



5774

# PASSOVER AT RAMAH DAROM



**PROGRAM BOOK & SCHEDULE**

Ramah Darom  
April 13-23, 2014  
Welcome!

# WELCOME!

Dear Guests,

Welcome to Passover 5774 at Ramah Darom! We're so glad you're here.

This program book includes all of the information you need to ensure a relaxing and meaningful stay.

If you are joining us for the first time, we hope this book answers many of your questions. While it's difficult to capture the warm, engaging spirit of our community on paper, these pages will give you a sense of what's in store.

We thank the entire Ramah Darom community for building such an inspirational, creative and diverse program. This special annual retreat demonstrates the vision our founders and board members had of offering year-round Jewish experiential living and learning programs.

Let us know if there is anything we can do to help you enjoy your stay on our 122-acre playground. If you need assistance, please visit our reception desk in the Welcome Center or locate one of the Ramah Darom staff members.

We hope you have a wonderful holiday!

***Chag Sameach!***

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# YOUR GUIDE TO PASSOVER AT RAMAH DAROM



Ramah Darom's warm, relaxed Passover community draws multigenerational guests from across the country and internationally, and includes singles, couples, families, empty nesters, college students, and grandparents. We welcome new participants every year with open arms, and are also delighted to reunite with friends we see each year who have become extended family.

Throughout the first day, you will have the chance to familiarize yourself with the campus while we offer some basic programming. All meals are served in our Chadar Ochel on the upper level of the Levine Ramah Center, the hub of our campus, which also houses our synagogue, multi-purpose room, library, gym and several conference rooms.

Yom Tov at Ramah Darom is a special time, with services, discussions, study groups, meditations and hikes. Some people choose to dress up for Yom Tov. Generally we encourage everyone to dress and participate as they feel comfortable - our daily dress code is casual. If the terrain is too challenging for you to walk, feel free to ride our campus shuttles, which run daily until 11 pm or midnight, depending on the evening activities. These shuttles will be available throughout your stay.

Our first communal seder will be led by Rabbi Gary Oren and Hazzan David Tilman. Our second communal seder will be led by Rabbi Joel Roth and Hazzan David Tilman.

We provide "A Different Night" Haggadah for each guest, and of course each table is set with seder plates, ritual items and Kiddush cups. We also provide small affikomen gifts for children under age 13. Those choosing semi-private seders may conduct their seder at their own pace.

Throughout the holiday, our schedule includes activities for all levels of experience and knowledge,



facilitated by our helpful, friendly staff. We'll have engaging discussions, small study groups, children's activities, sports and games, including guest favorites like pick-up basketball, mah jongg, and poker. (Scrabble is always a big hit!) On Chol Hamoed, in addition to group excursions, we will enjoy art projects, wall climbing, boating, movies, bonfires and so much more. Daily, our team of chefs will create spectacular, mouthwatering buffets and offer outstanding, personalized service.

Most importantly, don't worry about a thing. Our staff is ready to assist you. We look forward to a wonderful holiday experience.

## PASSOVER FROM "A" to "Z"

**Accessibility:** All of our buildings are wheelchair/handicap accessible. Shuttles will run daily throughout campus, with continued service at several clearly-marked shuttle stops. Be aware that Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta Airport requires baggage to be checked in 45 minutes prior to your scheduled departure time, and recommends arrival at the airport 60 - 90 minutes before departure. Travel time between Ramah Darom and the airport is 2 to 2.5 hours depending on traffic. Airport Transportation Schedule:

- Friday, April 18th: Bus departs Ramah Darom at 9am SHARP
- Wednesday, April 23rd: Bus departs Ramah Darom at 9am SHARP

**Babysitting:** We offer group babysitting for children aged 2 - 6 during the seders for those who have registered in advance. Babysitting will be held in the multi-purpose room on the ground level of the Levine Ramah Center. Parents must bring their child to the counselors (including a professional teacher) in the room, ensure they have been signed in, and must pick up their child and ensure the counselor signs them out.

**Boxed Lunches:** For guests going on our Chol Hamoed excursions boxed lunches or snacks and bottled water will be provided for you. For guests going on their own day trips or departing during Passover, preordered boxed lunches will be available in the dining room on the requested day. If you need boxed meals and did not preorder, please place your order with a member of the staff. There is no charge for boxed meals.

**Business Center:** We understand many of our guests must stay connected with the outside world during their stay. We do ask that you be respectful of other guest's observances during Yom Tov and Shabbat and stay connected in a private area. Our breathtaking mountain terrain might pose some challenges for personal, wireless devices, but guests are welcome to use our computers, printer and copier, at any time in our Business Center located in the Welcome Center. If you require a space to work, our staff will be happy help you find what you need without distracting other guests.

**Candle lighting:** We will provide Shabbat and Yom Tov candles for candle lighting in the Dining Hall. Our daily schedule will include candle lighting times. It is most important that you do not light candles in your room!

**Cars:** The speed limit on campus is 5mph. Unless absolutely necessary, guests are asked not to use their vehicles to travel around campus.

**Cell phone use:** Cell phone signals can be spotty, so if you find a good spot, stay put!

**Children/Youth Programming:** Supervised children and youth programming will be offered daily by professional educators and experienced counselors. Our 15 - 20 year old young adults will be able to define their own group activities with our dynamic young adult group leader. For parents of children ages 2 – 14, there will be a parents meeting at the start of the first and second halves of the vacation. Details on times and location will be included in the program.

**Check-in:** Check-in will take place on April 13 at 2:30 pm, April 14 at 10:00 am, and April 18 at 2:30 pm. Our reception desk will be staffed 24/7. The reception desk phone number is (706) 782-9300.

**Check-out:** All guests must check out at the reception desk of the Welcome Center before departure. If you are departing mid-holiday, we welcome you to remain on campus and enjoy the day's programming, but please vacate your room by 11am on your day of departure to allow us time to prepare for new arrivals. Keys must be returned to the reception desk or a charge of \$50 will be assessed.

**Clothing:** Our atmosphere is casual; however we suggest not wearing jeans on seder nights. Temperatures can drop quickly in the evenings and early mornings so we do suggest layering your clothes.

**Coffee Service:** Coffee will be available each morning from 7:30am - 9:30am in four locations: the Levine Ramah Center Main Dining Hall, the lobby of the Welcome Center, the kitchenette on the lower level of the Mountainside Retreat, and the Community Room of the Marcus Lodge.

**Conscious Table:** On Wednesday the 16th at lunch, Thursday the 17th at dinner, on Shabbat at lunch on the 19th, and on the 22nd at lunch, you'll have an opportunity to appreciate your food as Mimi Feigelson hosts a "conscious table" designed to help you eat mindfully.

**Drinking Water:** All water on our property is underground mountain spring water – great for drinking!

**Driving Directions:** Online mapping and navigation systems are inaccurate in the mountains. If you intend to go off campus during your stay, you can follow electronic directions to Clayton GA, 30525. From Clayton, please follow the attached directions or get a hard copy of the directions back to camp from our reception desk.

**Emergencies/Illness:** In the event of an emergency, call 911. Be prepared to state the nature of the problem and your location (70 Darom Lane, Clayton, Georgia 30525). Please also dial #9300 internally or (706) 782-9300 to reach our 24 hour receptionist who will help notify a staff member of the situation. For minor medical issues, first aid kits are available at the Welcome Center reception Desk; in the Marcus Lodge Hotel community room; in the Mountainside Retreat kitchenette on the lower level; in the Lakeside Hotel sitting room on the bottom floor; and in the main dining room. We will have a Physician's Assistant on staff from 1:00-3:00 pm each day who will be located in the Infirmary on the lower level of the Retreat Mountainside Hotel.

Passover guests can be reached through our reception desk at 706 782-9300. If we are unable to find you, a message will be left on the message board outside of the main dining room.

**Excursions:** Day trips and airport transportation will depart from our bus stop outside the

Lakeside Atrium (the glassed in area at the back of the dining room closest to the lake). Check our daily schedule for specific transportation times. Boxed lunches, snacks and water will be pre-packed and sent with you on all Ramah Darom outings. Please note: All transport provided by Ramah Darom to excursions or the airport will leave our campus at exactly the appointed time. Due to time constraints and respect for other guests we will not be able to wait for stragglers. Refunds will not be available if guests miss the transport or choose not to go on the excursion.

**Food:** We are a kosher campus. Please help us maintain our Passover kashrus. All your meals, snacks and beverages are provided. Outside food is not allowed on campus

**Games and Sports Equipment:** Sports equipment is readily available throughout campus for your enjoyment. Please let a staff member know if you can't find something. Games can be found in the Library on the lower floor of the Levine Ramah Center.

**Gift Shop:** Our gift shop is located in the Welcome Center. You will be able to purchase sundries & Ramah Darom clothing on all Chol Hamoed days.

**Heated accommodations:** All accommodations are heated. Cabin thermostats are in the common entryway.

**Help desk:** Our Help desk is located at the Welcome Center reception and is staffed 24/7 to answer questions and help you with any room, campus or programming needs. To reach the Help desk, call #9300 when you are on campus, or (706) 782-9300 from a call phone. You will also always see our friendly staff around campus - if they can't assist you they will direct you to someone who can!

**Housekeeping:** We offer light housekeeping service daily, which includes tidying rooms and cabins to collect trash and replenish towels. Help us stay "green" by using your door hangers to alert us of your needs. We will change bed linens for full-stay guests midway through the week. We will change bed linens for full-stay guests on Thursday, April 17th. On Friday, the sheets will be changed for new guests. Check-out time is 11:00 for the half-time guests.

**Laundry:** We will offer professional laundry service midway through the week for a fee of \$20 a bag, payable onsite (or charged to your credit card on file). Families wishing to have fresh personal laundry mid-program can acquire laundry bags and tags at the reception desk. Tagged laundry bags must be dropped off in the Lakeside Atrium off the main dining room. We will have your laundry washed, folded and ready for pick up from the stage in the main dining room. If you want lights and darks laundered separately you'll require two laundry bags.

**Lost & Found:** The 'Lost and Found' table is located next to the stage, in the Main Dining Room. Please be sure to leave found item or check for lost items at this location.

**Luggage Service:** Luggage assistance will be provided to all guests arriving and departing with the airport bus. IMPORTANT: If you are taking the bus back to the airport on Friday, April 18th, or Wednesday, April 23, and you would like luggage assistance to the bus, it will be collected 1.5 hours prior to bus departure times. Please ensure that your luggage is set out by that time, on the porch located closest to the road of your cabin/room. You will need to identify your luggage at the bus a half hour before departure to ensure you have everything, and to have it loaded onto the bus. These buses will be located at the Welcome Center and will leave camp sharply at the stated departure time.

**Massage Therapy:** Male and female massage therapists will be available all week, and will begin setting appointments at registration. Payment is expected at time of registration and guests may pay

for services with cash, a check made out to Ramah Darom, or via an authorized credit card. Massage rooms are located in the Retreat Mountainside Hotel, lower level, in the 1st and 2nd rooms on the left. Signup sheets will be taped to the doors for your convenience. Please note that missed appointments cannot be refunded.

**Meals:** On Yom Tov and Shabbat, Kiddush is recited before the lunch meal. The buffet line will open thereafter. Parents, please help your children observe this ritual.

**Messages:** Messages for guests will be pinned onto the board directly outside the main dining hall. Guests are also welcome to leave messages for one another and request partners for cards or sports on this board.

**Optional Charges:** For your convenience, you may provide credit card information to our front desk receptionist or a member of our staff to keep on file for all authorized on-campus charges, including laundry service, massage therapy and gift shop items.

**Parking:** Cars parked on our property must have their parking card prominently displayed. Guests are invited to park in marked spaces throughout campus, adjacent to accommodations. If there are no more approved parking spaces near your housing, please drop your luggage at your room and return your car to our main parking lot in front of the Welcome Center. We will provide shuttle service back to your rooms. This is extremely important as our shuttle bus travels through these areas, and illegally parked cars seriously hinder this service. Please be especially vigilant at the Lakeside campus Cabins 21 – 32, Mountainside Cabins 1 and 2 and the Marcus Hotel, as the shuttle buses cannot turn around if cars are parked in these areas.

**Prayers:** All participants are welcome to join in daily religious prayer services. Times are listed in the Program Book.

**Running/Walking off property:** If you intend to run or walk on the road outside of our property, please be aware that there are dogs in the area that might not be as friendly as we at Ramah Darom are!

**Seders:** Please plan to be seated 10 minutes before Seder start times. Alphabetical Seder seating assignments will be posted in the Dining Room. The dining facility is located on the top floor of the Levine Ramah Center. There is a Shabbat elevator available for your convenience.

**Smoking:** Smoking is not allowed inside any building. There are designated smoking areas behind the Main Dining Hall and on the back porch of the Mountainside Dining Hall. A fee will be assessed to rooms or areas showing evidence of smoking or smoke damage.

**Swimming:** With Passover being so early this year, it will be too cool to open the swimming pool; however please plan on joining us at our lake for boating on Chol Hamoed days.

**Teens:** Our teenage guests are invited to spend time in our Teen Lounge, located underneath the Beit Am Katan (or Rec Room) where they will find couches and a TV for watching movies.

**Telephones:** Telephones are located throughout the campus, in cabins and hotel rooms for your use. Long distance calls require a calling card. To call anyone internally, dial 9 plus the three digit extension for the room you are trying to reach.

**Transport:** Shuttles will run daily, usually until 11pm, throughout campus with continued service at several clearly marked shuttle stops.

Please note: All transport provided by Ramah Darom to excursions or the airport will leave our campus at exactly the appointed time. Due to time constraints and respect for other guests we will not be able to wait for stragglers.

**Valuables:** Ramah Darom is not responsible for any missing or lost items. If you are uncomfortable leaving valuables in your room, please leave them locked in your car (at your own risk); or bring them to the reception Desk where they will be locked away in a safe.

**Washing Machines and Dryers:** Tumble dryers are available in cabins. Washing machines and tumble dryers are located in the Mountainside Hotel 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and the Marcus Lodge Community Room on the lower floor. Basic detergent supplies are available at both. You will need \$1 in quarters to use each machine. Guests staying for the full program may choose to use our mid-holiday laundry service.

**Wireless Access:** Wireless access is available in various spots throughout campus, most reliably in the Levine Ramah Center, the Welcome Center lobby, the Marcus Lodge and parts of the Mountainside Retreat Hotel. Most cabins and hotel rooms are also able to pick up signals, but you might have to test a few spots first. Additionally, all hotel rooms are equipped with DSL, accessible through Ethernet cable. If you forget yours, extras are available for purchase. You also may use our desktop computers in our business center as needed. As for cell phones, AT&T picks up the best signals around campus. Other services can be spotty. You might choose to make calls from landlines, located in all hotel rooms, our business center and several other community spaces. Long-distance calling cards are required for calls outside of the local 706 area code.

**Yoga:** Group yoga is available daily and open to participants of all levels.



# DIRECTIONS

## **DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM CLAYTON GA (30525) TO RAMAH DAROM**

Please use the following directions once you have reached the city of Clayton. Electronic (GPS, Mapquest, etc) directions from Clayton will not get you to Ramah Darom.

Upon arrival in the city of Clayton please follow U.S. 441. If you are southbound turn right, northbound turn left onto 76 West (Savannah Street). (Landmarks: Dairy Queen & Citgo Gas). Travel about 7.5 miles.

Once you pass Marks Marine and Lake Burton Grocery (on left hand side of the road), travel about a quarter of a mile and turn right onto Persimmon Road. If you reach the "Y" Camp or Lake Burton, you have passed the Persimmon Road turn off.

Continue 7.5 miles on Persimmon Road. Make sure to keep to the left at the fork of Mellie Keener and Persimmon Roads. The first thing you'll see will be our lake on the left of the road. Continue on the paved road, driving alongside the retreat center. Drive over the one-vehicle bridge.

The road surface then changes from paved to gravel. Make an immediate left turn into the entrance of Ramah Darom. The first building on your right is the Welcome Center.

## **DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM CLAYTON TO ATLANTA**

From our campus turn right onto Persimmon Road and continue for 7.5 miles keeping to the right at the fork of Mellie Keener Road. At stop sign turn left onto 76 East and travel for 7.5 miles. Turn right onto 441 South. Follow 441 South onto 365 South, I-985 South and I-85 South to Atlanta.

## **DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO MOUNTAIN LAKES HOSPITAL**

196 Ridgeview Circle, Clayton, GA, 30525; (706) 782-3100 or (706) 782-4233; Approx. 15 miles. From campus gates turn right onto Persimmon Rd. Travel 7.5 miles on Persimmon Rd veering Right at the fork of Mellie Keener and Persimmon roads. At stop sign turn left onto 76E. Travel 6.7 miles on 76E. Turn left onto Germany Road. Travel 0.2 miles. Turn right into Hospital Parking. The emergency room is behind the main building.

## **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

### **Ramah Darom Office & 24/7 Help Desk**

(706) 782-9300, or #9300 from campus phones

### **Atlanta Office**

(404) 531-0801

# DAILY SCHEDULE

## SUNDAY, APRIL 13

### WELCOME!

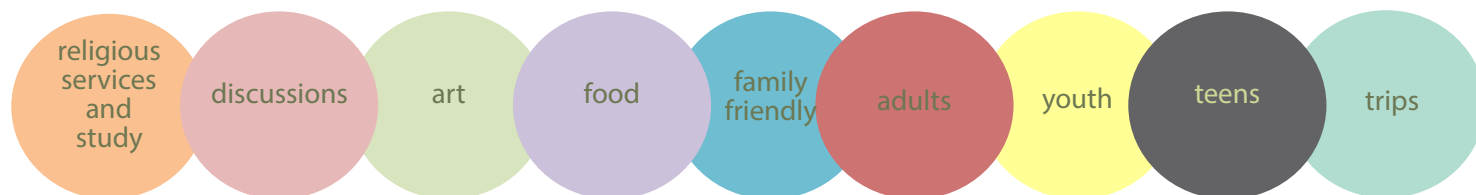
Time	Event	Location	Description
2:30 - 11:00	Check in & Welcome	Welcome Center	Sign up for Massages, Art Classes & Private Yoga. Gift Shop Open.
3:00 - 6:00	Sports Facilities Open	Sports Fields & Courts	All sports facilities are open. Equipment is available at the fields/courts. Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Hockey, Sand Volleyball, Softball & Gaga.
6:00 - 7:45	Dinner	Dining Hall	Join us for dinner!
7:40	Mincha / Ma-ariv	Synagogue	Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman
8:45 - 9:15	Search of Hametz	Synagogue	With Rabbi Gary Oren
9:00 - 10:30	Welcome Bonfire	Lakeside Fire Ring	Songs and S'mores
9:00 - 10:30	Kids Movie	Multipurpose Room	Prince of Egypt
9:00	Film	Synagogue	The Debt
9:00	Poker	Main Dining Room	
9:00	Leather Wrap Bracelets <i>Abby Maeir</i>	Art Building	Preregistered Adults, ages 15+ What's fun to make and even more fun to wear because it's casual, chic & infinitely customizable? A leather wrap bracelet! Choose your favorite colors and presto! You're a jewelry designer.

