BOOKIT TO SHABBAT



Jewish Federation OF GREATER ATLANTA Library









We are thrilled to spend this weekend with your families at Ramah Darom for Book It To Shabbat. This program has always been about connecting old and new friends with each other. We are especially excited to welcome new families and welcome back families who have been with us previously at this retreat. Our theme this year is chaverut (friendship) and we hope you will come away with new connections after this weekend.

PJ Library Atlanta sends free Jewish-themed books to over 5,000 children in the Atlanta metro area every month, and we are always growing! In fact, books are just the start of what PJ Library does. We also support families' Jewish journeys through a variety of programs throughout the year all around the Metro Atlanta area. You can find dynamic PJ Library sponsored programs across the community and in partnership with many other amazing Jewish organizations in Atlanta.

So, relax, breathe in the fresh air, unplug and enjoy your weekend with us at Ramah Darom.

Pam Cohen, PJ Library Manager, Jewish Federation of Atlanta





Shalom!

Welcome to Book It To Shabbat with PJ Library at Ramah Darom! This retreat offers the opportunity to unplug with your family, play in the mountains, make new friends and experience a magical Shabbat. The focus of this weekend is on all things chaverut (friendship) and camp, which will come to life in the books we read, games we play and songs we sing. Ramah Darom's Board of Directors is also joining us, many with their own children and grandchildren.

Please take time to read through this Program Guide and bring it along with you wherever you go. Enjoy every moment and don't hesitate to reach out to us-we're always happy to answer your questions.

Shabbat Shalom,

Eliana, Rachel, Andrea + The Ramah Darom Team

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BOOK IT TO SHABBAT TOP 10

- **1. Counselors & Supervision:** Our amazing counselors are here to help enhance our programming. Activities throughout the day are meant for the whole family, unless noted otherwise in the schedule. During family activities and meals, parents are responsible for the supervision of their children. Counselors will supervise children when the playroom is open during mealtimes.
- **2. Emergencies:** In an emergency, call 911 from your mobile device or any phone on campus. Be prepared to state the nature of the problem and your location (70 Darom Lane, Clayton, Georgia 30525). Also, please notify a staff member of the situation by calling 706.782.9300. There are landlines in the Welcome Center office, in the kitchen and in all living spaces. Note that the hospital in Clayton is about 25 minutes away.
- **3. Firearms, Illegal Substances & Smoking:** Firearms, illegal substances and related paraphernalia are not permitted on campus. Smoking is not allowed inside any building. There is a designated smoking area outside on the back porch of the Chadar Ochel (Dining Hall) and in the Welcome Center parking lot. A fee will be assessed for rooms or areas showing evidence of smoking or smoke damage.
- **4. Maintenance Requests:** Please report maintenance requests to <u>RamahDarom.org/Maintenance</u>. Facility staff are always on call. We ask that you avoid submitting requests before 7:30am or after 9:00pm unless it is an emergency.
- **5. Meals, Snacks & Beverages:** We are an AKC-Certified kosher campus and we thank you in advance for helping us maintain our kashrut. All meals, snacks and beverages are provided. Outside food is not allowed in the Chadar Ochel. **Mealtime:**
 - Every lunch and dinner will begin with a communal moment of blessing and conclude with a gratitude option at designated tables.
 - All special dietary food needs will be served from the kitchen prep area in the back of the Chadar Ochel.
- **6. Phone Service:** Cell phone signals on campus can be spotty, so we suggest enabling Wi-Fi calling on your phone. All hotel rooms and cabin buildings have a landline phone, and you can make free calls to anywhere in the US and most of Canada from these phones. To call another location on campus, dial the four-digit extension for the room or location you are trying to reach; each location has the extension number posted next to the phone. If someone off-campus wants to reach your room or cabin, they can call 706.782.9300 and enter your room's four-digit extension when prompted.
- **7. Tefillot & Shabbat:** All services will be family friendly. Dedicated prayer space will be made available for those wishing to engage in individual prayer. 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 (Dining Hall). Please do not light candles in your room!
- **8. Valuables:** Ramah Darom is not responsible for any missing or lost items. If you are staying in a hotel room and are uncomfortable leaving valuables in your room, keys are available with a refundable deposit.
- **9. Vehicles:** The speed limit on campus is 5mph. Please only park in the approved parking locations near your accommodation and leave your vehicle parked for the duration of the retreat. Guests are not permitted to drive through campus at any time.
- **10. Wi-Fi:** Access Wi-Fi via "Ramah Darom Wi-Fi" (no password). We also suggest enabling Wi-Fi calling on your phone. If you have any issues connecting to the internet, turn your device's Wi-Fi off and back on, then try reconnecting. If you still have connectivity issues, contact the Bridge Communications Help Desk at 866-632-2717, hit 1 (for after-hours emergency support, hit 5), email support@bridge-comm.net, or inform a member of the Ramah Darom staff.





