2019
PROGRAM GUIDE

RAMAH DAROM WINTER BREAK FAMILY CAMP

דרום רמה

Welcome to Winter Break Family Camp 2019!

Shalom!

We are so excited to welcome you to Winter Break Family Camp at Ramah Darom. This retreat offers you the opportunity to connect with your family, take a break, enjoy fresh mountain air, meet new friends and be inspired. This Program Guide has everything you need to know to make the most of this retreat. Please take time to read through it and bring it along with you wherever you go. We strive to make this experience the best it can be for you and your family. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us – we're always happy to answer your questions!

Bivracha,

Eliana Leader
Director,
Retreat Center

Emily Kaiman
Program Manager,
Retreat Center

Becca Guttman
Guest Relations &
Travel Coordinator

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Things you need to know about Winter Break Family Camp

1. **Camp Program:** Supervised youth programming is offered daily by professional educators and experienced counselors. A daily camp schedule will be provided. Please encourage your children to join us in all camp activities.

   There is a mandatory meeting for parents at the start of the program so that everyone understands drop-off and pick-up procedures, and to ensure the safety of all our campers. Times and locations for drop-off and pick-up are listed in the daily schedule.

2. **Candles:** Shabbat and Chanukah candles will be provided for candle lighting in the *Chadar Ochel* (Dining Room). We will have *Chanukiot*, but you are welcome to bring yours from home. This Program Guide includes candle lighting times.
   You may not light candles in your room!

3. **Check-in:** All visitors must check in at the Welcome Center upon arrival. At check-in you will receive a Program Guide and any additional welcome materials.

4. **Food:** We are a kosher campus. Please help us maintain our *kashrut*. All your meals, snacks and beverages are provided. Outside food is not allowed in the *Chadar Ochel*. All special dietary food needs will be served from just inside the prep area of the kitchen.

5. **Mealtimes:** In a communal dining space, mealtime can be a bit overwhelming. To make the experience enjoyable for everyone, please:

   - Wait for the communal blessing before going to the buffet at lunch and dinner.
   - Allow families with young children to enter the buffet line(s) first.
   - Bring plates/cups/utensils to the bussing station, and help to clear tables after each meal.
   - Listen for announcements and blessings at the conclusion of lunch and dinner.

   The "Kid Zone" (located in Mountainside *Chadar*) will open approximately halfway through lunch and dinner. This will be a supervised play area for kids who have finished eating.

6. **Medical:** For minor medical issues, first aid kits are available at the Welcome Center reception desk, in the Main Dining Room, the Marcus Lodge Hotel community room (ground floor), the Mountainside Hotel kitchenette (lower level) and the Lakeside Hotel sitting room (bottom floor).

   A Nurse Practitioner is available for sick calls and emergencies. The MiniMarp (Infirmary) is located on the lower level of the Levine Center. Please see the schedule for daily clinic hours.

   In the event of an emergency, call 911 (or 7-911 from any landline on campus). 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 receptionist who will help notify a staff member of the situation.

7. **Phone & WiFi:** Retreats are a great time to disconnect from devices to enhance our connection with others, and we encourage you to "unplug". However, wireless internet service is available throughout the facility via RetreatGuestWIFI. If you are having any issues connecting to the internet, please call the customer support line at 1.800.257.6290 (no calling card required).

8. ***T'fillot* & Shabbat:** During the week, our day will begin after breakfast with musical *t'fillot* (prayer services), and everyone is encouraged to join us. Please bring *kippot*, *tallit* and *tefillin* if it is your practice.

   On Shabbat we offer a non-musical traditional egalitarian Camp Shabbat service as well as a Tot Shabbat. Shabbat is a very special time of the week for our community. Out of respect for this value and our community, we ask that guests refrain from using electronics in public spaces. For Shabbat we recommend bringing dressier attire.

9. **Smoking, Illegal Substances and Firearms:** Firearms, illegal substances and related paraphernalia are not permitted on campus. Smoking is not allowed inside any building, nor within 15ft. of any structure. There is a designated smoking area on the back porch outside of the Mountainside *Chadar* and in the Welcome Center parking lot. A fee will be assessed to rooms or areas showing evidence of smoking or smoke damage.