## MONDAY, APRIL 14

### WELCOME!

Time	Event	Location	Description
7:45 - 8:45	Spin Class <i>Deena Pargman</i>	Workout Room	Join Deena Pargman for an early morning spin class.
8:00 - 8:45	Shacharit / Ta'anit Bekhorot	Synagogue	Fast of firstborn. Rabbi Gary Oren will conduct a siyyum, completion of a tractate of Talmud and invite all to a seudat mitzvah. Traditionally, firstborns use this seudat mitzvah opportunity to be free of fasting on Erev Pesach
8:30 - 10:00	Continental Breakfast	Dining Hall	
9:00 - 10:00	Yoga Blend	Multipurpose Room	A combination of Tai chi, Pilates, and Yoga; including relaxation, meditation, and aroma therapy with Lynn Chanin. All levels welcome.
9:00 - 9:30	A Daily Dose of Talmud <i>Aaron Alexander</i>	Main Dining Room, look for table card by the stage	A daily shiur offering insight into the rabbinic mind and its logical methodology.
9:30 - 9:50	Parent's Meeting	Lakeside Dining	Important Introductory meeting for parents of children ages 2 - Middle School. Campers welcome. Camp drop off will be at 10:00, after meeting.
9:45 - 10:00	Burning of Hametz	Lakeside fire Ring	Rabbi Gary Oren

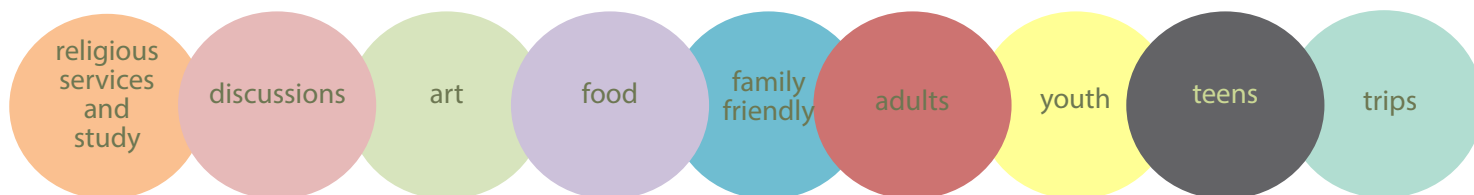
10:00 - 12:00	Colorful Coasters <i>Abby Meir</i>	Art Building	Design your own set of four colorful tile coasters when you watch the magic of alcohol inks unfold before your eyes. Each coaster will be your unique creation & you'll be amazed at how easy it is to be creative! Preregistration is required and limited to 10 people.
10:00 - 12:00	Wychinanki-Polish Papercutting <i>Mindy Shapiro</i>	Art Building	Preregistered ages 12+. Learn the techniques used in the Polish school of papercutting through the creation of a rooster, tree or flower. No prior experience necessary. Preregistration is required and limited to 12 people.
10:00 - 12:00	Needlepoint Mezuzah covers <i>Roxane Goldstein</i>	Lakeside Dining	Preregistered Adults, ages 18+, 6 slots available. Come learn new and interesting needlepoint stitches while making a mezuzah case. Each participant will receive all the materials & instruction needed. No experience needed.
10:00 - 12:00	Challah Covers <i>Orly Aaron</i>	Art Building	Prereistered adults, ages 18+. Create a beautiful challah cover to enjoy for yourself, or give as a gift to a close friend or family member. Preregistration is required and limited to 10 people.
10:00-12:00 1:00-6:00	Boating	Lake	Enjoy boating with your friends and family on the lake!
10:00 - 12:00	Board Games	Library	
10:00 - 12:00	Sports Facilities Open	Sports Fields & Courts	All sports facilities are open. Equipment is available at he fields/courts. Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Hockey, Sand Volleyball, Softball & Gaga.
10:00 - 12:00	Open Family Climbing	Tower	Challenge yourself / cheer your family members on! Ages 8 - adult. Closed towed shoes & long pants/capris are required
10:00 - 12:00	Pool	Pool	
10:00 - 12:00	Gan Camp: Ages 2 - Pre K <i>Melanie Schwartz &amp; Tova Messer</i>	Drop off in Multipurpose Room	Boating & Yoga
10:00 - 12:00	Camp: Grades K - 2 <i>Jennie Berger &amp; Alex Leftz</i>	Drop off in Portico under Dining Hall	Boating & Yoga
10:00 - 12:00	Camp: Grades 3 - 5 <i>Missy &amp; Randy</i>	Drop off in Portico under Dining Hall	Capture The Flag
10:00 - 12:00	Middle School <i>Rachel &amp; Joanne</i>	Meet your counselors in Portico under Dining Hall	Capture The Flag/Art



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2:00 - 4:00	Camp: Grades 3 - 5 <i>Missy &amp; Randy</i>	Boating: Lake Tower: Tower	Pool & Yoga
2:00 - 4:00	Middle School <i>Rachel &amp; Joanne</i>	Art: Art Building Sports: Pavillion	Yoga & Capture the Flag
10:00 - 2:00	Check in & Welcome	Welcome Center	Sign up for Massages, Art Classes & Private Yoga. Gift Shop Open
11:00 - 11:45	Forgiveness: It Is Always That Time Of Year! <i>Mimi Fiegelson</i>	Synagogue	Do you also feel that forgiving or asking for forgiveness can be as hard as splitting the Red Sea? What is the relationship between for-Giving and for-Getting? How does this impact the way you live your life? The way you treat yourself, and others?
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch	Dining Hall	Join us for lunch!
1:00 - 3:00	Health Clinic Hours	Infirmery	Visit our PA if needed, the infirmery is in the lower level of the Retreat Mountainside Hotel
2:00 - 5:00	Pool	Pool	
2:00 - 2:45	Some Thoughts About the Ten Commandments <i>Harold Kushner</i>	Synagogue	We've known them by heart since we are children, but Rabbi Kushner will raise some questions: Is there a commandment to believe in God? Does the Torah hold us accountable for our thoughts? Why are the last five commandments so relentlessly negative?
2:00 - 4:00	Silk Scarves <i>Abby Maeir</i>	Art Building	If you like quilts, you'll love this workshop where you'll create a stunning one-of-a-kind patchwork silk scarf by recycling neckties! Your only limit is your creativity. Preregistration is required and open to 10 people.
2:00 - 4:00	Introduction to Zentangling <i>Mindy Shapiro</i>	Art Building	Preregistered ages 9+. Create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Easy to learn, easy to do, beautiful outcome. Preregistration is required and open to 15 people.
2:00 - 6:00	Board Games	Library	
2:00 - 5:00	Open Family Climbing	Tower	Challenge yourself / cheer your family members on! Ages 8 - adult. Closed toed shoes & long pants/capris are required
2:00 - 3:00	Yoga <i>Deena Pargman</i>	Workout Room	Join Deena Pargman for an early morning yoga class.
2:00 - 6:00	Sports Facilities Open	Sports Fields & Courts	
2:00 - 7:00	Check in & Welcome	Welcome Center	Sign up for Massages, Art Classes & Private Yoga. Gift Shop Open



3:00 - 3:45	Theology and Halakah <i>Joel Roth</i>	Synagogue	In a movement that considers itself “halakhic,” is it theology that determines what constitutes “halakhah;” or, is it “halakhah” that determines what is an acceptable “theology?”
4:00 - 5:30	What is a Prophet? Or: How a Greedy King and Queen Killed an Innocent Peasant and Incurred the Wrath of God <i>Shai Held</i>	Synagogue	In this session, we’ll do a close reading of a remarkable story about how the king and queen of Israel arrange for the murder of a peasant who gets in their way. All goes according to plan and corrupt power goes unchecked... until Elijah, God’s prophet, shows up, vociferously condemns them, and announces that their entire kingdom will be destroyed. Through paying close attention to the text and to the subtle literary cues within it, we’ll ask questions like: 1) What is the nature of the God the prophets worship? 2) What is the role of the prophet in society? 3) What constraints should royalty operate under (even if it rarely does)? 4) Is God’s gift of the land to Israel unconditional? 5) What are the roles of repentance and forgiveness in prophetic theology?
4:00 - 6:00	Tower Open	Climbing Wall	Conquer the tower - no experience necessary! Closed toed shoes & long pants/capris are required.
4:30 - 5:30	Family Kickball Game <i>Ben Pargman</i>	Soccer Field	
5:30-6:15	Teen Meeting with <i>Nancy</i>	Library	Teens
5:30 - 6:15	Light Meal for Early Birds	Main Dining Hall	Join us for dinner! Chefs Todd and Brad
7:25	Mincha / Ma-ariv	Synagogue	Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman
7:47	Candlelighting	Lakeside Dining	
7:50	Ma’ariv	Synagogue	
8:15	First Seder	Dining Room	Please join us for a communal seder led by Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman

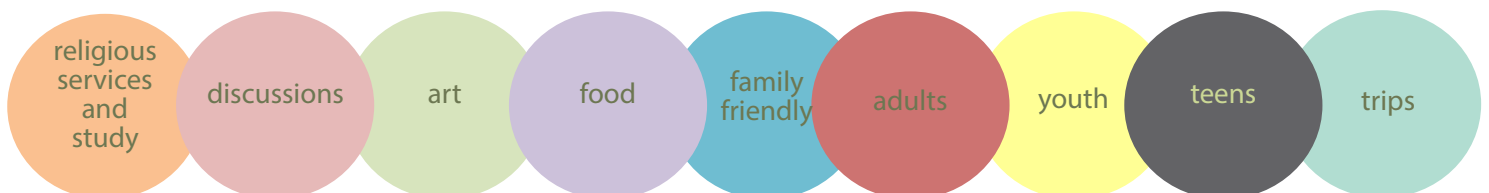


**TUESDAY, APRIL 15**

**YOM TOV**

Time	Event	Location	Description
7:45 - 8:45	Mindful Vinyasa Yoga	Multipurpose Room	Align your body & mind through breath and movement with Deena Pargman. All levels welcome.
8:30 - 10:00	Continental Breakfast	Dining Hall	
9:00 - 9:30	A Daily Dose of Talmud <i>Aaron Alexander</i>	Main Dining Room, look for table card by the stage	A daily shiur offering insight into the rabbinic mind and its logical methodology.
9:30 - 12:00	Traditional Services	Synagogue	Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman
9:00 - 10:00	Yoga Blend	Multipurpose Room	A combination of Tai chi, Pilates, and Yoga; including relaxation, meditation, and aroma therapy with Lynn Chanin. All levels welcome.
10:30 - 12:00	Alternative Services <i>Rabbi Scott Shafrin</i>	Lakeside Pavillion	Find connections among your community, G-d & you using meditation, communication & prayer.
10:30 - 12:00	Gan Services, up through age 5.	Multipurpose Room	Penina Grossberg, Sharona Grossberg, Yaffa Shira Grossberg & Youth Program Staff.
10:30 - 12:00	Junior Congregation, 1st - 5th grades	Mountainside Pavillion	Missy Mandel & Yough Program Staff.
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch	Dining Hall	
1:00 - 3:00	Health Clinic Hours	Infirmery	Visit our PA if needed, the infirmery is in the lower level of the Retreat Mountainside Hotel
1:10 - 1:30	Parent's Meeting	Lakeside Dining	Important introductory meeting for parents of children ages 2 - Middle School. Campers welcome. Camp drop off will be at 1:45, after meeting.
1:45 drop-off, camp 2:00 - 4:00	Gan Camp: Ages 2 - Pre K <i>Melanie Schwartz &amp; Tova Messer</i>	Drop off in Multipurpose Room	Nature 1st Half/Pool 2nd Half
1:45 drop-off, camp 2:00 - 4:00	Camp: Grades K - 2 <i>Jennie Berger &amp; Alex Lefitz</i>	Drop off in Portico under Dining Hall	Nature 1st Half/Pool 2nd Half
2:00 - 4:00	Camp: Grades 3 - 5 <i>Missy &amp; Randy</i>	Meet at Welcome Center	Pool 1st Half/Nature 2nd Half
2:00 - 4:00	Middle School <i>Rachel &amp; Joanne</i>	Meet at Old Dining Hall	Pool 1st Half/Nature 2nd Half
2:00 - 4:00	Sports Facilities Open	Sports Fields & Courts	All sports facilities are open. Equipment is available at the fields/courts. Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Hockey, Sand Volleyball, Softball & Gaga
2:00 - 5:00	Mah Jong & Scrabble	Library	
2:00 - 6:00	Pool	Pool	

2:00 - 2:45	God of Sunshine, God of Shadows. <i>Harold Kushner</i>	Synagogue	A puzzling comment on the Kedusha prayer by a Hassidic rabbi leads to some interesting ideas.
3:00 - 4:30	The Holiest Loser <i>Mimi Fiegelson and Bennie Cohen</i>	Mountainside Dining Room	Food can be a form of pleasure and celebration or a true tormentor and source of enslavement! How can this Pesach, in the midst of the abundance of amazing food (thanks Todd and crew!), be an experience of liberation when thinking of our relationship with food.
4:00 - 4:45	Pesach: The Paradox of Freedom <i>Brad Artson</i>	Synagogue	Freedom isn't absolute, it engages our entire personality and community in resolving the paradoxes of human becoming. Let's take a look at the deliberate ways our tradition raises the tensions and paradoxes of Passover to nudge us toward our own liberation.
5:00 - 5:45	Critical Scholarship and/or Divine Authority <i>Joel Roth</i>	Synagogue	The divinity of Torah is a premise of the halakhic system. Critical/historical study of Torah is seen by many as undermining its divinity. Can the two be reconciled?
4:00 - 6:00	Sports Facilities Open	Sports Fields & Courts	All sports facilities are open. Equipment is available at the fields/courts. Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Hockey, Sand Volleyball, Softball & Gaga
4:30 - 6:00	Family Volleyball	Volleyball Court	
4:30 - 6:00	Adults vs. Teens Basketball <i>Ben Pargman</i>	Basketball Court	
4:30 - 6:00	Family Board Games	Mountainside Dining Room	
4:00 - 5:00	Restorative Yoga	Multipurpose Room	Combines breath work with slow, mindful movement with Deena Pargman. All levels welcome.
4:00 - 4:30	Book Swap <i>Ellen Tilman</i>	Library	Discuss your favorites & hear about recent recommended titles. Bring a book to share & "swap" your book with someone else's
4:00 - 5:00	Bird Spotting <i>Greg Greer</i>	Meet at Chadar Porch	
5:15 - 6:00	Youth Choir	Lakeside Dining	Open to all children 2nd grade & up. We will rehearse daily & participate in Yom Tov Services on the 7th & 8th days with Hazzan David Tilman.
5:15 - 6:15	Yoga Blend	Multipurpose Room	A combination of Tai chi, Pilates, and Yoga; including relaxation, meditation, and aromatherapy with Lynn Chanin. Advanced Class.
5:00 - 5:45	Light Meal for E arly Birds	Main Dining Hall	Join us for dinner! Chef's Brad & Todd
5:30 - 6:30	Waterfall Hike <i>Greg Greer</i>	Volleyball Court	Join Greg as he leads you to our beautiful waterfall and will find some cool things to show you along the way.



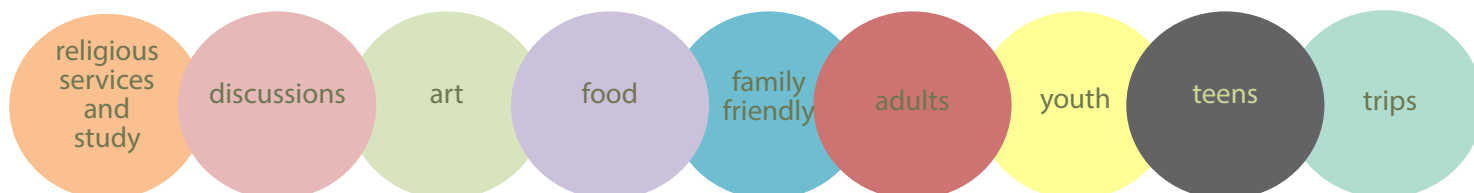
6:00 - 6:45	"Freedom From or Freedom To - A Story of a Jewish Quest for Meaning." <i>Rabbi Gary Oren</i>	Synagogue	Pesach is all about freedom. Our people are in the midst of an ongoing discussion about the cost/benefits of freedom. Does the modern "free" world present us with too many choices? Should we carefully limit how we engage with the world around us? Together we will explore a section of the Talmud Bavli (Shabbat 33b-34a) in which our sages grapple with these questions and more.
7:10	Mincha / Ma'ariv		Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman
8:00	Candlelighting	Lakeside Dining	
8:15	Second Seder	Dining Room	Please join us for a Communal Seder led by Rabbi Joel Roth and Hazzan David Tilman

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 YOM TOV

Time	Event	Location	Description
7:45 - 8:45	Mindful Vinyasa Yoga	Multipurpose Room	Align your body & mind through breath and movement with Deena Pargman. All levels welcome.
8:30 - 10:00	Continental Breakfast	Dining Hall	
9:00 - 9:30	A Daily Dose of Talmud <i>Aaron Alexander</i>	Main Dining Room, look for table card by the stage	A daily shiur offering insight into the rabbinic mind and its logical methodology.
9:00 - 10:00	Yoga Blend	Multipurpose Room	A combination of Tai chi, Pilates, and Yoga; including relaxation, meditation, and aromatherapy with Lynn Chanin. Advanced class.
9:30 - 12:00	Traditional Services	Synagogue	Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman
10:30 - 12:00	Alternative Services <i>Scott Shafrin</i>	Lakeside Pavillion	Find connections among your community, G-d & you using meditation, communication & prayer.
10:30 - 12:00	Gan Services, up through age 5.	Multipurpose Room	Penina Grossberg, Sharona Grossberg, Yaffa Shira Grossberg & Youth Program Staff.
10:30 - 12:00	Junior Congregation, 1st - 5th grades	Mountainside Pavillion	Missy Mandel & Youth Program Staff.
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch	Dining Hall	
1:00 - 3:00	Health Clinic Hours	Infirmery	Visit our PA if needed, the infirmery is in the lower level of the Retreat Mountainside Hotel
1:15 - 2:00	Adult Choir	Synagogue	Open to adults & teens who enjoy singing! This Choir will rehearse daily & participate in Yom Tov Services on the 7th & 8th days with Hazzan David Tilman.
1:45 drop-off, camp 2:00 - 4:00	Gan Camp: Ages 2 - Pre K <i>Melanie Schwartz &amp; Tova Messer</i>	Drop off in Multipurpose Room	Pool 1st Half/Afikoman Scavenger Hunt
1:45 drop-off, camp 2:00 - 4:00	Camp: Grades K - 2 <i>Jennie Berger &amp; Alex Lefitz</i>	Drop off in Portico under Dining Hall	Pool 1st Half/Ice Breaker Games



2:00 - 4:00	Camp: Grades 3 - 5 <i>Missy &amp; Randy</i>	Meet under Dining Hall	Ice Breaker Games/Pool 2nd Half
2:00 - 4:00	Middle School <i>Rachel &amp; Joanne</i>	Meet at Old Dining Hall	Breaking Ice/Pool 2nd Half
2:00 - 3:30	Wildflower Hike <i>Greg Greer</i>	Meet at Welcome Center	Adults Only
2:00 - 5:00	Mah Jong & Scrabble	Library	
2:00 - 4:00	Open Sports	Sports Fields & Courts	All sports facilities are open. Equipment is available at he fields/courts. Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Hovkey, Sand Volleyball, Softball & Gaga
2:00 - 6:00	Pool	Pool	
1:45 - 2:30	Moses, Aaron, and the Golden Calf. <i>Harold Kushner</i>	Synagogue	Why did Aaron agree to fashion an idol? Why was God so upset? Why was Moses so upset, and what does it tell us about the relationship between Aaron, the older brother, and Moses, his younger brother?
2:30 - 4:00	What are Human Beings Worth? A look towards a Jewish Theory of Human Dignity and Self-Worth. <i>Shai Held</i>	Synagogue	What does Jewish theology mean when it tells us that human beings are reated in God's image, and that we're therefore infinitely valuable? In this session we'll ask what a Jewish theory of human dignity entails and then we'll explore what a Jewishly grounded theory of self-worth would look like. How would our lives, and the lives of our children, be different if we took some of these ideas to heart?
3:00 - 3:45	Let's see halakhic decision making in action! <i>Joel Roth</i>	Lakeside Dining	We'll look at one reponsum of Maimonides about the most appropriate way to recite the amidah, and then at another by the Radbaz (Rabbi David Ibn Zimra) undoing what Maimonides had done. In the process we'll focus on halakhic methodology as reflected in both responsa.
4:00 - 4:45	My name is Jacob Artson and I am a person just like you. <i>Jacob Artson</i>	Synagogue	Jacob will share his perspective on growing up in the Jewish community as an individual with autism. Afterwards, there will be discussion about encouraging greater inclusion in our synagogues and organizations.
4:00 - 6:00	Sports Facilities Open	Sports Fields & Courts	All sports facilities are open. Equipment is available at he fields/courts. Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Hockey, Sand Volleyball, Softball & Gaga
4:00 - 6:00	Family Board Games	Library	
4:30 - 6:00	Hockey Game <i>Ben Pargman</i>	Hockey Rink	
4:15 - 5:15	Restorative Yoga	Multipurpose Room	Combines breath work with slow, mindful movement with Deena Pargman. All levels welcome.
4:45 - 5:30	Nature Program <i>Greg Greer</i>	Mountainside Dining Room	
5:00 - 6:00	Wine Tasting	Lakeside Dining	Come & learn about the wines you've been drinking all week.

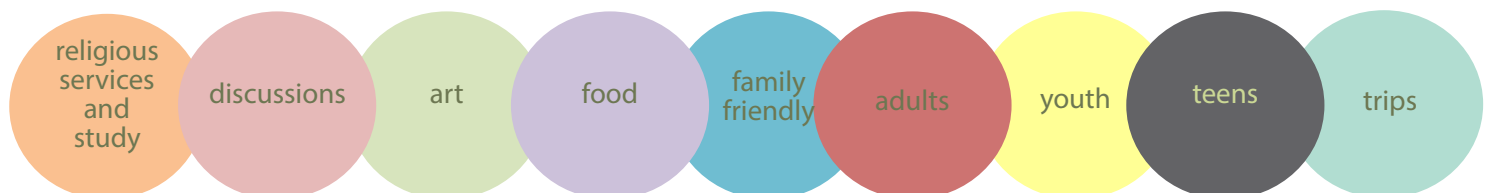


5:00 - 5:45	"Knots Upon Knots" by Shmuel Yosef Agnon <i>Daniel Grossberg</i>	Synagogue	The Hebrew Nobel Prize laureate for literature displays frightful experiences of disorientation and anxiety in his work. We will read an Agnon story in English translation about one who suffers these torments. Did Agnon create an imaginary character? Does the story reflect Agnon's life? Does it reflect our lives?
5:00 - 5:45	Limmud Chavruta Project Part 1: Prosperity <i>Karen Radkowsky</i>	Library Conference Room	In this interactive session, we will explore, debate and discuss the concept of prosperity. What has value? Should we live in a material world? Who creates wealth? What is Utopia?
5:15 - 6:00	Youth Choir	Lakeside Dining	Open to all children 2nd grade & up. We will rehearse daily & participate in Yom Tov Services on the 7th & 8th days with Hazzan David Tilman.
5:30 - 6:30	Yoga Blend	Multipurpose Room	A combination of Tai chi, Pilates, and Yoga; including relaxation, meditation, and aroma therapy with Lynn Chanin. All Levels Welcome.
5:45 - 6:30	Worlds of Nature <i>Greg Greer</i>	Mountainside Dining Room	Skulls, skins, fossils, rocks & minerals
6:55	Mincha	Synagogue	Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman
7:15 - 8:30	Dinner	Dining Hall	Join us for dinner! Chef's Brad & Todd
8:30 / 8:45	Ma'ariv / Havdallah	Synagogue	Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman
9:15	Odyssey - Teen Night	Odyssey Course	Test your limits, conquer your fears, discover your strength! Closed toed shoes & long pants/capris are required.
9:00	Ladies Night	Mountainside Dining	Bat Mitzvah age & up: Art, Pedicures & Music
9:00	Guy's Game Night	Main Dining	Bar Mitzvah age & up: Cards & Other Games
9:00	Youth Movie Night	Multipurpose Room	Frozen
9:00	Poker	Main Dining Room	
9:00	Ladies Night Out, ages 13 & up	Mountainside Dining Room	Massage, Art (by Paul and Mindy), Pampering & Music
9:00	Film	Synagogue	Marvin Hamlisch
9:00	Wildlife of African Safari <i>Greg Greer</i>	Mountainside Dining Room	Join international Eco Tour Guide Greg Greer to explore & learn about the southern-most area of the new world - photographs, stories & suggestions for your own travel.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 17**

**CHOL HAMOED**

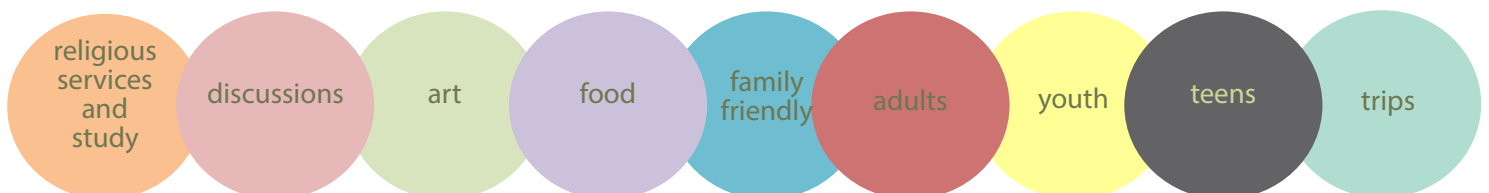
Time	Event	Location	Description
7:45 - 8:45	Spin Class <i>Deena Pargman</i>	Workout Room	Join Deena Pargman for an early morning spin class.
7:45 - 8:45	Boot Camp	Kikar	Join Ben Pargman and get your day started with an early morning workout.
8:00 - 8:45	Shacharit	Synagogue	Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman
8:30 - 10:00	Continental Breakfast	Dining Hall	
9:00 - 9:30	A Daily Dose of Talmud, <i>Aaron Alexander</i>	Main Dining Room, look for table card by the stage	A daily shiur offering insight into the rabbinic mind and its logical methodology.
9:00 - 10:00	Yoga Blend	Multipurpose Room	A combination of Tai chi, Pilates, and Yoga; including relaxation, meditation, and aromatherapy with Lynn Chanin. Advanced Class.
9:00 - 10:45	Silk Scarves <i>Abby Meir</i>	Art Building	If you like quilts, you'll love this workshop where you'll create a stunning one-of-a-kind patchwork silk scarf by recycling neckties! Your only limit is your creativity. Preregistration is required and space is limited to 10 people.
9:00 - 1:00	Scaly Mountain Dry Tubing	Lakeside Atrium	
9:15 - 1:00	Fox Fire Museum and Heritage Center	Lakeside Atrium	
10:00 - 12:00	Gan Camp: Ages 2 - Pre K <i>Melanie Schwartz &amp; Tova Messer</i>	Drop off in Multipurpose Room	Swing/pool
10:00 - 12:00	Camp: Grades K - 2 <i>Jennie Berger &amp; Alex Lefitz</i>	Drop off in Portico under Dining Hall	Music/swing
10:00 - 12:00	Camp: Grades 3 - 5 <i>Missy &amp; Randy</i>	Drop off in Portico under Dining Hall	Tye dye/boating
10:00 - 12:00	Middle School <i>Rachel &amp; Joanne</i>	Meet your counselors in Portico under Dining Hall	Matzah Majors
10:00 - 12:00	Climbing Wall Open	Climbing Wall	Climb the wall - no experience necessary! Closed toed shoes & long pants/capris are required.
10:00-12:00 1:00-6:00	Boating	Lake	Enjoy boating with your friends and family on the lake!



