

PJ'S GRAND GETAWAY

2022 PROGRAM GUIDE



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B'RUCHIM HABAIM, WELCOME TO RAMAH DAROM!



Shalom! We are excited to welcome you to our first ever PJ Grand Getaway. We feel so lucky to come together and offer a unique Shabbat experience for Jewish grandparents and grandchildren on our beautiful campus.

When PJ Library and PJ Our Way approached us about partnering on this retreat, we were thrilled to create an experience that celebrates Judaism *L'Dor V'Dor*, from generation to generation. This retreat offers participants the opportunity to unplug together for a magical Ramah Darom Shabbat, enjoying meaningful bonding moments, tasty food and fun family activities inspired by PJ Library and PJ Our Way books.

This program guide has everything you need to know in it to make the most of this Shabbaton. Please take time to read through it and bring it along with you wherever you go. Enjoy every moment and please don't hesitate to reach out to us—we are always happy to answer your questions!



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Shabbat Shalom! We are so excited to spend this weekend with your families at Ramah Darom for our inaugural "Grand Getaway"!

This weekend connects families across generations, bringing to life the Jewish value of *L'Dor V'Dor*. We encourage families to enjoy camp while reading your favorite PJ Library stories together and engaging in lots of fun activities, and hopefully making new memories with one another (and some new friends, too)!

PJ Library Atlanta and PJ Our Way sends free Jewish-themed books to nearly 6,000 children in the Atlanta metro area every month, and we are still growing! In fact, books are just the start of what PJ Library does. We also support families' Jewish journeys through a variety of programming and grant opportunities throughout the year, both on our own and in partnership with amazing community organizations.

So relax, unplug, breathe in the fresh air, and enjoy your "Grand Getaway" with us at Ramah Darom!



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PJ LIBRARY'S GRAND GETAWAY

TOP 10 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

1. Check-in & COVID Testing: All guests must check in at the Welcome Center upon arrival. During check-in guests will present negative PCR results for all applicable members of their family. All guests (of all ages) will take a rapid COVID-19 test and remain in their cars for 15 minutes while waiting to receive the results. At this time guests will also receive a Program Guide and any additional welcome materials.

2. Food FYIs: We are an AKC-Certified 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* (Dining Hall). All special dietary food needs will be served from just inside the kitchen.

3. Meal Times: All guests should be wearing a mask when they enter the *Chadar Ochel* for a meal. There are always people around to answer your questions, but here are a few guidelines.

- Before each meal, all guests must wash their hands immediately when they enter the *Chadar Ochel*.
- Guests can choose where to sit and with whom they are comfortable dining. When you are sitting at your table, you do not have to wear a mask.
- Please wait until we have said a communal blessing before entering the buffet line. The meal concludes with announcements and blessings.
- Only vaccinated individuals can serve themselves or others food (i.e: no children 4 and under can take food from the buffet line).
- If you wish to eat outdoors you can ask a Food & Beverage staff person for paper goods at the buffet line.
- The Play Space and Story Corner will open 30 minutes after the start of every meal and will be supervised by counselors during this time.

4. Medical & Emergencies: For minor medical issues, first aid kits are available at the Welcome Center Reception Desk, in the *Chadar Ochel*, and the Mountainside Hotel Kitchenette (lower level).

In the event of an emergency, call 911. Be prepared to state the nature of the problem and your location: 70 Darom Lane, Clayton, GA 30525. Please also notify a Ramah Darom staff person of the situation by calling 706.782.9300.

5. Phones & WiFi: Retreats are a great time to disconnect from devices to enhance our connection with others, and we encourage you to “unplug”. All cabins and hotel rooms have telephones for your use. Cell phone service can be spotty. We suggest enabling WiFi calling if your phone has this feature. Wireless internet service is available throughout the facility via “Ramah Darom WiFi.” If you are having any issues connecting to the internet, please call the customer service support line at 678.845.7600.

