors. Maccabiah. Camaraderie. And most importantly, the long-lasting friendships.

What Kadimah means to me: My favorite summer memories of my teenage years happened at Camp Kadimah!! Kadimah provided exposure to Jewish culture, meaningful experiences and positive role models, a family connection and community.

Brown

Lorne Brown

Current city: Vancouver **What city are you from:** Fredericton N.B.

How long have you lived there?: since 1994

Years at Camp-camper: 1975 1976 - Gib, 1978 1979 - gosh, 1980 1981 - Kochot, 1982 1983 - machar

Years at camp-staff: 1986 - staff, 1988 - assistant section head, 1989 - sports director

What are you doing now?: CPA to Dr of Traditional Chinese medicine. Clinical director of Integrative wellness centre, speaker and author.

Favourite Camp memory: Songs around a bonfire and hanging out listening to guitar. Saturday sleep in. Water sports and evening basketball. The fun banter in the cabin after lights out with my bunk mates. Playing Macho Man for Wrestlemania Kadimah. Pre and post camp water skiing as staff. memories of Camp Kadimah on a regular basis.

What Kadimah means to me: I am so grateful for Kadimah. I liked my years at camp but it is only after it was all over did I realize how fortunate I was to spend 11 summers there. The friendships and work relationships span generations. I would not have become close to my cousins from Toronto it were not for camp.

I developed a lot of my Jewish identity from camp programs. I now send my two boys all the way from Vancouver to Halifax so they can have the opportunity to become close with their cousins from the east coast and develop a stronger Jewish identity. It is such a gift for our family to have our 3rd generation of Browns at Kadimah now.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Budovitch

Jason Budovitch

Current city: Hong Kong **What city are you from:** Fredericton, N.B.

How long have you lived there?: 28 years

Years at Camp-camper: 1975-1983

Years at camp-staff: 1986-1988

What are you doing now?: Living vicariously through my daughter, Felix, as she embarks on her Camp Kadimah journey !! Venture capital & private equity investor.

Favourite Camp memory: The magical years of growth and discovery from Giborim-Kochot. Being a Macharnik with an All-Star Madrichim. Rad-hyom! My return to camp on staff for three memorable summer's in the SWAMP 😊

What Kadimah means to me: Timeless friendships and experiences that ground me to my Maritime roots.....it is a real blessing to be able to pass this on to our daughter. Deep gratitude to all those that have kept the Kadimah magic and spirit alive and bright!

Guss

Faith Gabrielle Guss

Current city: Oslo, Norway **What city are you from:** Saint John, N.B.

How long have you lived there?: 47 years and 2 weeks!

Years at Camp-camper: Probably from 1954 - 1958

Years at camp-staff: From 1959, at the age of 14, I was a C.I.T. alone with 5 five-year olds - for six weeks! 1960 - 1963, I was a co-counselor (my last year at camp, I was head girl counselor)

What are you doing now?: In 2012 I went freelance after retiring as Associate Professor in drama/theatre for children at Oslo University College (now called Oslo Metropolitan U (OsloMet). I do academic adjudication, hold talks, and consult to theatre groups - based on my doctoral research about the relationship between playing and creating theatre. And I spend lots of time loving my kids and grandkids!

Favourite Camp memory: It is truly difficult to select only a few memories. Mainly: the people, the energizing communal atmosphere, the fun, the spirit. Song and dance, making plays, dancing the hora in the rec hall until totally out of breath, and the invigoratingly creative and enervating Maccabia.

Schwartz

Robbie Schwartz and Ernie Schwartz

Current city: Melbourne, Australia **What city are you from:** Saint John, N.B.

How long have you lived there?: 46 years

Years at Camp-camper: 1970, 1971

What are you doing now?: Rob - Orthodontist / Ernie - Formerly a lawyer, and now a partner in a Leadership Development and Communications consultancy since 2005.

Favourite Camp memory: Rob - Cabins 28 & 14 (the Barn); the Dirty Dozen 1971; softball pitching and playing 1st; hockey goalie; Banquet dinners; Sadie Hawkins day dance; Saturday night socials

Ernie - Cabin 27 (named "Golda's Hideout" by counsellors, Howard Spinner and Larry Cohen), hockey on the Auxiliary Sports Field, Maccabiah, raids, overnight hikes, friendships with kids from across the Maritimes.

What Kadimah means to me: Rob - Connection to a great childhood in the Maritimes; life-long friendships - despite the tyranny of distance with living in Australia since '73.

Ernie - Deepened my love of and commitment to Israel and my identity as a Canadian Jew, which, after all these years away, I still define myself as.

MILESTONES



BIRTHS

Josh Friedman & Sari Shapiro-Daniella
 Kyle Lichtman & Marli Gurvey -Max
 Brian Waltman & Kim Lichtman-Jonah Tobey
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 Aaron Libfeld & Sammi-Liam
 Ryan Spinner & Michelle Ezer-Baby

Max Fineberg & Kennedi Oakley Ellia Grace
 Zach Bordman & Sara-Simon
 Joel Kadish & Arielle Maze-Lev Eliezer
 Aubrey & Marissa Cohen-Riley Sylvia
 Rachel (Levy) & Adam Braum-Molly Joan
 Shawn Bank and Leora- Liam
 Samara Bernstein Hendry and Eli Lesser- Lev
 Josh Bernick & Kayla Goldrich-Sadie
 Eric Goldberg & Jenna-Baby Girl
 Rachel (Max) Chisholm and Andrew Chisholm-
 Lillian Max
 Leah Walters & Danny Feuer-Eli Jacob
 Mahla Fay & Jeremy Finkleman-Rafael



ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

Shira Tsinman & Alex Sebastian
 Robbie Goldfarb & Nikki Rand
 Sara Kahn & Asaf
 Brendan Rosen & Deb Silberman
 Shira Sasson & Guy Voichek
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 Marc Richler & Laura Richler
 Louis Zatzman & Amanda Lynn
 Justin Dahan & Rachel Cara
 Naomi Rosenfeld is engaged to Jeff Greenberg



GRADUATIONS

Maya Budovitch-Masters in Social Work-
 Wurzweiler School of Social Work

Zach Novack-Masters in Public Health in Disaster
 & Emergency Management-Tel Aviv University
 Jenna Conter- NSCC in Public Relations



PASSINGS

Bob Velensky-Father of Robbie & Elana,
 Grandfather to Morgan Glass
 Norma (Nettie) Simon- Mother of Heather Goose,
 Rhea Simon-Gold, Lisa Green, Irwin & Lorne.
 Grandmother to many kadimah alumni
 Nadia (Wolman) Queija-sister of Wendy Mclean,

Chaya Levinson and brother of Jeff Wolman
 Isabel (Tanzman) Boniuk-wife of Isaac, sister
 of Sandy Brown and mother of Jonathan, Wendy
 & Amy
 Evelyne Meltzer-sister of Richard, Stephen and
 Michael
 Gerry Yampolsky, brother of Marcia Yampolsky
 and Andrea Yampolsky

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