10:00 - 12:00	Small Press Printmaking <i>Robin Singer</i>	Art Building	Preregistered Adults, ages 18+, 10 slots available. Create cards, bookmarks, tags, or wall art by printing small press or using traditional wooden spoon technique.
10:00 - 12:00	Walking Stick <i>Paul Rovin</i>	Art Building	Longrange project, will take 2-3 days to complete. Preregistered Adults, ages 18+, 8 slots available.
10:00 - 12:00	Needlepoint Mezuzah covers <i>Roxane Goldstein</i>	Lakeside Dining Hall	Preregistered Adults, ages 18+, 6 slots available. Come learn new and interesting needlepoint stitches while making a mezuzah case. Each participant will receive all the materials & instruction needed. No experience needed.
11:00-12:00	Fun with Sharpies! <i>Abby Maeir</i>	Art Building	And you thought Sharpies were just for writing? Think again. We'll use colorful Sharpies to create T-shirts bursting with color using an innovative technique that's super easy and fun. Preregistration is required and space is limited to 10 people.
11:00 - 11:45	Shir Ha-Ma'a lot (Song of Ascents) <i>Daniel Grossberg</i>	Synagogue	This is the curious title given to fifteen of the one hundred fifty religious poems in the Book of Psalms. We will try to unravel the meaning of the title and the nature of this small collection of poems within Psalms. We will examine individual compositions as well as treat features of Psalms that affect us so powerfully.
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch	Dining Hall	
1:00 - 3:00	Health Clinic Hours	Infirmary	Visit our PA if needed, the infirmary is in the lower level of the Retreat Mountainside Hotel
1:15 - 2:00	Adult Choir	Synagogue	Open to adults & teens who enjoy singing! This Choir will rehearse daily & participate in Yom Tov Services on the 7th & 8th days with Hazzan David Tilman.
1:30 - 5:30	Sautee Nacoochee Folk Pottery Museum, Demonstration	Lakeside Atrium	
1:45 drop-off, camp 2:00 - 4:00	Gan Camp: Ages 2 - Pre K <i>Melanie Schwartz &amp; Tova Messer</i>	Drop off in Multipurpose Room	Music/Passover obstacle course
1:45 drop-off, camp 2:00 - 4:00	Camp: Grades K - 2 <i>Jennie Berger &amp; Alex Lefitz</i>	Drop off in Portico under Dining Hall	Shabbat-o-grams/pool
2:00 - 4:00	Camp: Grades 3 - 5 <i>Missy &amp; Randy</i>	Art: Art Building Sports: Pavillion	Assorted Afternoon Activities - Boating/Swing/Art
2:00 - 4:00	Middle School <i>Rachel &amp; Joanne</i>	Boating: Lake Wall: Wall	Assorted Afternoon Activities - Boating/Swing/Art
2:00 - 6:00	Sports Facilities Open	Sports Fields & Courts	All sports facilities are open. Equipment is available at the fields/courts. Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Hockey, Sand Volleyball, Softball & Gaga



3:00 - 4:00	Klezmer Band	Multipurpose Room	Bring your instrument: strings, woodwinds, brass, guitars, to the multipurpose room for the rehearsal of the Ramah Pesach Klezmer band. We have one rehearsal to get ready for our performance this evening before dinner. Please let Hazzan Tilman know during Yom Tov that you are coming to the Klezmer band rehearsal.
2:00 - 4:00	Art Blocks <i>Robin Singer</i>	Art Building	Preregistered, 10 max per class. Create beautiful blessings, quotes, and images on wooden blocks to give as gifts or hang in your home. Optional to bring blessing or quotation with you.
2:00 - 3:45	Leather Wrap Bracelets <i>Abby Maeir</i>	Art Building	What's fun to make and even more fun to wear because it's casual, chic & infinitely customizable? A leather wrap bracelet! Choose your favorite colors and presto! You're a jewelry designer!
2:00 - 6:00	Walking Stick <i>Paul Rovin</i>	Art Building	Continuation of longrange walking stick project.
2:00 - 4:00	The Healing Properties of Papercutting: A Hands on Workshop <i>Mindy Shapiro</i>	Mountainside Dining	Making art is healing the soul, gives the brain practice at thinking outside the box and warms up your creativity. In this workshop, you will create a hamsa centered around a trait or intention you would like to manifest in yourself. Preregistration is required and space is limited to 12 participants, 12+yrs.
2:00 - 2:45	The Misunderstanding that Separates Judaism from Christianity. <i>Harold Kushner</i>	Synagogue	Rabbi Kushner will argue that the chief theological difference between Judaism and Christianity is not over the Virgin Birth or the Resurrection, but over the meaning of the story of the Garden of Eden.
3:45 - 5:00	Climbing Wall Open	Climbing Wall	Climb the wall - no experience necessary! Closed toed shoes & long pants/capris are required.
4:00 - 6:00	Pool	Pool	
3:00 - 3:45	Kedushat ha-aretz: The Sanctity of Israel <i>Joel Roth</i>	Synagogue	This session will be devoted to the study of primary Jewish sources, mainly from Rabbinic Literature, concerning the sanctity of the Land of Israel: its basis, its ongoing nature, its legal implications, and its theological centrality.
4:00-4:45	Happy Hour with Fred <i>Fred Levick</i>	Mountainside Dining	Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: We'll take a look at the dream our founders had for Ramah Darom and discuss our future plans as we approach our 18th birthday.
4:15 - 6:15	Small Press Printmaking <i>Robin Singer</i>	Art Building	Preregistered Adults, ages 18+, 10 slots available. Create cards, bookmarks, tags, or wall art by printing small press or using traditional wooden spoon technique.



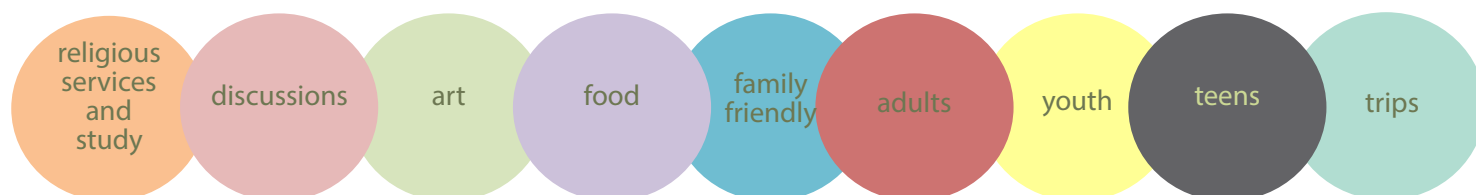
4:15 - 6:15	Tangling Eggs <i>Mindy Shapiro</i>	Mountainside Dining	Preregistered Ages 9+. Create beautiful images while tangling eggs that you can display at home for all of your friends and family to see. Preregistration is required and space is limited to 15 people.
5:00 - 6:30	Why Amazement Matters: What R. Abraham Joshua Heschel is Really Saying and Why it Matters. <i>Shai Held</i>	Synagogue	According to R. Abraham Joshua Heschel, the spiritual life begins with wonder. In fact, Heschel argues that the greatest danger the modern world faces is our loss of wonder. Why is that? Why is amazement so important, and why does Heschel think it has the power to save us? An advanced introduction to one of the greatest Jewish thinkers of the twentieth century.
4:00 - 6:00	Sports Facilities Open	Sports Fields & Courts	All sports facilities are open. Equipment is available at the fields/courts. Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Hockey, Sand Volleyball, Softball & Gaga
4:00 - 5:00	Restorative Yoga	Multipurpose Room	Combines breath work with slow, mindful movement with Deena Pargman. All levels welcome.
5:15 - 6:00	Youth Choir	Lakeside Dining	Open to all children 2nd grade & up. We will rehearse daily & participate in Yom Tov Services on the 7th & 8th days with Hazzan David Tilman.
5:15 - 6:15	Yoga Blend	Multipurpose Room	A combination of Tai chi, Pilates, and Yoga; including relaxation, meditation, and aromatherapy with Lynn Chanin. All levels welcome.
5:30 - 6:15	Israeli Dancing	Soccer Field (lawn outside Dining Hall)	Learn our Havdallah Dances and get your groove on!
6:15 - 7:00	Ramah Darom Klezmer Band	Soccer Field (lawn outside Dining Hall)	Back for a second year, let the music move you!
6:30-6:55	Book Signing with Faculty Authors	Synagogue	Harold Kushner, Brad Artson and Shai Held will have copies of their books available for sale.
6:55	Mincha	Synagogue	Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman
7:15 - 8:30	Dinner	Dining Hall	Please check columns for Shabbat Seating.
8:30	Ma'ariv	Synagogue	Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman
9:00	Kids Movie	Multipurpose Room	Monsters University
9:00	Youth Evening Program	Art Building	Tie Dye Night
9:00	High School: Woodworking <i>Paul Rovin</i>	Art Building	Teens only with Nancy G.
9:15	Odyssey	Odyssey	Test your limits, conquer your fears, discover your strength! Closed toed shoes & long pants/capris are required.
9:00	Guantanamo, Mojitos, and Jewish Music: A Visit With the Jews of Havana <i>Hazzan David Tilman and Ellen Tilman</i>	Mountainside Dining Room	Learn about the Jews of Cuba, their synagogues and community institutions through the experience of David and Ellen Tilman from this past January.
9:00	Poker	Main Dining Room	
9:00	Film	Synagogue	Sixty-six

## FRIDAY, APRIL 18

### CHOL HAMOED - GOODBYE TO OUR FIRST HALF GUESTS, AND TO OUR SECOND HALF GUESTS, WELCOME!

Guests preregistered for the the airport bus: If you want luggage pick-up, please leave your bags outside your accommodations on the patio closest to the road by 7:30 a.m. Bus departs for Atlanta airport at 9:00 a.m. sharp.

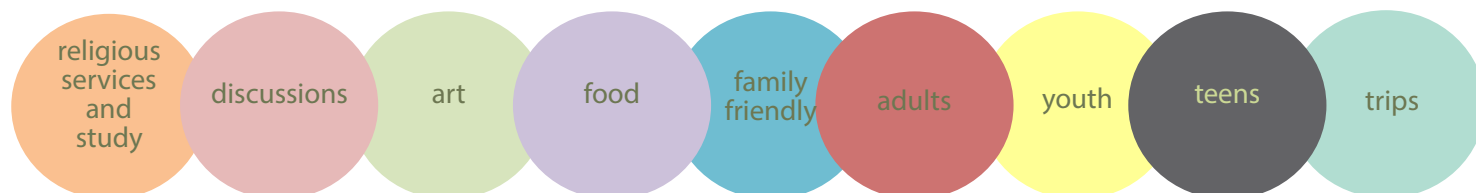
Time	Event	Location	Description
7:45 - 8:45	Spin Class <i>Deena Pargman</i>	Workout Room	Join Deena Pargman for an early morning spin class.
8:00 - 8:45	Shacharit	Synagogue	Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman
8:30 - 10:00	Continental Breakfast	Dining Hall	
9:00 - 9:30	A Daily Dose of Talmud <i>Aaron Alexander</i>	Main Dining Room, look for table card by the stage	A daily shiur offering insight into the rabbinic mind and its logical methodologies
9:00 - 10:00	Yoga Blend	Multipurpose Room	A combination of Tai chi, Pilates, and Yoga; including relaxation, meditation, and aroma therapy with Lynn Chanin. All levels welcome.
9:15 - 3:00	N GA Petting Zoom Farm & Wildlife Walk	Lakeside Atrium	
9:00 - 5:00	Hike at Panther Creek <i>Greg Greer</i>	Lakeside Atrium	
9:00 - 5:30	Whitewater Rafting	Lakeside Atrium	
9:30 - 9:50	Parent's Meeting	Lakeside Dining	Important Introductory Meeting for parents of children ages 2 - Middle School. Campers welcome. Camp drop off will be at 10:00, after meeting.
10:00-12:00 1:00-6:00	Boating	Lake	Enjoy boating with your friends and family on the lake!
10:00 - 12:00	Pool	Pool	
10:00 - 12:00	Challah Covers <i>Orly Aaron</i>	Art Building	Prereistered adults, only 10 slots ages 18+. Create a beautiful challah cover to enjoy for yourself, or give as a gift to a close friend or family member.
10:00 - 12:00	Silk Scarves <i>Abby Maeir</i>	Art Building	OPEN Class, no preregistration. During this session, we'll create miniature works of art with many materials and techniques, including collaging, pasting, painting and stamping. No experience needed.
10:00 - 12:00	Memory Box <i>Paul Rovin</i>	Art Building	Preregistration only. Age 18+ No experience needed



10:00 - 12:00	Introduction to Tangling <i>Mindy Shapiro</i>	Mountainside Dining	Preregistered ages 9+. Learn to create beautiful images from repetitive patterns. Easy to learn, and easy to do. No experience needed.
10:00 - 12:00	Gan Camp: Ages 2 - Pre K <i>Melanie Schwartz &amp; Tova Messer</i>	Drop off in Multipurpose Room	Boating/Yoga
10:00 - 12:00	Camp: Grades K - 2 <i>Jennie Berger &amp; Alex Lefitz</i>	Drop off in Portico under Dining Hall	Music/Boating
10:00 - 12:00	Camp: Grades 3 - 5 <i>Missy &amp; Randy</i>	Drop off in Portico under Dining Hall	Boating/Improv Games
10:00 - 12:00	Middle School <i>Rachel &amp; Joanne</i>	Meet your counselors in Portico under Dining Hall	Majors
10:00 - 10:45	On The Cusp of Life - L'chayim! - A Celebration of Life <i>Mimi Fiegelson</i>	Synagogue	Imagine walking away from a funeral with "party/parting favors"! Ariella Batya was 19 months old when she tragically drowned. With gratitude I always carry with me the gifts that she and her parents gave me at her funeral 7 years ago. The Chernobler Rebbe and Reb Levi Yitzchak of Berdichev will assist us in looking at this possibility
11:00 - 11:45	Hava Pinhas-Cohen Cries Out Against God <i>Daniel Grossberg</i>	Synagogue	This contemporary Israeli poet expresses feminist and religious tones and a decidedly imperfect faith. We will read two of Pinhas-Cohen's poems in English translation. In one she seeks peace and inspiration from a mysteriously distant God; in the other, she takes God to task for allowing evil and torment to exist in the world.
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch	Dining Hall	
1:15 - 2:00	Book Signing with Faculty Authors	Dining Hall Porch	Harold Kushner, Brad Artson and Shai Held - we will also have copies for their books available for sale.
1:00 - 3:00	Health Clinic Hours	Infirmery	Visit our PA if needed, the infirmery is in the lower level of the Retreat Mountainside Hotel
1:15 - 2:00	Adult Choir	Synagogue	Open to adults & teens who enjoy singing! This Choir will rehearse daily & participate in Yom Tov Services on the 7th & 8th days with Hazzan David Tilman.
1:45 drop-off, camp 2:00 - 4:00	Gan Camp: Ages 2 - Pre K <i>Melanie Schwartz &amp; Tova Messer</i>	Drop off in Multipurpose Room	Pool/Shabbat stories and Shabbat-o-grams
1:45 drop-off, camp 2:00 - 4:00	Camp: Grades K - 2 <i>Jennie Berger &amp; Alex Lefitz</i>	Drop off in Portico under Dining Hall	Pool/Yoga
2:00 - 4:00	Camp: Grades 3 - 5 <i>Missy &amp; Randy</i>	Wall: Climbing Wall Art: Art Building	Messy olympics



2:00 - 4:00	Middle School <i>Rachel &amp; Joanne</i>	Boating: Lake Song Writing: Library Conference Room	Create Apples to Apples
1:45 - 3:45	Adult Climbing Tower	Tower	Closed toed shoes and pants/capris required
2:00 - 4:00	Softball Tournament <i>Ben Pargman</i>	Baseball Field	4 teams of 9 able to participate. Sign-up will be first thing in the morning at breakfast.
4:00 - 5:30	Bracelets <i>Abby Maeir</i>	Art Building	What's fun to make and even more fun to wear because it's casual, chic & infinitely customizable? A leather wrap bracelet! Choose your favorite colors and presto! You're a Jewelry designer.
2:00 - 4:00	Papercutting, Grown Up Snowflakes - Decorate for Shavout <i>Mindy Shapiro</i>	Art Building	Nancy G and Teens Only. Create intricate lace patterns of flowers called Shavuoslekh (little Shavout.) No experience needed.
2:00 - 6:00	Walking Stick Continuation <i>Paul Rovin</i>	Art Building	Continuation for those who are started the long range art project.
3:00 - 3:45	Exodus: The Process <i>Brad Artson</i>	Synagogue	Embedded in Exodus 18 are gentle hints that God's guidance is one of relentless love and persuasive goodness. Let's look at this Torah passage with newly liberated eyes.
4:00 - 5:00	The World is Built on Hesed. Towards a Jewish Theology and Spirituality of Love and Kindness <i>Shai Held</i>	Synagogue	What does the Torah mean what it calls upon us to "walk in God's ways" How did our Sages understand this mandate? According to a broad array of Jewish sources, the very highest spiritual level a person can achieve is the capacity and willingness to be present with people in vulnerable situations-- with those who are poor, or sick, or grieving, etc. In this session we'll explore the Jewish view of Hesed and ask how taking it seriously could (and should) change our lives and the lives of the communities we inhabit.
3:00 - 3:45	Yoga Blend	Multipurpose Room	A combination of Tai chi, Pilates, and Yoga; including relaxation, meditation, and aroma therapy with Lynn Chanin. Advanced Class.
3:45-5:00	Family Climbing	Tower	
4:00 - 5:00	Boating	Lake	Canoe, Kayak or just enjoy haning out on the dock
4:00 - 5:00	Pool	Pool	
4:00 - 6:00	Sports Facilities Open	Sports Fields & Courts	All sports facilities are open. Equipment is available at he fields/courts. Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Hovkey, Sand Volleyball, Softball & Gaga
4:00 - 5:30	Hike <i>Deena Pargman</i>	Meet on the Kikar	Take a nice hike to the waterfall with Deena Pargman. Must wear closed toed shoes.