10. **Vehicles:** The speed limit on campus is 5mph. Please park only in approved parking locations. Once you have parked near your housing location, we ask that you leave your vehicle parked for the duration of the retreat. Guests are not permitted to drive through campus. If you have a mobility issue there are Ramah Darom staff with golf carts available to assist you throughout the program.

Daily Schedule

Friday, December 27, 2019

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
2:00 - 5:00pm	**Registration Open**	Welcome Center
3:30 - 4:45pm	**Shabbat O'Gram and Challah Decorating**	*Chadar Ochel*
4:00 - 4:45pm	**Camp Tour with Rachel**	Meet at the Welcome Center
5:00 - 5:30pm	**Community Shabbat and Chanukah Candle Lighting** (6th Candle)	*Chadar Ochel*
	Pre-Shabbat *Oneg* Snack	
5:30 - 6:30pm	***Kabbalat Shabbat* and *Maariv* (Evening) Prayer Service**	*Beit Knesset*
6:00 - 6:30pm	***Kabbalat* Sha-tot with Geoff**	*Moadon*
6:45 - 7:45pm	**Shabbat Dinner**	*Chadar Ochel*
7:45 - 8:30pm	**Kids Camp: Meet the Counselors *Peulat* Shabbat**	Lakeside *Chadar*
	Parents: Mandatory Parent Meeting and Opening Circle	*Beit Knesset*
9:15 - 11:15pm	***Shmira* (Night Listening)**	Cabins and Hotels
9:30 - 11:00pm	**Grownups Only: Game Night, Shabbat *Oneg* and *Tisch* (Singing and Storytelling)**	Mountainside *Chadar*

Saturday, December 28, 2019

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
8:00 - 9:00am	**Breakfast** (Cereal and milk available from 7:30am)	*Chadar Ochel*
8:30 - 9:00am	**Parent Meeting Take 2** (Bring your breakfast and join us if you missed the one last night!)	Meet in the Mountainside *Chadar*
9:00 - 10:00am	**Ramah Shabbat - *Shacharit* and *Hallel***	*Beit Knesset*
10:00 - 10:30am	***Kiddush* Snack**	Portico
10:30am - 12:00pm	**Interactive Torah Service and *Musaf***	*Beit Knesset*

Saturday, December 28, 2019		
TIME	**ACTIVITY**	**LOCATION**
11:15am - 12:00pm	**Tot Shabbat with Eliana**	*Moadon*
12:15 - 1:15pm	**Shabbat Lunch**	*Chadar Ochel*
1:15 - 5:15pm	**Gan, Kids Camp and Etgar!**	0-3: *Mercaz* Pre K-7th Mountainside *Chadar*
Adult *Chugim* (Activities)		
1:30 - 2:45pm	**You Gotta Have Faith!? With Rabbi Ari** Using traditional and modern sources as guides, we will have a frank conversation about Who we are talking about when we talk about God.	*Beit Knesset*
	Shabbat Hike with Amy Price	Meet at the Pizza Patio
	Mah Jongg 101 with Michelle	Mountainside *Chadar*
3:00 - 3:30pm	**Coffee Break**	*Chadar Ochel*
3:30 - 4:45pm	**Hockey**	Hockey Rink
	Yoga with Emily	*Moadon*
	Walking Tour with Camp Directors Geoff and Rachel See the hidden gems of our 185-acre campus	Meet at the Pizza Patio
	Wrestling with G!d's Names with Eliana	*Beit Knesset*
4:50 - 5:15pm	***Mincha* (Afternoon) Service**	*Beit Knesset*
5:15 - 5:30pm	**Camp Pickup**	0-3: *Gan* Pre K-7th Mountainside *Chadar*
5:30 - 6:30pm	***Seudat Shlishit* (Dinner)**	*Chadar Ochel*
6:30 - 6:45pm	***Maariv* (Evening) Service**	Lakeside *Chadar*
6:45 - 7:15pm	***Havdallah* and Community *Chanukah* Candle Lighting** (7th Candle)	
7:30 - 8:30pm	**Family *Peulat Erev*: Bonfire Sing - A - Long with Rachel and Eliana**	*Medura*
9:15 - 11:15pm	***Shmira* (Night Listening)**	Cabins and Hotels
9:30 - 11:00pm	**Grownups Only: Sandler Night Live!** Put on your *yalmukas* and join us for an Adam Sandler themed bash complete with gin and tonicas.	Mountainside *Chadar*