6. Programming & Activities: There are many activities at PJ's Grand Getaway that are designed to create a magical Shabbat experience. You can participate in as many or as few of our programmatic offerings as you choose:

- Family *Peulot* (Activities): A chance for families to engage in meaningful and fun programs together.
- *Peulot Erev* (Nighttime Activities): There are special evening programs for PJ Our Way participants and adults to enjoy each night.

7. Shabbat: During Shabbat *tefillot* (prayer services), everyone is encouraged to wear kippot and tallit if it is their practice. 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 during Shabbat.

We will provide tea lights for Shabbat candle lighting in the *Chadar Ochel* on Friday evening. Please DO NOT light candles in your room!

8. Smoking, Illegal Substances & Firearms:

Firearms, illegal substances and related paraphernalia are not permitted on campus. Smoking is not allowed inside any building. There is a designated smoking area on the back porch outside of the *Chadar Ochel* and in the Welcome Center parking lot. A fee will be assessed to rooms or areas showing evidence of smoking or smoke damage.

9. Valuables: Ramah Darom is not responsible for any missing or lost items. If you are uncomfortable leaving valuables in your room, we recommend locking them in your car (at your own risk).

10. Vehicles: The speed limit on campus is 5mph.

Please only park in the approved parking locations near your accommodations. We ask that you leave your vehicle parked for the duration of the retreat. Guests are not permitted to drive through campus at any time.



DAILY SCHEDULE

Friday, March 11

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
3:00-5:00pm	Registration and Check-In	Welcome Center
3:30-5:00pm	Story Time, Games & Arts & Crafts Listen to your favorite PJ Library stories, play games or have fun making art.	Levine Center Portico
	Open Garden Time with Farmer Amy Spend time in the Ramah Garden Beds connecting with nature and planting for spring! *Parent, please accompany children for this activity.	Ramah Garden
4:00-5:00pm	Challah Braiding, Candlestick Decorating & Shabbat-O-Gram Making Get ready for Shabbat by preparing challah, get creative and add some artistic touches to your own set of candle sticks and write fun Shabbat notes for your family and friends.	Levine Center Portico
	Campus Tour Join a guided tour of our beautiful campus to learn the lay of the land or feel free to walk around on your own while listening to our audio tour. You can find the QR code for the audio tour on the back of this program guide.	Meet at Welcome Center
5:15-5:50pm	Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Welcome Shabbat with meaningful prayer and singing. Appropriate for all ages!	Tent Next to <i>Chadar Ochel</i> (Dining Hall)
6:00-7:15pm	Candle Lighting & Shabbat Dinner with Shira (Singing)	<i>Chadar Ochel</i>
6:30-7:15pm	Play Space and Story Corner Open Sensory Stations. Perfect for Tots! Separate space and games available for older kids. Ramah Darom counselors will be present to supervise!	Levine Center Portico
7:30-8:30pm	PJ Our Way Track for Ages 8 & Up Peulat Erev (Evening Activity) Get to know one another with our awesome Ramah Darom counselors with fun ice breakers and games! *Grandparents invited! Counselors will walk campers back to accommodations after program.	Tent Next to <i>Chadar Ochel</i>
9:00-11:00pm	Shmira (Night Listening)	Cabins and Hotels
9:15-10:45pm	Adults Only: Tent Party, Icebreakers & Game Night Beverages & Refreshments Served!	Tent Next to <i>Chadar Ochel</i>

Saturday, March 12

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
7:30am	Cereal, Milk & Coffee Available	<i>Chadar Ochel</i>
8:00-9:00am	Aruchat Boker (Breakfast)	
8:30-9:00am	Play Space & Story Corner Open	Levine Center Portico

