



To our Ramah Darom Passover family,

The Ramah Darom Board of Directors met yesterday and made the difficult decision to cancel this year's Passover Retreat in light of the coronavirus outbreak.

We had been pursuing every possible way to offer a healthy and safe experience to our guests and staff for whom this celebration in our beautiful mountain home means so much. As the pandemic has progressed it is clear that the time has come to live out our sacred responsibility of *pikuach nefesh*, the valuing of human life above all else, by engaging in social distancing and "flattening the curve".

We would like to offer our guests three options, with the hope that most people will choose #1 or #2:

1. **You may apply a portion or all of your fees paid as a charitable donation to Ramah Darom.** In this scenario, we will provide a charitable receipt for the portion you choose to donate and send you a refund for the remainder.
2. **You may register now for Passover 2021 and apply your paid 2020 fees towards next year's program.** We will guarantee your current housing, and your registration fees will not increase from 2020. Effectively, you will be registered and paid in full for Passover 2021. Should you choose this option, we will be in touch in the coming weeks to confirm your details for 2021.
3. **You may receive a full refund of all fees paid.**

Like many other organizations dealing with the impact of this global health crisis, this is a very challenging situation for Ramah Darom. We are a small non-profit organization that relies on program fees and generous donations to support our year-round programming and operations. Passover is our largest annual retreat. *We are sincerely hoping that you and many of our other guests will support us by choosing option #1 or #2.*

For those requesting a full or partial refund, we ask for your patience. It will take us some time to process all refunds, and we are working with our finance committee to ensure Ramah Darom has a plan in place to manage the short-term financial challenges. *Our intention is to provide all refunds within 60 days* If this timing will cause you hardship, please let us know.

Please confirm your selection by having the primary contact of your reservation complete [THIS FORM](#) by Thursday, April 30.

We will miss you and your family so much this Passover and feel blessed that you are part of our Ramah Darom Family.

At the end of the Seder, we will pray as we always do that next year we will be able to return to a rebuilt Jerusalem. We will also be thinking about how wonderful it will be to celebrate together with you again in the mountains of North Georgia.

L'Shana Haba'ah B'Ramah Darom!

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