Grey bars are adult-only activities.

Sunday, December 29, 2019

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
8:00 - 9:00am	**Breakfast** (Cereal and milk available from 7:30am)	*Chadar Ochel*
9:15 - 10:15am	**Musical *Shacharit* (Morning) Service with Rabbi Ari and Rachel**	Lakeside *Chadar*
10:15 - 11:30am	**Ramacabiah** Wacky and fun family relay	Meet in Lakeside *Chadar*
11:30am - 12:00pm	**Break and Mini-Marp (Infirmary) Open** Grab what you need for the afternoon.	The Mini-Marp is located on the lower level of the Levine Center, in the alcove near the gym.
12:00 - 1:00pm	**Lunch**	*Chadar Ochel*
1:15 - 5:15pm	**Gan, Kids Camp and Etgar!**	0-3: *Mercaz* Pre K-7th Mountainside *Chadar*
Adult *Chugim* (Activities)		
1:30 - 3:00pm	✷ **African Inspired Beaded Necklace with Judy** Create an African inspired necklace using fabric, beads and found objects. Let your creativity go wild!	*Omanut*
	✷ **Hebrew Calligraphy with Reuben** In this hands-on workshop, participants will learn to make several Hebrew letters using felt-tipped calligraphy pens. The workshop will culminate with everyone creating their own decorative piece of art incorporating the calligraphed Hebrew word *Emunah*. This class does not require Hebrew literacy or calligraphy experience. All are welcome!	
	✷ **Archery with Yale**	Archery Range
1:30 - 2:45pm	**Torah on Tap: It's the End of the World as We Know it with Rabbi Ari** What's really up with the persistent belief in end-times (eschatology), and what do we believe will save the world? Come grab a beer as we ponder the end of the world.	*Beit Knesset*
	Dance Fitness: *Rikud* Ramah with Rachel	*Moadon*
	Natural Spa with Amy Create your own lip balm, face masks and more!	Mountainside *Chadar*
3:00 - 3:30pm	**Coffee Break**	*Chadar Ochel*

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	✷ **Adult Climbing Wall and Giant Swing**	Climbing Wall and Swing
3:30 - 4:45pm	**The Great Latke Cook-Off**	Mountainside *Chadar*
	Pick-Up Basketball	*Beit Am*
4:45 - 5:30pm	**Open Climbing Wall and Giant Swing**	Climbing Wall and Swing
5:00 - 5:15pm	***Mincha* (Afternoon) Service**	*Beit Knesset*
5:15 - 5:30pm	**Camp Pickup**	0-3: *Gan* Pre K-7th Mountainside *Chadar*
5:30 - 6:30pm	**Dinner**	*Chadar Ochel*
6:15 - 6:30pm	***Maariv* (Evening) Service**	Lakeside *Chadar*
6:30 - 6:45pm	**Community Chanukah Candle Lighting** (8th Candle)	
6:45 - 7:45pm	**Family *Peulat Erev*: 8 Crazy Nights Chanukah Party Bash**	
8:30 - 11:00pm	***Shmira* (Night Listening)**	Cabins and Hotels
9:00 - 11:00pm	**Grownups Only: Team Trivia**	Mountainside *Chadar*

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8:00 - 9:00am	**Breakfast** (Cereal and milk available from 7:30am)	*Chadar Ochel*
9:00 - 10:15am	**Musical *Shacharit* (Morning) Service with Rabbi Ari and Geoff**	Lakeside *Chadar*