Shmira (Night Listening)

We are happy to provide complimentary shmira for families staying in cabins and hotels. During shmira hours a counselor is assigned to sit in your cabin's common room or hotel's hallway. Counselors will be present to listen for children who wake up or assist if a special need arises. If a parent is needed, the counselor will be in touch with a Ramah Daorm staff person at the adult evening program.

Shmira takes place at the following times:

- Friday, March 8 | 9:00-11:00pm
- Saturday, March 9 | 9:00-11:00pm

In/Out Signs: Your door handle has a hanging sign on it that says "In" on one side and "Out" on the other.

Every evening, please:

- 1. Hang your door sign to read "In" if the adults are staying in for the night and you do NOT need shmira.
- 2. Hang your door sign to read "Out" if the adults are going out and you do need shmira.
- 3. Check in with shmira! Go into your hallway and chat with the counselor assigned to your location at the start time of shmira. Make note of where they are sitting and share your plans for the evening!

Please note:

- Families do NOT have their own individual counselor or night listener.
- Counselors are there to respond to needs that arise, not to supervise bedtime.
- If a counselor must go to the bathroom during their shmira shift, they will not leave the building they are assigned to and will leave a note where they were sitting to indicate why they are not in a visible location for that short window of time.
- Counselors on shmira will use one of the bathrooms in the hotel hallways or cabins.

Shmira is not responsible for:

- Putting children to bed.
- Entertaining or playing with children.
- Overseeing bedtime rituals.



SCHEDULE

Friday, March 8			
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	
3:30-5:30pm	Check-In	Welcome Center	
	Arts & Crafts: Enjoy Purim themed art projects!	Lakeside Chadar Ochel (Dining Hall)	
4:00-5:00pm	Name Tag Decorating for Kids: Create your own camp-themed name badge for the weekend using your favorite colors and adding your own flair.		
	Reading Corner Open: Snuggle up with your favorite PJ Library books, now and throughout the weekend.		
	Shabbat Prep - Challah Braiding, B'samim & Shabbat-o-grams: Prepare challah and write fun Shabbat notes for family and friends.		
5:30-6:00pm	Musical Kabbalat Shabbat with Candle Lighting, Kiddush & Ha-Motzi led by Hannah Zale: Let's welcome Shabbat with song and prayer led by our Musician-in-Residence, Hannah Zale. Candle Lighting in Clayton, GA is at 6:17pm. If you would like to light candles individually, candle lighting will be available in the Chadar Ochel from 5:30-6:17pm.	Mountainside Chadar Ochel	
6:15-7:30pm	Shabbat Dinner with a Get-to-Know-You Bingo Game: Enjoy dinner and a schmooze. Try to fill your bingo card using stickers as you meet new friends during the meal.	Chadar Ochel	
6:45-7:30pm	Playroom Open: Drop your kiddos (ages 2 and up) off with Ramah Darom counselors for supervised freeplay. Kids can come and go as they please from the playroom and there is no formal drop off or pickup procedure.	Lakeside	
7:30-8:00pm	Shabbat Story Time: Wind down the evening with night time stories in a quiet and calm environment. Perfect for 6 and under.	Chadar Ochel	
	Peulat Erev (Evening Activity) for Ages 7 & Up with the Shinshinim: Older kiddos can join icebreakers and games led by Atlanta Shinshinim, Yuval and Hadar. Parents are welcome to join or drop off their child(ren). Counselors will walk campers back to their accommodations after peulat erev.	Moadon (Multipurpose Room)	
9:00-11:00pm	Shmira (Night Listening) Available	Cabins & Hotels	
9:15-10:45pm	Adult Peulat Erev - Shabbat Oneg & Games: Adults will enjoy an evenings of drinks, food and a competitive game of "Celebrity".	Mountainside Chadar Ochel	

