

Bruchim Habaim, Welcome to Ramah Darom!

We are honored to gather this kehillah kedosha (holy community) for the 2024 Passover Retreat and hope each of you will feel welcome and right at home. Our time together is so much more than a holiday getaway; it is an opportunity for connection and growth. We are coming together during a challenging and complicated time for our people and throughout the retreat you will have the opportunity to attend a variety of sessions that reflect this moment. We hope that your experience at Ramah Darom this holiday provides a sense of unified Peoplehood as we explore the richness of our Jewish tradition through celebration, song, learning, prayer, delicious food and so much more.

This Program Guide has everything you need to know to make the most of your experience. Please read through it and bring it with you wherever you go. We are always happy to answer all questions.

We look forward to spending the Passover holiday with you. Chag Sameach!

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PASSOVER RETREAT A-Z

Accessibility: All our recreational buildings are wheelchair/ handicap accessible. On Shabbat and Yom Tov, the elevator in the Levine Center will operate automatically in 'Shabbat mode.' Golf cart shuttles run daily throughout campus with continuous service between 7:45am and 11:00pm (midnight on Seder nights). Shuttle stops with seating are located at several clearly marked locations. Wait time for a shuttle can be up to 30 minutes. Please note we do not have golf carts available for individual or family rental.

Attire: Our atmosphere is casual. For Shabbat and Yom Tov, we recommend dressier attire. No matter the day of the week, comfortable walking shoes are a must! The weather can be unpredictable in the mountains and temperatures can drop quickly in the evenings and early mornings. It is helpful to have layers of clothing and a raincoat with you.

Babysitting: Beginning Wed, April 24, we offer private evening babysitting on a first-come, first-served basis for \$20/hour, with a minimum 2-hour guarantee. Reservations must be made at the Concierge Desk by 2:00pm on the requested day.

Boating & Swimming: We are excited to open our lake for guests to enjoy boating. The lake will be closed on Shabbat and Yom Tov. Our outdoor swimming pool will also be open. Note that the pool is not heated. We allow swimming and boating only during designated hours while lifeguards are on duty.

Candle Lighting: We provide Shabbat and Yom Tov candles at designated times in the Chadar Ochel (Dining Hall). Yahrzeit candles are also available upon request. Do not light candles in your room. Candle lighting times are listed in the daily schedule.

Checkout: Checkout is no later than 8:30am on Fri, April 26 and 10:00am on Wed, May 1. Please stop by the Welcome Center to recycle your name tag lanyard and return your key if applicable. If you are departing mid-holiday, we invite you to remain on campus and enjoy the day's programming after checking out of your room.

Coffee Service: Coffee and tea are available at each meal, and all hotel rooms and cottages have a Keurig. Stop by the Concierge Desk for additional coffee pods and sugar.

Concierge Desk: Visit our Concierge Desk at the Levine Center on the ground floor in the outdoor portico area below the Chadar Ochel (Dining Hall). Hours are 9:30am-12:00pm and 1:30-6:00pm. Sign up here for sessions that have limited space, report maintenance issues, reserve babysitting, check in/out activity supplies and purchase special snacks. Activity supplies include mountain bikes and helmets, board games, poker and Mah Jongg sets, tennis rackets and more. Checked-out items must be returned to the Concierge Desk in their original condition or charges for replacements may be assessed.

Drinking Water: All water on our property is underground mountain spring water–great for drinking!

Emergencies: In the event of 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. If you do not have a mobile device on hand, there are landlines in the Welcome Center office, at the pool, in the kitchen and in all living spaces. Note that a medical professional will be onsite during the retreat for emergency needs, and the hospital in Clayton is about 25 minutes away.

Fitness Center: For safety reasons, only guests 16 and older are welcome to use our Fitness Center. Our Fitness Center is located on the ground floor of the Levine Center and is equipped with bikes, treadmills, elliptical, bench press benches, CrossFit equipment, a multi-purpose weight machine, medicine balls, gym bands and yoga mats. Please keep all fitness equipment inside the Fitness Center.

Heated Accommodations: All accommodations, including cabins, are heated. Each cabin has a thermostat located in the common area that controls the building.

Housekeeping & Trash: We do not provide daily housekeeping in personal living areas during the retreat. For guests staying for the full duration of the retreat, our housekeeping team will enter living areas on the following dates to tidy the bathrooms, take out the trash and replenish towels:

- Hotel Rooms & Cottages: Thurs, April 25 & Sun, April 28
- Cabins: Wed, April 24 & Sat, April 27

Guests can place waste in outdoor trash receptacles near their accommodations. Trash is collected daily from these outdoor bins. Please ensure lids are secured on outdoor containers after throwing out your trash.

Plastic laundry bins are placed outside hotels and on cabin porches for linen and towel collection on the assigned days the housekeeping team visits your accommodation. You can pick up an additional set of linens or towels at the Concierge Desk.

Laundry: There are no laundry machines available for use on campus. We offer a professional laundry service for families who wish to have their clothes laundered mid-program for a cost. Any family who pre-purchased this service will find a laundry bag in their accommodations upon arrival. If you would like to purchase laundry service or additional laundry bags during the Retreat, you may do so at the Concierge Desk. Guests who prefer lights and darks laundered separately will need 2 laundry bags. Place dirty laundry bags on your cabin porch or outside of your hotel room by 10:00am on Thu, April 25. Laundry will be returned to the same location in the late afternoon on Fri, April 26.

Lost & Found: The lost and found area will be located by the Concierge Desk.

Luggage Service: Luggage assistance is available to all guests arriving and departing on the airport shuttle. If you are taking a shuttle back to the airport and require luggage assistance, your luggage must be placed on the porch of your cabin or outside of your hotel door on the appropriate day and time.

- Fri, April 26: 8:00am shuttle, luggage ready by 7:00am
- Wed, May 1: 8:00am shuttle, luggage ready by 7:00am

You must be at the bus 30 minutes before departure time to ensure your luggage is there and give approval to have it loaded onto the bus. Luggage will not be loaded onto the bus until it is identified by its owner. Buses will depart from the Welcome Center.

Maintenance Requests: Submit any maintenance requests at RamahDarom.org/Maintenance or visit the Concierge Desk. The facility staff is on call at all times. We ask that you avoid submitting requests before 7:30am or after 9:00pm, unless it is an emergency.

Meals, Snacks & Beverages: Ramah Darom is a kosher facility under the supervision of the Atlanta Kosher Commission (AKC). All meals, snacks and beverages are provided. Please help us maintain our Passover kashrut by not bringing outside food onto our campus or taking tableware or glassware outside the Chadar Ochel (Dining Hall).

- Food Service: Meals are self-serve buffets. If you wish to dine outside, ask a Food & Beverage staff member for paper goods.
- **Kiddush:** At Communal Seders and at Shabbat Dinner, Kiddush is recited aloud for the community; the buffet line opens afterward. Ritual items will be provided per table at all other mealtimes, as needed.
- **Seders:** Alphabetical seder seating assignments are posted in the Chadar Ochel (Dining Hall) on each seder night. Please plan to be seated 10 minutes before seder start times. Communal Seders will begin at 7:45pm on both nights. If you have a semi-private seder, please let us know if you plan to start your seder at a later time on the second night.
- **Snacks:** Daily complimentary snacks are available by the Concierge Desk, as noted in the schedule, and cold drinks and canteen treats can be purchased throughout the day.
- **Boxed Lunches:** For guests going on our Chol Hamoed excursions, independent day trips or departing during Passover, we will have a special buffet available for you to pack boxed lunches and snacks to bring with you.

Medical Care: A medical professional will be onsite during the entire Passover Retreat. For minor medical issues, first aid kits are available at the Welcome Center, Concierge Desk, Chadar Ochel (Dining Hall), Beit Am (Covered Court) and Boathouse. The medical professional on staff offers Health Clinic hours daily from 8:30-9:30am. Our Health Clinic is in the "Mini Marp", on the lower level of the Levine Center, near the Concierge Desk.

Mountain Bikes: Mountain bikes and helmets are available to check out at the Concierge Desk. All riders must wear helmets. We do not have any youth-size bicycles.

