

Hagalil Region's Kadima 8th Grade Shabbaton February 27 – March 1

Congregation B'nai Tikvah is proud to be hosting this year's regional Shabbaton for 8th grade Kadima students the weekend of Feb 27- Mar 1. We are expecting about 60 students from Northern and Central NJ. During the weekend, Shabbaton participants will be attending Shabbat Services, engaging in formal learning and activities to promote interaction among their Jewish peers.

We are inviting B'nai Tikvah families to host 8th grade Kadima youth from other chapters in their homes during the Shabbaton weekend. Meals will be provided for Shabbaton participants at the synagogue with the exception of Saturday morning breakfast.

You do not need to have 8th graders in your household to host (you don't need to have any children at all!) nor do not need to keep a kosher home. Previous host families will tell you what a terrific experience it is to host students in their homes, especially for their own children at all ages. **This is a wonderful win-win opportunity** to provide hospitality and experience the secret lives of 8th graders Jewish students from New Jersey.

Host families will need to:

- ✧ **pick up guests on Friday afternoon 3:30 and transport guests to/from the synagogue several times during the weekend. (Arrangements can be made for families who cannot pickup by 3:30).**
- ✧ **provide a clean, safe area for students to sleep (participants bring their own sleeping bags) and to wash and change clothing.**
- ✧ **serve a cold, kosher breakfast to guests Saturday morning (i.e. kosher cereal in throw away bowl; fruit, etc)**

The program ends Sunday after a morning of activity at the synagogue, so **your commitment will end after drop off Sunday morning.**

We especially need a few homes within walking distance of B'nai Tikvah for our Shomer Shabbat guests and those who prefer to walk. Some accommodations will be needed for adult staff as well. Questions, contact Nadine Weg nainjersey@aol.com

Our first priority is to select host families who have 8th graders attending the Shabbaton who can host 3 or more guests.

The children staying with you are Jewish leaders of tomorrow and therefore are expected to act as such. There is no coed housing so either you will house males or females.

Please complete the form on the following page and return to Nadine Weg c/o B'nai Tikvah, 1001 Finnigans Lane, North Brunswick, NJ 08902.

Thank You. Congregation B'nai Tikvah Youth Committee /Jordana Andersen, Kadima Advisor

About Kadima

Kadima is a worldwide synagogue-based, youth group organization for young Jewish leaders of middle school age (grades 6-8). It is sponsored by United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and offers programs locally through synagogue chapters and regionally. B'nai Tikvah has a very active Kadima Chapter of over 50 students. Jordana Andersen is the Chapter's Advisor.



8th Grade Shabbaton Host Form
February 27 – March 1, 2009

Yes, I am willing to host students during the weekend and will be able to transport guests as needed for the program throughout the program.

Name of Family _____
Address _____
Email Address* (print clearly) _____
Home Phone _____ Alternate (Cell) Phone _____

How many children can you accommodate in your home? _____

Boys _____ Girls _____ I can host either boys or girls _____

I can accommodate adult staff member(s) (provide bed) in my home? Yes No
If Yes, how many adults? _____

Is your home within walking distance from B'nai Tikvah ? Yes No

Do you have pets? Yes No If Yes, list type of pets _____

Do you have a child who will be participating in the Shabbaton? Yes No

Do you have other children? Yes No If Yes, what ages _____

Do you know any children who plan to participate from other Chapters that you wish to house? _____

Note: We will do our best to accommodate requests but cannot guarantee that these assignments to you.

- I can assist ___Friday, ___ Saturday ___ Sunday with meal setup or clean up.
- I would like to become involved in other youth group activity planning at B'nai Tikvah.

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To facilitate our planning, please additionally email Nadine nainjersey@aol.com with a quick note that you can host.

* We will confirm guest assignments via email.