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by Jake Winn

If you've ever had the opportunity to *Meet the Robinsons*, visited *Jurassic Park*, thought about 2012, or gone *Back to the Future*, you know that predictions of the future range from completely ridiculous fantasies with flying cars, time travel, and computers with minds of their own, all the way to very realistic renditions of what could potentially happen to our world in the future. But what really will happen in the future? Your guess is as good as mine! I don't know where in the world I will be in the year 2033, but I know where I am now, and where you will be in just a few years.



Hello Kadima! My name is Jake Winn and I'm the International USY Membership/Kadima Vice President. What does that mean? It means that I am the USYer (high school youth group you'll join once you graduate from Kadima) in charge of membership recruitment and retention as well as all things Kadima! But more importantly than what I do is how I got here.

To be honest, when I was in sixth grade I never dreamed of being on USY International, regional, or even chapter board. It wasn't until my eighth grade year that I feel in love with USY as I did, and pursued a future of leadership and devotion to USY and Kadima. It's interesting that my USY/Kadima career has lead up to this, my final year ... and yours is just beginning. But that's the point I'm trying to make. As you sit there looking into your future on the pages of this magazine, think where you will be in four to seven years ... will you be here like me, telling Kadimaniks about their promising future in USY? Think about it, where will your future take you? I couldn't tell you. All I know is, get ready for the time of your life as you begin your future in USY and Kadima.

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Take Full Advantage of your Kadima (and USY) Years

by Shira Goldstein

Hey Kadima! Although this particular issue of *Kol Kadima* is about the future, I'm going to start by telling you about my past in this wonderful organization called Kadima, and my current involvement in USY.

I reluctantly went to my first Kadima convention in 6th grade, under the force of my older brothers. After that one weekend, never again did anyone *make* me go to an event; rather, I looked forward to every event far in advance, and took every opportunity to see the friends that I made. This is something I still do today, as a USYer.

These past six years, beginning as a jubilant Kadimanik and developing into a proud USYer, have been the most significant six years of my life. I was very active in my Kadima chapter, also attending all regional events. Transitioning into USY, I started out as a member of my chapter board, as well as an active participant on the regional level. Throughout my three years of USY so far, I have made some of my best friends, had a blast, learned about and discussed many important topics, and maybe most importantly, learned top leadership skills. I have taken full advantage of my USY experience by currently serving as my region's Membership/Kadima Vice President and as your own Kadima Chair on the International level – so it is my job to interest *you* in Kadima.

If you aren't already, think about your future and what you can achieve. Think about the fun you'll have, the things you'll learn, and the people you'll meet! I can promise that if you become active in Kadima, you will have no doubt about knowing your future – USY!

I don't know what my own future will hold when I graduate from USY, but I do know that it is preparing me for successful later years. The most important piece of advice I can give you right now is to take full advantage of your Kadima (and future USY) years. I hope this issue of *Kol Kadima* gets you thinking!

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USY on Wheels, East

A Summertime Adventure for 8th Graders

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Savannah, Ga. • Philadelphia •
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Hockey Hall of Fame • Quincy Market •
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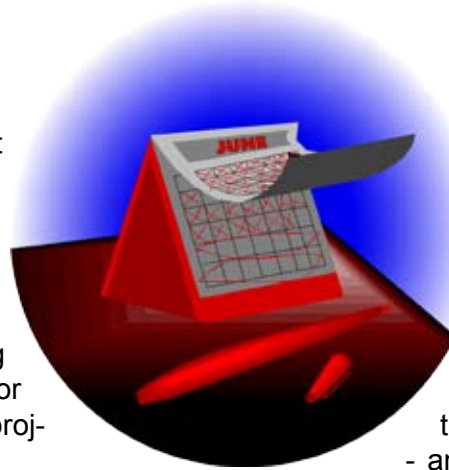
“The Youth Shall See Visions” – The Future Feature

by Amy Dorsch, Content Editor

Where Will You Be in 2033?

You're likely thinking about what you're going to have for snack after school or how nervous you are for your upcoming tennis tournament or swim meet. Maybe you're thinking about the boy you have a crush on or who can help you with your science project.

But the furthest thing from your mind may be the most important! Where do you see yourself in the future? What do you want to be? Who do you want to be? And finally, how will you get there? You may say “I don't know! I don't even know what's for dinner tonight!



I'm not a fortune teller or prophet, how will I know where I'll be in 2033?"

