

Kadima Kinnus FAQs

What is Kadima?

Kadima is the name of our Jewish youth group for middle school-aged kids (5th graders are invited to join Kadima after January 1st) in which pre-teens can come together to learn about various ways to connect their Jewish identity to their everyday lives through dynamic ice breakers, fun and diverse programming, cultural activities, and conventions. All of these opportunities are available on both the synagogue and regional level. To learn more, contact your synagogue today and ask about their Kadima chapter!

What will we do during Kinnus?

Everything! Eat, celebrate Shabbat together, make new friends, sing and have lots of ruach (spirit), make new friends, play games, make new friends and end Saturday night with a special program. Did I mention make new friends from all over the metropolitan New York area?

What is included in the Price?

All meals, programming, busing and of course our Saturday night activity is all included.

Is there scholarship available?

Yes! Please contact the METNY office at 212-533-7800 ext. 171. Also, feel free to reach out to your synagogue as they will often offer scholarships for Kadima events.

Where is it?

Old Westbury Hebrew Congregation in Long Island

Is there a bus?

Yes, busing will be available from Rockland, Westchester, and Suffolk counties.

Where will we be staying?

This event is home hospitality, which means that Friday evening, you will sleep in the homes of active congregants and members of the synagogue community. These congregants will host at least 3 kadimaniks and provide a safe place for them to sleep comfortably for one evening. In your application, please be sure to include any information about your needs that might be important about where you can stay: allergies to pets, level of Shabbat observance, etc. Don't forget to bring a sleeping bag and pillow!

I don't know anyone, will I be lonely?

Absolutely NOT! Right from the beginning you'll meet your "housemates", we'll have icebreakers, and at meals it's easy to meet new people who are just like you. Plus, we bring in the USY (high school program) leaders who become your mentors for the weekend to help answer all of your questions.

Will I have to miss school on Friday?

For those of you taking the bus - probably, or you'll leave early. All Kadima Kinnus timing and bus information will be sent out the week of the Kinnus. Since Shabbat starts so early, we want to make sure everyone is there and settled before Shabbat starts. A letter to your teachers will be provided explaining all this.

I am having trouble registering online.

Not a problem. Please be in touch with Sydney Weinberg, our Assistant Regional Director, at sweinberg@uscj.org. She is happy to help you through the process.

If you have any other questions, please email metnyusy@uscj.org.

We can't wait to see you at Kadima Kinnus!