Optional Charges: We require a credit card to keep on file for any authorized on-campus charges such as concierge snacks, laundry service, last-minute amenity add-ons, Ramah merchandise, etc. Credit card charges are processed at the conclusion of the Retreat and a receipt will be emailed.

Phones (Landlines & Mobile): Cell phone signals on campus can be spotty, so we suggest enabling Wi-Fi calling if your phone has this feature. All hotel rooms and cabin buildings also 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 from a landline, 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.

Prayer: All participants are invited to join in daily prayer services. Times for services can be found in the Daily Schedule section of this guide. Please bring your own tallit, tefillin and kippot to wear if it is your custom.

Reception Desk: The Reception Desk at the Welcome Center is staffed from 8:30am to 11:00pm. On Wed, May 1, the Reception Desk will be closed. The phone number is 706.782.9300 or dial "0" from any landline on campus. This number will reach an emergency contact after hours.

Room Keys: Hotel room keys are available upon request, although most guests choose to leave their rooms unlocked during the day. Keys must be returned to the Reception Desk before checkout or a charge of \$50 will be assessed. Please note that we only have one key available per room.

Running & Walking Off Property: If you intend to run or walk on the road outside of our property, please be aware that there are dogs in the area that might not be as friendly as we are at Ramah Darom!

Shabbat & Yom Tov: Shabbat and Yom Tov are sacred times at Ramah Darom. We encourage a screen-free environment in public spaces on these days. There is a Shabbat elevator in the Levine Center available for your convenience during Shabbat and Yom Tov. An eruv, checked by our Mashgiach, surrounds our campus.

Sign-ups: Art classes, archery, climbing and some other activities require advanced sign-up. All sign-up sheets can be found at the Concierge Desk.

Smoking: Smoking is not allowed inside any building. There is a designated smoking area on the back porch outside of the Mountainside Dining Hall. Fees are assessed for rooms or areas showing evidence of smoking or smoke damage.

Toys & Sporting Equipment: Sports equipment and games are available to check out at the Concierge Desk. Feel free to bring your own toys, games and equipment (fishing gear, musical instruments, balls, frisbees, yoga mat, etc.) and make sure to label everything. Please note that we do not allow water guns or other toy weapons on our property.

Valuables: Ramah Darom is not responsible for missing or lost items. If you are uncomfortable leaving valuables in your room, you may either leave them locked in your car (at your own risk) or request a room key.

Vehicles: The speed limit on campus is 5mph. Please park only in the approved parking locations near your accommodations. We ask that you leave your vehicle parked for the retreat duration. Guests are not permitted to drive through campus at any time. Ramah Darom is not responsible for any damage caused to cars on campus.

Wildlife: Ramah Darom is fortunate to be surrounded by the Chattahoochee National Forest and we share our beautiful property with a variety of local wildlife. Please keep your eyes open, particularly when walking at night, and let a member of our staff know if you spot any wildlife that could pose a threat to our quests.

Wi-Fi: Wireless internet service is available throughout the facility via "Ramah Darom Wi-Fi" (no password). If you have

any issues connecting to the internet, try turning your device's Wi-Fi off and back on, then try reconnecting. If you still have connectivity issues, contact the Bridge Communications Help Desk: 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.

Workspace: We understand many of our guests must remain connected with the outside world during their stay. There are a few workspaces in the Welcome Center office available on a first-come, first-served basis. We ask that you be respectful of other guests' observances during Yom Tov and Shabbat and conduct your business in a private area. There is Wi-Fi access in every building on campus.

Youth Program: Supervised Kids Camp is offered daily (ages 6mo-teens). The Youth Program Booklet offers a detailed schedule with pick-up, drop off and activity locations for all age groups. Extra copies of the booklet will be available at the Concierge Desk.

Kids Camp

Our team has planned an awesome youth program for campers of every age with great counselors and exciting experiences. Please see the Youth Program Booklet for a detailed schedule with locations for all age groups. Extra copies of the booklet will be available at Concierge.

What to pack each day: All campers should wear closed-toe shoes during camp time.

- 6 months to 2-year-olds: Stroller (if applicable), diaper bags, diapers (plus storage bag for cloth diapers if applicable), spare clothes, hat and any comfort items (blankets, pacifiers, toys, etc.).
- 3-year-olds to Teens: Backpack, water bottle, bathing suit, change of clothes.

6 Months to 4-Year-Olds

- Campers will be divided into two aidot (age units): 2 and under and 3-4 year olds.
- Campers must be potty trained to be in the 3-4 year old age group.
- For safety reasons, pick-up and drop off must be done by a child's parent/guardian.

Kindergarten to Teens:

- Campers will be split into five aidot (age units): Kindergarten-1st Grade, 2nd-3rd Grade, 4th-5th Grade, 6th-7th Grade and 8th Grade+.
- Campers in 3rd grade and under must be dropped off and picked up by a parent/guardian.
- If you have a 4th grader or older and would like them to be checked in and out of camp by a parent, please tell their counselors.
- Campers in 4th grade and up must arrive at the activity start time and cannot join or leave in the middle of that specific activity.

Kids Camp Days	Times
Tue, April 23-Wed, April 24	1:30-5:30pm
Thur, April 25-Sun, April 28	9:30am-12:00pm & 1:30-5:30pm
Mon, April 29-Tue, April 30	1:30-5:30pm



EXCURSIONS

We are pleased to offer offsite excursions to enhance your Passover experience. See below for excursion descriptions, pricing and signups. We coordinate everything for you from booking to transportation! All guests leaving campus for excursions will be able to pack boxed meals to take with them.

If there is space, guests can register for excursions up until 10:00am the day prior to the excursion at the Concierge Desk.

Refunds are provided only for cancellations made by Friday, April 19. No refunds will be provided for any reservations made onsite. Please inform our Concierge Desk ahead of time if you are not going on your preselected excursion, or if you sold your space to another guest. Transportation for excursions departs from the main road behind the Levine Center. Due to time constraints and respect for other guests we will not wait for stragglers. Refunds are not available if guests miss the bus!

Thursday, April 25

Sunburst Stables: Family Adventure Horseback Riding

Price: \$150/rider 6+, \$75/rider ages 3-6 on shared horse

Time: 8:45am-12:30pm

This is a great family trip that's perfect for ages 3+. Ride a mountain path to the miniature animal farm, stop for fishing at three stocked ponds, enjoy a Kosher-for-Passover snack, see a blacksmith demonstration on a forge, ride a train through a gold mine cave, feed the animals and check out the aviary. This will be a delightful horseback ride, experiencing all the natural beauty the Chattahoochee National Forest has to offer! Ages 7+ must ride on their own horse. Weight Limit: 270 lbs. maximum per horse. The drive from Ramah Darom to Sunburst Stables is approximately 35 minutes.

Sunburst Stables: Zipline Tour

Price: \$100/person **Time:** 8:45am-12:30pm

Sunburst Stables makes ziplining fun and safe for everyone ages 2 to 102. Hung throughout the trees, nine ziplines total 7,000 linear feet, making this a great family adventure. Weight Requirements: 250 lbs. maximum and 20 lbs. minimum. The drive from Ramah Darom to Sunburst Stables is approximately 35 minutes.

Tallulah Gorge Floor Hike, Strenuous

Price: \$50/person ages 12+

Time: 8:30am-2:00pm

This strenuous 3-mile, 4-hour hike led by a Park Ranger will provide incredible views that lead you to the floor of the Tallulah Gorge. This rewarding hike consists of two river crossings where you rock hop and wade through the water. It also includes over 1,000 stairs in total to go in and out of the gorge. Parents/Guardians must accompany minors on the hike. The drive from Ramah Darom to Tallulah Gorge State Park is approximately 35 minutes.

Splatter Studio

Price: \$45/person

Times: 12:30-3:30pm (open to all)

3:30-6:30pm (teens only)

Splatter studios are the new "it" thing! Teens will visit Abstract Studio in Helen, GA to explore their inner artist, get tips from a pro, have fun with paint and maybe get a little messy. Each teen gets an 8x10 canvas, paint, protective gear, tools and a take home box for their artwork. The drive from Ramah Darom to Helen, GA is approximately 45 minutes.

