Winter Break Family Camp

The Gifts That Keep Giving

December 27, 2016 – January 1, 2017

Thanks for joining us for Winter Break Family Camp. In this Program Book you will find the daily schedule, along with other important information. Please make sure to check the white boards in the *Chadar Ochel* daily for any updates to our program. We look forward to making beautiful memories with you and your families!

- The Ramah Darom Retreat Center Team

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All About Your Day at Camp

At Winter Break Family Camp, campers will be divided into groups called *Eidot,* based on their age/grade.

The names and ages of the *Eidot*

Ages 0-3—*Puffinim* (Puffins)

Pre K and Kindergarten—*Pinguinim* (Penguins)

1st and 2nd Grades—*Gurim* (Polar Bears)

3rd and 4th Grades—*Huskim* (Huskies)

5th and 6th Grades—*Ayalim* (Deer)

7th Grade and Up—*Etgar* (Challenge)

The Basic Structure of a Winter Break Family Camp Day

Mornings

- Breakfast
- Kids go to camp groups
- Parents have adult activity options

Afternoons:

- Lunch
- Kids return to camp groups
- Parents have additional adult activity options
- Families come together for family activities

Evenings

- Dinner
- Short "Lilah Tov"/Goodnight activity for everyone
- Younger campers head to bed/ Evening program for campers 3rd grade and up
- Staff on *Shmira* or night-listening duty while campers sleep
- Evening program for parents

When You Leave Your Bunk/Room

- Each morning campers should wear sneakers
- Campers should plan to bring a small backpack with: An extra layer, a water bottle and a warm hat. (Please send diapers and wipes, or extra clothes for the Puffinim and Pinguinim Kids)
- Please label everything; counselors will help everyone keep track of their belongings

New Programs at Winter Break Family Camp 2016!

Puffinim—Our Littlest Eidah (0-3 year olds)

Instead of a traditional babysitting program, our youngest campers (ages 0-3) will be have their own special *Eidah—the Puffinim* (Puffins). Our *Puffinim* campers will have dedicated counselors who bring them around to all the fun camp activities that we offer, while providing safe, nurturing, and age-appropriate content. In the afternoons, from 1:00-2:00, we will have *Shaat Menucha* (rest time) for these campers. If your child is a napper, they may bring a special lovey or blankie to cuddle with, and will have a dark room to rest and sleep. If your child is not a napper, we will provide quiet stories and resting during this time. Please send diapers and wipes with your child in their bag (and extra clothes, if they are in underwear). Since camp hours are only 2-3 hours at a time, we will not change diapers, unless necessary.

Etgar—Our Program for Teens

For the first time at Winter Break Family Camp, we are excited to launch our Etgar program! Etgar in Hebrew means "Challenge"-- this program offers our teens a chance to challenge themselves. The Etgar teens will have an opportunity shape their experience by creating a Winter Break Family Camp program together that combines their need for excitement with their personal interests. At the first Etgar program, the counselors will work with our teens to craft the Winter Break Family Camp Experience and activities that most appeal to the group.

Helpful Hints and Important Information

A NOTE ABOUT CHANNUKAH

We are so excited that Winter Break Family Camp and the celebration of *Channukah* converge this year! Each evening we will hold a community candle lighting on the *Kikar* (soccer field in front of the Levine Center). After the communal lighting, we encourage families to take a few moments to light a family *Menorah* inside the *Chadar Ochel* (dining hall), before dinner begins. You are welcome to bring a special *Menorah* from home. We will also have a *Menorah*-making craft on the first afternoon, which you can use throughout your vacation, and bring home with you. Matches and wax candles will be provided.

We know that many families have the custom of giving gifts to one another during the holiday. We ask however, that if this is your custom, you please give gifts in your cabin/hotel. This year at Winter Break Family Camp our theme is "The Gifts That Keep Giving". We want to encourage you and your family to think of the gifts in your lives that are not objects. For our Retreat we will focus on a different gift each day: The Gift of Family, The Gift of Love, The Gift of Presence, The Gift of Light, The Gift of Community, and The Gift of YOU. Through each of these gifts, our lives can truly be enriched.

SUPERVISION

When your children are with their counselors during group time, they will be fully supervised by the counselors and given a full camp program. At other times, such as family time and meals, parents are responsible for the supervision of their children.

During the evening adult activities, counselors will be assigned to central spaces in the hotel and cabin areas to listen for children who wake up or need something. Counselors are there to respond to needs that arise, but are not available to supervise bedtime. One counselor will always be available to get a parent if necessary, and every location will have a walkie talkie to stay in communication. However, please note that each family will not have its own individual babysitter. If you wish to participate in *Shmira* (Night Listening), you must fill out the *Shmira* Agreement, and return it to us at registration.

MEALS

We are excited to create our Ramah Darom Family Camp community. Lunch and Dinner each day will begin together as a community with *HaMotzi* and will end with *Birkat HaMazon* (the Blessing after Meals). Then we'll have some great singing! Let us know if you would like to lead a prayer or teach a song.

