Summer 2021
March Town Hall
The count down is on

91

Days until camp!
Agenda

- *Rosh Aidah* (Age Group Unit Head) Introductions
- Enrollment News
- Program Review
- COVID Protocol Updates
- Camper Readiness
- Q&A
Rashei Aidah 2021

Rosalie Shays
GARINIM

Hannah Gilman
NITZANIM

Marissa Weiner
SOLLELIM

Paris Orloff
HALUTZIM

Mira Sykes
KOCHAVIM

Carly Lerner
SHOAFIM

Lena Stein
NACHSHONIM

Ilana Gorod
NIVONIM

Maia Cattan
GESHER
Enrollment Update

• **Session Aleph** is at waitlist!

• **Session Bet** registration is also strong and nearly full in a few *tzrifim* (bunks).

• **Small Communities Incentive Grant** for Session Bet!
Program

- **Camp is still Camp** with the activities campers love and a strong *tzrif* (bunk) and *aidah* (age group).

- **Garinim, Nitzanim & Sollelim** will rotate through several *chuggim* (activities) and in a given day will have four *chuggim*.

- **Halutzim, Kochavim, Shoafim, Nachshonim & Nivonim** will rotate through *chuggim* for the podding period and will be given the opportunity to select preferences for *chuggim* for Phase 2.
Program cont.

**Chuggim include:**

- Omanut (Art)
- Machnaut (Camping)
- Music
- Drama
- Tipus (Climbing)
- Bishul Bachutz (Outdoor Cooking)
- Rikud (dance)
- Photography
- Fitness
- Video
- Basketball
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Soccer
- Yoga
- Hockey
Program cont.

• **Gesher 20:** Will have counselor training, learning, waterskiing and lots of *aidah* time.

• **Gesher 21:** Will plan *Yom Sport*, participate in the CIT program, learn about Israel and participate in *etgarim*.

• **Camp Outs:** Arranged for every *aidah* (age group)

• **Special Trips:**
  - *Shoafim* campout at Tugaloo
  - *Nachshonim/Nivonim* canoeing
  - *Gesher etgar*

• **Intersession:** Fun programs for Gesher 21 and campers staying for the full summer.
All Camp Activities

- Kochavim and Shoafim Play
- Yom Sport
- Zimriyah (Singing) & Rikudiyah (Dancing)
- 25th Year Celebration
- Havdallah and Shabbat
Travel

- Atlanta Airport drop off
  - All families from Atlanta and driving distance to Atlanta
  - Families flying into Atlanta Airport

- Airport procedure with travel guardians
  (We strongly recommend that travel guardians do a PCR test 2-3 days in advance)

- The buses will be organized by aidah (age group)

1 travel guardian per 5 campers for arrival day and 1 travel guardian per 10 campers for departure day

- Staff will not be able to meet any flights or escort children to baggage claim.
- Travel guardians will supervise, help campers identify their bags, escort them to meeting site and stay with the campers until they have been cleared by our medical screening.
- Only children who test negative will be allowed to board the bus to Camp.
- If a child tests positive, the guardian will be responsible for the child until there is a negative test result. Please have a back up plan for this situation.
Travel

• Clayton Drop off
  • Families that reside outside of Atlanta and are planning to drive to Camp.
  • We are not able to offer a bus to Camp from communities. We are looking into return buses to some communities.
  • Ride-sharing: Please reach out to others from your communities or email travel@ramahdarom.org for assistance.
  • Drop offs and pick-ups at Camp are very limited
  • Screening will be outside of Camp: Only campers with a Negative test will be able to enter Camp.
  • Families will not be able to enter Camp.
COVID Testing, Results & Vaccination

• **Required:** Molecular [PCR] test must be taken 2-3 days before arrival.

• **Recommended:** Covid test 10-14 days prior to Camp.

• **Rapid Antigen tests** will be administered on arrival day. If positive result, a **Molecular test** will be given to confirm result. You are welcome to obtain rapid test results on your own prior to arriving at the airport. *(Must bring proof of negative result!)*

• **If your camper had Covid-19 within the 60 days before Camp** they will not need to take the PCR or antigen tests (must show proof). Camper will be allowed in Camp after 10 days of diagnosis and 24 hours fever free (CDC guidelines).

• **Rapid Antigen tests** will be administered on day 3, 5 and 8 and weekly thereafter.

• **We will report positive cases** to the Camp community should they arise.

• **If a camper tests positive** with Rapid Antigen test, we will follow up with a Molecular Test.

• **If your child is diagnosed with COVID, you must pick them up!** Time permitting, campers will be able to return to camp after 10 days and 24 hours fever free. *(There is a medical refund).*

• **Vaccination:** We are strongly encouraging staff to receive vaccination. *(Those vaccinated will still follow testing protocols).*
Communication

- **Mail!** Campers love getting letters!
  - Pre-send a week before Camp so they have a letter waiting from you
  - Write often, even if you do not get frequent mail from your child
  - Pre-written motivational notes
- **Mail back “emails”**
- **Flat package policy**
- **Photos** of campers will be posted twice per week
- **Videos** of Camp highlights will be posted three times per session
- **Yoetzim (Parent Liaisons)** will be available, as always, should concerns arise
  (Direct contact information will be shared before Camp)
Camper Readiness

- Problem Solving
- Independence
- Organization
- Communal Living & Shared Space
- The Camp Day

- Laundry & Clothing
- Meals at Camp
- Routines
- Technology Detox
- Living Jewish rhythm
Upcoming Virtual Events!

Aidah Mifgashim
(Age Group Get-Togethers)
Sunday, March 21
Times on website

Camp Sing-Along with Rabbi Josh Warshawsky
Tuesday, March 23
7:45pm ET

Ready for Ramah!
For new Camp families
Sunday, April 18 & May 2
4:30pm ET

Ramahdarom.org/calendar
Reminders & Resources

• **Forms & Documents**

• **Family Dashboard**: Login, click “Registrations” or “View All Registrations”

• **Registered Family Resources** Webpage
  - On website (ramahdarom.org) under “Camp,” “Current Families”
  - [ramahdarom.org/camper-family-resources/](http://ramahdarom.org/camper-family-resources/)

• **Check your email** (and your junk mail)
Questions & Answers

1. Please tell us more about security at Camp.
2. What interactions can siblings in different aidot have?
3. Will staff be vaccinated and have days off?