Friday, April 26

Bavarian Mountain Mini Golf

Price: \$36/person **Time:** 1:00-4:30pm

With the best views around, Bavarian Mountain Mini Golf in Helen, GA is a great activity for all ages. The rushing streams and beautiful waterfalls make for a relaxing and fun adventure, rain or shine! The drive from Ramah Darom to Helen, GA is approximately 45 minutes.

Sunburst Stables: ATV Rides

Price: \$175/driver ages 16+, \$100/passenger ages 4+

Time: 8:45am-12:30pm

You'll follow experienced guides around a 5-mile loop of mountain terrain, visit a gold mine, and drive through a cave. You'll see the mini animal farm as we cruise leisurely back to base camp. Participants ages 16+ with a driver's license may drive alone. Weight Limit: 350 lbs. maximum per ATV, 2nd passenger 100 lbs. maximum. The drive from Ramah Darom to Sunburst Stables is approximately 35 minutes.

Sunburst Stables: Mountain Adventure Horseback Riding

Price: \$150/person ages 6+ **Time:** 8:45am-12:30pm

Sunburst Stables offers guided trail rides into the grand 4,000 acres of gorgeous mountain trails. On this incredible 2-hour guided mountain horseback ride, you'll enjoy the natural beauty of the Chattahoochee National Forest and even have a chance to ride up to an old moonshine still! This special, longer ride (7-9 miles) lets you experience an even deeper look into the forest with more time to enjoy the untouched beauty of streams and wooded trails on this incredible adventure. Weight Limit: 270 lbs. maximum per horse. The drive from Ramah Darom to Sunburst Stables is approximately 35 minutes.

Sunburst Stables: Zipline Tour

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Sunday, April 28

North Georgia Wildlife Park

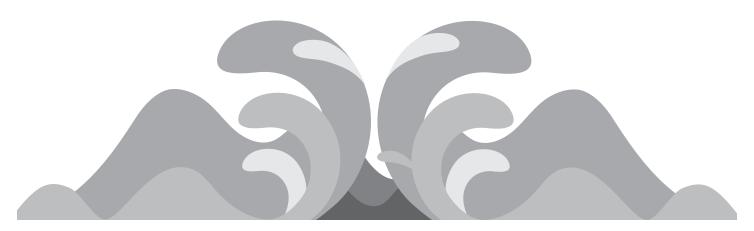
Price: \$55/person **Time:** 9:30-2:00pm

The North Georgia Wildlife Park offers fun for all where you can enjoy a guided tour of the park, interact with farm animals at the petting farm and enjoy a hayride and see animals such as zebras, ostriches and more! The drive from Ramah Darom to North Georgia Wildlife Park is approximately 1 hour.

Tallulah Gorge Rim Hike, Easy-Moderate

Price: \$36/person ages 8+ **Time:** 8:30am-12:00pm

Enjoy a 2-hour hike or relax on a comfortable bench in the area to take in all that nature has to offer! Hikers will see stunning views of the gorge's canyon and tumbling waterfalls. Parents/ Guardians must accompany minors on the hike. The drive from Ramah Darom to Tallulah Gorge State Park is approximately 35 minutes.





Grab a Ramah Darom map and take an audio tour of campus at ramahdarom.org/take-a-tour

	Sunday, April 21	
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
3:00-8:00pm	Check-in	Welcome Center
3:00-5:00pm	Grab'n Go Snacks with Chametz!	Beit Am (Covered Court)
3:30-6:00pm	Open Family Art: Drop in and enjoy art projects for the whole family.	Omanut (Arts & Crafts Building)
5:00-6:00pm	Stroll Ramah Darom: Enjoy a tour of our campus.	Meet at Welcome Center
6:00-6:15pm	Mincha (Afternoon Service)	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
6:00-7:30pm	Aruchat Erev (Dinner): It's cookout time. Enjoy a chametz filled outdoor BBQ!	Beit Am
7:30-11:00pm	Film Screening – "The 10 Commandments": Get in the Passover spirit by watching Charlton Heston's timeless classic.	Moadon (Multipurpose Room)
7:30-8:15pm	Family B'dikat Chametz Challenge with Kelly Cohen: Enjoy a unique and fun hunt to find the last of the chametz and prepare for Passover. Make plans to join us on Monday at 9:30am to burn the chametz too!	Meet in Amphitheater
8:30-8:45pm	Maariv (Evening Service) & B'dikat Chametz	Beit Knesset
8:15-10:00pm	Welcome Bonfire, S'mores & Jam Hosted by Ramah Darom's CEO, Wally Levitt: Enjoy the first night of the retreat by the fire meeting faculty and staff, making new friends, enjoying beverages and snacks and listening to campfire songs. Bring your musical instruments!	Beit Am

Monday, April 22		
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
10:00am- 4:00pm	Check-in for Monday Arrivals	Welcome Center
7:45-8:45am	Shacharit & Taanit Bekhorot: Morning prayer service and blessing for first-born child.	Beit Knesset
8:00-9:00am	*More Core! with Megan-Marlene Moran	Moadon
8:00-9:30am	Aruchat Boker (Breakfast)	Chadar Ochel (Dining Hall)
8:30-9:30am	Health Clinic Open	Mini Marp
9:00-9:30am	*Daily Dose of Talmud with Rabbi Aaron Alexander	Mountainside Chadar Ochel
9:30-9:45am	Burning of the Chametz	Beit Am
_	*Archery: Must be 8 years and older.	Archery Range
9:45am- 12:00pm	*Climbing: Must wear closed-toe shoes.	Alpine Tower
12.000	Open Family Art: Drop in and enjoy art projects for the whole family.	Omanut
9:45-10:45am	Crochet 101 with Eliana Leader: Learn the standard patterns of double and single stitching to start the initial stiches for a kippah, hat or scarf. Participants are welcome to take their needle and yarn with them to keep practicing!	Beit Knesset
9:45-10:45am	Hike to the Waterfall: Enjoy an "easy" walk to view the gorgeous waterfall on Ramah Darom's campus. This short hike is accessible for most ages, but it is not stroller-friendly and the trail is uneven.	Meet at Levine Center Portico
	*See Session Descriptions on pages 27-28. Grey denotes preregistration rec	quired!

	Monday, April 22	
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
10:00am- 12:00pm	*Printmaking 101 – Design, Carve & Print with Judy Robkin	
	*Woodburning Seder Plate Creation with Rabbi Ayal Robkin	- Omanut
11:00am-	What Does Israel Need From Us Right Now? with Laura E. Adkins: An expansive conversation on the current lived experience in Israel, and what donations, volunteer efforts and actions from the Diaspora are making a positive impact.	Beit Knesset
12:00pm	Passover Sing-Along with Eliana Light: All ages are welcome to this song extravaganza! We'll sing and dance to Pesach favorites as we get into the spirit of the holiday. <i>Great for little ones too!</i>	Mirpeset Tefillah (Lower Roads Pavilion)
	*Functional Mobility with Megan-Marlene Moran	Moadon
12:00-1:30pm	Aruchat Tzoharaim (Lunch)	Chadar Ochel
1:30-5:30pm	Open Boating	Agam (Lake)
4 20 4 22	*Archery: Must be 8 years and older.	Archery Range
1:30-4:30pm	*Climbing: Must wear closed-toe shoes.	Alpine Tower
	*Floral Watercolor Tapestry with Judy Robkin	
	*Wire Wrapped Necklaces with Jennifer Kaplan	- Omanut
1:30-3:30pm	Film Screening – "Golda": View the biographical drama that examines Golda Meir's actions during the Yom Kippur War. On Thursday afternoon, there will be an opportunity to hear from Professor Meron Medzini, Golda Meir's spokesman from 1973-1974 over Zoom. <i>This film is PG-13</i> .	Moadon
	Hatikva – A Hopeful Text Study with Rabbi Penina Alexander: Join Rabbi Penina Alexander for a meaningful reading of Hatikva, Israel's national anthem, and foster a deeper understanding of the words that were written by Naftali Herz Imber in 1878.	Beit Knesset
1:30-2:30pm	Shavuoslekh Papercut – Folk Art for All Ages with Russel Neiss: Throughout history, in even the poorest Jewish communities, paper, pencil and penknife or scissors were available, and could be harnessed to craft papercut art that was a deeply felt, personal expression of faith. Explore and create your own 'Shavuoslekh', simple flower inspired symmetrical papercuts created for Shavuot.	Tent
2:45-3:45pm	From Where Will My Help Come – Exploring Psalms for Times of Crisis with Rabbi Shai Held: At least since the time of the Mishnah (and probably further back than that), Jews have been reciting Psalm 121 in times of crisis. It's not surprising that many communities recited it in the wake of October 7, and quite a few are still reciting it now. In this session, we'll do a close literary and theological analysis of this beloved text. Among other things, we'll discover something anomalous: This urgent prayer, said in times of desperate need, never actually addresses God at all. This is the first session in a two-part series. Join for one or both sessions!	Beit Knesset
	Pickleball 101: Learn how to play this fun sport that involves elements from tennis, badminton, ping-pong and "the kitchen".	Tennis Courts
	Passover Shuk with Kids Camp Counselors: Stop by the Beit Am to meet the camp counselors, enjoy Passover craft projects, games and rikud and learn Israeli folk-dances (classics and Ramah Darom line-dances!)	Beit Am
	*Spin Class with Megan-Marlene Moran	Fitness Center