Saturday, March 9			
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	
7:30am	Cereal, Milk & Coffee Available	- Chadar Ochel	
8:00-9:00am	Aruchat Boker (Breakfast)	Chadar Ochei	
9:15-10:00am	Jr. Minyan for All Ages: Join in for a family service filled with singing and prayer. This service will not include a Torah reading. Instruments will not be used.	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)	
	Musical Family Shabbat Morning Services with Hannah Zale: Join in songs, movement and Shabbat stories. Great for families with kids of all ages, this service will not include a Torah reading. Acoustic instruments will be used.	Mountainside Chadar Ochel	



Saturday, March 9			
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	
10:15-10:45am	Community Kiddush & Snack		
10:45-11:45am	"Best Friend in the Whole World" for Ages 2-4 brought to you by Nurture with Amy Helman-Darley: Enjoy a story and fun activities with the outreach and engagement manager of Nurture, Davis Academy's initiative to bring special programming and resources to families with young children.	Tent	
	"Picnic at Camp Shalom" for Ages 5-7 with the Shinshinim: Hangout with Yuval and Hadar as we read "Picnic at Camp Shalom", a special story about making friends at camp, followed by a fun activity related to the tale.	Kikar (Activity Field)	
	Gaga Galore! for Ages 8 & Up: Play an intense game of gaga (a camp classic) while using the book "Be Kind" as a reminder on how to treat your friends when being competitive. Parents are welcome to join or drop off their child(ren).	Lower Roads Gaga Pit	
12:00-1:00pm	Aruchat Tzoharaim (Lunch)	Chadar Ochel	
12:30-1:00pm	Playroom Open: Drop your kiddos (ages 2 and up) off with Ramah Darom counselors for supervised freeplay. Kids can come and go as they please from the playroom and there is no formal drop off or pickup procedure.	Lakeside Chadar Ochel	
	Shaat Menucha (Rest Hour): Take a nap, hang with friends or enjoy one of our sport field	ds!	
1:00-2:15pm	Family Game & Puzzle Time: Hangout and schmooze as you enjoy playing board and lawn games with family and friends.	Tent	
	Camp Tour: Take a tour of Ramah Darom's campus through the lens of the summer camp experience.	Meet at Tent	
	Kikar Obstacle Course for Ages 4 & Under: Our little adventurers will have fun getting their wiggles out as they run, crawl, jump and play!	Kikar	
2:15-3:00pm	"Mitzvah Pizza" Story Walk for Ages 4 & Up: Bring this special story to life with movement and activities for every page. This activity includes the use of stickers.	Start at Pizza Patio	
	Hike to the Waterfall for All Ages: Enjoy a beautiful hike to Ramah Darom's very own waterfall. This hike is not challenging, but the ground is bumpy. It is not stroller accessible and goes outside the eruv.	Meet at the Levine Center Portico	
3:00-3:30pm	Snack Break: Grab some pre-packaged snacks perfect for kiddos to keep their energy up!	Tent	
	Little Cooks with Books for Ages 2-4 with Amy Helman Darley: During this family activity young chefs will listen to "The Better-than-Best Purim" and then make no-bake hamentashen.	Moadon	
3:30-4:15pm	Gaga with a Shabbat Trivia Twist for Ages 5-7: Learn and play a game of gaga while reading "Do Unto Otters".	Lower Roads Gaga Pit	
	Act It Out! Improv Games for Ages 8 & Up with Hannah Zale: Get creative as you explore the joy of bringing Shabbat, drama and PJ Library books together. Parents are welcome to join or drop off their child(ren).	Mountainside Chadar Ochel	
4:30-5:15pm	Family Peula (Activity) - PJ Library Games: Play games and story-related activities		
5:30-6:30pm	Aruchat Erev (Dinner)	Chadar Ochel	
6:00-6:30pm	Playroom Open: Drop your kiddos (ages 2 and up) off with Ramah Darom counselors for structured freeplay.	Lakeside Chadar	
6:45-7:15pm	Story Time with Wally Levitt: Enjoy PJ Library stories read by Ramah Darom's CEO. Perfect for ages 6 and under.	Ochel	
	Team Building & Israeli School Yard Games for Ages 7 & Up with the Shinshinim: Spend time with Yuval and Hadar as you challenge yourself with team building games and more! Parents are welcome to join or drop off their child(ren).	Kikar	

