



*East Meadow Jewish Center*

*Kayla Holmes*

At 17 years old, Kayla Faye Holmes is the youngest of 3. She is currently a full time senior at East Meadow High School, a part time babysitter, and a host at TGI Friday's. Kayla is a member of the Varsity basketball team and has been a part of the Junior Varsity team for the past 3 years. Alongside of being a part of a team, Kayla has found pride and joy in playing her violin since the 4th grade. For her senior year of high school, Kayla and the orchestra are traveling to Orlando Florida to play on the Downtown Disney stage for all to stop, watch, listen, and enjoy. With outstanding academic grades, Kayla is a very active member in both the Art Honor Society, and the American Sign Language Honor Society. With aspirations of becoming a pediatric nurse in the future, Kayla is a hardworking, focused student.

Throughout the past few years, Kayla has been a very proactive member of the East Meadow Jewish Center Hebrew School, and the USY/Kadima youth group. She is currently the co-president of the EMJC USY chapter. Kayla has also been chosen out of multiple applicants to be her divisions co-chair in the upcoming 2018 year, for the Ruach USY Kinnus. There she will work with a few of her peers to help create, plan, lead, and execute a weekend filled with prayers, fun activities, and lots of food for over 200 Jewish teens.

With much help from USY, Kayla had been given the once and a lifetime chance to travel cross country with 40 other Jewish teens with USY on Wheels Classic in the summer of 2016. She was also very fortunate to have been able to spend her 2017 summer traveling the Eastern Europe and Israel on USY Pilgrimage. Kayla has been a very active member in USY for over 6 years and her love has only grown for such an amazing organization. She is sad that this is her last year. In the upcoming summer, Kayla has been interviewed and chosen to be a part of the Ramah Nyack staff family. She is looking forward to a wonderful summer next year before leaving for college in September 2018