At lunch and dinner, approximately halfway through the meal the Mountainside "Kid Zone" (located in the Mountainside *Chadar Ochel*) will be open. This "children's room" will be a supervised area for kids who have finished eating to hang out and play. There will be some toys and games available and you may also add your own (please label them so they can be returned to you). This space enables parents to eat, while children enjoy supervised play, and the whole community can be together to end the meal with *Birkat HaMazon* and singing.

SNACKS

Food is plentiful at camp and no one will go hungry. Whole fruit, water and coffee are available at all times in the *Chadar Ochel* (dining hall). If you are planning to bring your own snacks just in case, please be sure they are *hekshered* (kosher certified). Please note that no personal food or snacks may be brought into the *Chadar Ochel*. Similarly, we ask that no utensils be brought out of the *Chadar Ochel*. This is so we can be sure to maintain our strict standards of Kashrut. If you have questions, please ask.

ALCOHOL

During the *Channukah* Party, Shabbat dinner, adult NYE party, and Late Night adult programs, Ramah Darom will supply alcoholic beverages. We will be sure to have plenty of drinks for your enjoyment. However, in order to maintain our Standards of Kashrut, we ask that you do not bring your own alcoholic beverages into the *Chadar Ochel*.

Telephones, Electronics, and Wi-Fi

Telephones and Help Desk

Cell phone service has improved in recent years, but does not always work reliably in the beautiful mountains of Clayton, GA. The phone number at camp is (706) 782-9300. Phones are available at locations throughout camp. Family camp is an opportunity to enjoy a vacation from your phone!

The Front Desk at the Welcome Center will be staffed until 10pm on the day of registration. After this we will have a Help Desk available located in the *Chadar Ochel* at the Levine Center.

In case of an emergency, the hospital in Clayton is about 15 minutes away. Please bring your own prescription medication and any over-the-counter supplies your family may need.

Electronics

Family Camp is a great time to take a break from electronics. While camp is a safe environment, please be aware that individual rooms do not lock. Please be conscious of this when packing.
Campers will not be permitted to bring electronics to group time each day. We encourage everyone to enjoy the community and use earphones & game-playing devices only in their rooms.

Shabbat at Camp is also a special opportunity to unplug from our phones and other devices so we can connect with family, new friends, and nature. Out of respect for this value and our community, we ask that guests refrain from using electronics in public spaces during Shabbat. (In case of emergency, phones are available in all rooms and throughout the campus.)

Internet

WIFI is now available throughout camp in all buildings, making it easier to send/receive text messages and email via smart phones and other devices.

Ramah Darom Definitions

Here's a quick reference to the Hebrew terms we use at Camp

Chadar Ochel	**Dining Hall (Levine Center)**
Beit Am	**Sports Pavilion**
Kikar	**Soccer Field (in front of Levine Center**
Omanut	**Art/Art Building**
Moadon	**Multipurpose Room (1st Floor, Levine Center)**
Beit Knesset	**Synagogue (1st Floor, Levine Center)**
Mercaz	**Library**
Beit Etgar	***Etgar's* hang-out space, above the ampitheater**
Rikud	**Dance**
Shacharit	**Morning Prayer Service**
Shaat Menucah	**Rest/Nap Time**
Peulat Tzohoraim	**Afternoon Activity**
Peulat Erev	**Evening Activity**
Shmira	**Night Listening**

DAILY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Please check the white boards in the Chadar Ochel, and the daily printed schedule for any updates to our program. If you have any questions, please visit our Help Desk in the Chadar Ochel

Adult and Family Programs Will Be Labeled with the Colors Below

Kids Camp Programs Will Be Labeled with the Colors Below

Tuesday, December 27

Theme of the Day: The Gift of Family

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm	**Registration Open**
2:00 pm to 4:30 pm	**FAMILY FUN ACTIVITY OPTIONS** Build Your Own Menorah—*Lakeside Chadar Ochel* Make Your Own Fleece Blanket—*Lakeside Chadar Ochel* Sports Fields and Courts Open Camp Tours—*Meet at Welcome Center*
5:00 pm to 5:30 pm	Family Welcome—*Beit Knesset*
5:30 pm to 6:00 pm	Parent Meeting—*Beit Knesset* Camp Group Ice Breakers, Depart from *Beit Knesset*
6:00 pm to 6:25 pm	*Rikkud* and Community Chanukah Candle Lighting—*Kikar*
6:30 pm to 7:15 pm	Family Chanukah Candle Lighting and Dinner—*Chadar Ochel*
7:15 pm to 7:30 pm	Lilah Tov Family Gathering—*Chadar Ochel*
7:30 pm to 8:15 pm	Younger Kids to Bed (2nd Grade and Under)
8:15 pm to 8:45 pm	Later Arrival Parent Meeting—*Beit Knesset*
8:00 pm to 9:00 pm	*Peulat Erev* (Evening Program) for3rd Grade and up—*Meet at the Moadon*
9:00 pm	Older Campers Returned to Bunks/Rooms
9:30 pm to 11:30 pm	*Shmira* (Night Listening)
9:45 pm to 11:15 pm	Parent *Peulat Erev*, Tailgate and Kickball—*Softball Field*