Our Jewish holy book, the *Tanach*, is comprised of 3 sections: the Five Books of Moses (which you know of as the Torah), the Book of Prophets (*Nevi'im*), and the Book of Writings (*K'tuvim*). The second book, the Book of *Nevi'im* deals with prophets - ancient Israelite leaders who had vision and could lead their people with foresight and communication with God. You hear selections from the Book of *Nevi'im* each time the *Haftara* is read in synagogue. Check out the role of our visionaries, the *nevi'im* as those who could foretell the future:

Isaiah (Yeshayahu, ישעיהו)

mentions a prediction of a Messiah (*Mashiach*) which would bring redemption to the people of Israel. *We're still waiting Yeshayahu!*

What do you think would help the Jewish people?

Jeremiah (Yirmiyahu, ירמיהו)

foresaw the punishment of badly behaved nations of the world and envisioned a future of better times.

Why do you think God allows for evil people to exist?

Why do we experience pain and suffering the world?

Ezekiel (Yechezkel, יחזקאל)

warns the Jewish people that Jerusalem will be destroyed if they continue to behave badly. In this book, prophecies are given after the destruction of the Second Temple for better times. A down-in-the-dumps nation needed a pick-me-up that Israel would triumph with the help of God and things would get better. “This too shall pass.”

When you're feeling down, what helps remind you that things will get better?

Joel (יואל)

as featured in the song by Debbie Friedman, is one of the prophets who believed in the power of youth to envision their futures:

“Your sons and daughters will prophesize ... your youth will see visions.” (Joel 3:1).

Now that you know where it's from, re-read Debbie Friedman's inspiring song, based on this text.

Kayla Aronson

Wow, So much has gone on in the past 23 years. The memories from the days in USY have grown upon me each year since eighth grade in 2010. Who would have thought that the leadership skills I learned

while being on Sub-Regional board for Arvot and Regional Board for Hanegev USY were going to be some of the most useful things in my life today.

I continued my leadership in Jewish organizations at the Hillel at University of Florida and these experiences have made me a well-rounded Jewish parent today. Working at the Hillel during my college years taught me numerous ways to be an effective leader and plan community-wide events. I now apply all those skills I learned in my everyday work as the head of a large law firm.

Being in my late 30s and seeing my accomplishments and the impact that USY had on molding me into the person I am today will ensure that I see to it that my children will have USY as the center of their high school extra-curricular activities. USY has helped many people grow in life and continues to do so.

Back to Reality:

Only being in eighth grade right now, I know that I have many opportunities that await me in the future in USY and even after USY. I know that I have been given this amazing opportunity to be a part of USY and become a leader to help others throughout the next four years of my life and continuing on when I am out of high school.

Kayla Aronson of Hanegev is in 8th Grade.

Gabe Kempenich

By 2033, I plan to have done many things with my life, so I can live a long and comfortable life. I have a lot of things I still need to figure out until then, but there is always a place to start. I would like to have participated in many USY events and activities. I

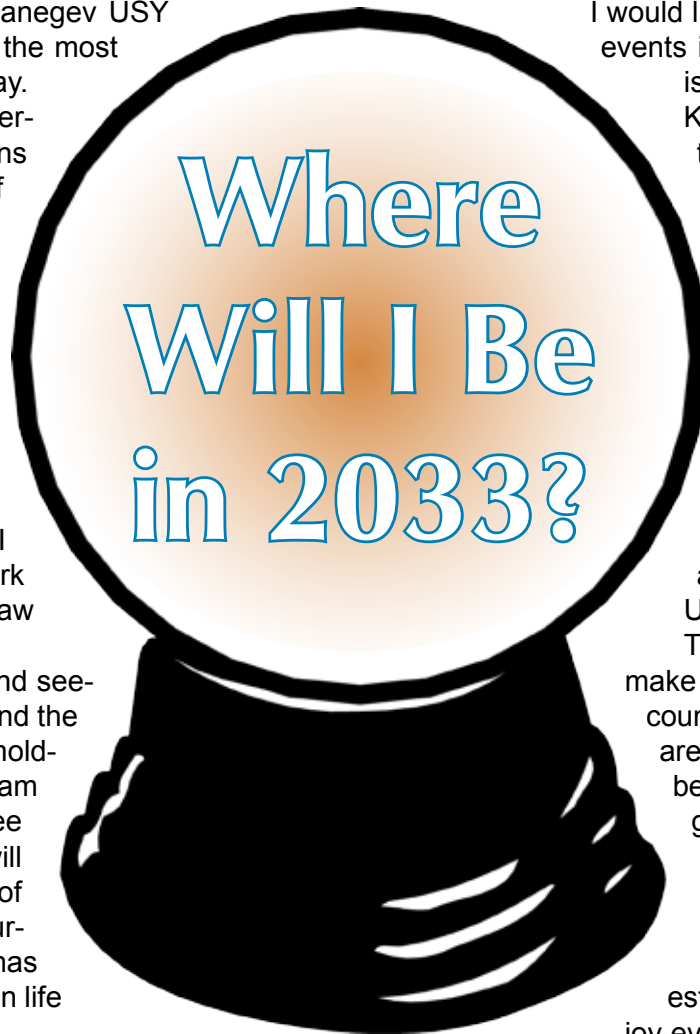
also hope to have a good, fun job by then.