Monday, December 30, 2019

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
10:15 - 11:30am	**Family Art with Abby: Breezy Wind Chimes with Found Objects**	*Omanut*
	Family Art with Reuben: Honeycomb Tile Murals Come for an inspirational project that draws on different *middot* (positive qualities) as described in *Mussar* practice. Build a honeycomb mural piecing together beautifully painted tiles that you create.	
	Family Team Challenge Course	Ground Timber Logs (by Alpine Tower)
	Family Kickball	Softball Field
	Silly Songwriting Showdown with Eliana	*Beit Knesset*
	Family Gratitude Hike with Amy	Meet at the Pizza Patio
11:30am - 12:00pm	**Break and Mini-Marp (Infirmary) Open** Grab what you need for the afternoon.	The Mini-Marp is located on the lower level of the Levine Center, in the alcove near the gym.
12:00 - 1:00pm	**Lunch**	*Chadar Ochel*
1:15 - 5:15pm	**Gan, Kids Camp and Etgar!**	0-3: *Mercaz* Pre K-7th Mountainside *Chadar*
Adult *Chugim* (Activities)		
1:30 - 3:00pm	✷ ***Emunah* (Faith) Collage with McKenzie** Use collage to explore aspects of faith. What images or quotes inspire you? Create a multimedia collage that speaks to some aspect of your relationship to faith. Or just create a collage of images that bring you joy!	*Omanut*
	✷ **Handmade Accordion Books with Rachel T.** Craft a handmade accordion book with integrated pockets to collect and carry personal reflections, goals or inspirational material.	
	✷ **Hebrew Papercut with Reuben** Paper cut art has deep roots in both *Sephardic* and *Ashkenazic* culture. Using paper cut techniques, participants will make decorative multi-color greeting cards or frame-able artworks that feature Hebrew letters.	
	✷ **Archery with Yale**	Archery Range
1:30 - 2:45pm	**Hockey**	Hockey Rink
	Happy Hour in the Garden with Amy Play in the dirt while enjoying garden inspired cocktails!	Ramah Darom Garden (Across from the *Beit Am*)
3:00 - 3:30pm	**Coffee Break**	*Chadar Ochel*

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	✷ **Adult Climbing Tower and Giant Swing**	Alpine Tower and Swing
3:30 - 4:45pm	**The Torah of Music with Rabbi Ari** Drawing from the teachings of Joey Weisenberg we will learn and sing together.	*Beit Knesset*
	✷ **Designer Gelt with Yoni** Come design and craft unique Gelt, sculpt it into a mold and pour chocolate to create your finished product.	Mountainside *Chadar*
	Waterfall Hike with Becca	Meet at the Pizza Patio
4:45 - 5:30pm	**Open Alpine Climbing Tower and Giant Swing**	Alpine Tower and Swing
5:00 - 5:15pm	***Mincha* (Afternoon) Service**	*Beit Knesset*
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8:30 - 11:00pm	***Shmira* (Night Listening)**	Cabins and Hotels
9:00 - 11:00pm	**Grownups Only: Bonfire, Bourbon and Jamming with Geoff and Marc**	*Medura*
9:00 - 11:00pm	✷ **Adult Night Odyssey**	Odyssey Course

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
8:00 - 9:00am	**Breakfast** (Cereal and milk available from 7:30am)	*Chadar Ochel*
9:15 - 10:15am	**Musical *Shacharit* (Morning) Service with Rabbi Ari**	Lakeside *Chadar*
10:15 - 11:30am	**Family *Peulah*: Talent Show!**	Mountainside *Chadar*

