

NSBUSY BULLETIN

The official newsletter of North/South Brunswick USY & Kadima

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

THE FOLLOWING ARE ALL VIRTUAL CHAPTER EVENTS! YOU CAN SIGN UP WITH THE GOOGLE FORM LINKED BELOW AND IN THE @NORTHSOUTHBRUNSWICK USY BIO.



- USY & Kadima Game Show Night - Sunday, September 13th from 4:00pm-5:30pm

JOIN US FOR OUR OPENING EVENT OF THE YEAR! WE'LL DO FUN ICEBREAKERS AND PLAY SOME ROUNDS OF VIRTUAL JEOPARDY. OPEN TO USYERS AND KADIMANIKS (GRADES 6-12).

- USY Rosh Hashanah Teen Session - Sunday, September 20th (Look out for more details coming soon!)

RING IN THE NEW YEAR ON ZOOM WITH USY AS WE DISCUSS UNIQUE HOLIDAY TRADITIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD (GRADES 9-12)!
*YOU DO NOT NEED TO SIGN UP FOR THIS

MAKE SURE TO FOLLOW OUR CHAPTER AND REGION ON INSTAGRAM:

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FEEL FREE TO CONTACT SYDNEY SOOKERMAN AT NSBRUNSWICKUSY@GMAIL.COM AND 908-210-8379 OR ANY USY CHAPTER BOARD MEMBER WITH ANY QUESTIONS!





Israeli Song Suggestion of the Month

FROM OUR ISRAEL AFFAIRS VP, BASHE ROCKMAN

This month's song, "Silsulim" by Static and Ben-El Tavori, is a really fun song to dance to. Silsulim, meaning trills, refers to vibration sounds found in music that form with rapid alternation between two notes. I find this interesting because as far as I can tell, there are no actual trills in the song at all. Although there are no musical trills in Silsulim, each stanza goes back and forth talking about many things. We hear Static and Ben-El go from comparing Israel to Ibiza, then talk about material objects and go back to talking about the spirit of Israel, specifically Eilat. Themes of change like this continue throughout the song. I'm not going to spoil all of it because you should go and listen to this one yourself!

Simple Ways to Make the World a Better Place

FROM OUR SOCIAL ACTION/TIKKUN OLAM VP, REESE KRANE

With the high holidays approaching, many of us are thinking about our new kind of services and family gatherings, in addition to reflecting on a year we're ready to put behind us. While we may be enjoying traditional holiday dinners with loved ones over zoom amidst the uncertainty of our world, there are people near and far who are uncertain of how they will be able to get their next meal. It is because of this that North/South Brunswick USY will be holding our annual food and toiletry drive now until October 8th, benefiting the North and South Brunswick Food Pantries. Please take a moment to appreciate and recognize the things that you have, and consider donating some of what you do not need to help those who do desperately need it.


See our attached flyer for more details.

USYers:

Text @nsbusy to 81010 to receive our remind messages this year!

Kadimaniks:

Text @nsbkadima to 81010 to receive our remind messages this year!



UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

THE FOLLOWING ARE ALL VIRTUAL REGIONAL EVENTS! LOOK OUT FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THESE EVENTS FROM REGIONAL EMAILS AND THE INSTAGRAM PAGES (EMAIL BECCA SMOLLER AT RPSMOLLER@GMAIL.COM IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING REGIONAL EMAILS BUT WOULD LIKE TO).

- Hagalil Kadima Virtual Kickoff – Monday, September 14th @7:00pm

PARTICIPATE IN AN EVENING OF GAMES TO KICK OFF THE 2020-2021 KADIMA YEAR! THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL 5TH-7TH GRADERS INTERESTED IN BECOMING INVOLVED IN KADIMA AT A REGIONAL LEVEL. SIGN UP WITH THE LINK BELOW!

- Hagalil USY Virtual Kickoff – Tuesday, September 15th @8:00pm

PARTICIPATE IN A VIRTUAL ESCAPE ROOM AND AN EVENING OF GAMES TO KICK OFF THE 2020-2021 USY YEAR! THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL 8TH-12TH GRADERS INTERESTED IN BECOMING INVOLVED IN USY AT A REGIONAL LEVEL. SIGN UP WITH THE LINK BELOW!

*NOTE: TYPICALLY REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL USY INCLUDES GRADES 9-12 WHILE KADIMA INCLUDES GRADES 6-8. THIS POLICY WILL BE DIFFERENT IN THE UPCOMING YEAR (SEE ABOVE EVENT DESCRIPTIONS)

Regional & International Virtual All-Access Pass

FROM SEPTEMBER 9 - DECEMBER 20

Registration opens on September 8th for the #MyUSYfiFall All Access Pass. This opportunity allows for Jewish youth to make lasting social connections even while physically apart, includes regional and international dues for a USY or Kadima membership, AND access to all regional conventions and virtual programming. Participants will have access to a diverse schedule of online programs throughout the season, and will have the chance to connect with Jewish teens and pre-teens from across North America. More information can be found at usy.org/myusyfiFall



USY's International Convention 2020

Registration opens on September 8th for USY's 70th International Convention. Beginning with opening session on Sunday, December 27th, and continuing with dynamic programs each afternoon through December 30th on a digital conference platform (not an everyday zoom call), IC Everywhere will be truly innovative. This format increases the accessibility of the convention for USYers, in addition to allowing participants to have the personal interactions, bonding, ruach, and laughter that make IC special. Learn more at usy.org/ic



A "Bit" About This Week's Parsha

FROM OUR RELIGION EDUCATION VP, RAFI ROCKMAN

This week's parsha, Ki Tavo, is another fun-filled Torah portion in which Moses instructs the Israelites on what to do upon entering Canaan (present day Israel).

Because G-d has given this land to the Israelites, Moses wants them to show their gratitude by giving Him the first ripened fruits of the harvest. The Torah portion goes on to explain how the Israelites are to proclaim the curses and blessings on Mount Gerizim and Mount Eival. Moses emphasizes that the Israelites are G-d's chosen people, so they must choose Him in return by following commandments. Of course, Moses also explains what bad things will happen if they do not follow G-d's commandments, but ultimately has faith in the Israelites as the parsha concludes with him congratulating them for being good. **Now if you'd like to see a super accurate depiction of how this all would have gone down, keep scrolling to see footage captured live from these events just centuries ago...**