I would like to participate in many USY events in order to have a better Jewish education and keep my Kadima/USY friends because they are like a second family to me. By 2033, I would like to have gone on a USY Great Escape, specifically USY Israel Pilgrimage. I want to go on USY Israel Pilgrimage because it will help me reconnect with my home country and meet new people from other regions of USY. Another International USY event I am thinking about going to at least once is USY International Convention. This would greatly enable me to make more friends from all over the country, and the best part is ... they are all Jewish! I would also like to be chapter and maybe even Regional President for Seaboard Region USY! As I said before, I would like to be very active in my Jewish culture.

I hope to have an interesting and fun job so I can enjoy every day of my life working and making money doing something I love. I would specifically like to be a soccer player when I grow up. Yes, of course, it is a little unrealistic, but then again everyone has dreams. Since the soccer player idea will probably fall through, I am also thinking about being a sports photographer; mainly because I love sports, and I really enjoy photography. In addition, it would be nice to be a little famous. If I were famous, I would like to be famous by either playing soccer or photography. It would be amazing if this were my life in the future. Oh yeah, I almost forgot, I'll staff USY programs here and there, I presume.

In 2033, I would also like to still be friends with all

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Our Youth See Visions

USYers envision their futures. What's in yours?

The Time is Now to Set Your Own Destiny

by Ethan Shapiro

Don't you ever wish that you could set your own future? Of course you do! If everyone could set their own future everyone would be a billionaire. But, you can set your own destiny. I envision many different futures for myself depending on what happens throughout my life.

With this being said, if I could set my own future this is how I would like it to be. Throughout the past two years, USY has allowed me to further believe that anything is possible. It has taught me leadership and exemplified how you can set your own destiny.

I used to just be some Jewish kid who loved sports and hanging with friends. Then high school rolled around and this beautiful thing came into my life - USY. Now I was the Jewish kid who loved sports, hanging with friends, and USY. I have made some of my best friends through USY and I know it will be a huge part of my high school life for the next two years.

By the year 2033, I still see myself being friends with my USY friends. I know that after high school, I will stay involved in USY whether it's staffing an event or becoming a youth director or advisor. USY has already given me so much and I want to give back to it, because I know in my heart, it is the right thing to do.

The future is a gray area and who knows by the year 2033 what I will be doing. But I know USY will still be a part of my life. Will it be part of yours?

Ethan Shapiro of Hanegev is the 2010 New Members/Senior Coordinator Chair on the USY Membership/Kadima International General Board.

Kadima: Where a Jewish Kid Can Be a Jewish Kid

by Dani Kristal

The Chuck E. Cheese mantra, "where a kid can be a kid," with the addition of one word – Jewish – perfectly describes Kadima and USY. It is up to us all to show this to the rest of the Jewish community.

In both Kadima and USY, young people not only make new friends and everlasting memories, but they also strengthen their Jewish identities and learn to connect with Judaism on a whole new level. I speak for every Kadimanik/USYer when I say that events are the best times of the year, reflecting a great balance of education and fun, and there is never a dull moment.

And the great thing about USY is that it doesn't stop when the school year stops! With programs such as USY on Wheels, East, USY on Wheels, and Israel Pilgrimage, young people of different ages can continue with their USY experience during the summer.

As a member of the USY Membership/Kadima International General Board, I hope to raise awareness about USY summer programs and USY in general. I want to get as many people involved as possible, and ensure that newcomers feel welcomed at events. Simple things USYers and Kadimaniks can do in order to guarantee this are spreading the word about how much fun you have with Kadima and how excited you are about USY to family and friends.

USY is an incredible organization and it would be a shame for anyone to miss out on the best place "where a Jewish kid can be a Jewish kid."