Wednesday, December 28	
Theme of the Day: The Gift of Love	
6:30 am	Gym open
8:00 am to 9:00 am	Breakfast—*Chadar Ochel*
9:15 am – 10:00 am	Family Musical *Shacharit* (Morning Prayer)—*Beit Knesset*
10:00 am to 12:00 pm	**Kids Camp Program**—*Depart from Beit Knesset*
Puffinim	
10:00 am to 10:30 am	Fun and Games—*Lakeside Chadar Ochel*
10:30 am to 11:00 am	*Rikkud—Lakeside Chadar Ochel*
11:00 am to 11:50 am	Snack Time and Music—*Mountainside Chadar Ochel*
Pinguinim	
10:00 am to 11:00 am	Giant Swing/Climbing Tower—*Tower*
11:00 am to 11:50 am	Snack Time and Morning Ice Breakers—*Mercaz*
Gurim	
10:00 am to 11:00 am	Morning Ice Breakers—*Mercaz*
11:00 am to 11:50 am	Giant Swing/Climbing Tower—*Tower*
Huskim	
10:00 am to 11:00 am	Morning Ice Breaker—*Lakehouse*
11:00 am to 11:50 am	*Omanut—Omanut*
Ayalim	
10:00 am to 11:00 am	*Omanut—Omanut*
11:00 am to 11:50 am	Morning Ice Breaker—*Lakehouse*
Etgar	
10:00 am to 11:00 am	Morning Games—*Beit Etgar*
11:00 am to 11:50 am	Team Building, Intro to *Etgar—Beit Etgar*
10:00 am to 10:50 am	**Parent Program Options** Coffee Conversation: Love, Love, Love: Discovering the Nuance of Love with Rabbi Ari—*Mountainside Chadar* Spinning with Scott Bader—*Gym* Mixed Media Art (double period) with Julie Keller—*Omanut*
11:00 am to 11:50 am	**Parent Program Options** For the Love of God and Family! with Rabbi Hillel—*Beit Knesset* Yoga Flow with Rebecca Holohan—*Moadon* Mixed Media Art (continued) with Julie Keller—*Omanut*
12:00 pm	Camper Pick-Up—*Lakeside Chadar Ochel Locations Labeled*
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	Lunch—*Chadar Ochel*
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	**Kids Camp Program**—*Depart from Lakeside Chadar Ochel Locations Labeled*
Puffinim	
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	*Shaat Menucha—Mercaz*
2:00 pm to 2:30 pm	Sports—*Kikar*
2:30 pm to 3:00 pm	Sign and Cheer Making for Hot Chocolate 5K—*Mountainside Chadar*

Pinguinim	
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	*Shaat Menucha* and Story Time—*Moadon*
2:00 pm to 2:30 pm	Sports—*Kikar*
2:30 pm to 3:00 pm	Sign and Cheer Making for Hot Chocolate 5K—*Mountainside Chadar*
Gurim	
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	Sports—*Kikar*
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Sign and Cheer Making for Hot Chocolate 5K—*Mountainside Chadar*
Huskim	
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	Hike to the Waterfall
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Sign and Cheer Making for Hot Chocolate 5K—*Mountainside Chadar*
Ayalim	
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	Sign and Cheer Making for Hot Chocolate 5K—*Mountainside Chadar*
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Hike to the Waterfall
Etgar	
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	*Peulat Eidah—Beit Etgar*
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Sign and Cheer Making for Hot Chocolate 5K— *Beit Etgar*
1:00 pm to 1:50 pm	**Parent Program Options** Pasta Making with Chef Todd—*Chadar Ochel* Outdoor Odyssey (sign-up only, double period)—*Odyssey* Coffee and Canvas Painting (double period) with Julie Keller—*Lakeside Chadar Ochel*
2:00 pm to 2:50 pm	**Parent Program Options** *Matan Torah:* The Gift of Experiential Learning with Eliana Leader—*Beit Knesset* Outdoor Odyssey (continued)—*Odyssey* Coffee and Canvas Painting (continued) with Julie Keller—*Omanut*
3:00 pm to 4:00 pm	**Family Hot Chocolate 5K**—*Meet at the Beit Am*
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm	**Family Peulot Tzhoraim (Family Activities)** Sports Fields Open Family Yoga with Rebecca Holohan—*Moadon* Family Climbing Tower and Swing (sign-up only)—*Climbing Tower*
5:00 pm to 5:45 pm	Rest Time and Shower Hour
5:45 pm to 6:00 pm	*Rikkud* (Dance), and Community Chanukah Candle Lighting—*Kikar*
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Family Chanukah Candle Lighting and Dinner—*Chadar Ochel*
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Family Chanukah Party—*Lakeside Chadar Ochel*
8:00 pm	Younger Kids to Bed (2nd Grade and Under)
8:15 pm to 9:15 pm	*Peulat Erev* (Evening Program) for 3rd Grade and up—*Meet at the Moadon*
9:15 pm	Older Campers Returned to Bunks/Rooms
9:30 pm to 11:30 pm	*Shmira* (Night Listening)
9:45 pm to 11:15 pm	Parent *Peulat Erev,* Quizzo Trivia Night—*Lakeside Chadar Ochel*