	Monday, April 22	
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
	Exploring the Texture of Time in Preparation for the Seder with Rabbi Mike Moskowitz: Get ready for Passover with this quick session to prep you for the seder.	Beit Knesset
	Family Soccer Game	Kikar (Activity Field)
4:00-4:45pm	Back-in-Time Passover Adventure with Maxine Handelman & Kelly Cohen: Inviting all 3-8 year olds and their grown ups to go back in time and join Moses on a thrilling ride from the banks of the Nile to the shores of the Red Sea. Immerse yourself in the Passover story during this not-to-be-missed adventure.	Mirpeset Tefillah
	Gentle Yoga with Navit Salzberg: Open your heart to prepare you (mentally and physically) for the holiday.	Moadon
5:00-5:45pm	Grab'n Go Light Meal	Levine Center Portico
5:45-6:30pm	Rest & Seder Prep	
6:50-7:57pm	Candle Lighting Available	Chadar Ochel
6:30-7:15pm	Mincha, Candle Lighting & Maariv	Beit Knesset
Passover Sederim Please take note of the location of your seder below. Table number assignments can be found on the columns in the Chadar Ochel.		
7:00-11:00pm	Pack-Out Seder: If you ordered "Seder-in-a-box", it will be delivered to your accommodations around 7:00pm.	Accommodations
	The Light Lab Seder with Eliana Light	Moadon
7:45-11:00pm	Seder for the Mind, Heart & Stomach with Rabbi Adam Mayer	Lakeside Chadar Ochel
7.43-11.00pm	Semi-Private Seder: Shulchan Orech buffet will close at 11:00pm. <i>Please pace your seder accordingly.</i>	Chadar Ochel

Tuesday, April 23		
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
8:00-9:00am	*Hatha Yoga with Megan-Marlene Moran	Moadon
8:00-9:30am	Aruchat Boker (Breakfast)	Chadar Ochel
8:30-9:30am	Health Clinic Open	Mini Marp
9:00-9:30am	*Daily Dose of Talmud with Rabbi Aaron Alexander	Mountainside Chadar Ochel
9:30am- 12:00pm	Traditional Egalitarian Yom Tov Service	Beit Knesset
10:00- 10:45am	*Minyan Shelanu – Musical Family Services with Ori Salzberg	
11:00am- 12:00pm	Mindful Musical Morning with Eliana Light: Through prayer and music, we will lift our spirits. Through movement, we will ground our bodies. Through intention, we will seek new wisdom. Through silence, we will listen to ourselves and each other. This prayer experience is geared towards teens and up. Acoustic instruments will be used during this service.	Moadon
12:00-1:30pm	Aruchat Tzoharaim (Lunch)	Chadar Ochel
1:30-5:00pm	Open Swim	Breicha (Pool)
1:30-1:45pm	Kids Camp Drop Off	See Youth Program Booklet

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	Tuesday, April 23	
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
1:45-2:45pm	White Barrels with Black Ashes and Other Anxiety Dreams with Rabba Wendy Amsellem & Maharat Rori Picker Neiss: Rabban Gamliel famously insists that his students' outsides be aligned with their insides. Yet his repressive policies have the opposite effect and his students were unable to lead authentic lives. We will study this Talmudic narrative (in Bavli Berachot) and discuss how contemporary laws and policies that try to enforce a gender identity create a similarly oppressive regime. As we read of the students' wresting control from Rabban Gamliel, we will consider how we too can use the tools at our disposal to create a more just, honest and free community.	Beit Knesset
	Game Hour: Unwind with the perfect Yom Tov activities; playing board games or puzzling and find your mah jongg friends for the holiday.	Tent
3:00-4:00pm	Out of the Depths I Called to You: Exploring Psalms for Times of Crisis with Rabbi Shai Held: Like Psalm 121, Psalm 130 has been recited by Jews in times of crisis since at least as far back as the time of the Mishnah. In this session, we'll do a close literary and theological analysis of this much-treasured text. We'll wrestle with the ways that the psalm assumes something that many of us find foreign, and perhaps even alienating: that our suffering is (necessarily?) the result of our sin. This is the second session in a two-part series. Feel free to attend one or both sessions!	Beit Knesset
	Shrubs & Cocktail Cultural Connections with Carlton Chamblin: Farm2Cocktail's Carlton Chamblin, renowned for his hospitality and storytelling, will demystify the ancient art of shrub-making while using the Passover story and his Southern heritage as inspiration. There will be supplies for 48, but onlookers are welcome!	Tent
	*Total Conditioning with Megan-Marlene Moran	Moadon
	Theology in Halacha Part 1 – Revisiting the 13 Attributes with Rabbi Aaron Alexander: Does Jewish law influence how we count God's many attributes? Is it even possible to count them? No surprise, the Rambam has what to say. We'll study the primary sources and then learn his responsum on the topic, which will also help navigate challenges of communal conflict.	Beit Knesset
4:15-5:15pm	Even God Had Bad Parenting Days with Maxine Handelman and Kelly Cohen: Inspired by the book "Even God Had Bad Parenting Days: Ancient Jewish Wisdom for New Parents" by Alicia Jo Rabins, we lean into biblical examples of parenting to help us see beyond the challenges of living with young children and recapture a sense of wonder at the process of raising small humans. For parents of kids of all ages.	Mercaz Aryeh (Library)
	*More Core! with Megan-Marlene Moran	Moadon
5:00-5:45pm	Grab'n Go Light Meal	Levine Center Portico
5:15-5:30pm	Kids Camp Pickup	See Youth Program Booklet
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Tuesday, April 23		
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
7.45 11.00	Seder for the Mind, Heart & Stomach with Rabbi Josh Heller	Mountainside Chadar Ochel
7:45-11:00pm	Semi-Private Seder: Shulchan Orech buffet will close at 11:00pm. <i>Please pace your seder accordingly.</i>	Chadar Ochel
8:53pm	Candle Lighting Available	
8:50-11:30pm	A Social Justice Seder with Rabba Wendy Amsellem and Rabbi Mike Moskowitz	Beit Knesset

