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Going Forward**

Jewish tradition has always championed the rights of those who need our help the most. Kadima School sees a future of full inclusion of its members in all synagogue life and Jewish community events. Please join us by volunteering to help prepare each of our students with exceptionalities fulfill their full potential as participating members of the Jewish community.



*Rabbi Joseph Kelman, Kadima School Founder
with Kadima School Students*



Kadima means moving “forward” or “eastward.” The goal of our school is to enable our students to move “forward” with their lives. Moving “eastward” implies enhancing a love of Israel and Jewish identity.

“And a spirit bore me up and brought me unto the east gate of the house of the lord, which looks ‘kadima’ eastward.”

Ezekiel 45:1

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Rabbi Howard Morrison with Kadima School Students

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School Year
September-June

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THE KADIMA SCHOOL was founded in 1961 by Rabbi Joseph Kelman, to offer Jewish children and teenagers the opportunity to attend an accredited Hebrew and religious school programme. When it was established, Kadima was a pioneering effort, one of the first in North America. Although it was sponsored by Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue it has been a community school from its very beginning.

The curriculum includes all the Jewish holidays and how they are celebrated in the synagogue and the home. Talmudic lore and Jewish thought is integrated in the learning. Our connection with Israel is also emphasized and a number of our students who have visited Israel can relate to it and recall their own experiences.

Teaching Synagogue Skills

The educational goal for our participants is to enrich their Hebrew literacy through Jewish Prayers. Our students become familiar with the synagogue setting and prayers by actively conducting a mini-Shabbat service themselves in the chapel on a weekly basis.

Bar and Bat Mitzvah Program

For all of our students who have not yet celebrated a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, here is a great opportunity. During the course of the year, our students will receive practice in real services. The course will culminate in a year-end ceremony followed by a Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebration to which the family and friends of our students will be invited.

Our Goal: Full Inclusion

Our philosophy is to include our students in community events and prayer services. We achieve this goal by making Kadima an educational, pleasurable, open experience that meets the needs of each individual participant and prepares him/her for participation in the general Jewish community.

Community Outreach

An extension of the Kadima programme has been our connection with the Huronia Treatment Centre in Orillia. For the past twenty years Jewish residents who otherwise have no connection with the Jewish community visit with us on Chanukah and Pesach. The programme consists of a joint religious service, a celebration of the holiday, entertainment and a catered lunch. Since its inception, a number of students have remained with us over the years. Students are welcome to begin our programme from the age of 14 and up. The Kadima School is primarily dedicated to continuing Jewish Religious Education. Prior to entering school, a private confidential interview is arranged with our supervisor.

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