Thursday, December 29	
Theme of the Day: The Gift of Presence	
6:30 am	Gym open
7:45 am to 8:30 am	Adult *Shacharit—Beit Knesset*
8:00 am to 9:00 am	Breakfast—*Chadar Ochel*
9:00 am to 12:00 pm	**Kids Camp Program**—Drop off from 9:00-9:15, *Lakeside Chadar Ochel Locations Labeled*
9:15 am to 10:00 am	Camper *Shacharit*
Puffinim	
10:00 am to 10:50 am	*Omanut—Omanut*
11:00 am to 11:50 am	Snack and Games—*Chadar Ochel*
Pinguinim	
10:00 am to 10:50 am	*Omanut—Omanut*
11:00 am to 11:50 am	*Peulat Eidah*
Gurim	
10:00 am to 10:50 am	*Omanut—Omanut*
11:00 am to 11:50 am	*Peulat Eidah*
Huskim	
10:00 am to 10:50 am	*Peulat Eidah*
11:00 am to 11:50 am	Music in Nature--*Lakeside Pavilion*
Ayalim	
10:00 am to 10:50 am	Sports—*Beit Am*
11:00 am to 11:50 am	*Peulat Eidah*
Etgar	
10:00-11:50	Odyssey Team Challenge--*Odyssey*
9:30 am to 10:30 am	**Parent Program Options** Coffee Conversation: Saying 'Yes' Every Time with Rabbi Ari—*Mountainside Chadar Ochel* Chopped-Channukah Edition (double period)--*Lakeside Chadar Ochel* Mixed Media Art (double period) with Julie Keller—*Omanut*
10:45 am to 11:45 am	**Parent Program Options** The God that Was, Is, and Will Be with Rabbi Hillel—*Mountainside Chadar Ochel* Chopped-Channukah Edition (continued)--*Lakeside Chadar Ochel* Mixed Media Art (continued) with Julie Keller—*Omanut*
12:00 pm	Camper Pick-Up—*Lakeside Chadar Ochel Locations Labeled*
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	Lunch—*Chadar Ochel*
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	**Kids Camp Program**—*Drop off at Lakeside Chadar Ochel, Locations Labeled*
Puffinim	
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	*Shaat Menucha—Mercaz*
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Talent Show Rehearsal—*Mountainside Chadar*

Pinguinim	
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	*Shaat Menucha—Moadon*
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Talent Show Rehearsal—*Mercaz*
Gurim	
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	*Rikud* and Talent Show Rehearsal—*Beit Am Katan*
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Hike to the Waterfall
Huskim	
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	Sports—*Beit Am*
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm	*Rikud* and Talent Show Rehearsal—*Beit Am Katan*
Ayalim	
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	Talent Show Rehearsal—*Mountainside Chadar Ochel*
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Gaga Tournament – Gagarena
Etgar	
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	*Etgar* Hiking
1:00 pm to 1:50 pm	**Parent Program Options** Pick-Up Basketball Game—*Basketball Courts* Odyssey (sign-up, double period)—*Odyssey* Coffee and Canvas Painting (double period) with Julie Keller—*Lakeside Chadar Ochel*
2:00 pm to 2:50 pm	**Parent Program Options** Restorative Yoga with Rebecca Holohan, *Moadon* Learn to Make Challah with Emily Kaiman—*Chadar Ochel* Odyssey (continued)—*Odyssey* Coffee and Canvas Painting (continued) with Julie Keller—*Lakeside Chadar Ochel*
3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Camper Pick-Up and Family Snack—*Lakeside Chadar Ochel, Locations Labeled*
3:30 pm to 4:45 pm	**Family Talent Show**—*Amphitheater*
4:45 pm to 5:45 pm	Rest Time and Shower Hour
5:45 pm to 6:00 pm	*Rikkud* (Dance), and Community Chanukah Candle Lighting—*Kikar*
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Family Chanukah Candle Lighting and Dinner—*Chadar Ochel*
7:00 pm to 7:30pm	Lilah Tov Family Gathering—*Chadar Ochel*
7:30 pm	Younger Kids to Bed (2nd Grade and Under)
8:00 pm to 9:00 pm	*Peulat Erev* (Evening Program) for 3rd Grade and up)—*Meet at the Moadon*
9:15 pm	Older Campers Returned to Bunks/Rooms
9:30 pm to 11:30 pm	*Shmira* (Night Listening)
9:45 pm to 11:15 pm	Parent *Peulat Erev,* Back to School Night—*Meet at the Chadar Ochel*