	Wednesday, April 24	
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
8:00-9:00am	*Total Conditioning with Megan-Marlene Moran	Moadon
8:00-9:30am	Aruchat Boker (Breakfast)	Chadar Ochel
8:30-9:30am	Health Clinic Open	Mini Marp
9:00-9:30am	*Daily Dose of Talmud with Rabbi Aaron Alexander	Mountainside Chadar Ochel
9:30am- 12:00pm	Traditional Egalitarian Yom Tov Service: Mazal tov to Dan Neiss as he receives his first Aliyah as a Bar Mitzvah!	Beit Knesset
10:00- 10:45am	Family Shacharit with Eliana Light: Get ready to wake up your voice and body and get in the right mindset for a great day. We'll sing and dance and use the traditional liturgy as a jumping off point to prepare for the day. Children of all ages (and at heart) welcome! Acoustic instruments will be used during this service.	Moadon
11:00am- 12:00pm	Kabbalah Kirtan Chant with Basya Schechter & Laura Wolfe: Experience prayer through the sound of the harmonium, Kabbalistic chants, silent meditations, introspection and intention as we begin to count the Omer, when the light mysticism mingles with the journey towards Sinai. <i>Acoustic instruments will be used during this service.</i>	Margam (Lakeside Pavilion)
12:00-1:30pm	Aruchat Tzoharaim (Lunch)	Chadar Ochel
1:30-5:00pm	Open Swim	Breicha
1:30-1:45pm	Kids Camp Drop Off	See Youth Program Booklet
	Theology in Halacha Part 2 – Principles of Faith with Rabbi Aaron Alexander: The Radbaz, 15th-16th century, was once asked to which list of faith principles he ascribed and his answer, written as a teshuvah/responsum, was quite interesting and illuminating. We'll look at some of these medieval lists, and study his answer together.	Beit Knesset
1:45-2:45pm	Yiddish for Pesakh with Russel Neiss: Learn some Passover songs, stories and other folkways from the Ashkenaz tradition that have largely been forgotten. All selections have been translated from Yiddish to English and no prior language skills required.	Moadon
	Pesach Pop-Up Choir – Day 1	Mercaz Aryeh Conference Room

Wednesday, April 24		
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
3:00-4:15pm	Judaism Is About Love – An Open Conversation & Q&A with Rabbi Shai Held moderated by Maharat Rori Picker Neiss: Rabbi Shai Held's new book, "Judaism Is About Love", has been hailed as a "paradigm-shifting study" (Publisher's Weekly) and has been described as "will probably be the most important Jewish book to publish this year or even in the last few" (Spirituality and Practice). Ramah Darom is delighted to have shared the book with all of our Pesach guests. Bring your questions—about the book, about love, and about Jewish thought more generally—to this communal discussion with Rabbi Held. Dessert and drink reception to follow in the Tent to celebrate the book's launch.	Beit Knesset
	Out-of-Camp Waterfall Hike: This awesome and invigorating hike right across the street from campus includes narrow paths, crossing a small stream and fallen trees. This hike goes outside of the eruv and is not stroller friendly.	Meet at Levine Center Portico
	*Hatha Yoga with Megan-Marlene Moran	Moadon
4:30-5:30pm	Meditation with Rabbi Adam Mayer: Learn more about meditative practices and experience a calming meditation.	Beit Knesset
	*Functional Mobility with Megan-Marlene Moran	Moadaon
5:15-5:30pm	Kids Camp Pickup	See Youth Program Booklet
5:45-6:00pm	Mincha	Beit Knesset
6:00-7:30pm	Aruchat Erev (Dinner)	Chadar Ochel
7:30-8:00pm	PJ Library Passover Story Time: Familes with young children are invited to enjoy storytime before bedtime. <i>Pajama attire encouraged!</i>	Pizza Patio
7:30-8:30pm	Judaism Through the Lens of Behavioral Economics or Vice Versa with Shai Robkin: Why is the field of behavioral economics so dominated by Jews, and Israelis in particular? Is it something about Jewish scholarship or the Jewish experience? Do Biblical and Talmudic teachings foreshadow the insights of modern-day behavioral economists?	
8:45-9:00pm	Maariv & Havdallah	Beit Knesset
9:15-11:00pm	Film Screening – "Golda": View the biographical drama that examines Golda Meir's actions during the Yom Kippur War. On Thursday afternoon, there will be an opportunity to hear from Professor Meron Medzini, Golda Meir's spokesman from 1973-1974 over Zoom. <i>This film is PG-13</i> .	
9:30-11:00pm	Karaoke Night: Are you ready to rock the house? Sing loud and proud at Ramah Darom's Karaoke Night!	Lakeside Chadar Ochel

REMINDER: BLOOD DRIVE IS TOMORROW! 10:00am-4:00pm at the Beit Am

Thursday, April 25 LOCATION

REMINDER: BLOOD DRIVE IS TODAY! 10:00am-4:00pm at the Beit Am

EXCURSIONS: Depart from Behind Chadar Ochel		
8:30am-2:00pm	Tallulah Gorge Floor Hike, Strenuous	
0.4Fama 12.20mm	Family Adventure Horseback Riding	
8:45am-12:30pm	Zipline Tour	
12:30-3:30pm	Splatter Studio	
3:30-6:30pm	Splatter Studio Teen Trip	

7:45-8:45am	Traditional Egalitarian Shacharit	Beit Knesset
	*Spin Class with Megan-Marlene Moran	Fitness Center
8:00-9:00am	"rise&shine" Silent Disco Tefillah Experience with Eliana Light featuring DJ Aluminum: Join a sacred silent disco morning mindful movement dance party to start the day with love and joy. We'll dance through the themes of the morning tefillah (prayer), feeling the wisdom of the liturgy in our bodies and feeling into freedom. Rabbi Abe Friedman AKA DJ Aluminum will be live DJing for this experience. All are welcome!	Moadon
8:00-9:30am	Aruchat Boker (Breakfast)	Chadar Ochel
8:30-9:30am	Health Clinic Open	Mini Marp
9:00-9:30am	*Daily Dose of Talmud with Rabbi Aaron Alexander	Mountainside Chadar Ochel
9:30-9:45am	Kids Camp Drop Off	See Youth Program Booklet
9:30am- 12:00pm	Open Swim	Breicha
	*Lettering & Embossing Workshop with Judy Robkin	Omanut
	*Papercutting with Jennifer Kaplan	
	*Woodburning Experimentation with Rabbi Ayal Robkin	
9:45-11:45am	Make Your Own Light-Up Omer Counter with Rabbi Abe Friedman: For most of us, counting the Omer is an annual struggle—it's not easy to keep track of the count and remember each night. In this workshop we will etch plexiglass to put a personal finishing touch on an attractive light-up box that will remind us, each night, to count on time. No experience necessary—if you can use a ballpoint pen, you can handle this!	Margam
9:45-10:45am	A Deal with the Devil with Rabba Wendy Amsellem: While Satan and the Angel of Death are widely feared by humans, in Rabbinic literature they are portrayed (at least sometimes) as empathic, kind and on amiable terms with the rabbis. We will study some of these Talmudic narratives and consider why a pious person might want to be friends with the devil.	Beit Knesset
	30 Jewish Digital Resources in 60 Minutes with Russel Neiss: Over the past decade the amount of Jewish learning available online has exploded. Join us for a whirlwind tour of some known and lesser known resources available for you to increase your Jewish learning.	Moadon
10:00-4:00pm	Blood Drive: Stop by the blood mobile and do a mitzvah by donating blood, if you are able. <i>Walk-ins welcome</i> .	Beit Am