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12:00 - 1:00pm	**Lunch**	*Chadar Ochel*
1:15 - 5:15pm	**Gan, Kids Camp and Etgar!**	0-3: *Mercaz* Pre K-7th Mountainside *Chadar*
Adult *Chugim* (Activities)		
1:30 - 3:00pm	✷ **Embossed Wall Art with Judy** Have you ever received a beautiful wedding invitation or card with raised lettering or image and wondered how it was done? Explore the art of embossing while creating a wall piece for your home. Decorate the piece with powders and paint to enhance the 3D effect.	*Omanut*
	✷ **Watercolor City-Scapes with McKenzie** Celebrate Winter Light in watercolor and pen. Drawing inspiration from Israeli architecture, create a winter city-scape that twinkles and shines. No watercolor or drawing experience necessary!	
	✷ **Archery with Yale**	Archery Range
1:30 - 2:45pm	**Why Put Our Faith in the Torah? with Rabbi Ari** The Torah makes historical claims that contradict archaeological and scientific evidence. Literary comparison and analysis of the Torah reveals evidence of multiple authorship. So, why should we put our faith in Torah? Join in a conversation where we will use the rubric drawn from Religion and Science by Ian Barbour to examine the question.	*Beit Knesset*
	Tea Hike with Amy Together we will hike and gather plants to make tea.	Meet at the Pizza Patio
3:00 - 3:30pm	**Coffee Break**	*Chadar Ochel*
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3:30 - 4:45pm	**Basketball**	*Beit Am*
	Dance Fitness: *Rikud* Ramah with Sarah	*Moadon*
	Voices and Visions with Eliana Join us for a stimulating conversation exploring three pieces of art inspired by Jewish quotes. As 2019 comes to a close we'll think about what has inspired us this year, and how that can propel us forward.	*Beit Knesset*
5:00 - 5:15pm	***Mincha* (Afternoon) Service**	*Beit Knesset*
5:15 - 5:30pm	**Camp Pickup**	0-3: *Gan* Pre K-7th Mountainside *Chadar*
5:30 - 6:30pm	**Dinner**	*Chadar Ochel*
6:15 - 6:30pm	***Maariv* (Evening) Service**	Lakeside *Chadar*
6:30 - 7:00pm	**Closing Circle and "Ball Drop"**	Mountainside *Chadar*
7:00 - 8:45pm	**Big Kids New Years Eve: Popcorn Bar Party and Movie Night**	*Moadon*
8:45 - 9:00pm	**Counselors bring Big Kids Back to Cabins/Hotels**	Cabins and Hotels
9:30pm - 12:30am	***Shmira* (Night Listening)**	
9:30pm - 12:00am	**Grownups Only: Roaring '20 New Years Eve**	Lakeside *Chadar*

Wednesday, January 1, 2020		
TIME	**ACTIVITY**	**LOCATION**
8:00 - 10:00am	**Breakfast** (Cereal and milk available from 7:30am)	*Chadar Ochel*
11:00am	**Check - Out - See you next year!**	

Alpine Tower: A remarkable high ropes course adventure constructed on a series of vertical towers, providing an unforgettable outdoor climbing experience. Challenge yourself!

Odyssey High Ropes Course: A team-building-focused high ropes obstacle course. This two-level course is built to allow teams to accomplish goals 20 and 40 feet off the ground. After successfully navigating the course, the team celebrates their accomplishment by flying to the ground on a zip-line.

Giant Swing: Teammates pull on a rope that raises you up to 26 meters in height. When you pull the cord the massive cables take hold and swing you out in a pendulum swing. Suitable for a wide range of participants who can choose the height from which they wish to swing.

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Thank You Educators & Specialists

Reuben Haller is from San Francisco, and has worked as a professional clown and variety performer for over 20 years, including work for The Big Apple Circus and Cirque du Soleil. He performs as a 'Clown-Doctor' for Humorology Atlanta at CHOA hospitals. He is also a storyteller, mime and musician. Reuben plays violin and mandolin and is part of the Congregation Bet Haverim (CBH) band. He learned Hebrew calligraphy while living in Israel. He resides in Atlanta with his spouse, McKenzie Wren and their two sons.