Saturday, March 9			
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	
7:15-8:00pm	Havdallah, S'mores & Rikud (Dancing): Transition from Shabbat into the new week as a community, hang out by the campfire and eat yummy s'mores.	Beit Am (Covered Basketball Court)	
8:00-8:45pm	Peulat Erev - PJ's & Hamentashen for Ages 7 & Up: Enjoy a dramatic reading of "Queen Vashti's Comfy Pants" and make hamantashen to take home the next day. Parents are welcome to join or drop off their child(ren). Counselors will walk campers back to their accommodations after peulat erev.	Mountainside Chadar Ochel	
9:00-11:00pm	Shmira Available	Cabins & Hotels	
9:15-10:45pm	Adult Peulat Erev - The Great Ramah Guac Off: Whose guac will be the best? Test out your cooking skills as you prepare guacamole, salsa and other fun dips for a panel of judges.	Mountainside Chadar Ochel	

	Sunday, March 10		
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	
7:30am	Cereal, Milk and Coffee Available	Chadar Ochel	
8:00-9:00am	Aruchat Boker (Breakfast)		
9:15-10:00am	Family Dance Party with Hannah Zale: Get ready to groove, move and make memories! Celebrate the joys of moving and singing with our one-and-only Musician-in-Residence, Hannah Zale.	Tent	
9:30am- 12:00pm	Climbing: Challenge yourself as you climb to new heights! Space is limited and priority for this activity will go to kiddos. You can sign up for climbing after Shabbat with Rachel Herman either at Havdallah or during the Adult Peulat Erev. Must be potty-trained and wearing closed-toe shoes to participate.	Alpine Tower	
	Arts & Crafts: Stop by the Arts & Crafts station any time to make shrinky-dinks, decorate book marks and more.	Levine Center Portico	
	Camp Classics		
10:15-11:30am	1:30am "I Love Camp" Self Guided Story Walk: Enjoy the classic PJ Library story as you prepare to embark on a morning filled with classic camp activities.		
	Friendship Bracelet Making	Levine Center Portico	
10:15-10:45am	Mason Jar Hot Cocoa: Read "The Chocolate King" and get creative with all things hot chocolate. Fill your own mason jar as a Book It To Shabbat souvenir to take home and enjoy post-retreat.	Tent	
	Tie-Dye: Bring anything white cotton: t-shirts, socks, pillow cases and more!	Kikar	
	Fire Building 101: Learn the ins and outs of the best way to build a fire.	Beit Am	
	Friendship Bracelet Making	Levine Center Portico	
11:00-11:30am	Lawn Games on the Kikar	Kikar	
11:00-11:30am	Sensory Station Extravaganza with Amy Helman-Darley: Enjoy creating and playing with all different types of sensory fun from rainbow rice to play-doh.	Levine Center Portico	
	Tie-Dye: Bring anything white cotton: t-shirts, socks, pillow cases and more!	Kikar	
11:30am- 12:00pm	Pack Out Lunches & Schmooze: Feel free to grab your lunch and eat with your PJ friends before you hit the road. Chadar		
12:00pm	L'hitraot! See You Next Year		