Saturday, March 12

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
9:15-10:00am	Junior Minyan Join in for this unplugged interactive family service that that will have you and your kids clapping, stomping and singing. Great for families with kids of all ages.	<i>Beit Am</i> (Covered Basketball Court)
9:15-10:00am	Musical Family Shabbat Enjoy songs and stories for Shabbat. Great for families with kids of all ages. *Acoustic musical instruments will be used.	Tent Next to <i>Chadar Ochel</i>
10:15-10:45am	Community Kiddush & Snack	
11:00-11:45am	Rise & Shine Activity with PJ Library Families will enjoy an engaging and interactive story walk as they explore PJ Library book <u>Rise & Shine</u> , a tale of a mysterious challah recipe!	Meet at Pizza Patio
	PJ Our Way Track for Ages 8 & Up: What is a Mensch? All PJ Our Way Participants will receive a copy of <u>How To Be a Mensch</u> by Catherine Newman during this session! Grandparents and grandchildren will play a fun game to determine what it truly means to be a mensch.	Meet at Levine Center Portico
12:00-1:00pm	Shabbat Lunch	<i>Chadar Ochel</i>
12:30-1:00pm	Play Space & Story Corner Open	Levine Center Portico
1:00-2:00pm	Shabbat Menucha (Rest) Time Take a nap, hang with friends or grab a ball on our fields to play! Play Space and Story Corner Open.	Cabins and Hotels
2:00-2:45pm	Peulot Shabbat (Shabbat Activities) Campers can be dropped off at all programs. Parents and grandparents are welcome to stay and participate!	
	Creating Lasting Memories: Grandparents Conversation with Judy Robkin Do you need new ideas for engaging grandchildren of all ages while creating lasting memories? Come connect with other grandparents as we discuss different ways to spend meaningful time with our grandchildren.	Tent Next to <i>Chadar Ochel</i>
	Shabbat Teva (Nature) Scavenger Hunt for Tots with Farmer Amy Have fun exploring the great outdoors in this activity perfect for ages 4 and under.	Meet at <i>Mirpeset Tefillah</i> (Mountainside Pavilion)
	Shabbat Teva Experience for Grades K-2 with Micah Segal-Miller Is there any better way to spend Shabbat than out in nature? Explore Ramah Darom and see what interesting critters and animals you can find!	Meet at Welcome Center
	PJ Our Way Track for Ages 8 & Up: <u>How To Be A Mensch & "Useful Skills"</u> Using the chapter titled "Useful Skills" as inspiration, this interactive, movement-based activity will encourage young mensches to prepare for things you just need to know in life, like how to read a map, in a fun way! *Kids Only!	Meet at Levine Center Portico
3:00-3:30pm	Snack Break	Tent Next to <i>Chadar Ochel</i>
3:45-4:30pm	Family Hike to the Waterfall Easy or moderate routes available. Please note that the waterfall is outside of the Eruv and is not stroller accessible.	Meet at Levine Center Portico

Saturday, March 12

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
3:45-4:30pm	<p>Something From Nothing Family Project with PJ Library Listen to this classic story and then learn about the mitzvah of bal tashchit (avoiding destruction or waste) in a unique way. Get creative using recycled materials and see what "something from nothing" means to you. Great for all ages!</p>	Levine Center Portico
4:45-5:30pm	<p>Chicken Soup, Chicken Soup Recipe Share & Non-Cooking Food Project Listen to this fun PJ Library story about two grandmothers who love to cook, share family recipes and enjoy a fun Shabbat-friendly cooking project as a family.</p>	Levine Center Portico
	<p>Gaga Tournament with a Shabbat Twist Grandchildren can teach their grandparents all about this classic camp game and enjoy lots of fun and movement with some Shabbat trivia added in!</p>	Lower Roads Gaga Pit
	<p>Tots Obstacle Course Get your wiggles out with this fun (and age friendly!) obstacle course.</p>	Kikar (Activity Field)
5:45-6:45pm	Seudat Shlishit (Dinner)	<i>Chadar Ochel</i>
6:15-6:45pm	Play Space & Story Corner Open	Levine Center Portico
7:00-7:20pm	<p>Storytime for All with Uncle Anthony Enjoy a campfire story with Ramah Darom's General Manager, Anthony Franklin. Known by many as Uncle Anthony, no one can tell stories like him! There is no doubt that all ages will be on the edge of their seats listening to his tales.</p>	<i>Beit Am</i>
7:20-8:00pm	Havdallah with S'mores!	
8:00-8:45pm	<p>PJ Our Way Track for Ages 8 & Up Peulat Erev (Evening Activity): Competitive Bingo! This is Bingo like you've never seen it before with twists and fun challenges. *Grandparents invited! Counselors will walk campers back to accommodations after the program.</p>	Tent Next to <i>Chadar Ochel</i>
9:00-11:00pm	Shmira	Cabins and Hotels
9:15-10:45pm	<p>Adults Only: Trivia Night Test your knowledge on the most random facts in this fun competition. Expect some twists and challenges to get to know your teammates better. Beverages and bar snacks will be enjoyed and prizes will be awarded!</p>	Tent Next to <i>Chadar Ochel</i>