Rabbi Ari Kaiman loves just about everyone. He loves to sing and pray with his community. He loves a good conversation after a delicious Shabbat meal. He loves learning with children, teens and adults. He cherishes every moment of life, the good and the hard. Rabbi Kaiman found a deep sense of purpose and infinite inspiration from his teachers at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies where he received his Rabbinic ordination, with a concentration in Philosophy. Upon ordination, Rabbi Kaiman served as Assistant Rabbi at Congregation B'nai Amoona in St. Louis for five years and is now the Rabbi of Congregation Shearith Israel in Atlanta. Rabbi Kaiman was a member of the second cohort of Clergy Leadership Incubator and was in the Atlanta Clergy Cohort of JOIN for Justice. He believes deeply in a vibrant future for our rapidly changing Jewish community. Rabbi Kaiman lives in Morningside with his wife, Emily and their four awesome kids.

Yoni Kaplan is a dance music enthusiast who can't actually dance, so must make his living as an industrial designer working in the 3D body scanning industry. His passions include DJing, woodworking, hiking and concert-going. He lives in Atlanta with his wife, Eliana Leader, and daughters Aria and Solelle. Yoni is the previous chair of LimmudFest at Ramah Darom and currently serves on the board of Limmud Atlanta & Southeast.

Eliana Light works with Jewish communities worldwide to unlock the wonders of our sacred heritage through meaningful music, powerful prayer, excellent education and creative consulting. She is the author of Hebrew in Harmony, a curriculum published by Behrman House that teaches prayer and Hebrew through music. She is also the founder and director of the G!D Project, an educational initiative focused on accessible, meaningful conversations about G!D and spirituality through ritual, text and creative expression. Eliana received her Master's in Jewish Experiential Education from the Davidson School at JTS in 2016 and is based in Durham, NC.

Abby Maeir is excited to be at Ramah Darom for her 1st Winter Break Family Camp, after being a part of the Ramah Darom Passover Retreat art staff for over 6 years! Abby is Director of Art at Ramah Wisconsin and has been an Artist-in-Residence at Ramah New England and Ramah Day Camp. Abby is a Chicago-based artist and art educator whose passion for the arts dates back to her youth where she spent countless hours in the art center at the Pittsburgh JCC. Abby embraces all mediums including Fused Glass, Polymer Clay, Metal, Wood, Resin and Concrete. She loves to teach children, teens and adults, and facilitates team-building workshops, unique school programs and one-of-a-kind art experiences throughout the Chicago area. Abby believes there's an "inner artist" in all of us and is excited to welcome you to her workshops.

Yale Nogin is Fatherhood Advocate, Author and Creator of The Hero Dad's Journey, a course created with the purpose of empowering men with relevant philosophy, skills and art of Modern Fatherhood to create more balanced, healthier families. Yale is also the Archery Range Master at Camp Ramah Darom and loves empowering new and seasoned archers to stand tall, focus and hit their targets. Yale has been healthily married for 18 years and all 4 of his children attend summer camp at Ramah Darom. www.theherodad.com

Amy Price loves all things outdoors and is excited to be leading gardening and nature activities. She lives in Chamblee, GA with her husband, son and 9 chickens. Professionally, she helps people of all abilities find employment opportunities and dream big for their lives. She has spent time at Isabella Friedman working for The Teva Learning Center doing outdoor environmental education. This is where her passion developed for exploring the connection between Judaism and the environment. She has also spent time farming at a youth village in Rwanda.

Judy Robkin is a native Atlantan who works full time as a studio potter and has taught art in many formal and informal settings, including the Weber School and Ramah Darom Retreat programming. As a ceramics instructor at the John C. Campbell Folk School in North Carolina, she teaches hand building exclusively. Judy has worked with a variety of clay techniques throughout her career and is currently immersed in a project entitled "Ladies", a series of intricately handcrafted ceramic women.

Rachel Travis earned a Master's in Jewish Art and Visual Culture at the Jewish Theological Seminary, and then worked at a number of museums and Jewish institutions, exercising her belief that art can serve as a vehicle for social change. Today, her professional life is focused on helping state and federal agencies solve their most pressing organizational challenges. She lives with her husband and two sons in Atlanta in a house filled with art supplies, where she primarily serves as an accomplice on robot and superhero themed crafts.