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	Thursday, April 25		
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	
11:00am-	Diving Deep Into Love: Some Texts that Inspired, Challenged & Unsettled Me with Rabbi Shai Held: Rabbi Held has been writing about love and the Jewish tradition for the past seven years, and thinking and teaching about it for the past 25. His new book, "Judaism Is About Love: Recovering the Heart of Jewish Life", is the result of that many-years-long deep dive. In this session, he'll share some of the texts and ideas that he has found most moving, most challenging and most provocative. Together we'll study some sources, both classical and modern, and discuss some key questions about theology, spirituality and ethics.	Beit Knesset	
12:00pm	Songs of Toratah with Naomi Less: Learn more about the groundbreaking new album, "ZimraTah, Songs of Toratah", from 14 different artists on the regendered Torah called Toratah. Naomi Less, the artistic producer of the album, invites you to an interactive session where you will learn more about Toratah, the regendered Torah, and the melodies composed especially for its verses. Dive a little deeper into the text, bring your own instruments and sing or play along.	Mercaz Aryeh	
	*Total Conditioning with Megan-Marlene Moran	Moadon	
11:45am- 12:00pm	Kids Camp Pickup	See Youth Program Booklet	
12:00-1:30pm	Aruchat Tzoharaim (Lunch)	Chadar Ochel	
	*Adult Archery	Archery Range	
1:30-5:30pm	*Adult Climbing: Must wear closed-toe shoes.	Alpine Tower	
	Open Boating	Agam (Lake)	
1:30-1:45pm	Kids Camp Drop Off	See Youth Program Booklet	
	*Printmaking 101 – Design, Carve & Print with Judy Robkin		
	*Wire Wrapped Necklaces with Jennifer Kaplan	Omanut	
1:45-3:45pm	*Mezuzah Woodburning with Rabbi Ayal Robkin		
	Pesach Pop-Up Choir – Day 2	Mercaz Aryeh Conference Room	
1:45-2:45pm	LGBTQ+ Allyship as Restorative Judaism with Rabbi Mike Moskowitz: A text based exploration of the chorban (sacrifice) as a consequence for a lack of chaburah (supportive community), with an emphasis on practical applications for today.	Beit Knesset	
·	Tie-Dye Creations for Adults: Want to learn how to get the perfect spiral? Interested in a bullseye pattern? Get in the camp spirit by learning all the tricks to creating a colorful and wearable work of art. <i>Bring anything white and cotton.</i>	Kikar	
3:00-4:15pm	Golda, the Yom Kippur War & Now with Professor Meron Medzini: Complementing the screenings of "Golda", engage in a fascinating Zoom conversation with Professor Meron Medzini, a compelling speaker with an insider's perspective on Israel's political history. Professor Medzini was Golda Meir's spokesman from 1973-1974 and former Director of Israel Government Press Office, Jerusalem, in the Office of the Prime Minister served as spokesman for Prime Ministers Levi Eshkol, Golda Meir and Yitzhak Rabin.	Moadon	
	Fishing Workshop – Reeling in the Essentials! with Summit Academy Adventures: Learn the basics of fishing by doing as we go through equipment and gear, bait and lures, rod set up, ethics and conservation and on-water practice. This workshop is open to ages 10-16 (with parents) and 17+. Advanced sign-up is required and additional onlookers are welcome!	Meet at Boat House	
	*Spin Class with Megan-Marlene Moran	Fitness Center	

Thursday, April 25			
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	
3:45-4:30pm	Grab'n Go Snacks Available	Levine Center Portico	
	*Handmade Books with Judy Robkin		
4:00-6:00pm	*Beaded Candlesticks with Jennifer Kaplan	Omanut	
	*Woodworking – Yad Creations with Rabbi Mike Moskowitz		
4:30-5:30pm	Am I My Sister's Keeper? Post-October 7th Findings with Laura E. Adkins: Join a conversation that will dive deeper into understanding Israeli womens' experience on and after October 7th. What do we know? What difficulties have there been in collecting evidence? How have survivors in Israel been affected? What are rape experts in Israel saying Israeli women need from us right now? Trigger warning: this discussion will cover topics including sexual abuse and/or violence.	Beit Knesset	
	Wine Tasting with Chef Brad Semon: Join our guest chef, Brad Semon, for an overview of how to taste wine most effectively. During this tasting experience, you will learn about the look, smell and taste of each unique wine, as well as how to draw lasting conclusions about each flavor profile.	Tent	
	*Hatha Yoga with Megan-Marlene Moran	Moadon	
5:00-6:00pm	*Glass Etching with Rachel Jackson	Omanut	
5:15-5:30pm	Kids Camp Pickup	See Youth Program Booklet	
5:45-6:00pm	Mincha	Beit Knesset	
6:00-7:30pm	Aruchat Erev (Dinner)	Chadar Ochel	
	Family Magic Show – Guest Magician Kyle Jerrard: Get ready to laugh and say, "How did he do that?" as you enjoy a magic show that will make everyone feel young at heart.	Mountainside Chadar	
7:45-8:45pm	Not All Heroines Wear Capes with Maharat Rori Picker Neiss: Explore the fearless defiance of Shifrah and Puah as we explore the integral role of these midwives in our Exodus narrative. This class offers a unique opportunity to engage with timeless themes of resistance, empowerment and the enduring power of solidarity. Join us as we celebrate the indomitable spirit of these remarkable women and their pivotal role in liberation.		
8:45-9:00pm	Maariv	Beit Knesset	
9:15-11:00pm	Film Screening – "Etgar Keret: Based on a True Story": People from all over the world have come to love Israeli writer Etgar Keret for his surreal short stories and his hilarious live performances. Through animations of his stories, re-enactments of his anecdotes, peeks behind the scenes and interviews with family and friends (including Jonathan Safran Foer and Ira Glass) this documentary explores why Keret's constant storytelling has kept him alive. This film is not rated.		
	Trivia Night: Test your knowledge about (sometimes) useful and random facts as you enjoy some friendly competition during the Passover Retreat's annual team trivia night.	Lakeside Chadar Ochel	

ATTENTION FIRST HALF GUESTS:

The Bus Departs for Airport Tomorrow at 8:00am from the Welcome Center

Luggage must be placed outside of your room or on your porch by 7:00am

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			Friday, April 26	
TIME	ACTI	VITY		LOCATION
	Г	EXCURSIO	NS: Depart from Behind Chadar Och	el
		8:45am-12:30pm	Sunburst Stables: ATV Rides	
		8:45am-12:30pm	Family Adventure Horseback Ridining	
		8:45am-12:30pm	Zipline Tour	
		1:00-4:30pm	Bavarian Mountain Mini Golf	
7:45-8:45am	Tradit	tional Egalitarian SI	hacharit	Beit Knesset
8:00-9:00am	Yoga	for Beginners with	Debby Rosenman: Join a class accessible to all lational yoga poses and feel great after!	Moadon
8:00-9:30am	Aruch	nat Boker (Breakfas	t)	Chadar Ochel
8:30-9:30am	Healt	h Clinic Open		Mini Marp
9:00-9:30am	*Hom	ne & Homeland – D	iaspora Perspectives with Dr. Yehuda Kurtzer	Mountainside Chadar Ochel
9:30-9:45am	Kids (Camp Drop Off		See Youth Program Booklet
9:30am- 12:00pm	Open	Swim		Breicha
	*Hand	dmade Books with	Judy Robkin	
9:45-11:45am	*Haggadah Illumination with Rachel Jackson		Omanut	
	*Woo	odworking – Yad Cı	eations with Rabbi Mike Moskowitz	
9:45-10:45am	shaile is not theolo dispar we'll e	Held: Judaism, no le just Christianity avar ogical differences be rities in how Jews an explore some of thos	se Differently? An Exploration with Rabbi ss than Christianity, is a religion of love. Yet Judaism at la lettre. Beyond the obvious and fundamental stween the two traditions, there are also crucial d Christians tend to think about love. In this session se differences. Themes we'll consider will include the selative priority of the particular and the universal.	Beit Knesset
	a rous	_	Light & Rabbi Jackson Mercer: Start your day with We'll explore new and old melodies with lots of spirit.	Moadon
11:00am- 12:00pm	Maha Seder much recite we will conte	rat Rori Picker Neis recounts the engag so that they lose trad the morning Shema Il do a deep explora xt and contemporantive, but a profound	- Holding Together a Divided Community with iss: One of the central stories told at the Passover ing study of some of our most prominent Sages—so ck of time and must be interrupted by their students to . But what is, in fact, happening in this story? Together tion into this story using Rabbinic sources, historically etiquette to reread this story not simply as a fun political move to try to hold together a community	Beit Knesset
	Shul a and p to exp music	and founding compa Participate in Storahte Polore Torah using and Pal and theatrical lear	with Naomi Less: Naomi Less, co-founder of Lab/ ny member of Storahtelling, invites you to help design elling on Shabbat. In this workshop, you will be invited cient tools of translation paired with kinesthetic, ning modalities. Trust us, you'll understand this week's d level you never expected!	Mercaz Aryeh
	*Butts	s & Guts with Lynn	Chanin	Moadon
11:45am- 12:00pm	Kids (Camp Pickup		See Youth Program Booklet