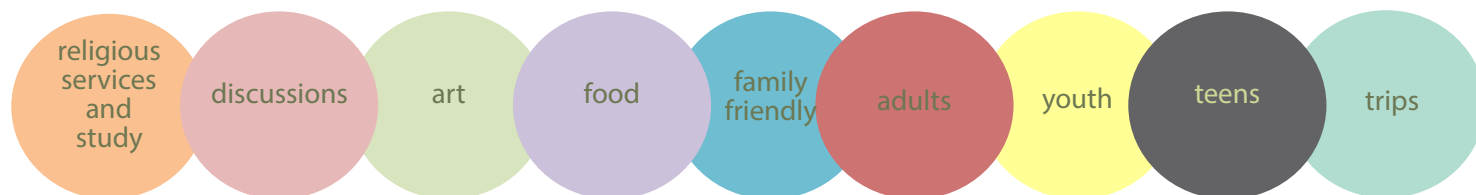
4:00 - 5:30	Creating with Duct Tape <i>Ellen Tilman</i>	Art Building	Preregistered, max 10 participants, ages 15+. Create a convenient case for business cards, credit cards, or transit cards. How about a small wallet for essentials? Join this hands-on workshop in creating a useful carry-al made from all purpose and colorful duct tape.
5:00 - 5:30	Israeli Dancing	Soccer Field (lawn outside Dining Hall)	Learn our Havdallah Dances and get your groove on!
5:15 - 6:15	Yoga Blend	Multipurpose Room	A combination of Tai chi, Pilates, and Yoga; including relaxation, meditation, and aroma therapy with Lynn Chanin. Advanced Class.
5:15 - 6:00	Youth Choir	Lakeside Dining	Open to all children 2nd grade & up. We will rehearse daily & participate in Yom Tov Services on the 7th & 8th days with Hazzan David Tilman.
6:30	Mincha	Synagogue	Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman
6:50	Candle Lighting	Lakeside Dining	Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman
6:55	Ma'ariv	Synagogue	Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman
7:20 - 8:30	Dinner	Dining Hall	Please check columns for Shabbat Seating.
10:00	Tisch <i>Mimi Fiegelson</i>	Lakeside Dining Room	A Moment to Thank Egypt and the Egyptians: Standing between fleeing Mitzrayim and the ocean ahead of us, can we take a moment to leave as free people and not as slaves running for their lives in the dark of the night? Our nigunim, stories and words of torah will hold this moment of gratitude for us and with us!

## SATURDAY, APRIL 19

### CHOL HAMOED - SHABBAT SHALOM!

Time	Event	Location	Description
7:45 - 8:45	Boot Camp <i>Ben Pargman</i>	Kikar	Join Ben Pargman and get in an early morning workout to get your day started.
8:30 - 10:00	Continental Breakfast	Dining Hall	
9:00 - 9:30	A Daily Dose of Talmud <i>Aaron Alexander</i>	Main Dining Room, look for table card by the stage	A daily shiur offering insight into the rabbinic mind and its logical methodology.
9:00 - 10:00	Yoga Blend	Multipurpose Room	A combination of Tai chi, Pilates, and Yoga; including relaxation, meditation, and aroma therapy with Lynn Chanin. All levels welcome.
9:30 - 12:00	Traditional Services	Synagogue	Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman
10:30 - 12:00	Alternative Services <i>Scott Shafrin</i>	Lakeside Pavillion	How can we use our emotional states and the things going on in our lives to make prayer meaningful? Challenge yourself to improve your prayer experience – it may improve your neighbor's experience too.
10:30 - 11:30	Limmud Chavruta Project Part 2: Work <i>Karen Radkowsky</i>	Library Conference Room	In this interactive session we will explore, debate and discuss the concept of work. Is it a blessing or a curse? What are the duties of employers and employees? Why earn rather than learn?

10:30 - 12:00	Gan Services, up through age 5.	Multipurpose Room	Penina Grossberg, Sharona Grossberg, Yaffa Shira Grossberg & Youth Program Staff.
10:30 - 12:00	Junior Congregation, 1st - 5th grades	Mountainside Pavillion	Missy Mandel & Yough Program Staff.
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch	Dining Hall	
1:00 - 3:00	Health Clinic Hours	Infirmery	Visit our PA if needed, the infirmery is in the lower level of the Retreat Mountainside Hotel.
1:15 - 2:00	Adult Choir	Synagogue	Open to adults & teens who enjoy singing! This Choir will rehearse daily & participate in Yom Tov Services on the 7th & 8th days with Hazzan David Tilman.
1:45 drop-off, camp 2:00 - 4:00	Gan Camp: Ages 2 - Pre K <i>Melanie Schwartz &amp; Tova Messer</i>	Drop off in Multipurpose Room	Music/pool
1:45 drop-off, camp 2:00 - 4:00	Camp: Grades K - 2 <i>Jennie Berger &amp; Alex Lefitz</i>	Drop off in Portico under Dining Hall	Outdoor scavenger hunt/pool
2:00 - 4:00	Camp: Grades 3 - 5 <i>Missy &amp; Randy</i>	Hike: Meet at Welcome Center Yoga: Meet in Old Dining Hall	Pool/Music
2:00 - 4:00	Middle School <i>Rachel &amp; Joanne</i>	Hike: Meet at Welcome Center Yoga: Meet in Old Dining Hall	Sport/Games
2:00 - 4:00	Sports Facilities Open	Sports Fields & Courts	All sports facilities are open. Equipment is available at he fields/courts. Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Hockey, Sand Volleyball, Softball & Gaga.
2:00 - 5:00	Mah Jong & Scrabble	Library	
3:00 - 3:45	Chat with a Rabbi	Teen Lounge	
3:00 - 3:45	Reclaiming God's Vision - Leadership and Mastery in the 21st Century <i>Mimi Fiegelson</i>	Synagogue	On Shabbat God rested-but do we even know what God's original vision for creation was? Rav Kook and the Talmud's retelling of Creation serve as a guide to help us reclaim God's vision and lead our community to a whole and holier manifestation.
4:00 - 4:45	Moshe Rabbenu - What the Midrash Reveals About our Rabbi Moses <i>Brad Artson</i>	Synagogue	The Rabbis were brilliant in expanding the meager Biblical record to flesh out the complex and wondrous personality of our greatest role model and every generation's rabbi. Let's dig deeper together.

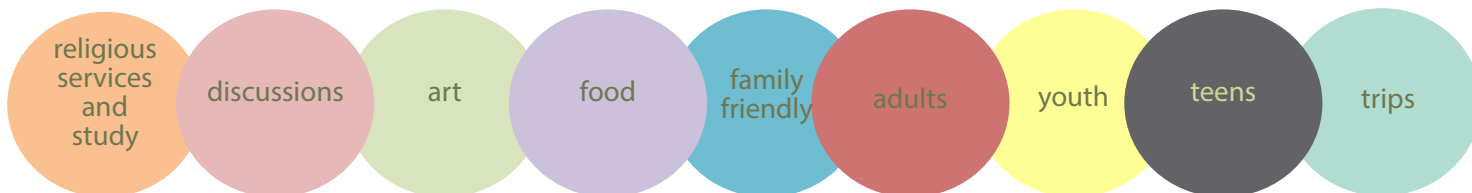


4:00 - 6:00	Sports Facilities Open	Sports Fields & Courts	All sports facilities are open. Equipment is available at the fields/courts. Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Hockey, Sand Volleyball, Softball & Gaga.
4:00 - 6:00	Pool	Pool	
5:00 - 6:30	How (Not) to Talk about God: Heschel and Maimonides in Conversation <i>Shai Held</i>	Synagogue	What do we mean when we say "God"? Are we talking about an abstract, distant, unknowable being? A personal God who loves and cares about us? Something else entirely? In this session, we'll explore the very different ways two of Judaism's greatest thinkers--Maimonides and Abraham Joshua Heschel--thought about God, and ask what we might learn for our own spiritual and religious quests.
5:30 - 6:30	Yoga Blend	Multipurpose Room	A combination of Tai chi, Pilates, and Yoga; including relaxation, meditation, and aromatherapy with Lynn Chanin. Advanced class.
6:00 - 6:30	Book Swap <i>Ellen Tilman</i>	Library	Discuss your favorites & hear about recent recommended titles. Bring a book to share & "swap" your book with someone else's.
5:15 - 6:00	Youth Choir	Lakeside Dining	Open to all children 2nd grade & up. We will rehearse daily & participate in Yom Tov Services on the 7th & 8th days with Hazzan David Tilman.
6:45	Mincha	Synagogue	Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman
7:15 - 8:30	Dinner	Dining Hall	Join us for dinner! Chef's Brad & Todd
8:40	Ma'ariv	Synagogue	Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman
8:50	Havdallah & Dancing	Soccer Field (lawn outside Dining Hall)	Dance, Sing & Rock-out at a Camp Ramah Darom style Havdallah - this is a must-do!
9:00	Bondfire (after Havdallah)	Lakeside Fire Ring	Join Musician Scott Shafrin, Camp Counselors and others songs, stories & s'mores
9:00	Kids Movie	Multipurpose Room	Despicable Me 2
9:00	Youth Evening Program	Art Building	Tie Dye Night
9:00	Teen Pool Party	Pool	The Pool is all to yourself. Enjoy! #noparentsallowed
9:00	Poker	Main Dining Room	
9:00	Film	Synagogue	12 Years A Slave
9:15	Night Swing	Climbing Wall/Tower	Feel like a kid again! Closed toed shoes & long pants/capris are required.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 20**

**CHOL HAMOED**

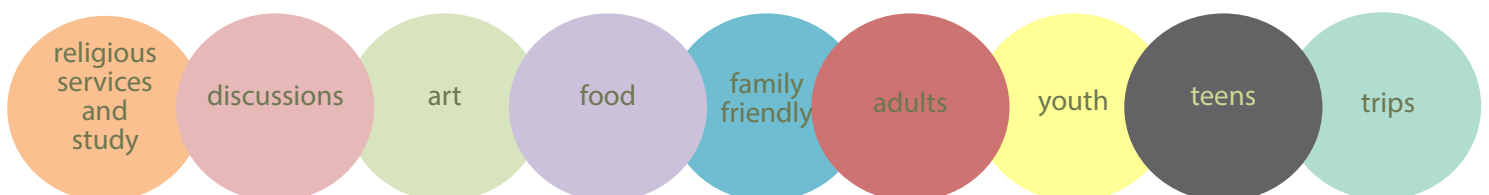
Time	Event	Location	Description
7:45 - 8:45	Spin Class <i>Deena Pargman</i>	Workout Room	Join Deena Pargman for an early morning spin class.
8:00 - 8:45	Shacharit	Synagogue	Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman
8:30 - 10:00	Continental Breakfast	Dining Hall	
9:00 - 9:30	A Daily Dose of Talmud <i>Aaron Alexander</i>	Main Dining Room, look for table card by the stage	A daily shiur offering insight into the rabbinic mind and its logical methodology.
1:00 - 5:30	Horseback Riding or Zipline Adventure or ATV	Lakeside Atrium	
9:00 - 7:00	Biltmore Estates	Lakeside Atrium	
10:00 - 11:00	Yoga Blend <i>Lynn Chanin</i>	Mountainside Dining Room	A combination of Tai chi, Pilates, and Yoga; including relaxation, meditation, and aroma therapy. All levels welcome.
10:00 - 12:00	Pool	Pool	
10:00 - 12:00	Gan Camp: Ages 2 - Pre K <i>Melanie Schwartz &amp; Tova Messer</i>	Drop off in Multipurpose Room	Tower/Pet Rocks
10:00 - 12:00	Camp: Grades K - 2 <i>Jennie Berger &amp; Alex Lefitz</i>	Drop off in Portico under Dining Hall	Relay Races/Sport
10:00 - 12:00	Camp: Grades 3 - 5 <i>Missy &amp; Randy</i>	Drop off in Portico under Dining Hall	Music/tower
10:00 - 12:00	Middle School <i>Rachel &amp; Joanne</i>	Meet your counselors in Portico under Dining Hall	Majors
10:00 - 12:00	Colorful Coasters <i>Abby Maeir</i>	Art Building	Preregistered Adults, ages 15+, 8 slots available. What's fun to make and even more fun to wear because it's casual, chic & infinitely customizable? A leather wrap bracelet! Choose your favorite colors and presto! You're a jewelry designer.
10:00 - 12:00	Zentangle, Beyond an Introduction <i>Mindy Shapiro</i>	Art Building	Preregistered ages 9+. You must attend an Zentangle introductory course to attend this lesson. You must have taken the introductory class in order to participate. Preregistration is required and space is limited to 15 people.





10:00 - 12:00	Walking Stick Continuation, <i>Paul Rovin</i>	Art Building	Limited to those who have started their project already.
10:00 - 10:45	Adam In The Garden: Human Nature (Sanhedrin 38B) <i>Brad Artson</i>	Synagogue	What does it mean to be human? What need we do to live up to God's dream for humanity? Let's revel in this Talmudic exploration of these perennial questions as we seek our way.
11:00 - 11:45	IV Hebrew Session <i>Daniel Grossberg</i>	Synagogue	Join Daniel Grossman for this all-Hebrew session in Part IV of his Pesach learning.
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch	Dining Hall	
1:00 - 3:00	Health Clinic Hours	Infirmery	Visit our PA if needed, the infirmery is in the lower level of the Retreat Mountainside Hotel
1:15 - 2:00	Adult Choir	Synagogue	Open to adults & teens who enjoy singing! This Choir will rehearse daily & participate in Yom Tov Services on the 7th & 8th days with Hazzan David Tilman.
1:45 drop-off, camp 2:00 - 4:00	Gan Camp: Ages 2 - Pre K <i>Melanie Schwartz &amp; Tova Messer</i>	Drop off in Multipurpose Room	Pool/Fun with sand
1:45 drop-off, camp 2:00 - 4:00	Camp: Grades K - 2 <i>Jennie Berger &amp; Alex Lefitz</i>	Drop off in Portico under Dining Hall	Pool/Israeli Dance
2:00 - 4:00	Camp: Grades 3 - 5 <i>Missy &amp; Randy</i>	Boating: Lake Song Writing:	Assorted Afternoon Activities - Boating/pool/art
2:00 - 4:00	Middle School <i>Rachel &amp; Joanne</i>	Tower: Tower Art: Art Building	Majors
2:00 - 4:00	3 on 3 basketball tournament <i>Ben Pargman</i>	Basketball Court	Join Ben Pargman for a 3 on 3 basketball tournament. Sign-ups will take place at breakfast.
2:00 - 4:00	Glass Painting <i>Mindy Shapiro</i>	Mountainside Dining	Preregistered ages 12+. Summon your inner Frida Kahlo or Picasso. Using wine goblets and glass paint markers, you can make a Miriam's cup or a beautiful wine or juice glass. No experience necessary.
2:00 - 6:00	Walking Stick Continuation <i>Paul Rovin</i>	Art Building	Limited to those who have started their project already.
2:00 - 2:45	Pete Seeger (z"l), Folk Music and The Jewish People <i>David Tilman</i>	Synagogue	Review the life and contributions of the iconic American folk Singer. Discuss his relations with the Jewish people, his political support for causes not shared by Jews, his performances of Jewish and Israeli music through his life. Bring your guitars and banjos!

3:00 - 3:45	Rouse yourself, Why Do You Sleep O'Lord?! Exploring the Angriest Psalm in the Bible! <i>Shai Held</i>	Synagogue	A close investigation of one of the most shocking texts in Tanakh: Psalm 44, which is an explosion of anger at God after a humiliating defeat at the hands of Israel's enemies. The text conveys so much anger and disappointment that some scholars refer to it as the national version of the book of Job. We'll read the text carefully, using its many allusions to other biblical texts in order to understand what the psalmist is really saying-- and then we'll ask whether and in what ways psalms of protest can play a role in our own religious lives.
3:30 - 5:00	Family Climbing Wall	Climbing Wall	Closed toed shoes and pants / capris required
4:00-5:00	High School Art Project <i>Nancy Gorod</i>	Art Building	
4:00 - 6:00	Sports Facilities Open	Sports Fields & Courts	All sports facilities are open. Equipment is available at he fields/courts. Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Hockey, Sand Volleyball, Softball & Gaga.
4:00 - 6:00	Pool	Pool	
4:00 - 5:00	Restorative Yoga <i>Deena Pargman</i>	Multipurpose Room	Combines breath work with slow, mindful movement. All levels welcome.
5:00 - 6:30	Book Signing with Faculty Authors	Dining Hall Porch	Harold Kushner, Shai Held, & Brad Artson will have copies for their books available for sale.
5:15 - 6:15	Angelina Jolie's Brave Decision and Your Jewish Genes <i>Karen Arnovitz Grinzaid</i>	Synagogue	Angelina Jolie made two brave decisions: to face her genetic cancer risk and take preventative measures, and to tell the world about it. How can we use what we know about Jewish genetics to prevent devastating diseases in ourselves, our children and our grandchildren? Learn about your risks, available resources and how to take the first steps toward prevention.
5:15 - 6:15	Yoga Blend <i>Lynn Chanin</i>	Multipurpose Room	A combination of Tai chi, Pilates, and Yoga; including relaxation, meditation, and aromatherapy. Advanced Class.
5:15 - 6:00	Youth Choir	Lakeside Dining	Open to all children 2nd grade & up. We will rehearse daily & participate in Yom Tov Services on the 7th & 8th days with Hazzan David Tilman.
6:30	Mincha	Synagogue	Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman
6:50	Candle Lighting	Lakeside Dining	
7:00	Ma'ariv	Synagogue	
7:15 - 8:30	Dinner	Dining Hall	Please check columes for Shabbat Seating.



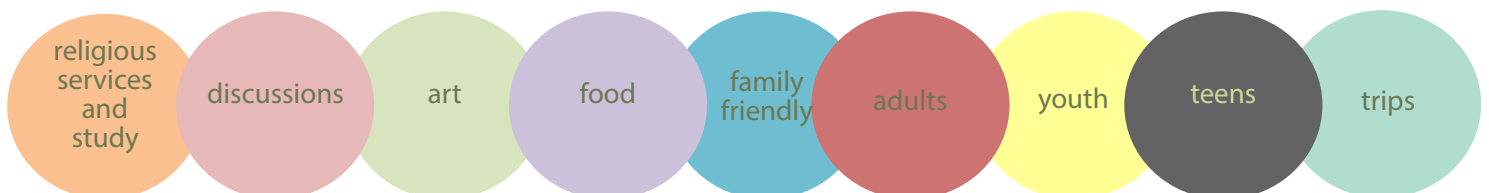
10:00	Mimi Fiegelson, Tisch	Lakeside Dining Hall	Holding Up the Walls of Water! Nachshon should forgive me, but he had no choice, he leaped with his faith and heart! But for each and every one of us that followed...what did our eyes see? Reality? Illusion? What do you need in order to believe that the ground you see is solid, the water you see will continue to stand until you make it out? Our nigunim, stories and words of Torah will hold this moment of wonder for us and with us.
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## MONDAY, APRIL 21

### YOM TOV

Time	Event	Location	Description
7:45 - 8:45	Yoga <i>Deena Pargman</i>	Multipurpose Room	Align your body & mind through breath and movement. All levels welcome.
8:30 - 10:00	Continental Breakfast	Dining Hall	
9:00 - 9:30	A Daily Dose of Talmud <i>Aaron Alexander</i>	Main Dining Room, look for table card by the stage	A daily shiur offering insight into the rabbinic mind and its logical methodology.
9:00 - 10:00	Yoga Blend <i>Lynn Chanin</i>	Multipurpose Room	A combination of Tai chi, Pilates, and Yoga; including relaxation, meditation, and aroma therapy. All levels welcome.
9:30 - 12:00	Traditional Services	Synagogue	Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman
10:30 - 12:00	Alternative Services <i>Scott Shafrin</i>	Lakeside Pavillion	Join Scott to shape this alternative service together.
10:30 - 12:00	Gan Services, up through age 5.	Multipurpose Room	Penina Grossberg, Sharona Grossberg, Yaffa Shira Grossberg & Youth Program Staff.
10:30 - 12:00	Junior Congregation, 1st - 5th grades	Mountainside Pavillion	Missy Mandel & Yough Program Staff.
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch	Dining Hall	
1:00 - 3:00	Health Clinic Hours	Infirmery	Visit our PA if needed, the infirmery is in the lower level of the Retreat Mountainside Hotel.
1:15 - 2:00	Adult Choir	Synagogue	Open to adults & teens who enjoy singing! This Choir will rehearse daily & participate in Yom Tov Services on the 7th & 8th days with Hazzan David Tilman.
1:45 drop-off, camp 2:00 - 4:00	Gan Camp: Ages 2 - Pre K <i>Melanie Schwartz &amp; Tova Messer</i>	Drop off in Multipurpose Room	Music/Animal Games
1:45 drop-off, camp 2:00 - 4:00	Camp: Grades K - 2 <i>Jennie Berger &amp; Alex Leftitz</i>	Drop off in Portico under Dining Hall	Games/Music
2:00 - 4:00	Camp: Grades 3 - 5 <i>Missy &amp; Randy</i>	Meet under Dining Hall	Pool/Sports

2:00 - 4:00	Middle School <i>Rachel &amp; Joanne</i>	Meet at Old Dining Hall	Pool/Life size Banagrams
2:00 - 5:00	Mah Jong & Scrabble	Library	
2:00 - 2:45	Restorative Yoga <i>Deena Pargman</i>	Multipurpose Room	Combines breath work with slow, mindful movement. All levels welcome.
2:00 - 4:00	Sports Facilities Open	Sports Fields & Courts	All sports facilities are open. Equipment is available at the fields/courts. Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Hovkey, Sand Volleyball, Softball & Gaga
2:30 - 4:00	Basketball - 3 on 3	Basketball Courts	
2:00 - 2:45	Time for a Truce between Science and Religion <i>Harold Kushner</i>	Synagogue	They often don't agree, but are they reconcilable, or do we have to choose one over the other?
3:00 - 3:45	Limmud Chavruta Project Part 4: Tzedakah <i>Karen Radkowsky</i>	Library Conference Room	In this interactive session, we will explore debate, and discuss the concept of tzedakah. Is there a minimum we should give to charity? Is there a maximum? What if the receivers are actually deceivers?
3:00 - 3:45	The "Truth" or "Ultimate Truth" - Will The Real Truth Please Stand Up? <i>Mimi Feigelson</i>	Synagogue	Is there truth to this saying? What role does the "truth" play in the conflict/dissentation game? To what extent is this question of truth and ultimate truth at the core our tradition and evolution of the halakhic process? How has it shaped our life?
4:00 - 4:45	Six Remembrances and the Context of the Jewish Journey <i>Brad Artson</i>	Synagogue	The traditional Prayerbook appends a list of 6 commanded events to remember at the end of the Shaharit service. Let's examine them not merely as separate instances, but as chart for personal growth and development, individually and as a people.
5:00 - 5:45	Pray It Right - Say It Right <i>Joel Roth</i>	Synagogue	It is fascinating to look at common mistakes made in pronunciation and accents by many when they daven. Some of these have significant implications for the meaning of the prayer, even verging on heresy. We will look at some of these errors, small and large, and explore their impact on prayer.
5:00 - 5:45	Between Halakha and Human Goodness: The Rambam on Mitzvot and Virtuous Character <i>Shai Held</i>	Lakeside Pavillion	In addition to being Judaism's greatest philosopher and most influential Talmudist, the Rambam was also Judaism's most eloquent teacher of "virtue ethics"-- he insisted that Judaism cares profoundly not just about what we do but also about who we are as people. He consistently taught that a core part of Judaism is a responsibility to work on our character. In this session, we'll explore what the Rambam means by this and we'll think through its implications-- for how we do mitzvot, for proper kavanah in moments of giving to other people, and much more. Prepare to be surprised by what we find.