Sunday, March 13

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
7:30am	Cereal, Milk and Coffee Available	
8:00-9:00am	Aruchat Boker (Breakfast) We will finish breakfast with a Purim Costume Parade and vote on which Ramah Darom or PJ Library staff member has the best costume!	<i>Chadar Ochel</i>
	Family Photos with Photographer Ori Salzberg* Sign up for your timeslot!	Next to the Alpine Tower in Front of the Lake
8:15-9:00am	Play Space and Story Corner Open Sensory Stations. Perfect for Tots! Separate space and games available for older kids. Ramah Darom Counselors will be present to supervise!	Levine Center Portico
9:00am-12:00pm	Tower & Swing* Challenge yourself as you climb to new heights or swing around! Sign up in advance to reserve your spot. Must be potty-trained to climb or swing. Closed-toed shoes required.	Alpine Tower
	PJ Library Purim DIY Arts & Crafts Stop by anytime to flex your creative muscles!	Levine Center Portico
9:15-10:45am	Family Chugim (Electives)	
	Build a Storybook Birdhouse with Grandchild with Judy Robkin Enjoy the experience of collaborating creatively with your grandchild while making an original, one-of-a-kind birdhouse. We will begin by reading "The Art Lesson", a story about a grandchild's desire to make art as beautiful as her grandmother's. Then we'll start creating together! You will love every minute of this collaborative project.	<i>Omanut (Arts & Crafts Center)</i>
	Build Your Own Garden with Farmer Amy In this workshop we will be starting seeds in milk jugs that you can take home to plant in your own garden. It's an easy way to learn how to start seeds! Feel free to come and go for this activity during the allotted time slot.	Ramah Garden
11:00-11:30am	Camp-Fun Stations	
	Tie-Dye	<i>Tent Next to Chadar Ochel</i>
	Friendship Bracelet Making Learn all about the art of bracelet making in this ultimate camp activity.	
Fire Building 101 Learn the ins and outs of how to build a fire. You are at camp after all!	<i>Beit Am</i>	
11:30am-12:00pm	Packout Lunches and Shmooze Feel free to grab your lunch and eat outdoors.	<i>Chadar Ochel</i>
12:00pm	L'hitraot! See You at Book it To Sukkot October 14-16, 2022!	



SAFETY & SECURITY

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 with your family 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 patrolling our Clayton campus 24 hours/day throughout this 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 911. Give location, sex and approximate age of victim and if possible, the type of emergency. Then dial extension 9300 from any campus phone to alert a Ramah Darom staff person of your emergency.
- 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 medical staff arrives at the scene, summarize the situation and answer question

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 911. Give location, and if possible, type of fire (grease, electrical, paper, etc.). Then dial extension 9300 from any campus phone to alert a Ramah Darom staff person of your emergency. The office will sound the fire alarm throughout the campus.
- 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) 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 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.



Discover Ramah Darom

Bringing people of all ages together for exceptional, immersive Jewish experiences.

Join us back on campus for one of our upcoming programs listed below and learn about our exciting plans for building the future of Ramah Darom at ramahdarom.org/kadima.