Dani Kristal of METNY is the 2010 Wheels Promotions Chair on the USY Membership/Kadima International General Board.

Where will I be in 2033? by Gabe Kempenich

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of my friends now plus more. I would mainly like to make more friends in high school and especially USY. I would like my friends (if I ever see them in 2033 or when I'm 37) to remember me by the one who was fearless and always stood up for what I believed in. I would be so proud that I influenced them and that they remembered me all those years. It would be great if

they would just be my friends forever, so I wouldn't just run into them in 2033 and I could hanging out with them on New Year's Eve!

As I have said all along, USY is like my second family and I hope they stay with me forever. I would like to have a nice full life and great friends to spend it with.

You in 2033:

To Know Where You May Be Heading, You Must Know Yourself! It's Quiz Time!

You've probably taken many standardized tests in school. These tests are different – they are fun! Try these quizzes to find out what kind of person you are and what interests you.

Quiz #1: Introvert or Extrovert?

Circle which you feel relate to you:



Column A:

Have high energy
Talk more than listen
Think out loud
Act, then think
Like to be around people a lot
Prefer a public role
Can sometimes be easily distracted
Prefer to do lots of things at once
Are outgoing and enthusiastic

Column B:

Have quiet energy
Listen more than talk
Think quietly inside my head
Think, then act
Feel comfortable being alone
Prefer to work "behind-the-scenes"
Have good powers of concentration
Prefer to focus on one thing at a time
Are self-contained and reserved

If you circled more items listed in column A than column B, then you are what is called an *extrovert* – you enjoy being with people and concentrate on what's around you on the outside. Extroverts like to socialize and are better off working as a team member. Extroverts enjoy activities such as sports and drama. Are you an extrovert?

If you circled more items in column B than column A, then you are what is called an *introvert* – you focus inward. You enjoy time to yourself and appreciate activities such as writing or any activity where you're independent. You are more private and cautious and a deep thinker. Introverts enjoy activities such as reading, writing or drawing. Are you an introvert?

You may not fall specifically in either category. Introverts can also enjoy sports as well as extraverts enjoy writing ... look more closely at which list has more circled items!

Quiz #2: How do you make a decision? Are you a *Feeler* or *Thinker*?

Circle the items that relate to you:



Column A:

Make decisions independently
Appear cool and reserved
Are most convinced by rational arguments
Are honest and direct
Value honesty and fairness
Take few things personally
Tend to see flaws
Are motivated by achievement
Argue or debate issues for fun

Column B:

Decide based on their values and feelings
Appear warm and friendly
Are most convinced by how they feel
Are diplomatic and tactful
Value harmony and compassion
Take many things personally
Are quick to compliment others
Are motivated by appreciation
Avoid arguments and conflicts

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Mi Dor L'dor – From Generation to Generation

A Personal Family Project

“Akavya ben Mahalalel said: Know from where you came and where you are going.”
Pirkei Avot 3:1

You don't need another project on your hands, right? This family project is a little different from a Social Studies project you may have been assigned by your teachers. This activity, if filmed or recorded, may become a family heirloom to keep for a very long time and maybe even share with your future children.

To know where you're going is to understand your roots. Have you ever interviewed one of your grandparents and asked them to share their life story with you? You may not appreciate what they have to tell you now, but years into the future, when you become adult, you will appreciate taking the chance to talk with your grandparents and record a “living history.”

Here is a list of possible questions you can ask your grandparent. Ask a parent or sibling to video your conversation so that you have it forever.

1. What is your full Hebrew or Yiddish name? Why did your parents select this name for you? Were you named for someone? Did you have a nickname?
2. When and where were you born? How did your family come to live there?
3. What was the house (apartment, farm, etc.) like? How many rooms? Bathrooms? Were there any special items in the house that you remember?
4. What is your earliest childhood memory?
5. Describe the personalities of your family members. What was your mother's favorite expression or words to live by?
6. Describe your favorite Jewish holiday as a child. What made it special? Do you remember a specific Jewish holiday food that you loved?
7. What was your favorite thing to do for fun (movies, beach, etc.)?
8. Did you have family chores? What were they? Which was your least favorite?
9. What was school like for you as a child? What were your best and worst subjects? What kind of Jewish education did you have?
10. Do you remember any fads from your youth? Popular hairstyles? Clothes?
11. Did you grow up going to synagogue? What Jewish value was most important in your home (i.e. *Kashrut*, *Tzedaka*, *Shabbat*)?
12. What world events had the most impact on you while you were growing up? Did any of them personally affect your family?
13. Do you remember what it was like when Israel was declared a state? Describe it.
14. Describe a typical family dinner. What were your favorite foods?
15. How is the world today different from what it was like when you were a child?
16. Who was the oldest relative you remember as a child? What do you remember about them?
17. What do you know about your family last name, what does it mean?
18. Do you have any famous relatives? What stories have come down to you about your parents? Grandparents?
19. What is your most cherished item? Are there any special heirlooms, *siddurim* or other memorabilia that have been passed down in your family?
20. When and how did you meet your spouse? What did you do on dates?
21. What was it like when you proposed (or were proposed to)? Where and when did it happen? How did you feel?
22. Where and when did you get married?
23. What memory stands out the most from your wedding day?
24. How would you describe your spouse? What do (did) you admire most about them?
25. What do you believe is the key to a successful marriage?
26. Why did you choose your children's names?
27. What was your proudest moment as a parent?