Friday, December 30	
Theme of the Day: The Gift of Light	
6:30 am	Gym open
7:45-8:30	Adult *Shacharit—Beit Knesset*
8:15 am to 9:30 am	Breakfast—*Chadar Ochel*
9:30 am to 12:00 pm	**Kids Camp Program**—*Drop off from 9:30 to 9:45 am at Lakeside Chadar Ochel Locations Labeled*
10:00 am to 10:30 am	Camper *Shacharit*
Puffinim	
10:30 am to 11:00 am	Nature Walk-Scavenger Hunt
11:00 am to 11:45 am	Shabbat Art and Stories—*Mountainside Chadar Ochel*
Pinguinim	
10:30 am to 11:00 am	Nature Walk-Scavenger Hunt
11:00 am to 11:50 am	Shabbat Art and Stories—*Mountainside Chadar Ochel*
Gurim	
10:30 am to 11:15 am	Scavenger Hunt
11:15 am to 11:45 am	Music--*Moadon*
Huskim	
10:30 am to 11:45 am	Giant Swing/Climbing Tower—*Tower* Sports--*Kikar*
Ayalim	
10:30 am to 11:45 am	Giant Swing/Climbing Tower—*Tower* Sports--*Kikar*
Etgar	
10:30-11:45	New Year's Eve Party Planning *Peulat Etgar*
9:30 am to 10:30 am	**Parent Program Options** Coffee Conversation: Finding Our Creative Energy with Rabbi Ari—*Mountainside Chadar Ochel* Dance Fitness with Amy Hargis—*Moadon* Climbing Tower and Giant Swing—*Climbing Tower*
10:45 am to 11:45 am	**Parent Program Options** Morning Yoga with Amy Hargis—*Lakeside Chadar Ochel* Spinning with Scott Bader—*Gym* Positive Parenting: A Jewish Approach with Emily Kaiman—*Mercaz*
11:45 am	Camper Pick-Up—*Lakeside Chadar Ochel Locations Labeled*
11:45 am to 1:00 pm	Pizza Party Lunch—*Meet in the Chadar Ochel*
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	**Kids Camp Program**—*Lakeside Chadar Ochel, Locations Labeled*
Puffinim	
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	*Shaat Menucha—Mercaz*
2:00 pm to 2:30 pm	Challah Dough Braiding—*Chadar Ochel*
2:30 pm to 3:00 pm	Shabbat Music—*Mountainside Chadar Ochel*

Pinguinim	
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	*Shaat Menucha—Beit Knesset*
2:00 pm to 2:30 pm	Challah Dough Braiding—*Chadar Ochel*
2:30 pm to 3:00 pm	Shabbat Music—*Mountainside Chadar Ochel*
Gurim	
1:00 pm to 1:45 pm	*Challah Dough Braiding—Chadar Ochel*
2:00 pm to 2:45 pm	Lanyards and Shabbat-O-Grams--*Omanut*
Huskim	
1:00 pm to 1:45 pm	*Challah Dough Braiding— Chadar Ochel*
2:00 pm to 2:45 pm	Lanyards and Shabbat-O-Grams--*Omanut*
Ayalim	
1:00 pm to 1:45 pm	Lanyards and Shabbat-O-Grams--*Omanut*
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm	*Challah Dough Braiding— Chadar Ochel*
Etgar	
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	*Etgar* Experience—*Beit Etgar*
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm	*Challah Dough Braiding— Chadar Ochel*
1:00 pm to 1:50 pm	**Parent Program Options** Thai Food Cooking Class with Chef Todd—*Chadar Ochel* Aromatherapy Make and Take with Amy Hargis, Lakeside *Chadar Ochel* Photography 101 with Erica Schmelzer (double session, bring your own camera)—*Meet in the Moadon*
2:00 pm to 2:50 pm	**Parent Program Options** The Curious Case of the Missing Oil with Rabbi Hillel—*Beit Knesset* Boot Camp Workout with Amy Hargis—*Moadon* Photography 101 with Erica Schmelzer (continued)—*Outside*
3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Camper Pick-Up and Family Snack—*Chadar Ochel Locations Labeled*
3:30 pm to 4:45 pm	*Hachana L'Shabbat/* Shower Hour
5:00 pm to 5:15 pm	*Rikkud* (Dance), and Community Chanukah Candle Lighting—*Kikar*
5:15pm to 5:30 pm	Family Chanukah and Shabbat Candle Lighting—*Chadar Ochel*
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm	*Kabbalat Shabbat* and *Maariv* Services—*Beit Knesset*
6:30 pm to 7:15pm	Shabbat Dinner—*Chadar Ochel*
7:15 pm to 7:45 pm	Shabbat Ruach and Lilah Tov Family Gathering—*Chadar Ochel*
7:45 pm	Younger Kids to Bed (2nd Grade and Under)
8:00 pm to 9:00 pm	*Peulat Erev* (Evening Program) for 3rd Grade and up—*Meet at the Moadon*
9:15 pm	Older Campers Returned to Bunks/Rooms
9:30 pm to 11:30 pm	*Shmira* (Night Listening)
9:45 pm to 11:15 pm	Parent *Peulat Erev, Tisch,* Singing and General Merriment—*Lakeside Chadar Ochel*