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Friday, April 26			
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	
12:00-1:30pm	Aruchat Tzoharaim (Lunch)	Chadar Ochel	
1:30-1:45pm	Kids Camp Drop Off	See Youth Program Booklet	
	*Adult Archery	Archery Range	
1:30-5:30pm	Odyssey Course: Sign up for the high ropes course to test your limits and enjoy some teamwork up in the sky! <i>Must be age 13+. Closed-toe shoes required.</i>	Odyssey Course	
	Open Boating	Agam	
1:45-3:45pm	Meditative Painting with Judy Robkin: Ease into Shabbat with this wonderful meditative art technique. You'll enjoy the beauty, color and ease with which it's done!	Omanut	
	*Papercutting with Jennifer Kaplan		
	Pesach Pop-Up Choir – Day 3	Mercaz Aryeh Conference Room	
1:45-3:45pm	Torah Trek Hike (Moderate) with Summit Academy Adventures: Torah Trek is a unique program that combines the spiritual teachings of Judaism with the transformative experience of hiking and immersing oneself in the beauty of the outdoors. This program offers participants an opportunity to deepen their connection to Jewish traditions, explore the wisdom of the Torah, and connect with nature in a meaningful way. <i>Ideal for ages 13+</i> .	Meet at Pizza Patio	
1:45-2:45pm	An Unapologetically Yeshivish Approach to the Study of the First Mishna in Pesachim with Rabbi Mike Moskowitz: Chakiras, nafkaminas and a machlokes I'shitaso in exploration of the "unnecessary." Wondering what all of this means? Come to this session to find out!	Beit Knesset	
1.40-2.40pm	Adult Eco-Spa with Amy Price: Come relax at the eco spa where you'll make lip balm, body scrub or a cooling mist!	Levine Center Portico	
	*Sun Printing (Cyanotypes) with Rachel Jackson	Omanut	
3:00-4:00pm	Who Shall Recite God's Praises? Torah, Power & Forgiveness with Rabba Wendy Amsellem: Should knowledge be a prerequisite for community leadership? How can we set aside personal slights and focus on the public good? We will discuss a story in Masechet Horayot that details a falling-out among communal leaders and the various interventions required to set things right.	Beit Knesset	
	Mah Jongg Pick Up Games	Mercaz Aryeh	
	Israeli Dancing with Eliana Light: Come dance some classic favorites and learn a new circle dance to Rabbi Jackson Mercer's song "Haosher".	Moadon	
	*Sun Printing (Cyanotypes) with Rachel Jackson	Omanut	
3:45-4:30pm	Grab'n Go Snacks Available	Levine Center Portico	
	*Watercolor with Pen & Ink with Judy Robkin		
	*Wire Wrapped Earrings with Jennifer Kaplan	Omanut	
	*Glass Etching with Rachel Jackson		
4:15-5:15pm	How the Jewish World has Completely Misconceptualized & Misunderstood Chesed with Rabbi Ayal Robkin: Why is Chesed both five times harder and ten times easier than you might have thought? In this class we will explore the thinking of contemporary Mussar Master The Alei Shor and his conceptualization of Chesed.	Mercaz Aryeh	

Friday, April 26			
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	
4:15-5:15pm	Kabbalachia with Basya Schechter & Jackson Mercer: Alchemized on Fire Island with banjo-playing Rabbi Shaul Magid, Kabbalachia is the combination of the old time Appalachian-tunes-meets-Kabbalat Shabbat. These gorgeous, joyous melodies match our Appalachian landscape as we bring in Shabbat.	Beit Knesset	
	*Yoga Flow with Lynn Chanin	Moadon	
5:15-5:30pm	Kids Camp Pickup	See Youth Program Booklet	
	Rest & Shabbat Prep		
5:30-6:30pm	Welcome to 2nd Half Guests & Cocktail Hour Hosted by Ramah Darom's CEO, Wally Levitt: All are invited to join us as we welcome guests who have just arrived to the Passover Retreat!	Tent	
5:30-6:00pm	Pre-Shabbat Snack for Kids	Levine Center Portico	
6:00-6:30pm	ShaJam – A Tot Shabbat Service with Carla Friend	Moadon	
6:30-6:50pm	Mincha, D'var Torah & Candle Lighting	Beit Knesset	
6:50-7:57pm	Candle Lighting Available	Chadar Ochel	
7:00-7:30pm	Kabbalat Shabbat & Maariv	Beit Knesset	
7:30-9:00pm	Shabbat Dinner	Chadar Ochel	
9:00-10:00pm	Campus Antisemitism with Laura E. Adkins: In the aftermath of October 7, campus antisemitism has reached frightening levels. How should we understand this in the context of broader conversations and generational divides over Israel? We will explore the various forms of antisemitism manifesting in academic settings and discuss strategies for helping students navigate challenging campus environments.	Beit Knesset	
9:45-11:00pm	Improv with a Rav: Enjoy some good humor and fun as a group of our wonderful rabbis participates in hilarious improvisational games with a Jewish twist. Get in on the fun with lots of chances for audience participation!	Lakeside Chadar Ochel	

Saturday, April 27		
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
8:00-9:30am	Aruchat Boker (Breakfast)	Chadar Ochel
8:30-9:30am	Health Clinic Open	Mini Marp
9:00-9:30am	*Home & Homeland – Diaspora Perspectives with Dr. Yehuda Kurtzer	Mountainside Chadar Ochel
9:30-9:45am	Kids Camp Drop Off: The Shabbat morning youth program will include age-appropriate tefillah. Parents are welcome to join!	See Youth Program Booklet
9:30am- 12:00pm	Traditional Egalitarian Shabbat Service: The D'var Torah will be given by Rabbi Abe Friedman in honor of his father's, Murray Friedman דיל , yahrzeit.	Beit Knesset
10:00- 11:00am	Storahtelling with Naomi Less: Engage in an interactive Torah experience through live, interpretive theatrical translation, chanting and music. Perfect for tweens, teens and adults! <i>Please note: children will not be turned away, but the program is designed for a more mature audience. Acoustic instruments will be used during this service.</i>	Mercaz Aryeh
11:00am- 12:00pm	Meditative Flow Shabbat Yoga with Navit Salzberg: We will incorporate vinyasa techniques in a moving meditation to foster strength and fluidity in the body and mind. This class will involve continuous full body movement and a variety of poses.	Moadon
11:45am- 12:00pm	Kids Camp Pickup *See Session Descriptions on pages 27-28 Grey denotes preregistration re	See Youth Program Booklet