4:00 - 6:00	Sports Facilities Open	Sports Fields & Courts	All sports facilities are open. Equipment is available at the fields/courts. Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Hockey, Sand Volleyball, Softball & Gaga.
4:00 - 6:00	Family Ga-Ga Tournament <i>Ben Pargman</i>	Ga-Ga Pit near Sports Pavillion	
4:00 - 6:00	Family Board Games	Mountainside Dining Room	
4:00 - 6:00	Pool	Pool	
5:30 - 6:30	Yoga Blend <i>Lynn Chanin</i>	Multipurpose Room	A combination of Tai chi, Pilates, and Yoga; including relaxation, meditation, and aromatherapy. Advanced class.
5:15 - 6:00	Youth Choir	Lakeside Dining	Open to all children 2nd grade & up. We will rehearse daily & participate in Yom Tov Services on the 7th & 8th days with Hazzan David Tilman.
6:30	Mincha	Synagogue	Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman
6:50	Candle Lighting	Lakeside Dining	Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman
7:00	Ma'ariv	Synagogue	Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman
7:20 - 8:30	Dinner	Dining Hall	Join us for dinner! Chef's Brad & Todd
9:00	Panel Discussion	Synagogue	Join us for an interactive panel discussion featuring our awesome rabbis and faculty.

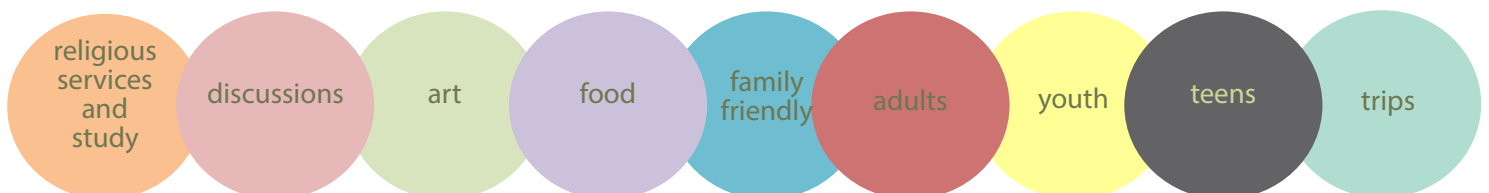
## TUESDAY, APRIL 22

### YOM TOV

Time	Event	Location	Description
7:45 - 8:45	Yoga <i>Deena Pargman</i>	Multipurpose Room	Align your body & mind through breath and movement. All levels welcome.
8:30 - 10:00	Continental Breakfast	Dining Hall	
9:00 - 9:30	A Daily Dose of Talmud <i>Aaron Alexander</i>	Main Dining Room, look for table card by the stage	A daily shiur offering insight into the rabbinic mind and its logical methodology.
9:00 - 10:00	Yoga Blend <i>Lynn Chanin</i>	Multipurpose Room	A combination of Tai chi, Pilates, and Yoga; including relaxation, meditation, and aroma therapy. Advanced class.
9:30 - 12:00	Traditional Services	Synagogue	Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman
9:30 - 12:00	Alternative Services <i>Scott Shafrin</i>	Lakeside Pavillion	Join Scott to shape this alternative service together.
10:30 - 12:00	Gan Services, up through age 5.	Multipurpose Room	Penina Grossberg, Sharona Grossberg, Yaffa Shira Grossberg & Youth Program Staff.
11:00-11:45	Limmud Chavruta: Consumerism <i>Karen Radkowsky</i>	Library	In this interactive session, we will explore, debate, and discuss the concept of consumerism. What distinguishes wants from needs? Is Fair Trade Jewish? Is comparison-shopping ethical? Are lavish celebrations unethical?



10:30 - 12:00	Junior Congregation, 1st - 5th grades	Mountainside Pavillion	Missy Mandel & Yough Program Staff.
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch	Dining Hall	
1:00 - 3:00	Health Clinic Hours	Infirmary	Visit our PA if needed, the infirmary is in the lower level of the Retreat Mountainside Hotel.
1:45 drop-off, camp 2:00 - 4:00	Gan Camp: Ages 2 - Pre K <i>Melanie Schwartz &amp; Tova Messer</i>	Drop off in Multipurpose Room	Passover Centers/pool
1:45 drop-off, camp 2:00 - 4:00	Camp: Grades K - 2 <i>Jennie Berger &amp; Alex Leftitz</i>	Drop off in Portico under Dining Hall	Music/pool
2:00 - 4:00	Camp: Grades 3 - 5 <i>Missy &amp; Randy</i>	Meet under Dining Hall	Pool/Spa
2:00 - 4:00	Middle School <i>Rachel &amp; Joanne</i>	Meet at Old Dining Hall	Pool/Matzah Mystery
2:00 - 5:00	Mah Jong & Scrabble	Library	
2:00 - 4:00	Sports Facilities Open	Sports Fields & Courts	All sports facilities are open. Equipment is available at he fields/courts. Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Hockey, Sand Volleyball, Softball & Gaga.
2:00 - 2:45	A Vision of the Future for Conservative Judaism. <i>Harold Kushner</i>	Synagogue	The keynote talk that Rabbi Kushner gave at the Centennial convention of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.
3:00 - 3:45	Social and Spiritual Activism - Does God Really Care? <i>Mimi Feigelson</i>	Synagogue	The necessity of human action and refraining from action are derived from the same verse in the Torah, so teaches us the Chernobyl Rebbe, in this unique manner of reading Midrash. What is our personal/social/psychological "Mitzrayim" (temptation/danger zone)?
4:00 - 4:45	Getting Personal: My Credo <i>Brad Artson</i>	Synagogue	While in rabbinical school, I knew that the world would press me to abandon my core, to conform to a bland rabbinic persona that wasn't me. I wrote my credo as a way to remind myself to be me. We all need such a reminder to be ourselves. Come share mine as a springboard to creating your own.
5:00 - 6:15	What is the Midrash and How does it Work? <i>Jeff Rubenstein</i>	Synagogue	The incredible odyssey of midrash from a discredited and reviled method of interpretation to an illustrious precursor of modern literary theory.
4:00 - 6:00	Sports Facilities Open	Sports Fields & Courts	All sports facilities are open. Equipment is available at he fields/courts. Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Hovkey, Sand Volleyball, Softball & Gaga
4:00 - 6:00	Pool	Pool	



4:00 - 6:00	Family Board Games	Mountainside Dining Room	
5:30 - 6:30	Yoga Blend <i>Lynn Chanin</i>	Multipurpose Room	A combination of Tai chi, Pilates, and Yoga; including relaxation, meditation, and aromatherapy. All levels welcome.
6:55	Mincha	Synagogue	Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman
7:15 - 8:30	Dinner	Dining Hall	Join us for dinner! Chef's Brad & Todd
8:40 / 8:50	Ma'ariv / Havdallah	Synagogue	Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman
9:00	Kids Movie	Multipurpose Room	Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs 2
9:00	Teen Camp Fire	Welcome Center	All camp at main campfire / Teens by Welcome Center
9:00	Closing Bonfire	Lakeside Fire Ring	Join Musician Scott Shafrin, Camp Counselors and others songs, stories & s'mores
9:00	Poker	Main Dining Room	
9:00	Film	Synagogue	Mel Brooks: Make a Noise

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

### SEE YOU NEXT YEAR IN CLAYTON!

Airport coach passengers: For luggage assistance, please place your luggage on the porch nearest the road at the front of your accommodations by 7:30 a.m. Claim your luggage at the Dining Hall Atrium. Bus departs for Atlanta airport at 9:00 a.m. sharp.

Time	Event	Location	Description
8:30 - 10:00	Breakfast	Dining Hall	
9:00	Bus Departure		
11:00	Final Farewell & Departures		

# SPEAKER BIOS

## Ramah Staff

### Arlene Efune

Arlene hails from Johannesburg, South Africa. In 1992 with her husband, Charles, daughter, Jade, and son, Brent, Arlene immigrated directly to Georgia, USA where she and her family are still happily residing. She joined the Development and Retreat divisions of Ramah Darom in February 2004 and has been involved with the Passover program ever since. Apart from Passover, her current role involves sales and coordination of retreats, weddings, Bar Mitzvahs and other special events at The Kaplan Mitchell Retreat & Conference Center at Ramah Darom.

### Frederick R. Levick

Fred Levick has served as Chief Executive Officer of Ramah Darom, Inc. since March, 2000. Prior to coming to Ramah Darom, Mr. Levick spent more than 20 years in the health care industry, engaged in leadership, business development, strategic planning and project management. In 1992, Mr. Levick founded HealthServe, a non-profit community organization, to fund and deliver primary health care and pharmacy services to low-income children and adults in Greensboro, North Carolina. Before establishing HealthServe, Mr. Levick served as a Senior Vice President with The Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital in Greensboro. Mr. Levick was educated at Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania where he earned an AB degree in Biology, and later at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, where he received an MPH degree in Health Administration.

### Sarah Attermann

Sarah Attermann is the Program Director for Camp Ramah Darom, and has always been passionate about the Jewish camp community. She received her degree in Education from the University of Florida and is working toward a second master's degree in Jewish Education from the Davidson School at the Jewish Theological Seminary through a distance learning program. Previously, Sarah taught Judaic Studies at the Davis Academy in Atlanta, GA, as well as worked at B'nai Torah in Atlanta with the youth groups. Sarah is thrilled to be spending another Pesach at Darom!

## Pesach Camp Staff

### Dani Carrus

Dani Carrus is a recent graduate of Brandeis University, where she completed both her MA and BA. She is currently working at Solomon Shechter in Newton, teaching Pre-k. This will be her fourth Pesach at Ramah Darom. She is excited to spend her week singing the menu and swimming in the pool.

### Jennie Berger

Originally from Rockville, Maryland, Jennie Berger received a BA in Education Studies, Hebrew Language and Literature and Near Eastern and Judaic Studies from Brandeis University as well as a Masters in Teaching Hebrew and Judaic Studies. Growing up in an active Jewish community, Jennie participated in several Jewish summer camps, as a counselor and camper. She is excited to share her passion for Israeli dancing, a cappella, and Hebrew at the Ramah Darom Passover program for her second year!

### Bennie Cohen

Bennie has been an active member of the Atlanta Jewish community since he moved here from Florida in 2009, and has 10 years of experience bringing innovative Jewish programs to life. Bennie received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Interpersonal and Organizational Communications from the University of South Florida, where he also completed a student internship in the Disney College Program. Bennie began his career as a program associate at the Tampa JCC, where he coordinated camp and afterschool activities. He then served as the Program Director of the University of Florida's Hillel and later as the Director of Jewish Student Life and President of Central Florida's Hillel. Bennie also has held positions of leadership with Birthright Israel. He served as Birthright's Director of Development for one year,

and later its Southeast Regional Director for Birthright Israel NEXT: A Division of Birthright Israel Foundation, a new program Bennie helped found that empowers young adults to continue their engagement in the Jewish community after Birthright. In his current role, he is responsible for overseeing digital strategy for the Schusterman Philanthropic Network, which includes managing the organization's social media efforts and building strategic relationships through digital campaigns. Bennie lives in Dunwoody with his wife, Cobi.

### **Paige Godfrey**

Paige is a recent college graduate from Kennesaw State University with a degree in psychology. She currently lives in Marietta and works with the youth group at congregation Etz Chaim. In the future, she hopes to continue to work with children and also pursue her passion of working with marine mammals.

### **Nancy Seifert Gorod**

Nancy Seifert Gorod is an experienced Jewish educator. She is currently the chief provider of lifelong learning at YourJewishLife, customized Jewish learning to meet your needs. She holds a masters degree in Jewish Education from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Her experience ranges from educating preschoolers to educating adults and families in every form. Her passion is experiential learning. She believes that much more can be discovered when families learn together and have meaningful conversations as they unpack and uncover their beliefs. Nancy spends her summers at Ramah Darom as a member of the Judaics faculty. She has served as the Education Director of Congregation Etz Chaim and on the faculty at The Epstein School, the Solomon Schechter School of Atlanta. She holds a position on the national board of the Jewish Educators Assembly. Nancy resides in Marietta, GA with her husband, Randy, her two children, Natan and Ilana, and her Challah-loving dog, Cousy.

### **Randy Gorod**

Randy Gorod has been a member of the Ramah Pesach programming staff for nine years. Randy loves returning to his passion for informal Jewish education for the week. When not engaging our children, Randy is a development professional having worked for The Jewish Agency for Israel, Emory University, the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta and others. He spent the first half of his professional career in camping and youth. He served as the Assistant Director of Camp Judaea in Hendersonville, NC, and as the Southern Regional Director for Young Judaea. He was the Executive Director and Youth Director at Congregation Etz Chaim in Marietta, GA. He was responsible for creating a professional development organization for youth directors in the Southeast region of United Synagogue. He is the past-president of the Atlanta Chapter of the Association for Fundraising Professionals. He looks forward to celebrating another life-cycle event at Ramah Darom.

### **Joanne Loiben**

Joanne Loiben joins us this Passover from Atlanta, GA. Originally from Chicago, she is now the 6th grade Judaic Studies teacher at The Davis Academy. Prior to this year, she studied for three years at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem and completed the Pardes Educators Program. She holds a master's degree in Jewish Education from Hebrew College and a bachelor of arts in Political Science from Saint Louis University. Joanne can't wait to experience Passover camp at Ramah Darom!

### **Alex Leftitz**

Alex has worked at camp since 2008 as a climbing instructor. Her favorite camp activity is to nap in her hammock, but you can also often find her swinging through the air or relaxing on the porch with a cup of coffee. And don't forget to congratulate Alex because less than a week ago she graduated from Clemson University with a degree in Geology.

### **Tova Messer**

Tova Messer is a teacher and writer living in New York City. Tova holds a masters in social work and a bachelors in english with a minor in anthropology from Rutgers University. She has studied at McGill University, Bar-Ilan University, Midreshet Lindenbaum, Drisha and Mayanei Ohr. She enjoys working with children and adults and she loves to dance.

## **Specialists**

## Climbing

### Rabbi Ashira Konigsburg

Rabbi Ashira Konigsburg is the Associate Director of Rabbinic Services at the Rabbinical Assembly. She earned an MA in Talmud and Rabbinics and Rabbinic Ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary. A native of South Florida, Ashira spent her undergraduate years at the University of Maryland and has spent many summers in a variety of roles at Ramah Darom in Georgia, including directing the climbing program. She is a member of the Kehilat Hadar Steering Team. In her free time, Ashira enjoys traveling, hiking, and climbing. You can find her on Twitter, @ashirak.

### Rabbi Tim Daniel Bernard

Tim is the Community Manager for Seeking Alpha, a leading investment news and analysis website. His previous work was in Jewish education, including serving as Grants Manager at a funding organization and as a middle school Judaics teacher. Tim was ordained at JTS, where he earned an MA in Talmud & Rabbinics. He also spent a year learning at each of the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem and Yeshivat Hadar in New York. He grew up in London and studied philosophy as an undergrad at the University of Bristol. Tim lives in New York City, where he gives regular divre Torah at Kehilat Hadar. He is married to Ashira Konigsburg, with whom he enjoys traveling, hiking and visiting modern art galleries.

## Yoga

### Lynn Chanin

Lynn is a Health and Wellness professional with 39 years of university, ballet studio, and fitness studio experience, working with all ages and all fitness levels while teaching a diverse range of classes. She has both her undergraduate and graduate degrees in Dance and Exercise Physiology. She has performed with the Callanwolde Dance Theatre, the University of Georgia Dance Company, the Georgia State University Dance Ensemble and Company Kaye. She has been teaching Les Mills group fitness classes, including BodyPump, BodyStep, BodyAttack and BodyFlow since 1996. Lynn is a native Atlantan where she is a member of Congregation Or Ve Shalom, and has served as its Sisterhood President. Lynn's first passion is her four fabulous children Alexandra, Marrison, Erica, and Benjamin. Her second passion is teaching group fitness classes.

## Nature

### Greg Greer

Greg Greer has been involved with natural history on a variety of levels throughout his entire life. Past employment and field work include: Peregrine Falcon Re-introduction Program (Virginia); Banding fall migrating raptors (Virginia); Royal tern banding (Va., N.C.); Zoo Atlanta, Department of Herpetology (reptiles); Naturalist, Chattahoochee Nature Center (Georgia); Executive Director, Chattahoochee Nature Center (Georgia); Expedition Leader & Naturalist, International Expeditions; Senior Naturalist & Expedition Leader; Orbridge, destination specialists. Throughout the past 40 years, his experiences have been highly varied in regards to working with reptiles and birds, as well as the educational component of leading people to the world's most wildlife-rich areas. His experiences provide him with the opportunity to offer many natural history services in his own private business, all of which are aligned with his life's passion: nature.

## Art

### Roxane Goldstein

For more than 40 years, Roxane has been creating beautiful needlepoint works of art, incorporating a wide variety of interesting stitches in her work. Her creations include wall hangings, pillows and mobiles using silk, metallic, cotton threads, and beads. Her other interests include bridge and gardening. She currently calls Atlanta home.

### Abby Maeir

Abby is a lifelong arts & crafts enthusiast, dating back to her days at the JCC in Pittsburgh when she "lived" at the art center and created ceramic menorahs, woven potholders and box-stitched lanyards. She embraces all types of art and in addition to beading bracelets, baking challah every Friday and color-coordinating her hydrangea garden,

Abby teaches the art of Fused Glass in her home studio in suburban Chicago. She was able to combine her love of art & Judaica last summer at Ramah Day Camp in Wheeling, Illinois, where she taught campers and staff how to create colorful, one-of-a-kind mezzuzot and necklaces. This summer, Abby will be teaching art at Camp Ramah Wisconsin. Abby plays guitar for "Parents Unplugged", the unofficial house band at Solomon Schechter Day School of Metropolitan Chicago, and recently performed at a friend's Bat Mitzvah in Israel. Abby believes there's an "inner artist" in all of us and is excited to welcome you to her workshops.

### **Mindy Shapiro**

Mindy Shapiro, M.A. is a Jewish communal professional, based in Philadelphia, who equally loves art and Jewish study. As an artist, Mindy was first introduced to the folk art of papercutting at KlezKamp, a Yiddish folk camp. She credits her immediate passion for this art form to her only art training which was as a leather craftsman at Camp Louise. Mindy's groundbreaking creativity, intricate designs and use of color, combined with her wide-ranging knowledge, distinguish her as an artist. Her original designs are sketched by hand and cut with a knife. You can see Mindy's work at [www.personalizedpapercuts.com](http://www.personalizedpapercuts.com). As a Jewish communal professional, Mindy was the founding director of Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing!, a program of Moving Traditions. She has also worked for other Jewish organizations including Hillel of Greater Philadelphia, International Hillel and the Gershman Y. Currently, when not teaching or creating papercuts, Mindy teaches the traditional Jewish mindfulness practice of Mussar. This provides her with a framework for leading a more mindful life, something she helps others to do. Whether or not you join her for an art class, Mindy invites you to ask her about Mussar.

### **Paul Rovin**

## **Music**

### **Rabbi Scott Shafrin**

Scott Shafrin is currently the Rabbi In Residence at The Epstein School, a nationally recognized Solomon Schechter Day School in the Atlanta, GA, renowned for its bilingual approach to education. Born in Milwaukee, WI, where he became an unyielding Packers fan, he received his B.A. from Brandeis University. After diving deeply into the work of community organizing through the JOIN for Justice fellowship, Rabbi Shafrin went on to earn a M.A.Ed. from the Fingerhut School of Education and rabbinic ordination from the Ziegler School of Rabbinic studies, both housed within the American Jewish University in Los Angeles, CA. When not studying Torah with his lifelong hevruta, his brilliant wife, Rabbi Jessica Shafrin, Rabbi Shafrin is learning new songs, mastering new instruments, hiking, mountain climbing, reading a great book, eating something delicious, or simply exploring the wonders of this incredible world in which we all live.

## **Facilities**

### **William Anthony Franklin**

Anthony has been working at Ramah Darom since May 1997 and currently serves as the General Manager of Ramah Darom. Prior to coming to Ramah Darom, Anthony had worked in the grocery industry for 14 years and owned a small construction company. Anthony's construction company specialized in residential remodeling in the North Georgia area. Before beginning the construction business, Anthony began his career in the grocery industry at an entry level position and worked his way to become Store Manager. Under Anthony's management his store became one of the industry leading and benchmarks setting store in his region. Anthony was educated at Piedmont College in Demorest, Georgia where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration and graduated Magna Cum Laude and, in July 2012, earned his MBA in Managerial Leadership. Anthony's education also includes a State of Georgia Class III Water Operator, State of Georgia Class III Wastewater Operator, and a National Swimming Pool Foundation Certified Pool and Spa Operator License.

### **Brad Semon**

As chef-owner of The Painted Plate, Brad Semon has set the standard for culinary excellence in Greensboro through his innovative style, endless pursuit of the unique and his ability to create. Brad has spent a lifetime cultivating a passion and gift for transforming the ordinary event into one that is truly exceptional. And upon that standard, The Painted Plate has built a reputation as the Piedmont's premiere caterer since 1993. With two downtown



Greensboro Ballrooms and a large banquet facility on Church Street, The Painted Plate provides unmatched event venues to complement their masterful cuisine, and they are happy to cater to your very own unique location. Visit [paintedplate.com](http://paintedplate.com) to discover more of what we have to offer.