McKenzie Wren, MPH, is the part-time Program Manager for the Southern Jewish Network for Gender and Sexual Diversity (SOJOURN) as well as the Chief Engagement Officer for her independent consulting firm, Culture on Purpose. She is a skilled facilitator who believes in the power of the community to create its own answers. Her particular area of focus is helping businesses and nonprofits create cultures of collaboration and inclusion. McKenzie holds a BA from American University and an MPH from Rollins School of Public Health. She is president of Congregation Bet Haverim as well as a proud alto in their phenomenal chorus and lives with her two teenage sons and husband in Atlanta.

Thank You Counselors & Staff

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

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Rosh Kids Camp: Maia Cattan

Rosh Gan: Carla Birnbaum

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Arielle Frank
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Every Ramah Darom experience is made possible thanks to the collaborative efforts and hard work of our dedicated Board of Directors, led by President Benjamin Miller, and the entire Ramah Darom team of professionals.

The Ramah Darom Professional Team

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About Us

Ramah Darom inspires a lifelong love of Jewish values, tradition and community by bringing people together for exceptional, immersive experiences in Jewish living and learning at every stage of life. Our 185-acre campus is also available for rentals from mid-August through May for family celebrations and community and corporate groups.

Here is What's Coming Up at Ramah Darom!

PROGRAM	DATE	DESCRIPTION
Southern Schmooze Shabbaton	Feb. 14-16	Celebrating and connecting small southern Jewish communities.
Book It To Shabbat with PJ Library	Mar. 13-15	The magic of Camp and PJ Library characters are brought to life at this special retreat. *Now including a PJ Our Way track for kids 8-12.*
Passover Retreat	Apr. 7-17	A Kosher for Pesach, fun and relaxing holiday.
Pardes Beit Midrash B'Darom	May 28-31	A meaningful holiday celebration, *havruta* (paired learning) text study and transformative programming with Pardes.
Camp Ramah Darom	Jun. 9-Aug. 3	4 and 8 week sessions for rising 4th-10th graders.
Taste of Ramah		2 week program for first-time, rising 3rd-5th graders.
Athletic Edge		2 and 4 week Lacrosse, Rowing, Tennis and Fitness Intensive Sports Tracks at Camp Ramah Darom.
Tikvah Support Program		Supporting campers with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), Down syndrome, intellectual disabilities, ADHD, and anxiety disorders.
Summer Family Camp	Jun. 24- 28 / Jul. 15-19	A family vacation and a Camp test drive. Best for children 3-10.
Camp Yofi	Aug. 5-9	For Jewish families with children with ASD between the ages of 6-13.
LimmudFest	Sept. 4-7	A festival of Jewish thought, arts, culture, life, learning and teaching.

Our facility is available for rentals August thru May.

For more information about Camp, Retreats and Rentals, please visit us online or call 404.531.0801.

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Safety & Security at Ramah Darom

Ramah Darom has developed comprehensive safety and security protocols in consultation with the Rabun County Sheriff's department and the Department of Homeland Security. Highlighted below are key elements of our protocols. We ask all guests to review this document at the beginning of your stay.

Every building has an emergency exit plan posted and is equipped with fire extinguishers. PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF EMERGENCY EXITS WHENEVER YOU ENTER A BUILDING.

Note that the Sheriff's department has an on-site officer present at our Clayton campus and we have a medical professional with us throughout the Retreat.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY

First aid kits and AEDs are available at the Welcome Center reception desk, the Concierge Desk, the Marcus Lodge Hotel community room (ground floor), the Mountainside Retreat Hotel kitchenette (lower level), the Lakeside Hotel sitting room (bottom floor) and in the Main Dining Room.

In the Event of a Medical Emergency:

- IMMEDIATELY DIAL 9300 ON ANY CAMPUS PHONE OR 706.782.9300. Give location, sex and approximate age of victim and if possible, the type of emergency. The office will contact our on-site doctor and call for an ambulance if necessary.
- If a member of the Ramah Darom staff is nearby, also ask them to contact the doctor directly.
- Stay with the injured person until help arrives. Try to calm, reassure and stabilize the person. Never move an injured person with a suspected neck or back injury.
- When the doctor or other medical staff arrives at the scene, summarize the situation and answer questions.