YEAR-ROUND RETREATS	DATES	DESCRIPTIONS
Passover Retreat	April 14-24	This all-inclusive, family-friendly, kosher for Passover Retreat has everything you need to have a safe, meaningful, fun and relaxing vacation.
LimmudFest	September 2-5	Enjoy a celebration of Jewish thought, arts, culture and learning!
Book It To Sukkot with PJ Library	October 14-16	Book it to a fun-filled Sukkot weekend for families with young children, where the magic of Camp and PJ Library are brought to life.
Jewish Women's Getaway	November 6-9	Explore your unique Jewish journeys through art, music, and culinary creations, build community and have fun!
Winter Break Family Camp	December 27-January 1	Experience Camp and ring in the New Year with the whole family.

SUMMER	DATES	DESCRIPTIONS
Ta'am (Taste) of Ramah	June 15-20	NEW! 5-night program for rising 2 nd graders.
Garinim	June 22-July 3 July 13-24	REIMAGINED! 11-night program for rising 3 rd graders.
Nitzanim K'tzara (short)	July 13-31	NEW! 18-night modified session for rising 4 th graders.
Session Aleph/Bet	Aleph: June 15-July 10 Bet: July 13-August 8	4-week sessions for rising 4 th -10 th graders. (6 th -10 th graders may choose a full summer experience.)
Gesher	June 15-August 8	An 8-week program for rising 11 th graders.
Tikvah Support	A range of support for campers and young adults with disabilities.	

Many Summer 2022 Camp programs are now at waitlist. Visit ramahdarom.org/kaytiz2022 for more details and to register today!

SUMMER FAMILY EXPERIENCES	DATES	DESCRIPTIONS
Summer Family Camp	Aleph: June 29-July 3 Bet: July 20-24	A chance to take Camp Ramah Darom for a test drive and enjoy a meaningful summer family vacation.
Camp Yofi	August 10-14	For families with children with autism spectrum disorder.

For more information about summer camp, retreats and rentals, please visit ramahdarom.org or call 404.531.0801.

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OUR FAMILY JOURNEY.... In Mad Libs

Chapter I: In the Old Country

My ancestors came from a(n) _____ village in _____
ADJECTIVE NAME OF A COUNTRY

surrounded by beautiful _____. Villagers lived in small huts
PLURAL NOUN

that resembled _____. My grandfather, _____
PLURAL NOUN PROPER NOUN

raised _____ in his garden and had _____
PLURAL TYPE OF FRUIT OR VEGETABLE NUMBER ADJECTIVE

_____.
PLURAL ANIMAL

Every day, he would go out to the field and _____ the _____.
VERB SAME ANIMALS AS ABOVE

He was also the _____ at the local synagogue and each day he would
OCCUPATION

_____ the benches.
VERB

My great-grandmother stayed at home and raised family's _____
NUMBER

_____ children. She was a wonderful cook, and, to this day, we still
ADJECTIVE

enjoy her special recipe for _____
ADJECTIVE ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE

deep fried with _____.
PLURAL NOUN



RECREATION

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

MEETING SPACES

- Q** Mountaintop Pavilion
- R** Future Home of The Staff Center
- S** **Beit Am:**
Amphitheater
Covered Stage
Covered Basketball Court
- T** Mirpeset Tefillah (Mountainside Pavilion)
- U** Pizza Oven & Fireplace Patio
- V** **Levine Center:**
Chadar Ochel (Dining Hall)
Mountainside Chadar Ochel
Lakeside Dining Chadar Ochel
Moadon (Multipurpose Room)
Beit Knesset (Spiritual Center)
Mercaz Aryeh (Library)
- W** Margam (Lakeside Pavilion)
- X** Treehouse

LODGING

- Y** Welcome Center
- Z** Cottages (Z1 - Z5)
- AA** Marcus Lodge
- BB** Mountainside Hotel
- CC** Deluxe Cabin (1-4)
- DD** Mountainside Cabins (1-12)
- EE** Lower Roads Cabins (13-20)
- FF** Lakeside Cabins (21 - 32)
- GG** Lakeside Hotel



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