Saturday, December 31	
Theme of the Day: The Gift of Community	
7:30 am to 9:00 am	Breakfast—*Chadar Ochel*
9:00 am to 10:15 am	**Kids Camp Shabbat Program**—*Drop off in the Lakeside Chadar Ochel*
9:00 am to 10:15 am	**Parent Spiritual Options** *P'sukei D'zimrah* and *Shacharit* Services—*Beit Knesset* *Mussar* Yoga with Rebecca Holohan—*Moadon*
10:15 am to 10:45 am	Family *Aruchat Kallah* (Light Kiddush Snack)—*Kikar*
10:45 am to 12:00 pm	Family Interactive Torah and *Musaf* Services—*Beit Knesset*
12:00 pm to 12:30 pm	Sports on the *Kikar*
1:30 pm to 2:20 pm	**Family *Peulot Tzhoraim* (Afternoon Activities)** Safari Adventure Show—*Amphitheater* Teen Basketball Tournament—*Basketball Courts*
2:30 pm to 3:20 pm	**Family *Peulot Tzhoraim* (Afternoon Activities)** The Shtender with Geoff Menkowitz—*Beit Knesset* Family Kickball Game—*Softball Field* Waterfall Hike—*Meet at the Kikar*
3:20 pm to 3:40pm	Snack—*Chadar Ochel*
3:40 pm to 4:20 pm	**Family *Peulot Tzhoraim* (Afternoon Activities)** *Mincha* Service—*Beit Knesset* Story Time with Emily Kaiman—*Moadon* Relays on the *Kikar*
4:30 pm to 6:00 pm	Shabbat *Menucha/Rest and Relax!*
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm	*Seudat Shlishit* and Kids' Dinner—*Chadar Ochel*
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm	*Havdalah*, Closing Program and Family New Year's "Ball Drop"—*Chadar Ochel*
8:00 pm	Younger Kids to Bed (Kindergarten and Under)
8:45 pm to 1:00 am	*Shmira* (Night Listening)
8:45 pm to 9:30 pm	Adult New Year's Eve Cocktails and Hors D'oeuvres—*Lakeside Pavilion*
8:45 pm to 10:30 pm	**Kids New Year's Bash** (1st Grade and Up)—*Moadon*
10:30 pm to 12:30 am	**Kids Late-Night Programs** Bedtime Stories and Movie Night (1st through 6th Grade)—*Moadon* Teen After-Party (7th Grade and Up)—*Beit Etgar*
9:30 pm to 12:30 am	Adult New Year's Eve Extravaganza! —*Lakeside Chadar Ochel*

Sunday, January 1	
Theme of the Day: The Gift of YOU	
8:00 am to 10:00 am	Breakfast, Pack-Out Lunches Available"—*Chadar Ochel*
8:45 am to 9:15 am	*Shacharit* Service—*Beit Knesset*
11:00 am	Room Check-Out **Thanks for joining us! See you next year!**

MEET OUR AMAZING RAMAH DAROM TEAM

Sarah Attermann is the Program Director at Camp Ramah Darom and lives in Atlanta, GA. She holds a degree in Jewish Education form the William Davidson Graduate School at the Jewish Theological Seminary and an M.Ed in Elementary Education from the University of Florida. She has been an educator and dedicated participant in a variety of Jewish communal settings in Atlanta. Sarah's passion for Jewish education stems from her many summers at Camp Ramah as a camper and staff member.

Michael Fingerman is a dedicated Jewish Professional and long-time Ramah summer camp staff member. He has spent five summers working at Camp Ramah in Nyack and the past two summers as a Rosh Edah (Unit Leader) at Camp Ramah Darom. As the Program and Youth Assistant for the Retreat Center at Ramah Darom, Michael works to coordinate and enhance our youth programming. A New York native, Michael moved down to Atlanta after graduating from the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in Urban Studies and Jewish Studies certificate.

Anthony Franklin (MBA) has worked at Ramah Darom since 1997 under numerous titles. Presently Mr. Franklin serves as the General Manager since 2011. In this capacity Mr. Franklin is responsible for managing the Clayton facility. Prior to coming to Ramah Darom, Mr. Franklin had a small construction company that specialized in finishing basements and new additions. Prior to managing his own business, Mr. Franklin worked in the grocery business where he held management positions including store managers for Winn Dixie and Food Lion. Mr. Franklin was educated at Piedmont College in Demorest, Georgia where he earned BA with a concentration in Management, later Mr. Franklin earned his MBA in Managerial Leadership at Piedmont College.