THANK YOU

Hannah Zale, Musician-in-Residence

Hannah Zale has served as a Jewish educator, Song Leader, Programmer, Camp Assistant Director, Youth Director, and mentor in the Atlanta Jewish community since she graduated from the University of Georgia in 2013. She has a passion for helping people try new things, empowering others to become leaders in their community (and beyond), and believes in joyful Judaism and creating a Kehillah Kadosha! In the fall of 2021, Hannah joined the Gesher L' Torah team full-time, and serves as the Program Director. To Hannah, it is all about kesher (connection). She brings the ruach (spirit) to weekend experience-providing storytelling and music to help bridge generations together.

Amy Helman-Darley, Tot Track

Amy is the Outreach and Engagement Manager at Nurture. Nurture is an initative of Atlanta's The Davis Academy to bring special programming and resources to families with young children.

The Schoenbaum Shinshinim

Hadar Rochwerger, Pardesiya Yuval Yaniv, Kibbutz Ramot Menashe

Hadar and Yuval have spent the past year bringing exceptional Israel programming to the Atlanta area through their work with various organizations and PJ Library as part of the Schoenbaum Shinshinim. The Schoenbaum Shinshinim are a cohort of recent Israeli high school graduates taking a gap year in Atlanta before their military service. Each year Shinshinim work to enhance Israel education in a number of Jewish organizations from Jewish day schools to synagogues to after-school programs to summer camps and more!

Ramah Darom Counselors

Sam Bernstein

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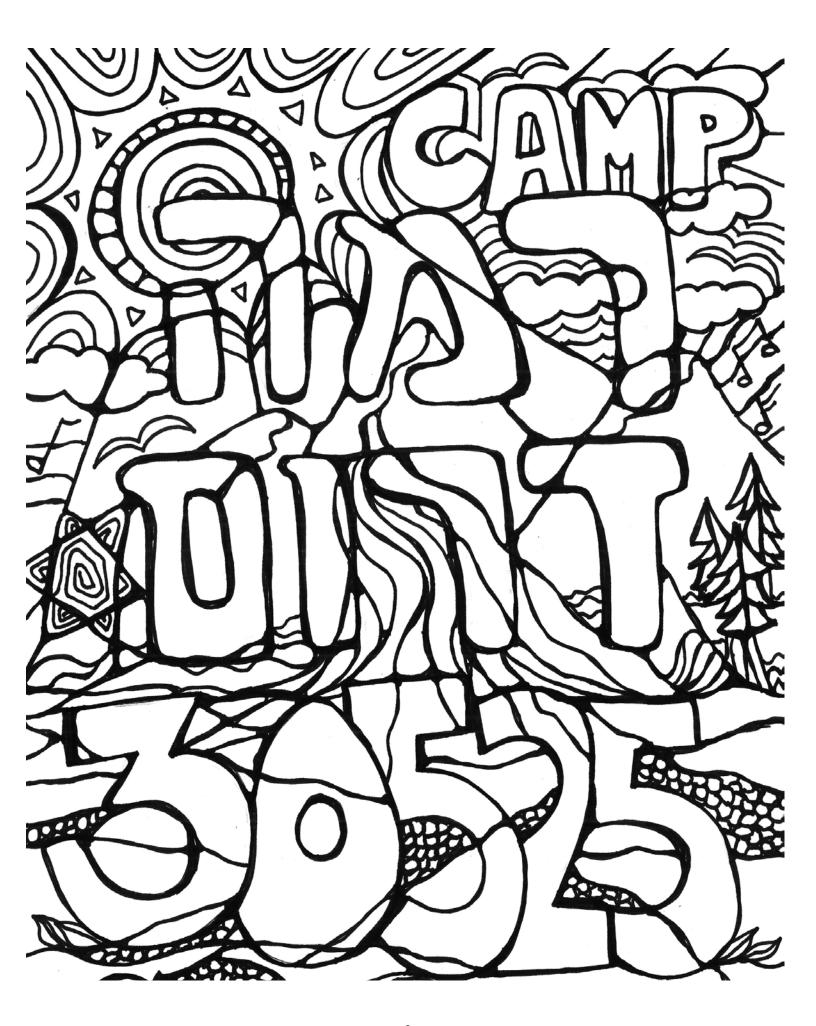
Alexa Morchelies