Mia Kaufman

My name is Mia Kaufman and I am a Kadima member at Beth Israel in Owings Mills, Md. In the year 2033, I think some of my friends will be the same, but some will be different. I think I will make a lot of new friends. I think I will be married. I hope I will still be unicycling, baking, cooking, playing basketball, and making jewelry. My job will be an executive chef. My free time will be spent with my family, unicycling, trying new recipes, shooting hoops, helping out at a soup kitchen or something like that, and making jewelry.

I think USY will have made me a better person, Jewish wise and just in general. I think Judaism will have a big impact on my life, going to synagogue every Saturday, keeping *kosher*, etc. I think I would like to have gone to International Convention, and go to Israel again.

If I were to write a letter to my “future self” I would want to ask many questions like, did you go to the International Convention when you were in USY? Are you still using your unicycle? Are you still cooking? Those type of questions.

If I were to bump into my Kadima friends in 2033, I think I would want them to remember me as a person who was at most of the Kadima events, and as a kind person. If I could be famous for anything, I would want it to be for being the best chef nationwide. I will definitely be a part of Beth Israel life in 2033.



Mia Kaufman is a member of Beth Israel Owings Mills of Seaboard Region.

Have a Little Faith...

by Melissa Berman

If you asked my 6th grade class “what does Melissa Berman want to do when she grows up?” the students would have collectively mocked me by saying, “Melissa wants to be a author.” I had faith that was what I wanted to be and I had no shame sharing my aspirations with others. Until one summer changed my life...

My youth organization’s *Kallah* shines as a life changing period in my development as a Jew. I spent three weeks in the summer of 2003 debating texts of Jewish scholars, learning proper structures of prayer services and delighting in religious conversations with my peers. On one particularly sunny *Shabbat*, we welcomed multiple denominations into our congregation. As we recited the words of the *Sh’ma* collectively, rain instantaneously began to fall. There was something that was clear and undeniable about that moment,

we had formed something real.

That moment was when I knew I wanted to devote myself to having others experience what I felt that *Shabbat*; the sense that I was not alone, comforted by generations past and community present. I continued on to serve as the President of my youth organization’s region and cultivate my passion with the local members but I knew I was lacking a strong background in Jewish history, Jewish studies and the academic study of other religions.

I went to Poland where I was also allowed the privilege to walk through and out of a gas chamber. It made me question a lot of things. What does it mean to be a Jew, and moreover a Jew in a Jewish community? This newfound definition was determined with my steps out of the gas chamber. I thought to myself: “I am alive.” To be a Jew is to be alive. It is to fully appreciate not be-

ing confined by the walls of a ghetto and to be thankful there is at least one surviving synagogue for prayer. To be a Jew in a Jewish community is to have faith in God as well as faith in the strength of humanity. In Poland, I cemented my faith.

By the year 2033, I hope you will find faith in something. Perhaps you will find that you believe in the power of friendship or the love of family, maybe you will commit yourself to campaigning for political change. Your convictions might develop from a short conversation or from years of study. I had faith that I would become an author; I was wrong. Do not fear if you do not know what you want out of life or even know what you want to do today. Commit yourself to people and ideals you care about and your faith will find you.

Melissa Berman of Seaboard is the Kadima Advisor at Beth El Baltimore.

*From East
to West*

Kadima Coast to Coast

*From North
to South*

Kadimaniks across North America have participated in a variety of fun programs and events in their community and in their region. Whether volunteering in a soup kitchen or rockin' out on a disco boat ride, learning about Israel or breaking the ice with new friends, Kadimaniks know how to have a good time no matter where they are and what they are doing.