Katie Hendricks is our as Hospitality and Sales Coordinator of the Kaplan Mitchell Retreat Center at Ramah Darom. Prior to coming to Ramah Darom, Ms. Hendricks spent over 7 years in the health care industry, engaged in Nutrition and Dietetics and Wellness planning. She also served with Food Bank of Northeast Georgia where she was the childhood nutrition coordinator. Ms. Hendricks also has experience with event planning, property management, and retail management. Ms. Hendricks was educated at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, North Carolina where she earned a Bachelor's of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics. After graduation she completed her post baccalaureate studies at the University Hospital in August, Georgia.

Todd Jones (Chef) Todd Jones has 30 years of experience as a professional chef. Just after high school, Chef Todd accepted a job working at a family restaurant in Florida, where he discovered he had natural knife skills and a knack for working in the food environment. After six years, Chef Todd enrolled at the Culinary Institute of America, and later landed a job on the island of Guam in the South Pacific working for Lufthansa Airline Caterers as a senior executive sous chef. Chef Todd then worked at The Phoenician Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona, a Five Star, Four Diamond rated resort restaurant. Over the years, Chef Todd started his own businesses and worked in a few other restaurants, including Flemings Prime Steak House and Wine Bar. He originally was introduced to Ramah Darom by Brad Semon from The Painted Plate. Todd recently Resigned from Starmount Forest CC and decided to return to Ramah where he knows he belongs. In his free time, Chef Todd loves to travel, play golf and enjoy great food, wines and spirits.

Emily Kaiman, Program Coordinator for the Retreat Center at Ramah Darom, found her passion for Jewish education through her experiences with Hillel and here at Camp Ramah Darom. She followed this passion, receiving her BA in Judaic Studies from the University of Florida (‘05), and her MA in Experiential Education from American Jewish University (‘08). Emily has enjoyed developing creative and inspirational programs first through her work at KOACH and then as the Director of Jewish Life and Learning at the Saul Mirowitz Jewish Community School in St. Louis, MO. A creative spirit, Emily enjoys writing, camping, yoga and good coffee. Emily lives in Atlanta with her husband, Rabbi Ari Kaiman, and their 4 young children.

Eliana Leader, Director of the Kaplan Mitchell Retreat Center at Ramah Darom, is a long time Jewish professional and experienced community builder. Eliana has passionately served the Atlanta Jewish community through professional roles such as the Executive Director at Young Israel of Toco Hills, and Experience Imagineer and curriculum developer for Jewish Kids Groups, as well as through volunteer roles such as Limmud Atlanta + SE board member and young adult leadership program coordinator. She has a B.A. in sociology with a minor in Jewish Studies from University of Maryland, and a Graduate Certificate in Experiential Jewish Education through the Center for the Jewish Future at Yeshiva University. She and her husband, Yoni Kaplan, are natives of Atlanta and have a daughter, Aria.

Justin Thompson is a Georgia native. He came to Ramah this past August bringing with him over 10 years of professional experience in Customer Service. He is a Master craftsman, who spent many years building Custom Homes and using his expertise to help homeowners create their dreams. Justin is an avid outdoorsman with a love for nature. He also has a love for helping others, which he brings to his work at Ramah Darom, in creating a positive experience here for all of our guests.

MEET OUR AMAZING RABBIS IN RESIDENCE

Rabbi Ari Kaiman loves just about everyone. He loves to sing and pray with his community. He loves a good conversation after a delicious Shabbat meal. He loves learning with children, teens, and adults. He cherishes every moment of life, the good and the hard.

Rabbi Kaiman found a deep sense of purpose and infinite inspiration from his teachers at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies. He received his Rabbinic ordination, with a concentration in Philosophy, studying closely with his Rabbis, Brad Artson and Elliot Dorff. His senior thesis is titled, "Why should a Jew (or anyone) read the Bible?"

Upon ordination, Rabbi Kaiman served as Assistant Rabbi at Congregations B'nai Amoona in St. Louis for five years. He was instrumental in founding Makor, a young adult group. He is also deeply proud of his partnership with the Miller Introduction to Judaism program through which he brought dozens of seekers to their home in Judaism.

Rabbi Kaiman is a member of the second cohort of Clergy Leadership Incubator, a project of Rabbis Without Borders. He believes deeply in a vibrant future for our rapidly changing Jewish community. One of his great joys is the work of turning this belief into reality together with his community.

His other great joy is his family. Rabbi Kaiman and his wife, Emily are graduates of the University of Florida. They have four young children who love to play at shul and hope that your children come to join them.

Rabbi Kaiman is now the Rabbi of Congregation Shearith Israel, in Atlanta GA. He values being accessible to the congregation and to all those seeking a deeper connection to Judaism. He can be reached at rabbikaiman@shearithisrael.com. His direct line is 404-503-9910, and his cell phone is 404-913-6578

Rabbi Hillel Konigsburg grew up in Hollywood, Florida. His father is a Conservative Rabbi and his mother is a Jewish Educator. Therefore, it wasn't a stretch that Hillel attended a Jewish Day School K-12, as well as many USY and Ramah programs. Wanting to continue his Jewish Education, Hillel decided to go to Albert A. List College, the joint undergraduate program between JTS and Columbia University. Hillel received his BA is Sociology from Columbia and a BA in Jewish History from JTS. During his sociology classes at List, Hillel recognized how his Jewish experience had been shaped by sociological questions about religion and ritual and decided to attend Rabbinical School at JTS while working towards a MA in Jewish Education. The guiding questions of Hillel's rabbinate are "what turns people on and off from Judaism and how can Jewish leaders teach Judaism in ways that are appropriate for modern individuals?"

