



# Yeshivat Kadimah High School







### Opportunity Statement

The Principal position at **Yeshivat Kadimah High School** offers an opportunity that is extremely rare in today's Jewish educational world – to shape and to grow a new institution from its beginning. Yeshivat Kadimah is a startup school, sprung out of commitment to and drive for an excellent and sustainable Jewish high school education in St. Louis. The school is small and nimble, and student-focused – constantly re-evaluating and adapting to the needs of its growing student body. With the backing of an extremely supportive and active Board, the Principal will lead the path as Kadimah solidifies its identity and continues to grow its program. The administrative structure already in place will facilitate a smooth transition and provide mentoring for the new Principal.

Yeshivat Kadimah was founded by a group of parents and community members in partnership with Rabbi Moshe Shulman, the Rabbi of Young Israel of St. Louis. Rabbi Shulman has served as the Interim Head of School since the school's inception, and next year will continue to promote the mission of the school in the community, to be the school's hashkafic and halakhic authority, and to teach in the school.

Yeshivat Kadimah's current team also includes General Studies Education Director Dr. Brad Heger. Dr. Heger has over thirty years experience as a teacher and administrator in both public and parochial schools in the St. Louis area. He came out of retirement to build Kadimah's General Studies program. Dr. Heger has many valuable contacts in the St. Louis educational community, and will continue to develop and implement a stellar academic program.

Please see our brochure for more information about the school and its programs.

Yeshivat Kadimah is centrally located in the St. Louis metropolitan area. St. Louis is one of the country's most livable cities and here are just a few reasons why:

- **Affordable housing:** According to Forbes, St. Louis is the 13<sup>th</sup> most affordable city in the U.S. for 2014. Use the [Cost of Living Index Calculator](#) to see the difference between St. Louis and your current location.
- **Strong employment base:** St. Louis is home to 21 of the Fortune 1000 companies with leading employers like Anheuser-Busch/InBev, Peabody Energy, Emerson Electric, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Boeing, Mastercard, Nestle-Purina, and Build-A-Bear. It is also arguably the center of plant science research and innovation worldwide, with more plant scientists in the St. Louis region than any other concentrated area in the world, thanks to Monsanto, the [Donald Danforth Plant Science Center](#) (both of which are within 0.5 miles of Kadimah), and a host of mid-size and smaller plant science related entities in the region — and the fact that the city is located within 500 miles of 90 percent of the U.S. corn crop.
- **Rich cultural resources:** The World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals and the team's fine downtown ballpark are just the beginning. The city's nationally acclaimed Zoo as well as the

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Art Museum, the History Museum and the Science Center are all free. The charges for the Symphony and the Missouri Botanical Garden are all highly reasonable. St. Louis also boasts Forest Park - one of the largest urban parks in the U.S – as well as many smaller local parks. The highly ranked Magic House Children's Museum and the City Museum are simply beyond explanation. And they are all within a 10-15 minute drive.

- **Outstanding education resources:** Several leading colleges including Washington University — regularly ranked in the top 10 nationally — are an integral part of the St. Louis community. St. Louis is also home to several world-renowned hospitals and boasts many excellent health care choices.
- **A Sense of Community** that is absolutely exceptional. There is a connectedness among its people, which arises from its Midwestern personality, manageable scale, and deep history. Perhaps that's why St. Louis is consistently ranked among the most philanthropic cities in the country. People care about one another and their community.

The St. Louis Orthodox Jewish community is concentrated in the inner ring suburb of University City, home to Washington University. U. City has a vibrant downtown area, called the Loop, and is also within walking distance of downtown Clayton, the St. Louis county seat. U. City is about a ten-minute drive from Kadimah, and from Forest Park which houses the St. Louis Zoo, Science Center, Art Museum, Missouri History Museum, the Muny outdoor summer theater, a golf course, and a fantastic playground.

St. Louis is home to seven Orthodox Congregations, one Traditional congregation, and many Reform and Conservative congregations. Kadimah students are graduates of two different local Orthodox K-8 schools; Epstein Hebrew Academy (in which Kadimah is housed) and the Torah Prep School, as well as graduates of non-Jewish schools. The Saul Mirowitz Community Day School, a K-8 Jewish school, is also a potential feeder for Kadimah. St. Louis has a strong commitment to Jewish education, and the St. Louis Jewish Federation has been extremely supportive throughout the genesis of Kadimah.

St. Louis also has many Kosher food options. Our local grocery store, Schnucks, has a Kosher bakery and an extensive Kosher section including meats and prepared Kosher sushi once a week. Simon Kohn's market is completely Kosher and has a deli counter with prepared foods. It is open for breakfast and lunch daily and for dinner one night a week. Gokul, which is located in the Loop, is a Kosher vegetarian Indian restaurant. We also have a Kosher Breadsmith that serves its breads and soup daily. St. Louis also has many local Kosher caterers, and is such a hospitable community you will probably not need to cook for the first six months of Shabbatot that you are in town!



Magic House Children's Museum



City Museum