### **Todd Jones**

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. Following his time with Lufthansa, Chef Todd 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. In his free time, Chef Todd loves to travel, play golf and enjoy great food, wines and spirits.

### **Max Tyroler**

Max Tyroler recently finished 18 months as the Chief Operating Officer of the health care technology startup, TrackDox. He is currently looking at developing his next startup or finding an existing team to join. Max is a dedicated Gator, and spent 7 years at the University of Florida earning a B.S. in Finance as well as a J.D. from the Levin College of Law.

While never a camper at Ramah Darom, Max was introduced to camp in the summer of 2006 as a programming counselor for the Chalutzim eidah. From 2008-2010 Max served as the Rosh Chadar Ochel, working to ensure smooth communication between the kitchen and the rest of camp, while also facilitating all meals and food related programming. In October 2013, Max was asked to be one of Ramah Darom's appointees to the Moreshet board for the National Ramah Commission focusing on young alumni engagement and acting as advisors for up and coming Ramah counselors.

Max enjoys Gator Sports, working out, emerging technology, movies, and writing autobiographies like this one.

## **Faculty**

### **Rabbi Gary Oren**

Rabbi Gary Oren joined American Jewish University as Vice President and Dean of the Whizin Center for Continuing Education in summer of 2013. Rabbi Oren is an alumnus of California State University, Fullerton, where he completed his undergraduate degree, and Tel Aviv University where he studied towards an M.A. of Middle Eastern Studies. In 2008 he received his rabbinical ordination from the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies. Rabbi Oren brings a wealth of knowledge to AJU including more than 5 years experience as the Rabbi of Temple Aliyah in Woodland Hills, California.

### **Rabbi Joel Roth**

Joel Roth is Louis Finkelstein Professor of Talmud and Jewish Law at The Jewish Theological Seminary. Rabbi Roth also serves as Rosh Yeshiva of the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem. The yeshiva, founded and maintained by United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism, is under the academic auspices of JTS. In addition to his teaching post, Rabbi Roth has held four key administrative positions at JTS, serving as dean of students of the Albert A. List College of Jewish Studies (then called Seminary College), director of the Melton Research Center for Jewish Education, and associate dean and dean of The Rabbinical School. An expert in halakhah, Dr. Roth was appointed to the Rabbinical Assembly's Committee on Jewish Law and Standards in 1978 and served on it until December 2006, including a period of eight years as chairman. Dr. Roth received a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University in his hometown of Detroit. He also participated in the Herbert H. Lehman Institute of Talmudic Ethics, a special-studies program. He received his master's degree at JTS, where he was ordained in 1968. That same year, Rabbi Roth was appointed to the faculty of JTS, as he continued his studies toward a PhD in Talmud, which he received in 1973.

### **Rabbi Bradley Shavit (Brad) Artson**

Bradley Shavit “Brad” Artson holds the Abner and Roslyn Goldstine Dean’s Chair of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies at the American Jewish University in Los Angeles, California, where he is Vice President. He supervises the Louis and Judith Miller Introduction to Judaism Program and provides educational and religious oversight for Camp Ramah of California. He is also the Dean of the Zacharias Frankel College in Potsdam Germany, which ordains Masorti/Conservative Rabbis for Europe. Born and raised in San Francisco, Artson holds the A.B. Degree which he received from Harvard College, cum laude. Following graduation, Artson was ordained with honors by the Jewish Theological Seminary. He wrote his first book, *Love Peace and Pursue Peace: A Jewish Response to War and Nuclear Annihilation*, while in rabbinical school. During his last year at rabbinical school, he served as the part-time rabbinic intern at Bolton Street Synagogue in Baltimore. For 10 years, Artson served as the Rabbi of Congregation Eilat in Mission Viejo, which grew under his tenure from about 200 families to more than 600. During that period, his introduction to Judaism course helped more than 200 people convert to Judaism, and 10 of his congregants have entered the rabbinate. In 1999, he began his work at American Jewish University. In addition to his work as Rabbinical School Dean and University Vice-President, Rabbi Artson received his D.H.L. at the Hebrew Union College’s Jewish Institute of Religion in Contemporary Jewish Theology, under the supervision of Rabbi Dr. David Ellenson. His scholarly fields include Jewish philosophy and theology, particularly a process approach integrating contemporary scientific insights from cosmology, quantum physics, evolutionary theory and neuroscience, to a dynamic view of G-d, Torah, Mitzvot and ethics. He is a charter member of the Society for the Study of Judaism and Science. A prominent leader of Conservative Judaism, Artson serves on the Leadership Council of Conservative Judaism. He supervises the Miller Introduction to Judaism Program and the Center for Jewish Outreach at American Jewish University. Rabbi Artson writes a weekly Torah commentary that has more than 13,000 internet subscribers. He is the author of ten books, most recently *God of Becoming and Relationship: The Dynamics of Process Theology* and *Passing Life’s Tests: Spiritual Reflections on the Trial of Abraham, The Binding of Isaac*. He is a contributor to *The Huffington Post* and the *Times of Israel*, and he has written more than 220 published articles. In 2008, Artson ordained Rabbi Gershom Sizomu, the leader of the Abayudaya Tribe and participated in a rabbinic delegation to Uganda to install him as the first African Rabbi in Subsaharan Africa. While in Africa he joined a Beit Din in converting 250 Africans from Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Ghana and Uganda. Artson is married to Elana Shavit Artson, and they are the parents of twins, Shira and Jacob.

### **Rabbi Daniel Greyber**

Rabbi Daniel Greyber has been with Beth El Synagogue in Durham, North Carolina, since 2011. At the end of the summer of 2010, he completed an eight-year tenure as the executive director of Camp Ramah in California and the Max & Pauline Zimmer Conference Center of American Jewish University. During rabbinical school, he founded The Neshama Minyan at Temple Beth Am in Los Angeles and Minyan Nifla at Sinai Temple in Los Angeles, soulful, egalitarian, Friday night services using the melodies of the late Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach. While in rabbinical school, Rabbi Greyber also founded LISHMA, an innovative learning program of Ramah and the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies (ZSRS) where young adult Jews spend the summer exploring traditional Jewish texts, prayer and practice in the beautiful setting of Camp Ramah in California. Greyber has served as a scholar-in-residence for programs of the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles and a variety of Conservative synagogues throughout the West, and as a teacher at conventions of the Rabbinical Assembly and Jewish Educators Assembly. A gold medalist and Captain of the U.S. Swimming Team at the 1993 World Maccabiah Games, he also served as the USA Team Rabbi at 19th World Maccabiah Games in the Summer of 2013. Rabbi Greyber holds a Masters in Speech and Communications Studies from Northwestern University and was ordained in 2002 at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies of American Jewish University where he received the Henry Fisher Award for outstanding achievement in Jewish Studies.

### **Daniel Grossberg**

Ramah has always been pivotal in Daniel’s life. He was camper, waiter, counselor, Educational Director, and Camp Director, and met his wife, Millie, all at Ramah. Their three daughters and grandchildren also have been to Ramah. Grossberg taught Hebrew language and literature at SUNY Albany. He wrote a monograph on biblical poetry for the Society of Biblical Literature, a Commentary on Lamentations for the Oxford Jewish Study Bible, and has written numerous studies for professional journals as well. Grossberg also served as a visiting scholar at the Oxford Center for Hebrew Studies.

### **Karen Radkowsky**

Karen Radkowsky is a trustee of Limmud, a global movement whose volunteers create and run cross-communal Jewish learning events in over 60 communities on six continents. The founder and past president of Limmud NY, Karen helped develop Limmud's international Chavruta Project. In her professional life, Karen heads The Research Consultancy, a market research firm in New York City.

### **Rabbi Shai Held**

Rabbi Shai Held is Co-Founder, Rosh Yeshiva, and Chair in Jewish Thought at Mechon Hadar. Before that, he served for six years as Scholar-in-Residence at Kehilat Hadar in New York City, and taught both theology and Halakha at the Jewish Theological Seminary (he currently serves as adjunct faculty at JTS). He also served as Director of Education at Harvard Hillel. A renowned lecturer and educator, Shai is a 2011 recipient of the Covenant Award for excellence in Jewish education. Shai has a PhD in religion from Harvard; his main academic interests are in modern Jewish and Christian thought and in the history of Zionism. His book, *Abraham Joshua Heschel: The Call of Transcendence* was published by Indiana University Press in the fall of 2013. Most importantly, he is married to Rachel and the father of Lev, 4, and Maya, 2.

### **Rabbi Aaron Alexander**

Rabbi Aaron Alexander is the Associate Dean of the Ziegler School and Lecturer in Rabbinics and Jewish Law. He is a graduate of the University of Florida and received his master of arts and ordination from the AJU's Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, while also spending extended time learning at the Conservative Yeshivah and JTSA. Along with his academic teaching, he gives an early morning class on the Arba'ah Turim Ha-Shalem that is recorded for Jewish learners worldwide and posted to "<http://www.zieglertorah.org>" under Exploring Jewish Law, Laws of Shabbat, and Laws of Passover. Rabbi Alexander also gives a regular class at IKAR in Los Angeles on rabbinic thought and methodology. He is a certified mashgiach (kosher supervisor) by the Conservative Movement's Rav Hamachshir program and currently serves on its Committee for Jewish Law and Standards, where he has two approved teshuvot. Rabbi Alexander has been published in the "Walking With..." series ([www.walkingwith.org](http://www.walkingwith.org)) with a fresh article on the Jewish view of 'Singlehood' as well as an article on Shabbat (co-authored with Rabbi Sharon Brous). He is regularly published in *CJ: Voices of Conservative/Masorti Judaism* and *The Huffington Post*, and is currently a blogger for the Sh'ma online journal. Rabbi Alexander also contributed traditional text chapters to the first three editions of the JPS series, "Jewish Choices, Jewish Voices." Most importantly, he was a founding staff member at Camp Ramah Darom in 1997, where he worked for 10 summers, served on the Board of Directors, and now is honored to spend summers as Rabbi-in-Residence at Camp Ramah in California.

### **Rabbi Penina Alexander**

Rabbi Penina Alexander was ordained from the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in 2009 and loves teaching learners of all ages in various educational settings. She currently serves as Associate Director of Education at IKAR where she participates in creating engaging Jewish learning opportunities for children. She is also working toward a master's degree in Education. Penina taught Jewish ethics at New Community Jewish High School in Los Angeles for three years and has been actively involved in planning a yearly Jewish women's retreat, called Ruach Nashim, at Camp Ramah in California. She is thrilled to be back to celebrate Pesach with the Ramah Darom community.

### **Jacob Artson**

Jacob Artson communicates by typing. He has spoken about including individuals with autism in Jewish communal life at numerous conferences across the United States. He plans to become a writer and advocate for the dignity of all people, whether disabled or not.

### **Reb Mimi Feigelson**

Reb Mimi (Miriam Sara) Feigelson is an Israeli orthodox rabbi, an international teacher of Hassidut - Spirituality - and a story teller. She is the Mashpi'ah Ruchanit (spiritual mentor) and Lecturer of Rabbinic Literature and Chassidic Thought at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, The American Jewish University, L.A. ([www.zieglertorah.org](http://www.zieglertorah.org)). She was the Associate Director of Yakar, Jerusalem and Director of its Women's Beit Ha'midrash. In 2010, Reb Mimi was recognized by *The Forward* as one of the fifty most influential female Rabbis, and in 2011 was accepted to the Board

of Rabbis of Southern California as an independent Orthodox rabbi. Currently Reb Mimi has embarked on pursuing a Doctorate at HUC-JIR.

### **Penina, Sharona & Yaffa Shira Grossberg**

Three generations of the Grossberg family are spending Pesach together at Darom. Millie and Daniel Grossberg met as teens at Ramah. Their three daughters Penina, Yaffa Shira, and Sharona spent summers at Ramah as infants, campers and staff members. The three sisters have collaborated again this year to organize and facilitate interactive Tefilah experiences for children on Shabbat and Yom tov. Yaffa Shira is an energetic teacher in an integrated and bilingual school in Jerusalem for Jewish and Arab children. Yaffa Shira has a master of arts in special education from Columbia University Teachers' College. She enjoys sculpting, speaks Hebrew like a native Israeli, and is becoming fluent in Arabic. Yaffa Shira and Michael live in Jerusalem with their three children. Sharona has a master of arts in school counseling and works in community relations for the Berkshire Bank. Trained in the Matan Bat Mitzvah Program, Sharona taught several classes of mother-daughter pairs about Jewish women role models. Sharona also taught a series of parenting classes. Sharona and her four daughters live in Teaneck. Penina is a dynamic Jewish educator who has mentored dozens of new teachers, written curricula, and served as principal of a Solomon Schechter day school. An alumna of the Wexner Graduate Fellowship, Penina holds a master of science in Educational Leadership, a master of arts in Jewish Studies, and a principal's certificate. Penina and Matt live with their two sons in Teaneck across the street from Sharona.

### **Rabbi Harold S. Kushner**

Harold Kushner is Rabbi Laureate of Temple Israel in the Boston suburb of Natick, Mass., and has served as the congregation's rabbi for 24 years. He is best known as the author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, an international best seller first published in 1981. The book has been translated into 14 languages and was recently selected by members of the Book of the Month Club as one of the ten most influential books of recent years. One critic has called it "the most important book of popular theology ever written in America." He also has written *When All You've Ever Wanted Isn't Enough*, which was awarded the Christopher Medal for its contribution to the exaltation of the human spirit. In 1995, Rabbi Kushner was honored by the Christophers, a Roman Catholic organization, as one of 50 people who have made the world a better place in the last 50 years. He has twice been nominated for the Templeton Prize, the equivalent of the Nobel Prize for Religion. He also has written eight other books, plus two volumes of collected sermons. His most recent book is *The Book of Job: When Bad Things Happen to a Good Person*. With novelist Chaim Potok, he is co-author of the new Conservative commentary on the Torah, *Etz Hayim*, which has been enthusiastically received by hundreds of congregations since its publication in the fall of 2001. His most recent best-seller is *Overcoming Life's Disappointments*. He has also had a collection of his sermons published under the title *Faith and Family*. Rabbi Kushner was born in Brooklyn, New York, and graduated from Columbia University. He was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1960 and awarded a doctoral degree in Bible by the Seminary in 1972. He has six honorary doctorates, has studied at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and taught at Clark University in Worcester, Mass., and the Rabbinical School of the Jewish Theological Seminary. For four years, he edited the magazine "Conservative Judaism". In 1999, the national organization, Religion in American Life, honored him as its Clergyman of the Year. In 2008, he was the first recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award for contributions to the world of Jewish books, presented by the Jewish Book Council.

### **Jeffrey Rubenstein**

Dr. Jeffrey L. Rubenstein is Skirball Professor of Talmud and Rabbinic Literature in the Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies of New York University. He received his bachelor of arts in Religion from Oberlin College, his master of arts in Talmud from the Jewish Theological Seminary, where he also received rabbinic ordination and his Ph.D. from the Department of Religion of Columbia University. He has taught at Columbia University, the University of Pennsylvania and the Jewish Theological Seminary in addition to New York University. His books include *The History of Sukkot in the Second Temple and Rabbinic Periods* (1995); *Talmudic Stories: Narrative Art, Composition and Culture* (1999); *Rabbinic Stories* (2002); *The Culture of the Babylonian Talmud* (2003), and most recently *Stories of the Babylonian Talmud* (2010). Dr. Rubenstein has written numerous articles on the festival of Sukkot, Talmudic stories, the development of Jewish law, and topics in Jewish liturgy and ethics.



### **Alana Tilman**

Alana Tilman is the Special Projects Coordinator at the National Ramah Commission. She coordinates National Ramah projects such as leadership training, college programming and the Ramah365 app. She holds a master of arts in Informal Jewish Education from the Davidson School of Education at the Jewish Theological Seminary. As a life-long Ramahnik, she's spent many summers as a camper, counselor and Rosh Edah at Ramah in the Poconos and Ramah Israel Seminar. Outside of Ramah, Alana has taught in a variety of Hebrew schools & settings and volunteers in planning the annual LimmudNY conference. Alana is excited to be returning with her family for their third year at Passover at Ramah Darom!

### **Hazzan David F. Tilman**

Hazzan David F. Tilman, a native of Albany, New York, is a graduate of Columbia College, the Miller Cantorial School of The Jewish Theological Seminary, and the Juilliard School. Since August 2011, he has served as Adjunct Associate Professor at the H.L. Miller Cantorial School of the Jewish Theological Seminary, teaching Methods and Materials of Jewish Music Education, Advanced Conducting, conducting the student chorus, and serves as Thesis Advisor for the seniors. Hazzan Tilman is choral director of Shir KI, the 45-member adult choir of Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel, Elkins Park, Pennsylvania. He began his career as Hazzan Sheni of the Park Avenue Synagogue in New York City, and he is Hazzan Emeritus of Beth Sholom Congregation of Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, having completed a 36-year career as Hazzan. Under his direction, Beth Sholom received the Solomon Schechter Award from the USCJ for the best performing arts and synagogue skills programs on four occasions. He directed a choral program featuring five choirs for singers from age four to 80, and his choirs sang throughout the USA, Israel and Eastern Europe. His rich Ramah background includes serving as "Rosh Musika/Music Director" of Ramah in Wingdale and Nyack for 10 years. Hazzan Tilman was music director of the Brandeis-Bardin Institute in Simi Valley, California, for nine summers. In March 2012, he led a mission to the Masorti/Conservative Congregations and Schools of Santiago, Chile, where he conducted three choirs, taught classes at the Instituto Hebreo, gave three major lectures, and led Shabbat Services at B'nai Yisroel Congregation. In June 2012, he conducted the Ernst Senff Choir in a Shabbat service/program of Jewish music for the Cantors Assembly Germany Mission in the Konzerthaus Berlin. Hazzan Tilman is joyfully and thankfully married to Ellen for 33 years, and they are the proud parents of Avrum-32, Howard-29, and Alana-26.

### **Ellen Tilman**

Ellen is the Director of Library Services at Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania. An avid reader, she enjoys cooking, gardening and travelling. Ellen is an expert on Jewish literature for children and for many years owned and operated Raanan Enterprises, which sold Judaica for children from birth to Bar Mitzvah. She is a published freelance travel writer and budding glass artist. She has an MBA from Northwestern University; an MSS from Bryn Mawr College, and a BA from Goucher College. She is married to Hazzan David Tilman, and is the mother of three young adult children.

### **Howard Tilman**

Howard is a graduating senior at the Zeigler Rabbinical School of the American Jewish University, who will be ordained as rabbi on May 18. He is a veteran of many summers as Rosh Eidah/Divisionhead and radio specialist at Ramah in the Poconoes.

# Thank you for being a part of our Ramah Darom family and celebrating Passover with us!

Our mission at Ramah Darom is to offer exceptional experiences in Jewish living and learning for youth, adults, families and communities year-round. We hope you have enjoyed your Passover experience!

Our Passover program and all of the others we run throughout the year would not be possible without your support. Your support is the lifeline that keeps our signature programs thriving, enabling us to impact thousands of lives each summer and throughout the year. And every donation - large and small - makes a big difference.

To make a donation:

- Please visit [ramahdarom.org/donate](https://ramahdarom.org/donate) or scan the QR code below with your mobile device to make a donation through our website; or
- Provide one of our staff members with your pledge envelope, which can be found in your welcome packet.

Thank you for being such a special part of our Ramah Darom community and for your ongoing support of our organization.

With much appreciation,

*The Ramah Darom Leadership*





# 2014 RAMAH DAROM CALENDAR

## SUMMER FAMILY CAMP

July 2-6 & July 23-27

Summer Family Camp is the perfect opportunity for families with children ages 3-10 to experience Ramah Darom. Separate activities for our adults and children paired with family bonding time make this the perfect vacation.

## GRANDPARENTS WEEKEND

June 20-22 & July 18-20

This is the perfect opportunity for grandparents to experience what their grandchildren do during the summer. With separate programming just for you throughout the weekend, your Shabbat experience will be memorable and meaningful.

## SUMMER CAMP

Session Aleph (Entering grades 4-10): June 10-July 7

Session Bet (Entering grades 4-10): July 9-Aug 4

Full Summer (Entering grades 6-11): June 10-Aug 4

Taste of Ramah 2 (Entering 4th graders only): July 9-20

Taste of Ramah (Entering 3rd graders only): July 14-20

Give your children the gift of camp this summer. It is a gift that will last a lifetime, as the community and confidence they build will stick with them for years to come.

## CLERGY & EDUCATOR KALLAH

July 14-17

Rabbis, Hazzanim, educators and youth directors are invited to join us for a few days of Jewish living and learning at Ramah Darom. Bring the magic of Ramah Darom back to your community.

## CAMP YOFI

August 6-10

Camp Yofi is an award-winning program for Jewish families with children with autism. Single parents, grandparents and siblings are all invited to be apart of this transformational experience.

## JEWISH WOMEN'S GETAWAY

November 9-12, 2014

Grab your mom, daughter and best friends and join us for a memorable week of girl time! No cleaning, no working - our chef and staff will take care of you as you relax and participate in fun and inspiring programs.

## WINTER BREAK FAMILY CAMP

December 30-January 4, 2015

Enjoy relaxation, recreation and an array of classes while children participate in fun and engaging camp activities. What could be better than s'mores under the stars with your kids?

## RETREATS

Celebrate your wedding, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, or family reunion, or host a synagogue retreat at Ramah Darom! Our 122 acres of unspoiled natural beauty in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains is the perfect place for your next retreat. Hotels, winterized cabins, five-star cuisine and recreation are all available.