SEVERE WEATHER

Thunder and/or Lightning:

- Gather your family/group and move to a safe area (large indoor facility, bunk porch or common room) until the weather has passed.

Tornado Warning:

- Head immediately to one of the following designated emergency locations: Welcome Center lobby, Marcus Lodge, Mountainside Hotel, Lower level of the Levine Center, Common room of bunks 1, 2, 31, or 32.
- When at location, stay away from windows.
- Stay at designated emergency location until the "all clear" signal has been given over the emergency speakers.

FIRE

If You Spot a Fire:

- Leave the building and do not re-enter to remove personal property.
- IMMEDIATELY DIAL 9300 ON ANY CAMPUS PHONE OR 706.782.9300. Give location, and if possible, type of fire (grease, electrical, paper, etc.). The office will sound the fire alarm throughout the campus and will call the fire department.
- If a phone is not accessible, sound the closest fire alarm.
- If a campus-wide fire alarm is sounded, all guests should proceed immediately to the Kikar (field in front of the Levine Center/Dining Hall/Chadar Ochel) and remain there until the "all clear" signal has been given over the emergency speakers.
- If the fire occurs on or near the Kikar, all guests should proceed to the Beit Am (covered auditorium/basketball court).

ACTIVE SHOOTER

- EVACUATE if at all possible, leaving the area by the quickest route available. If necessary, leave the campus grounds. Leave your belongings behind.
- Call 911 as soon as it is safe to do so.
- If you are not able to evacuate, HIDE OUT in an area out of the active shooter's view. Block entry to your hiding place. If possible, lock the door. Silence your cell phone (including vibrate mode) and remain quiet.
- TAKE ACTION only as a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger. Attempt to incapacitate the shooter. Act with physical aggression and throw items at the active shooter.
- When law enforcement arrives, remain calm and follow the officers' instructions. Immediately raise hands and spread fingers. Keep your hands visible at all times. Avoid quick movements toward officers whenever possible.

RECREATION

- **A** Tennis Courts
- **B** Hockey Court
- **C** Basketball Courts
- **D** Farm
- **E** Swimming Pool/*Breicha*
- **F** Sand Volleyball Courts
- **G** Covered Basketball Court/*Beit Am*
- **H** Odyssey Course
- **I** Activity Field/*Kikar*
- **J** Alpine Tower, Climbing Wall & Swing
- **K** Timber Challenge Course
- **L** Lakeside Fire Pit/*Medura*
- **M** Archery Range
- **N** Arts & Crafts Center/*Omanut*
- **O** *Gan*
- **P** Boat Dock & Lake/*Agam*
- **PP** Softball Field

MEETING SPACES

- **Q** Mountaintop Pavilion
- **R** Old Dining Hall/ *Beit Am Katan* and *Beit Etgar*
- **S** ***Beit Am:***
  - Amphitheater
  - Covered Stage
  - Covered Basketball Court
- **T** Mountainside Pavilion/ *Mirpeset Tefillah*
- **U** Pizza Oven & Fireplace Patio
- **V** **Levine Center:**
  - Dining Hall/*Chadar Ochel*
  - Multipurpose Room/*Moadon*
  - Spiritual Center/*Beit Knesset*
  - Library/*Mercaz Aryeh*
- **W** Lakeside Pavilion/*Margam*
- **X** Treehouse

LODGING

- **Y** Welcome Center
- **Z** Cottages (Z1 – Z5)
- **AA** Marcus Lodge
- **BB** Mountainside Hotel
- **CC** Deluxe Cabin
- **DD** Mountainside Cabins (1-12)
- **EE** Lower Roads Cabins (13-20)
- **FF** Lakeside Cabins (21 – 32)
- **GG** Lakeside Hotel

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