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SAFETY & SECURITY

Ramah Darom has developed comprehensive safety and security protocols in consultation with the the Security Committee of our Board of Directors, the Secure Community Network and the Rabun County Sheriff's department. Highlighted below are key elements of our protocols. Please 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.

The Sheriff's department has an on-site officer guarding 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 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 706.782.9300 from your cell phone or any campus phone and follow the prompts 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 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 Hotel lower level hallway, Marcus Lodge lower level community room, Mountainside Hotel lower level hallway, Levine Center lower level hallway and lower level common space of bunks 1/2 or 29/30.
- 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 706.782.9300 from your cell phone or any campus phone and follow the prompts 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 guiet.
- 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

Adventure, connection, friendship, fun and joyful Jewish programs all year long!







Year-Round Retreats at Ramah Darom		
Passover Retreat	A family-friendly, meaningful vacation with a diverse mix of scholars and educators, delicious kosher for Passover food and tons of fun	Apr 21-May 1, 2024
LimmudFest	A celebration of Jewish thought, arts, culture and learning	Aug 30-Sep 2, 2024
Jewish Women's Getaway	A mid-week retreat for Jewish women 21+ to explore their creativity, enjoy inspiring sessions, build community and have FUN	Nov 10-13, 2024
Machzor Gimel	A retreat that gives summer Camp alumni 21+ an opportunity to come back home to Ramah Darom.	Dec 12-15, 2024
Winter Break Family Camp	Fun for the whole family with counselor-led adventures, a magical Shabbat and a rockin' New Year's celebration	Dec 27, 2024- Jan 1, 2025
B'teavon	An culinary exploration of all things Jewish food culture	Feb 14-17. 2025

Camp Ramah Darom Kayitz (Summer) 2024		
Sessions Aleph/Bet	4-week sessions for rising 4 th -10 th graders	Aleph: June 5-30 / Bet: July 3-28
Ta'am	5-night "taste" for rising 2 nd graders	Aleph: June 5-10 / Bet: July 3-8
Garinim	11-night program for rising 3 rd graders	Aleph: June 19-30 / Bet: July 17-28
Nitzanim & Sollelim K'tzara	18-night session option for rising 4th & 5th graders	July 3-21
Gesher Leadership Program	8-week program for rising 11 th graders	June 5-July 28
Ramah Bamah	2-week musical theater program for rising 8th & 9th graders	July 3-16
Tikvah Vocational Education Program	Provides 17-21 year-olds who require extra support the opportunity to learn vocational skills at Camp	June 5-30
Through the Henry and Annette Gibson Tikyah Support Program, Ramah Darom supports campers with neurodevelopmental		

Through the Henry and Annette Gibson Tikvah Support Program, Ramah Darom supports campers with neurodevelopmental disorders such as autism spectrum disorder, Down syndrome, intellectual disabilities, ADHD and other disabilities

Camp Yofi 5-day program for families with children age 6-13 with ASD July 31-Aug 4

For more information about Ramah Darom programs or renting our facility, please visit us online and call 404.531.0801



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