- A. Tennis Courts
- B. Basketball Courts
- C. Swimming Pool
- D. Beach Volleyball Courts
- E. *Brit Am Gadel*  
(Sports Pavilion)
- F. Odyssey Course
- G. *Kikar* (Soccer Field)
- H. Alpine Tower, Climbing Wall  
& Swing
- I. Low Challenge Course
- J. *Moshav* (Fire Circle)
- K. Archery Range
- L. *Omanot* (Art)
- M. *Agave* (Lake)
- N. Softball Diamond

- O. *Mirpaot T'fillah*  
(Prayer Pavilion)
- P. Amphitheater
- Q. *Brit Am Katan*  
(Old Dining Hall)
- R. Levine Center  
• *Cheder Gadel* (Dining Hall)  
Main Dining, Lakeside  
Dining, Mountainside Dining  
• *Abodes* (Multipurpose Room)  
• 2 Conference Rooms  
• *Abodes* (Library)  
• *Brit Knesset* (Synagogue)  
• Fitness Center
- S. *Margan* (*Mirpaot Agan* -  
Lake Pavilion)
- T. Tree House

- U. Welcome Center  
• Guest Hotel & Lounge  
• Reception & Registration  
• Business Office  
• Conference Room
- V. Marcus Lodge
- W. Mountainside Hotel
- X. Mountainside Cabins (1 - 12)
- Y. Lakeside Cabins (13 - 32)
- Z. Lakeside Hotel







SEE YOU  
NEXT YEAR  
IN CLATYON!

Thank you for being a part of our Ramah Darom family and for spending Passover 5774 with us! We hope you'll join us for one of our other programs throughout the year and look forward to seeing you again soon.



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facilitated by our helpful, friendly staff. We'll have engaging discussions, small study groups, children's activities, sports and games, including guest favorites like pick-up basketball, mah jongg, and poker. (Scrabble is always a big hit!) On Chol Hamoed, in addition to group excursions, we will enjoy art projects, wall climbing, boating, movies, bonfires and so much more. Daily, our team of chefs will create spectacular, mouthwatering buffets and offer outstanding, personalized service.

Most importantly, don't worry about a thing. Our staff is ready to assist you. We look forward to a wonderful holiday experience.

## PASSOVER FROM "A" to "Z"

**Accessibility:** All of our buildings are wheelchair/handicap accessible. Shuttles will run daily throughout campus, with continued service at several clearly-marked shuttle stops. Be aware that Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta Airport requires baggage to be checked in 45 minutes prior to your scheduled departure time, and recommends arrival at the airport 60 - 90 minutes before departure. Travel time between Ramah Darom and the airport is 2 to 2.5 hours depending on traffic. Airport Transportation Schedule:

- Friday, April 18th: Bus departs Ramah Darom at 9am SHARP
- Wednesday, April 23rd: Bus departs Ramah Darom at 9am SHARP

**Babysitting:** We offer group babysitting for children aged 2 - 6 during the seders for those who have registered in advance. Babysitting will be held in the multi-purpose room on the ground level of the Levine Ramah Center. Parents must bring their child to the counselors (including a professional teacher) in the room, ensure they have been signed in, and must pick up their child and ensure the counselor signs them out.

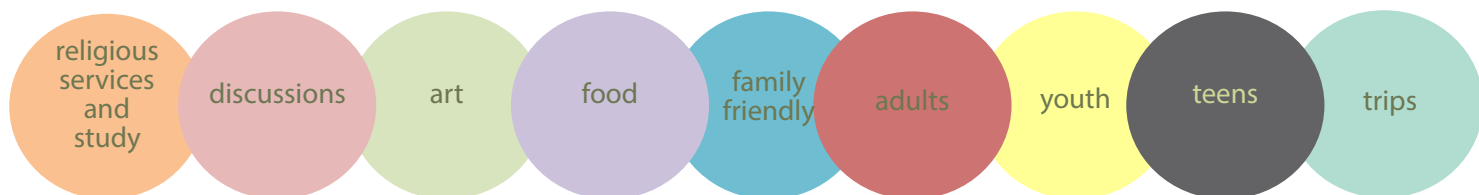
**Boxed Lunches:** For guests going on our Chol Hamoed excursions boxed lunches or snacks and bottled water will be provided for you. For guests going on their own day trips or departing during Passover, preordered boxed lunches will be available in the dining room on the requested day. If you need boxed meals and did not preorder, please place your order with a member of the staff. There is no charge for boxed meals.

**Business Center:** We understand many of our guests must stay connected with the outside world during their stay. We do ask that you be respectful of other guest's observances during Yom Tov and Shabbat and stay connected in a private area. Our breathtaking mountain terrain might pose some challenges for personal, wireless devices, but guests are welcome to use our computers, printer and copier, at any time in our Business Center located in the Welcome Center. If you require a space to work, our staff will be happy help you find what you need without distracting other guests.

**Candle lighting:** We will provide Shabbat and Yom Tov candles for candle lighting in the Dining Hall. Our daily schedule will include candle lighting times. It is most important that you do not light candles in your room!



3:00 - 3:45	Theology and Halakah <i>Joel Roth</i>	Synagogue	In a movement that considers itself “halakhic,” is it theology that determines what constitutes “halakhah;” or, is it “halakhah” that determines what is an acceptable “theology?”
4:00 - 5:30	What is a Prophet? Or: How a Greedy King and Queen Killed an Innocent Peasant and Incurred the Wrath of God <i>Shai Held</i>	Synagogue	In this session, we’ll do a close reading of a remarkable story about how the king and queen of Israel arrange for the murder of a peasant who gets in their way. All goes according to plan and corrupt power goes unchecked... until Elijah, God’s prophet, shows up, vociferously condemns them, and announces that their entire kingdom will be destroyed. Through paying close attention to the text and to the subtle literary cues within it, we’ll ask questions like: 1) What is the nature of the God the prophets worship? 2) What is the role of the prophet in society? 3) What constraints should royalty operate under (even if it rarely does)? 4) Is God’s gift of the land to Israel unconditional? 5) What are the roles of repentance and forgiveness in prophetic theology?
4:00 - 6:00	Tower Open	Climbing Wall	Conquer the tower - no experience necessary! Closed toed shoes & long pants/capris are required.
4:30 - 5:30	Family Kickball Game <i>Ben Pargman</i>	Soccer Field	
5:30-6:15	Teen Meeting with <i>Nancy</i>	Library	Teens
5:30 - 6:15	Light Meal for Early Birds	Main Dining Hall	Join us for dinner! Chefs Todd and Brad
7:25	Mincha / Ma-ariv	Synagogue	Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman
7:47	Candlelighting	Lakeside Dining	
7:50	Ma’ariv	Synagogue	
8:15	First Seder	Dining Room	Please join us for a communal seder led by Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman



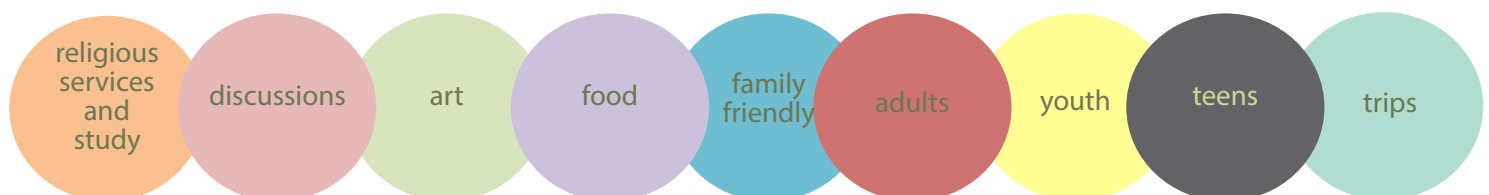
6:00 - 6:45	"Freedom From or Freedom To - A Story of a Jewish Quest for Meaning." <i>Rabbi Gary Oren</i>	Synagogue	Pesach is all about freedom. Our people are in the midst of an ongoing discussion about the cost/benefits of freedom. Does the modern "free" world present us with too many choices? Should we carefully limit how we engage with the world around us? Together we will explore a section of the Talmud Bavli (Shabbat 33b-34a) in which our sages grapple with these questions and more.
7:10	Mincha / Ma'ariv		Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman
8:00	Candlelighting	Lakeside Dining	
8:15	Second Seder	Dining Room	Please join us for a Communal Seder led by Rabbi Joel Roth and Hazzan David Tilman

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 YOM TOV

Time	Event	Location	Description
7:45 - 8:45	Mindful Vinyasa Yoga	Multipurpose Room	Align your body & mind through breath and movement with Deena Pargman. All levels welcome.
8:30 - 10:00	Continental Breakfast	Dining Hall	
9:00 - 9:30	A Daily Dose of Talmud <i>Aaron Alexander</i>	Main Dining Room, look for table card by the stage	A daily shiur offering insight into the rabbinic mind and its logical methodology.
9:00 - 10:00	Yoga Blend	Multipurpose Room	A combination of Tai chi, Pilates, and Yoga; including relaxation, meditation, and aromatherapy with Lynn Chanin. Advanced class.
9:30 - 12:00	Traditional Services	Synagogue	Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman
10:30 - 12:00	Alternative Services <i>Scott Shafrin</i>	Lakeside Pavillion	Find connections among your community, G-d & you using meditation, communication & prayer.
10:30 - 12:00	Gan Services, up through age 5.	Multipurpose Room	Penina Grossberg, Sharona Grossberg, Yaffa Shira Grossberg & Youth Program Staff.
10:30 - 12:00	Junior Congregation, 1st - 5th grades	Mountainside Pavillion	Missy Mandel & Youth Program Staff.
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch	Dining Hall	
1:00 - 3:00	Health Clinic Hours	Infirmery	Visit our PA if needed, the infirmery is in the lower level of the Retreat Mountainside Hotel
1:15 - 2:00	Adult Choir	Synagogue	Open to adults & teens who enjoy singing! This Choir will rehearse daily & participate in Yom Tov Services on the 7th & 8th days with Hazzan David Tilman.
1:45 drop-off, camp 2:00 - 4:00	Gan Camp: Ages 2 - Pre K <i>Melanie Schwartz &amp; Tova Messer</i>	Drop off in Multipurpose Room	Pool 1st Half/Afikoman Scavenger Hunt
1:45 drop-off, camp 2:00 - 4:00	Camp: Grades K - 2 <i>Jennie Berger &amp; Alex Lefitz</i>	Drop off in Portico under Dining Hall	Pool 1st Half/Ice Breaker Games

4:15 - 6:15	Tangling Eggs <i>Mindy Shapiro</i>	Mountainside Dining	Preregistered Ages 9+. Create beautiful images while tangling eggs that you can display at home for all of your friends and family to see. Preregistration is required and space is limited to 15 people.
5:00 - 6:30	Why Amazement Matters: What R. Abraham Joshua Heschel is Really Saying and Why it Matters. <i>Shai Held</i>	Synagogue	According to R. Abraham Joshua Heschel, the spiritual life begins with wonder. In fact, Heschel argues that the greatest danger the modern world faces is our loss of wonder. Why is that? Why is amazement so important, and why does Heschel think it has the power to save us? An advanced introduction to one of the greatest Jewish thinkers of the twentieth century.
4:00 - 6:00	Sports Facilities Open	Sports Fields & Courts	All sports facilities are open. Equipment is available at the fields/courts. Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Hockey, Sand Volleyball, Softball & Gaga
4:00 - 5:00	Restorative Yoga	Multipurpose Room	Combines breath work with slow, mindful movement with Deena Pargman. All levels welcome.
5:15 - 6:00	Youth Choir	Lakeside Dining	Open to all children 2nd grade & up. We will rehearse daily & participate in Yom Tov Services on the 7th & 8th days with Hazzan David Tilman.
5:15 - 6:15	Yoga Blend	Multipurpose Room	A combination of Tai chi, Pilates, and Yoga; including relaxation, meditation, and aromatherapy with Lynn Chanin. All levels welcome.
5:30 - 6:15	Israeli Dancing	Soccer Field (lawn outside Dining Hall)	Learn our Havdallah Dances and get your groove on!
6:15 - 7:00	Ramah Darom Klezmer Band	Soccer Field (lawn outside Dining Hall)	Back for a second year, let the music move you!
6:30-6:55	Book Signing with Faculty Authors	Synagogue	Harold Kushner, Brad Artson and Shai Held will have copies of their books available for sale.
6:55	Mincha	Synagogue	Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman
7:15 - 8:30	Dinner	Dining Hall	Please check columns for Shabbat Seating.
8:30	Ma'ariv	Synagogue	Rabbi Gary Oren & Hazzan David Tilman
9:00	Kids Movie	Multipurpose Room	Monsters University
9:00	Youth Evening Program	Art Building	Tie Dye Night
9:00	High School: Woodworking <i>Paul Rovin</i>	Art Building	Teens only with Nancy G.
9:15	Odyssey	Odyssey	Test your limits, conquer your fears, discover your strength! Closed toed shoes & long pants/capris are required.
9:00	Guantanamo, Mojitos, and Jewish Music: A Visit With the Jews of Havana <i>Hazzan David Tilman and Ellen Tilman</i>	Mountainside Dining Room	Learn about the Jews of Cuba, their synagogues and community institutions through the experience of David and Ellen Tilman from this past January.
9:00	Poker	Main Dining Room	
9:00	Film	Synagogue	Sixty-six

3:00 - 3:45	Rouse yourself, Why Do You Sleep O'Lord?! Exploring the Angriest Psalm in the Bible! <i>Shai Held</i>	Synagogue	A close investigation of one of the most shocking texts in Tanakh: Psalm 44, which is an explosion of anger at God after a humiliating defeat at the hands of Israel's enemies. The text conveys so much anger and disappointment that some scholars refer to it as the national version of the book of Job. We'll read the text carefully, using its many allusions to other biblical texts in order to understand what the psalmist is really saying-- and then we'll ask whether and in what ways psalms of protest can play a role in our own religious lives.
3:30 - 5:00	Family Climbing Wall	Climbing Wall	Closed toed shoes and pants / capris required
4:00-5:00	High School Art Project <i>Nancy Gorod</i>	Art Building	
4:00 - 6:00	Sports Facilities Open	Sports Fields & Courts	All sports facilities are open. Equipment is available at he fields/courts. Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Hockey, Sand Volleyball, Softball & Gaga.
4:00 - 6:00	Pool	Pool	
4:00 - 5:00	Restorative Yoga <i>Deena Pargman</i>	Multipurpose Room	Combines breath work with slow, mindful movement. All levels welcome.
5:00 - 6:30	Book Signing with Faculty Authors	Dining Hall Porch	Harold Kushner, Shai Held, & Brad Artson will have copies for their books available for sale.
5:15 - 6:15	Angelina Jolie's Brave Decision and Your Jewish Genes <i>Karen Arnovitz Grinzaid</i>	Synagogue	Angelina Jolie made two brave decisions: to face her genetic cancer risk and take preventative measures, and to tell the world about it. How can we use what we know about Jewish genetics to prevent devastating diseases in ourselves, our children and our grandchildren? Learn about your risks, available resources and how to take the first steps toward prevention.
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# SPEAKER BIOS

## Ramah Staff

### Arlene Efune

Arlene hails from Johannesburg, South Africa. In 1992 with her husband, Charles, daughter, Jade, and son, Brent, Arlene immigrated directly to Georgia, USA where she and her family are still happily residing. She joined the Development and Retreat divisions of Ramah Darom in February 2004 and has been involved with the Passover program ever since. Apart from Passover, her current role involves sales and coordination of retreats, weddings, Bar Mitzvahs and other special events at The Kaplan Mitchell Retreat & Conference Center at Ramah Darom.

### Frederick R. Levick

Fred Levick has served as Chief Executive Officer of Ramah Darom, Inc. since March, 2000. Prior to coming to Ramah Darom, Mr. Levick spent more than 20 years in the health care industry, engaged in leadership, business development, strategic planning and project management. In 1992, Mr. Levick founded HealthServe, a non-profit community organization, to fund and deliver primary health care and pharmacy services to low-income children and adults in Greensboro, North Carolina. Before establishing HealthServe, Mr. Levick served as a Senior Vice President with The Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital in Greensboro. Mr. Levick was educated at Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania where he earned an AB degree in Biology, and later at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, where he received an MPH degree in Health Administration.

### Sarah Attermann

Sarah Attermann is the Program Director for Camp Ramah Darom, and has always been passionate about the Jewish camp community. She received her degree in Education from the University of Florida and is working toward a second master's degree in Jewish Education from the Davidson School at the Jewish Theological Seminary through a distance learning program. Previously, Sarah taught Judaic Studies at the Davis Academy in Atlanta, GA, as well as worked at B'nai Torah in Atlanta with the youth groups. Sarah is thrilled to be spending another Pesach at Darom!

## Pesach Camp Staff

### Dani Carrus

Dani Carrus is a recent graduate of Brandeis University, where she completed both her MA and BA. She is currently working at Solomon Shechter in Newton, teaching Pre-k. This will be her fourth Pesach at Ramah Darom. She is excited to spend her week singing the menu and swimming in the pool.

### Jennie Berger

Originally from Rockville, Maryland, Jennie Berger received a BA in Education Studies, Hebrew Language and Literature and Near Eastern and Judaic Studies from Brandeis University as well as a Masters in Teaching Hebrew and Judaic Studies. Growing up in an active Jewish community, Jennie participated in several Jewish summer camps, as a counselor and camper. She is excited to share her passion for Israeli dancing, a cappella, and Hebrew at the Ramah Darom Passover program for her second year!

### Bennie Cohen

Bennie has been an active member of the Atlanta Jewish community since he moved here from Florida in 2009, and has 10 years of experience bringing innovative Jewish programs to life. Bennie received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Interpersonal and Organizational Communications from the University of South Florida, where he also completed a student internship in the Disney College Program. Bennie began his career as a program associate at the Tampa JCC, where he coordinated camp and afterschool activities. He then served as the Program Director of the University of Florida's Hillel and later as the Director of Jewish Student Life and President of Central Florida's Hillel. Bennie also has held positions of leadership with Birthright Israel. He served as Birthright's Director of Development for one year,

and later its Southeast Regional Director for Birthright Israel NEXT: A Division of Birthright Israel Foundation, a new program Bennie helped found that empowers young adults to continue their engagement in the Jewish community after Birthright. In his current role, he is responsible for overseeing digital strategy for the Schusterman Philanthropic Network, which includes managing the organization's social media efforts and building strategic relationships through digital campaigns. Bennie lives in Dunwoody with his wife, Cobi.

### **Paige Godfrey**

Paige is a recent college graduate from Kennesaw State University with a degree in psychology. She currently lives in Marietta and works with the youth group at congregation Etz Chaim. In the future, she hopes to continue to work with children and also pursue her passion of working with marine mammals.

### **Nancy Seifert Gorod**

Nancy Seifert Gorod is an experienced Jewish educator. She is currently the chief provider of lifelong learning at YourJewishLife, customized Jewish learning to meet your needs. She holds a masters degree in Jewish Education from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Her experience ranges from educating preschoolers to educating adults and families in every form. Her passion is experiential learning. She believes that much more can be discovered when families learn together and have meaningful conversations as they unpack and uncover their beliefs. Nancy spends her summers at Ramah Darom as a member of the Judaics faculty. She has served as the Education Director of Congregation Etz Chaim and on the faculty at The Epstein School, the Solomon Schechter School of Atlanta. She holds a position on the national board of the Jewish Educators Assembly. Nancy resides in Marietta, GA with her husband, Randy, her two children, Natan and Ilana, and her Challah-loving dog, Cousy.

### **Randy Gorod**

Randy Gorod has been a member of the Ramah Pesach programming staff for nine years. Randy loves returning to his passion for informal Jewish education for the week. When not engaging our children, Randy is a development professional having worked for The Jewish Agency for Israel, Emory University, the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta and others. He spent the first half of his professional career in camping and youth. He served as the Assistant Director of Camp Judaea in Hendersonville, NC, and as the Southern Regional Director for Young Judaea. He was the Executive Director and Youth Director at Congregation Etz Chaim in Marietta, GA. He was responsible for creating a professional development organization for youth directors in the Southeast region of United Synagogue. He is the past-president of the Atlanta Chapter of the Association for Fundraising Professionals. He looks forward to celebrating another life-cycle event at Ramah Darom.

### **Joanne Loiben**

Joanne Loiben joins us this Passover from Atlanta, GA. Originally from Chicago, she is now the 6th grade Judaic Studies teacher at The Davis Academy. Prior to this year, she studied for three years at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem and completed the Pardes Educators Program. She holds a master's degree in Jewish Education from Hebrew College and a bachelor of arts in Political Science from Saint Louis University. Joanne can't wait to experience Passover camp at Ramah Darom!

### **Alex Leftitz**

Alex has worked at camp since 2008 as a climbing instructor. Her favorite camp activity is to nap in her hammock, but you can also often find her swinging through the air or relaxing on the porch with a cup of coffee. And don't forget to congratulate Alex because less than a week ago she graduated from Clemson University with a degree in Geology.

### **Tova Messer**

Tova Messer is a teacher and writer living in New York City. Tova holds a masters in social work and a bachelors in english with a minor in anthropology from Rutgers University. She has studied at McGill University, Bar-Ilan University, Midreshet Lindenbaum, Drisha and Mayanei Ohr. She enjoys working with children and adults and she loves to dance.

## **Specialists**



## Climbing

### Rabbi Ashira Konigsburg

Rabbi Ashira Konigsburg is the Associate Director of Rabbinic Services at the Rabbinical Assembly. She earned an MA in Talmud and Rabbinics and Rabbinic Ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary. A native of South Florida, Ashira spent her undergraduate years at the University of Maryland and has spent many summers in a variety of roles at Ramah Darom in Georgia, including directing the climbing program. She is a member of the Kehilat Hadar Steering Team. In her free time, Ashira enjoys traveling, hiking, and climbing. You can find her on Twitter, @ashirak.

### Rabbi Tim Daniel Bernard

Tim is the Community Manager for Seeking Alpha, a leading investment news and analysis website. His previous work was in Jewish education, including serving as Grants Manager at a funding organization and as a middle school Judaics teacher. Tim was ordained at JTS, where he earned an MA in Talmud & Rabbinics. He also spent a year learning at each of the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem and Yeshivat Hadar in New York. He grew up in London and studied philosophy as an undergrad at the University of Bristol. Tim lives in New York City, where he gives regular divre Torah at Kehilat Hadar. He is married to Ashira Konigsburg, with whom he enjoys traveling, hiking and visiting modern art galleries.