Don't miss a minute ... be part of the fun with Kadima!





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You in 2033: It's Quiz Time

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If you circled more items in column A than column B, you make decisions by thinking, you make logical choices that seem to "make most sense" to you. You analyze a situation and make your choice based on logical reasons. If you circled more items in column B than column A, you make decisions according to your feelings, values or emotions. You are more sensitive and influenced by others.

As you grow, you will certainly change and evolve into an adult that may or may not be different than who you are today. The key to thinking about your future is to be true to who you are. These kinds of tests are fun to try now and maybe try again in a few years. In order to imagine where you could be, you must know yourself best!

1. Fun and Games at Temple Israel (Natick, Mass.)
2. Dancing on Water on a Kadima Boat Cruise with Temple Emeth of Chestnut Hill, Mass.
3. Marin Kadima (Congregation Kol Shofar in California) laces up their ice skates
4. Gainesville, Fla. Kadimaniks make edible Hanukiot
5. Ohav Shalom and Temple Israel in Albany, N.Y. partner with Ronald McDonald House
6. Hanging out with Etz Chaim Kadima (Hanegev Region)
7. Temple Emeth Kadimaniks (Chestnut Hill, Mass.) head up the hill for snow tubing.
8. Mercaz Kadima (Hanegev Region) participates in a social action project
9. On the lanes with Temple Beth El Kadima (Springfield, Mass.)

FUN FACTS ABOUT Kadima - It's where you wanna be!



- Kadima is its own youth group especially for Conservative Jewish teens in middle school.
- Kadima programs range from super fun social programs like Iron Chef contests to laser tag and overnights to Jewish holiday fun like a Sukkot murder mystery and Latke bake off. You also get to go away sleep-away encampments and conventions with all your friends!
- There's an international USY summer program reserved specifically for Kadimaniks in their eighth grade year called "USY on Wheels East*," where Kadimaniks spend the summer exploring the east coast on a bus full of kids your age!
- Kadima is a great way to make friends you will have throughout USY and the rest of your life.
- Kadima has its own *Tzedakah* fundraising program called *Yad B'Yad*, all proceeds of which benefit the USY and Ramah camps' special needs programs.

*Unfortunately, this year's *Wheels East* program was cancelled but don't let that happen next year, sign up early!

Put Your Hands Together for *Yad B'Yad: The Kadima Tzedakah Program*

What is *Yad B'Yad*?

An important part of Kadima is *tzedakah* (charity). Kadima has a special *tzedakah* project called *Yad B'Yad* which raises money to benefit special needs programs that are run in USY/Kadima regions to bring together Jewish teens with special needs and active USYers for socialization, religious education and social action programming. It also helps support the *Tikvah program* of Camp Ramah.

Why is *Yad B'Yad* so important?

Many teenagers with special needs are often left out in our communities. Through programs such as the *Tikvah* program at Camp Ramah and Kadima/USY special needs programs run in our regions, these teenagers are able to find an accepting community that is geared to their special needs.

How does *Yad B'Yad* work?

In order to help the special needs community, we help provide money to hire trained staff and provide subsidies to help those with special needs to attend events. Additional money is sent to the *Tikvah* program at Camp Ramah. To make a *Yad B'Yad* contribution, have your chapter advisor/youth director send the check to the International USY/Kadima office: 820 Second Avenue, 10th floor, New York, NY 10017

My chapter wants to participate. Where do we start?

Here are some ideas to get your chapter started on raising funds for *Yad B'Yad*:

- Host a Kadima Talent show night and charge everyone an extra \$1 for *Yad B'Yad*
- Put together holiday packages such as apples and honey for *Rosh Hashanah* or *Mishloach Manot* on *Purim* and sell them for an extra \$1 or \$2.
- At a synagogue event, volunteer to hang coats and collect funds for *Yad B'Yad*.
- Host a *dreidel* tournament and ask each participant to give money to participate
- Assemble a *Kadima Cooks!* cookbook and raise money by selling it within the community.
- "A-thons" - host any kind of "a-thon" where you raise funds through constant activity, such as a dance-a-thon, a bowl-a-thon, a Karaoke-a-thon, etc.
- Many Religious Schools sell snacks at break time. Ask the education director if you can volunteer to help sell the snacks and charge an extra \$0.50 for *Yad B'Yad*!
- Sell Super Bowl Snack Sacks in your synagogue or in the Religious School for *Yad B'Yad*.
- Design siddur covers for the daily minyan and "sell them" to the congregants as a "fun/fundraiser!"