



Dear Friends of Ramah Darom,

Passover is just a day away and it will certainly be different from any other year. In this challenging time, we wanted to share some very positive news: **The Harold Grinspoon Foundation has just announced a challenge matching grant to help provide support for Jewish camps. They will provide a match of \$1 for every \$2 Ramah Darom raises.** Along with so many nonprofit organizations and businesses, Ramah Darom is facing severe financial challenges and we cannot thank Harold Grinspoon enough for his continued support.

Can we count on YOU?

Ramah Darom is experiencing significant financial impact

Our campus has been empty since early March. All Ramah Darom programs this spring, including our annual Passover Retreat, have been cancelled or postponed, and all our rental groups have chosen to move or cancel their events as well. The financial implications of these cancellations are daunting, but clearly not as dire as if we are forced to make the decision to cancel all or part of summer camp. Right now our optimistic hope is that we will be able to open camp this summer, even as we develop programmatic and financial contingency plans.

We are practicing physical distancing, not social distancing

Our campers and retreat participants come from all over the country and beyond. We have created virtual programming through *Ramah Darom at Home* on Facebook and Zoom to help keep us all learning, growing and dancing together. We are feeling the impact of the physical distancing, but we are grateful for the opportunities that technology has allowed us to continue to socialize and connect as a community.

We hope that you will continue to stand by our side through this difficult time.

Please help us ensure a strong and bright future for Jewish Camping and for Ramah Darom with your donation today. ramahdarom.org/donate

As we sing at Camp each summer, "*Kol ha olam kulo, gesher tzar meod*" The whole world is a very narrow bridge, and the most important part is not to be afraid. The bridge we are standing on may seem narrow, but we will fearlessly move toward the future.

We would love to connect with you and we are here to answer any questions. Please reach out so we can set up a time for a personal conversation.

Thank you for your continued support.

Chag Kasher V'Sameach,

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