## Yoga

### Lynn Chanin

Lynn is a Health and Wellness professional with 39 years of university, ballet studio, and fitness studio experience, working with all ages and all fitness levels while teaching a diverse range of classes. She has both her undergraduate and graduate degrees in Dance and Exercise Physiology. She has performed with the Callanwolde Dance Theatre, the University of Georgia Dance Company, the Georgia State University Dance Ensemble and Company Kaye. She has been teaching Les Mills group fitness classes, including BodyPump, BodyStep, BodyAttack and BodyFlow since 1996. Lynn is a native Atlantan where she is a member of Congregation Or Ve Shalom, and has served as its Sisterhood President. Lynn's first passion is her four fabulous children Alexandra, Marrison, Erica, and Benjamin. Her second passion is teaching group fitness classes.

## Nature

### Greg Greer

Greg Greer has been involved with natural history on a variety of levels throughout his entire life. Past employment and field work include: Peregrine Falcon Re-introduction Program (Virginia); Banding fall migrating raptors (Virginia); Royal tern banding (Va., N.C.); Zoo Atlanta, Department of Herpetology (reptiles); Naturalist, Chattahoochee Nature Center (Georgia); Executive Director, Chattahoochee Nature Center (Georgia); Expedition Leader & Naturalist, International Expeditions; Senior Naturalist & Expedition Leader; Orbridge, destination specialists. Throughout the past 40 years, his experiences have been highly varied in regards to working with reptiles and birds, as well as the educational component of leading people to the world's most wildlife-rich areas. His experiences provide him with the opportunity to offer many natural history services in his own private business, all of which are aligned with his life's passion: nature.

## Art

### Roxane Goldstein

For more than 40 years, Roxane has been creating beautiful needlepoint works of art, incorporating a wide variety of interesting stitches in her work. Her creations include wall hangings, pillows and mobiles using silk, metallic, cotton threads, and beads. Her other interests include bridge and gardening. She currently calls Atlanta home.

### Abby Maeir

Abby is a lifelong arts & crafts enthusiast, dating back to her days at the JCC in Pittsburgh when she "lived" at the art center and created ceramic menorahs, woven potholders and box-stitched lanyards. She embraces all types of art and in addition to beading bracelets, baking challah every Friday and color-coordinating her hydrangea garden,

Abby teaches the art of Fused Glass in her home studio in suburban Chicago. She was able to combine her love of art & Judaica last summer at Ramah Day Camp in Wheeling, Illinois, where she taught campers and staff how to create colorful, one-of-a-kind mezzuzot and necklaces. This summer, Abby will be teaching art at Camp Ramah Wisconsin. Abby plays guitar for "Parents Unplugged", the unofficial house band at Solomon Schechter Day School of Metropolitan Chicago, and recently performed at a friend's Bat Mitzvah in Israel. Abby believes there's an "inner artist" in all of us and is excited to welcome you to her workshops.

### **Mindy Shapiro**

Mindy Shapiro, M.A, is a Jewish communal professional, based in Philadelphia, who equally loves art and Jewish study. As an artist, Mindy was first introduced to the folk art of papercutting at KlezKamp, a Yiddish folk camp. She credits her immediate passion for this art form to her only art training which was as a leather craftsman at Camp Louise. Mindy's groundbreaking creativity, intricate designs and use of color, combined with her wide-ranging knowledge, distinguish her as an artist. Her original designs are sketched by hand and cut with a knife. You can see Mindy's work at [www.personalizedpapercuts.com](http://www.personalizedpapercuts.com). As a Jewish communal professional, Mindy was the founding director of Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing!, a program of Moving Traditions. She has also worked for other Jewish organizations including Hillel of Greater Philadelphia, International Hillel and the Gershman Y. Currently, when not teaching or creating papercuts, Mindy teaches the traditional Jewish mindfulness practice of Mussar. This provides her with a framework for leading a more mindful life, something she helps others to do. Whether or not you join her for an art class, Mindy invites you to ask her about Mussar.

### **Paul Rovin**

## **Music**

### **Rabbi Scott Shafrin**

Scott Shafrin is currently the Rabbi In Residence at The Epstein School, a nationally recognized Solomon Schechter Day School in the Atlanta, GA, renowned for its bilingual approach to education. Born in Milwaukee, WI, where he became an unyielding Packers fan, he received his B.A. from Brandeis University. After diving deeply into the work of community organizing through the JOIN for Justice fellowship, Rabbi Shafrin went on to earn a M.A.Ed. from the Fingerhut School of Education and rabbinic ordination from the Ziegler School of Rabbinic studies, both housed within the American Jewish University in Los Angeles, CA. When not studying Torah with his lifelong hevruta, his brilliant wife, Rabbi Jessica Shafrin, Rabbi Shafrin is learning new songs, mastering new instruments, hiking, mountain climbing, reading a great book, eating something delicious, or simply exploring the wonders of this incredible world in which we all live.

## **Facilities**

### **William Anthony Franklin**

Anthony has been working at Ramah Darom since May 1997 and currently serves as the General Manager of Ramah Darom. Prior to coming to Ramah Darom, Anthony had worked in the grocery industry for 14 years and owned a small construction company. Anthony's construction company specialized in residential remodeling in the North Georgia area. Before beginning the construction business, Anthony began his career in the grocery industry at an entry level position and worked his way to become Store Manager. Under Anthony's management his store became one of the industry leading and benchmarks setting store in his region. Anthony was educated at Piedmont College in Demorest, Georgia where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration and graduated Magna Cum Laude and, in July 2012, earned his MBA in Managerial Leadership. Anthony's education also includes a State of Georgia Class III Water Operator, State of Georgia Class III Wastewater Operator, and a National Swimming Pool Foundation Certified Pool and Spa Operator License.

### **Brad Semon**

As chef-owner of The Painted Plate, Brad Semon has set the standard for culinary excellence in Greensboro through his innovative style, endless pursuit of the unique and his ability to create. Brad has spent a lifetime cultivating a passion and gift for transforming the ordinary event into one that is truly exceptional. And upon that standard, The Painted Plate has built a reputation as the Piedmont's premiere caterer since 1993. With two downtown

Greensboro Ballrooms and a large banquet facility on Church Street, The Painted Plate provides unmatched event venues to complement their masterful cuisine, and they are happy to cater to your very own unique location. Visit [paintedplate.com](http://paintedplate.com) to discover more of what we have to offer.

### **Todd Jones**

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. Following his time with Lufthansa, Chef Todd 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. In his free time, Chef Todd loves to travel, play golf and enjoy great food, wines and spirits.

### **Max Tyroler**

Max Tyroler recently finished 18 months as the Chief Operating Officer of the health care technology startup, TrackDox. He is currently looking at developing his next startup or finding an existing team to join. Max is a dedicated Gator, and spent 7 years at the University of Florida earning a B.S. in Finance as well as a J.D. from the Levin College of Law.

While never a camper at Ramah Darom, Max was introduced to camp in the summer of 2006 as a programming counselor for the Chalutzim eidah. From 2008-2010 Max served as the Rosh Chadar Ochel, working to ensure smooth communication between the kitchen and the rest of camp, while also facilitating all meals and food related programming. In October 2013, Max was asked to be one of Ramah Darom's appointees to the Moreshet board for the National Ramah Commission focusing on young alumni engagement and acting as advisors for up and coming Ramah counselors.

Max enjoys Gator Sports, working out, emerging technology, movies, and writing autobiographies like this one.

## **Faculty**

### **Rabbi Gary Oren**

Rabbi Gary Oren joined American Jewish University as Vice President and Dean of the Whizin Center for Continuing Education in summer of 2013. Rabbi Oren is an alumnus of California State University, Fullerton, where he completed his undergraduate degree, and Tel Aviv University where he studied towards an M.A. of Middle Eastern Studies. In 2008 he received his rabbinical ordination from the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies. Rabbi Oren brings a wealth of knowledge to AJU including more than 5 years experience as the Rabbi of Temple Aliyah in Woodland Hills, California.

### **Rabbi Joel Roth**

Joel Roth is Louis Finkelstein Professor of Talmud and Jewish Law at The Jewish Theological Seminary. Rabbi Roth also serves as Rosh Yeshiva of the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem. The yeshiva, founded and maintained by United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism, is under the academic auspices of JTS. In addition to his teaching post, Rabbi Roth has held four key administrative positions at JTS, serving as dean of students of the Albert A. List College of Jewish Studies (then called Seminary College), director of the Melton Research Center for Jewish Education, and associate dean and dean of The Rabbinical School. An expert in halakhah, Dr. Roth was appointed to the Rabbinical Assembly's Committee on Jewish Law and Standards in 1978 and served on it until December 2006, including a period of eight years as chairman. Dr. Roth received a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University in his hometown of Detroit. He also participated in the Herbert H. Lehman Institute of Talmudic Ethics, a special-studies program. He received his master's degree at JTS, where he was ordained in 1968. That same year, Rabbi Roth was appointed to the faculty of JTS, as he continued his studies toward a PhD in Talmud, which he received in 1973.

### **Rabbi Bradley Shavit (Brad) Artson**

Bradley Shavit “Brad” Artson holds the Abner and Roslyn Goldstine Dean’s Chair of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies at the American Jewish University in Los Angeles, California, where he is Vice President. He supervises the Louis and Judith Miller Introduction to Judaism Program and provides educational and religious oversight for Camp Ramah of California. He is also the Dean of the Zacharias Frankel College in Potsdam Germany, which ordains Masorti/Conservative Rabbis for Europe. Born and raised in San Francisco, Artson holds the A.B. Degree which he received from Harvard College, cum laude. Following graduation, Artson was ordained with honors by the Jewish Theological Seminary. He wrote his first book, *Love Peace and Pursue Peace: A Jewish Response to War and Nuclear Annihilation*, while in rabbinical school. During his last year at rabbinical school, he served as the part-time rabbinic intern at Bolton Street Synagogue in Baltimore. For 10 years, Artson served as the Rabbi of Congregation Eilat in Mission Viejo, which grew under his tenure from about 200 families to more than 600. During that period, his introduction to Judaism course helped more than 200 people convert to Judaism, and 10 of his congregants have entered the rabbinate. In 1999, he began his work at American Jewish University. In addition to his work as Rabbinical School Dean and University Vice-President, Rabbi Artson received his D.H.L. at the Hebrew Union College’s Jewish Institute of Religion in Contemporary Jewish Theology, under the supervision of Rabbi Dr. David Ellenson. His scholarly fields include Jewish philosophy and theology, particularly a process approach integrating contemporary scientific insights from cosmology, quantum physics, evolutionary theory and neuroscience, to a dynamic view of G-d, Torah, Mitzvot and ethics. He is a charter member of the Society for the Study of Judaism and Science. A prominent leader of Conservative Judaism, Artson serves on the Leadership Council of Conservative Judaism. He supervises the Miller Introduction to Judaism Program and the Center for Jewish Outreach at American Jewish University. Rabbi Artson writes a weekly Torah commentary that has more than 13,000 internet subscribers. He is the author of ten books, most recently *God of Becoming and Relationship: The Dynamics of Process Theology* and *Passing Life’s Tests: Spiritual Reflections on the Trial of Abraham, The Binding of Isaac*. He is a contributor to *The Huffington Post* and the *Times of Israel*, and he has written more than 220 published articles. In 2008, Artson ordained Rabbi Gershom Sizomu, the leader of the Abayudaya Tribe and participated in a rabbinic delegation to Uganda to install him as the first African Rabbi in Subsaharan Africa. While in Africa he joined a Beit Din in converting 250 Africans from Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Ghana and Uganda. Artson is married to Elana Shavit Artson, and they are the parents of twins, Shira and Jacob.

### **Rabbi Daniel Greyber**

Rabbi Daniel Greyber has been with Beth El Synagogue in Durham, North Carolina, since 2011. At the end of the summer of 2010, he completed an eight-year tenure as the executive director of Camp Ramah in California and the Max & Pauline Zimmer Conference Center of American Jewish University. During rabbinical school, he founded The Neshama Minyan at Temple Beth Am in Los Angeles and Minyan Nifla at Sinai Temple in Los Angeles, soulful, egalitarian, Friday night services using the melodies of the late Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach. While in rabbinical school, Rabbi Greyber also founded LISHMA, an innovative learning program of Ramah and the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies (ZSRS) where young adult Jews spend the summer exploring traditional Jewish texts, prayer and practice in the beautiful setting of Camp Ramah in California. Greyber has served as a scholar-in-residence for programs of the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles and a variety of Conservative synagogues throughout the West, and as a teacher at conventions of the Rabbinical Assembly and Jewish Educators Assembly. A gold medalist and Captain of the U.S. Swimming Team at the 1993 World Maccabiah Games, he also served as the USA Team Rabbi at 19th World Maccabiah Games in the Summer of 2013. Rabbi Greyber holds a Masters in Speech and Communications Studies from Northwestern University and was ordained in 2002 at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies of American Jewish University where he received the Henry Fisher Award for outstanding achievement in Jewish Studies.

### **Daniel Grossberg**

Ramah has always been pivotal in Daniel’s life. He was camper, waiter, counselor, Educational Director, and Camp Director, and met his wife, Millie, all at Ramah. Their three daughters and grandchildren also have been to Ramah. Grossberg taught Hebrew language and literature at SUNY Albany. He wrote a monograph on biblical poetry for the Society of Biblical Literature, a Commentary on Lamentations for the Oxford Jewish Study Bible, and has written numerous studies for professional journals as well. Grossberg also served as a visiting scholar at the Oxford Center for Hebrew Studies.

### **Karen Radkowsky**



Karen Radkowsky is a trustee of Limmud, a global movement whose volunteers create and run cross-communal Jewish learning events in over 60 communities on six continents. The founder and past president of Limmud NY, Karen helped develop Limmud's international Chavruta Project. In her professional life, Karen heads The Research Consultancy, a market research firm in New York City.

### **Rabbi Shai Held**

Rabbi Shai Held is Co-Founder, Rosh Yeshiva, and Chair in Jewish Thought at Mechon Hadar. Before that, he served for six years as Scholar-in-Residence at Kehilat Hadar in New York City, and taught both theology and Halakha at the Jewish Theological Seminary (he currently serves as adjunct faculty at JTS). He also served as Director of Education at Harvard Hillel. A renowned lecturer and educator, Shai is a 2011 recipient of the Covenant Award for excellence in Jewish education. Shai has a PhD in religion from Harvard; his main academic interests are in modern Jewish and Christian thought and in the history of Zionism. His book, *Abraham Joshua Heschel: The Call of Transcendence* was published by Indiana University Press in the fall of 2013. Most importantly, he is married to Rachel and the father of Lev, 4, and Maya, 2.

### **Rabbi Aaron Alexander**

Rabbi Aaron Alexander is the Associate Dean of the Ziegler School and Lecturer in Rabbinics and Jewish Law. He is a graduate of the University of Florida and received his master of arts and ordination from the AJU's Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, while also spending extended time learning at the Conservative Yeshivah and JTSA. Along with his academic teaching, he gives an early morning class on the Arba'ah Turim Ha-Shalem that is recorded for Jewish learners worldwide and posted to "<http://www.zieglertorah.org>" under Exploring Jewish Law, Laws of Shabbat, and Laws of Passover. Rabbi Alexander also gives a regular class at IKAR in Los Angeles on rabbinic thought and methodology. He is a certified mashgiach (kosher supervisor) by the Conservative Movement's Rav Hamachshir program and currently serves on its Committee for Jewish Law and Standards, where he has two approved teshuvot. Rabbi Alexander has been published in the "Walking With..." series ([www.walkingwith.org](http://www.walkingwith.org)) with a fresh article on the Jewish view of 'Singlehood' as well as an article on Shabbat (co-authored with Rabbi Sharon Brous). He is regularly published in *CJ: Voices of Conservative/Masorti Judaism* and *The Huffington Post*, and is currently a blogger for the Sh'ma online journal. Rabbi Alexander also contributed traditional text chapters to the first three editions of the JPS series, "Jewish Choices, Jewish Voices." Most importantly, he was a founding staff member at Camp Ramah Darom in 1997, where he worked for 10 summers, served on the Board of Directors, and now is honored to spend summers as Rabbi-in-Residence at Camp Ramah in California.

### **Rabbi Penina Alexander**

Rabbi Penina Alexander was ordained from the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in 2009 and loves teaching learners of all ages in various educational settings. She currently serves as Associate Director of Education at IKAR where she participates in creating engaging Jewish learning opportunities for children. She is also working toward a master's degree in Education. Penina taught Jewish ethics at New Community Jewish High School in Los Angeles for three years and has been actively involved in planning a yearly Jewish women's retreat, called Ruach Nashim, at Camp Ramah in California. She is thrilled to be back to celebrate Pesach with the Ramah Darom community.

### **Jacob Artson**

Jacob Artson communicates by typing. He has spoken about including individuals with autism in Jewish communal life at numerous conferences across the United States. He plans to become a writer and advocate for the dignity of all people, whether disabled or not.

### **Reb Mimi Feigelson**

Reb Mimi (Miriam Sara) Feigelson is an Israeli orthodox rabbi, an international teacher of Hassidut - Spirituality - and a story teller. She is the Mashpi'ah Ruchanit (spiritual mentor) and Lecturer of Rabbinic Literature and Chassidic Thought at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, The American Jewish University, L.A. ([www.zieglertorah.org](http://www.zieglertorah.org)). She was the Associate Director of Yakar, Jerusalem and Director of its Women's Beit Ha'midrash. In 2010, Reb Mimi was recognized by *The Forward* as one of the fifty most influential female Rabbis, and in 2011 was accepted to the Board

of Rabbis of Southern California as an independent Orthodox rabbi. Currently Reb Mimi has embarked on pursuing a Doctorate at HUC-JIR.

### **Penina, Sharona & Yaffa Shira Grossberg**

Three generations of the Grossberg family are spending Pesach together at Darom. Millie and Daniel Grossberg met as teens at Ramah. Their three daughters Penina, Yaffa Shira, and Sharona spent summers at Ramah as infants, campers and staff members. The three sisters have collaborated again this year to organize and facilitate interactive Tefilah experiences for children on Shabbat and Yom tov. Yaffa Shira is an energetic teacher in an integrated and bilingual school in Jerusalem for Jewish and Arab children. Yaffa Shira has a master of arts in special education from Columbia University Teachers' College. She enjoys sculpting, speaks Hebrew like a native Israeli, and is becoming fluent in Arabic. Yaffa Shira and Michael live in Jerusalem with their three children. Sharona has a master of arts in school counseling and works in community relations for the Berkshire Bank. Trained in the Matan Bat Mitzvah Program, Sharona taught several classes of mother-daughter pairs about Jewish women role models. Sharona also taught a series of parenting classes. Sharona and her four daughters live in Teaneck. Penina is a dynamic Jewish educator who has mentored dozens of new teachers, written curricula, and served as principal of a Solomon Schechter day school. An alumna of the Wexner Graduate Fellowship, Penina holds a master of science in Educational Leadership, a master of arts in Jewish Studies, and a principal's certificate. Penina and Matt live with their two sons in Teaneck across the street from Sharona.

### **Rabbi Harold S. Kushner**

Harold Kushner is Rabbi Laureate of Temple Israel in the Boston suburb of Natick, Mass., and has served as the congregation's rabbi for 24 years. He is best known as the author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, an international best seller first published in 1981. The book has been translated into 14 languages and was recently selected by members of the Book of the Month Club as one of the ten most influential books of recent years. One critic has called it "the most important book of popular theology ever written in America." He also has written *When All You've Ever Wanted Isn't Enough*, which was awarded the Christopher Medal for its contribution to the exaltation of the human spirit. In 1995, Rabbi Kushner was honored by the Christophers, a Roman Catholic organization, as one of 50 people who have made the world a better place in the last 50 years. He has twice been nominated for the Templeton Prize, the equivalent of the Nobel Prize for Religion. He also has written eight other books, plus two volumes of collected sermons. His most recent book is *The Book of Job: When Bad Things Happen to a Good Person*. With novelist Chaim Potok, he is co-author of the new Conservative commentary on the Torah, *Etz Hayim*, which has been enthusiastically received by hundreds of congregations since its publication in the fall of 2001. His most recent best-seller is *Overcoming Life's Disappointments*. He has also had a collection of his sermons published under the title *Faith and Family*. Rabbi Kushner was born in Brooklyn, New York, and graduated from Columbia University. He was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1960 and awarded a doctoral degree in Bible by the Seminary in 1972. He has six honorary doctorates, has studied at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and taught at Clark University in Worcester, Mass., and the Rabbinical School of the Jewish Theological Seminary. For four years, he edited the magazine "Conservative Judaism". In 1999, the national organization, Religion in American Life, honored him as its Clergyman of the Year. In 2008, he was the first recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award for contributions to the world of Jewish books, presented by the Jewish Book Council.

### **Jeffrey Rubenstein**

Dr. Jeffrey L. Rubenstein is Skirball Professor of Talmud and Rabbinic Literature in the Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies of New York University. He received his bachelor of arts in Religion from Oberlin College, his master of arts in Talmud from the Jewish Theological Seminary, where he also received rabbinic ordination and his Ph.D. from the Department of Religion of Columbia University. He has taught at Columbia University, the University of Pennsylvania and the Jewish Theological Seminary in addition to New York University. His books include *The History of Sukkot in the Second Temple and Rabbinic Periods* (1995); *Talmudic Stories: Narrative Art, Composition and Culture* (1999); *Rabbinic Stories* (2002); *The Culture of the Babylonian Talmud* (2003), and most recently *Stories of the Babylonian Talmud* (2010). Dr. Rubenstein has written numerous articles on the festival of Sukkot, Talmudic stories, the development of Jewish law, and topics in Jewish liturgy and ethics.



# Thank you for being a part of our Ramah Darom family and celebrating Passover with us!

Our mission at Ramah Darom is to offer exceptional experiences in Jewish living and learning for youth, adults, families and communities year-round. We hope you have enjoyed your Passover experience!

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 • Reception & Registration  
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