Generally, Hillel enjoys making people smile and learning new things. Along with his wife, Sarah, he likes jogging, hiking, museums, playing board games, and solving puzzles. Additionally, Hillel is an avid Sci-Fi and Fantasy fan. Other favorite topics of discussion are Jewish education and how it relates to gender, race, tuition, technology, and online learning. In addition to discussing education at large, Hillel likes to discuss sociology and astronomy, and the benefits of Ramah and USY.

Hillel's wife, Sarah, enjoys reading, theater, hiking, and being outdoors.

Rabbi Konigsburg is now the Assistant Rabbi at Congregation B'nai Torah in Atlanta. He can be reached at 404-257-0537or rabbik@bnaitorah.org

THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING COUNSELORS AND PROGRAM SPECIALISTS

Our program would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of our counselors and staff. We are so grateful to have them as a part of the team!

Eidah/Group Counselors

Puffinim	**Rachel Linfield** **Stephanie Schwartz**
Pinguinim	**Allison Davis** **Sarah Miller** **Dani Smolley (Sports)**
Gurim	**Marcy Morris** **Logan Miller** **Andrei Sujka (Climbing)**
Huskim	**Sami Frankel** **Jonathan Samuels** **Josh Cohen** **Talia Katz (Omanut)**
Ayalim	**Zachary Rich** **Tamar Tecktiel**
Etgar	**Aaron Silberman** **Maia Cattan**

Our Program Specialists

April Alexander- Massage Therapist

Scott Bader- Spinning

Devan Cole- Glass Blowing

Hart Fandrich- Facials

Amy Hargis- Meditation, Aromatherapy, Boot Camp

Rebecca Holohan- Yoga, Massage Therapist

Julie Keller- Artist

Kevin (Doc) Klein- Climbing Team

Lisa Loveday- Climbing Team

Becky Luge- Climbing Team

Ruthie Rosenberg- Evening Program Coordinator

Erica Schmelzer- Photographer

About Ramah Darom

Ramah Darom (Ramah of the South) is a world-class Jewish overnight camp and retreat center in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Ramah Darom's mission is to offer exceptional experiences in Jewish living and learning to youth, adults, families and communities year-round.

We are incredibly proud of our growth over the past 20 years. Every summer, campers join us for a fun, inspiring and educational Jewish overnight camp experience. Throughout the rest of the year, Ramah Darom hosts people of all ages on our campus for programs, *simchas* (celebrations) and retreats.

Ramah Darom is surrounded by more than 10,000 acres of hiking trails in the adjacent Chattahoochee National Forest. The inspiring scenery, beautiful facilities and comfortable lodging provide the perfect landscape for fun and meaningful Jewish experiences.

Many people ask us how they can be a part of the magic here at Ramah Darom. There are so many ways to support the meaningful programs we do. Your support is greatly appreciated and goes a long way toward ensuring Ramah Darom's future. To learn more about how you can help Ramah Darom please visit our website at ramahdarom.org/donate or contact Sharon Rosenfeld, our Director of Development at 404-503-2129or srosenfeld@ramahdarom.org.

FARM 2 TABLE TU B'SHEVAT, FEBRUARY 10-12, 2017

Come celebrate Tu B'Shevat, the Jewish festival of trees with delicious, locally-sourced, Kosher meals prepared by our stellar Ramah Darom catering team in partnership with Souper Jenny, our farm to table guest chef. Experience ways YOU can make a difference with inspiring learning sessions with Rabbi Hillel Norry, and discover natural crafts and dyes with Johanna Norry; Learn how to create your own home skin care and cleaning products and delve into the world of healthy eating with nutrition and natural living guru Robyn Diamond. Spend time with the farm animals of Ivy Rose Farms, and learn about Urban Farming from Laura Labovitz. Try your hand at farm to table cooking with Chef Tal Baum, enjoy hikes, yoga, and meditation, and work the land to plant our new Ramah Darom orchard with local farmer Jonathan Tescher!

Can't come for the whole weekend? Join us on **Sunday, February 12th** from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for the first Farm 2 Table Green Festival at Ramah Darom! We will have something for all ages, from gardening and recycled craft projects to beer brewing, yoga, personal care product making and much more!
For more information on this program and more check out http://ramahdarom.org/programs, or contact Emily Kaiman, ekaiman@ramahdarom.org.

Sign up for Farm to Table by January 10 and get 5% off your TOTAL registration with the code WBFC16!