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Saturday, April 27			
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	
12:00-1:30pm	Aruchat Tzoharaim (Lunch)	Chadar Ochel	
1:30-1:45pm	Kids Camp Drop Off	See Youth Program Booklet	
1:45-2:45pm	With a Softened Heart – A Midrashic Exploration of Prayer with Rabbi Shai Held: "O You who hear prayer, unto You all flesh comes," Psalm 65 declares to God. Commenting on this verse, a stunning midrash offers an array of images to help understand who God is, and how we ought to relate to God. Studying the midrash together, we'll encounter a God who listens attentively to all of us at once and who listens to the poor and downtrodden no less than the rich and powerful; and we'll learn about the idea of praying to God with a softened heart – and ask just what a softened heart looks like, and how we can work to acquire one.	Beit Knesset	
	Trends in Jewish Camping with Anna Serviansky: This summer, Camp Ramah Darom will welcome its largest number of campers in over a decade. Jewish summer camp has always been essential to Jewish identify formation, and there is so much more happening in the field right now! Join Ramah Darom's Summer Camp Director & Head of Education to hear all about the latest trends and what our campers can look forward to this summer.	Mercaz Aryeh	
	"Crashing" with Dr. Yehuda Kurtzer: The Jewish People after October 7th.	Beit Knesset	
3:00-4:15pm	Joy in Small Moments with Maxine Handelman: Deuteronomy makes no mention of joy in connection with Passover. At the opposite end of the spectrum, Rabbi Nachman of Bratslov cautions us to "Be very careful to feel only joy on Shabbat." We will engage both sides of our brains as we contemplate how we might connect joy to our day-to-day lives, especially in these times when we sometimes have trepidation.	Mercaz Aryeh	
	*Body Sculpt with Lynn Chanin	Moadon	
3:45-4:30pm	Grab'n Go Snacks Available	Levine Center Portico	
	Reporting on Israel in a Time of War with Laura E. Adkins: What was it like to report on the ground? What disinformation and misinformation are we experiencing? What does mainstream media get right and what does it get wrong when it comes to Israel right now? Join Laura E. Adkins for a first-hand account of her experiences reporting on the current war in Israel.	Beit Knesset	
4:30-5:30pm	How are YOU doing? A Space for Clergy with Rabbi Jackson Mercer: Join Rabbi Jackson Mercer in a clergy-only space to discuss openly and honestly about the weight of the world and how it has impacted our work as clergy. Where are you finding comfort? How are you sustaining yourself? Learn from one another and be in community.	Mercaz Aryeh	
	*Slow Flow Yoga with Navit Salzberg	Moadon	
5:15-5:30pm	Kids Camp Pickup	See Youth Program Booklet	
5:45-6:15pm	Mincha	Beit Knesset	
6:00-7:30pm	Aruchat Erev (Dinner) & Seudah Shlishit Singing: As Shabbat comes to an end, join Rabbi Jackson Mercer and others at 7:00pm in the Mountainside Chadar Ochel for some soulful Ramah-style Seudah Shlishit singing to prolong the Shabbat feeling.	Chadar Ochel	
7:30-8:30pm	Family Peula (Activity) with Kelly Cohen: Bring the whole family for fun and interactive game night. Compete against other families to test out your Passover and general trivia knowledge. Guaranteed fun for everyone!	Beit Am	

Saturday, April 27			
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	
7:30-8:30pm	For A Time Such As This – Answering the Call with Rabba Wendy Amsellem & Maharat Rori Picker Neiss: Moses is comfortably employed as his father-in-law's shepherd when he is told to lead the people of Israel out from slavery in Egypt. Esther is living the closeted life of an indulged Queen when she is asked to risk her life to save her people. Although both Moses and Esther are initially reluctant, they are able to overcome their hesitation and bring about Israel's redemption. What can we learn from them to help us show up when leadership is asked of us? This is the first session in a three-part series exploring the intersection of Purim and Passover for the current moment. Attend one or all sessions!	Beit Knesset	
8:45-8:50pm	Maariv		
8:50-9:30pm	Havdallah, Rikud & Bonfire	Beit Am	
9:45-11:00pm	Songs of Freedom Concert: Enjoy an evening of music in celebration of the holiday feauturing musicians Drew Cohen, Carla Friend, Naomi Less, Eliana Light, Rabbi Jackson Mercer, Ori Salzberg and the Pop-Up Pesach Choir!	Lakeside Chadar Ochel	
	Art Flash Sale! : Our Artists-in-Residence will be selling some of their own work during the concert. They will be donating a portion of the proceeds to Leket Israel and The Lone Soldier Center.	Chadar Ochel	

Sunday, April 28		
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
	EXCURSIONS: Depart from Behind Chadar Oche	el
	8:30am-12:00pm Tallulah Gorge Rim Hike, Easy-Moderate	
	9:30am-2:00pm North Georgia Wildlife Park	
7:45-8:45am	Traditional Egalitarian Shacharit	Beit Knesset
8:00-9:00am	*Body Sculpt with Lynn Chanin	Moadon
8:00-9:30am	Aruchat Boker (Breakfast)	Chadar Ochel
8:30-9:30am	Health Clinic Open	Mini Marp
9:00-9:30am	*Home & Homeland – Diaspora Perspectives with Dr. Yehuda Kurtzer	Mountainside Chadar Ochel
9:30-9:45am	Kids Camp Drop Off	See Youth Program Booklet
9:30am- 12:00pm	Open Swim	Breicha
	Beruriah – Finding Your Place with Rabba Wendy Amsellem: Beruriah is the only female scholar mentioned by name in the Talmud. We will study the texts in which she appears and consider the challenges faced by women Torah scholars – both in Beruriah's time and today.	Beit Knesset
9:45-10:45am	Will AI Teach your Children & Your Children's Children with Russel Neiss: What effect will ChatGPT and other AI tools have on Jewish education over the next 10, 20, 50 years? This session explores the impact of other "revolutionary" technological advances in Jewish ed over the past 100 years to help contextualize that conversation for today.	Moadon
	*Floral Watercolor Tapestry with Judy Robkin	
9:45-11:45am	*Suminagashi Paper Marbling with Rachel Jackson	Omanut
	*Beaded Candlesticks with Jennifer Kaplan	

^{*}See Session Descriptions on pages 27-28. Grey denotes preregistration required!

Sunday, April 28			
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	
11:00am- 12:00pm	The Host of Hosts – Building the Skill of Pluralism with Rabbi Jackson Mercer: Hachnasat Orchim (welcoming guests) is a spoken value of many Jewish communities, but it is also a skill. How can YOU grow your hosting abilities and be more welcoming? What don't you know about what your community members need? Utilizing traditional Jewish texts and drawing on Rabbi Jackson's experience leading a Base Hillel community, we will wrestle with how, as leaders, we can meet the needs of diverse and even pluralistic communities, and conceptualize a blueprint for building robustly welcoming and caring environments for flourishing Jewish life.	Beit Knesset	
	Mindful Bullet Journaling with Wendy Heller: Bullet Journaling is an approach to mindfulness that also supports increased productivity. This class will review common approaches to bullet journaling, including common hand-letter techniques and daily, weekly and monthly layouts.	Lakeside Chadar Ochel	
	*Power Flow Yoga with Navit Salzberg	Moadon	
11:45am- 12:00pm	Kids Camp Pickup	See Youth Program Booklet	
12:00-1:30pm	Aruchat Tzoharaim (Lunch)	Chadar Ochel	
	*Adult Archery	Archery Range	
1:30-5:30pm	*Adult Climbing: Must wear closed-toe shoes.	Alpine Tower	
	Open Boating	Agam	
1:30-1:45pm	Kids Camp Drop Off	See Youth Program Booklet	
	*Lettering & Embossing Workshop with Judy Robkin	Omanut	
1:45-3:45pm	*Hebrew Calligraphy with Rachel Jackson		
1.10 0.100111	*Papercutting with Jennifer Kaplan		
	*Mezuzah Woodburning with Rabbi Ayal Robkin		
1:45-2:45pm	Is Your Suffering Dear to You? – Allyship, Pain & the Path to Healing with Maharat Rori Picker Neiss: Discover the boundless resilience of our Jewish community in an exploration of solidarity and support. Journey with us through the wisdom of our Talmudic tradition as we navigate the complexities of suffering and healing. Together, we'll unravel the threads of empathy and collective strength, finding solace and inspiration in our shared experiences. Join us for an enlightening dialogue that illuminates the power of standing together in times of trouble.	Beit Knesset	
	Tie-Dye Creations for Adults: Want to learn how to get the perfect spiral? Interested in a bullseye pattern? Get in the camp spirit by learning all the tricks to creating a colorful and wearable work of art. Bring anything white cotton or we'll have some t-shirts, socks, pillow cases and more available.	Kikar	
3:00-4:15pm	After the Darkness – Revisiting Post-Holocaust Theology and Ethics – Is God Dead? with Rabbi Shai Held: Of all the questions Jewish theology has had to confront, there is probably none harder than what, if anything, can be said in the wake of the Shoah. In this first of three sessions, we'll encounter the radical theology of Rabbi Richard Rubenstein, who insisted that after the Shoah, we live in the time of the death of God. We'll explore what Rubenstein said, how his critics responded, and what questions he forces us to confront, whether or not we are persuaded by his answers. This is the first session in a three-part series. Attend one or all sessions!	Beit Knesset	

Sunday, April 28			
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	
3:00-4:15pm	Moshe's Mateh (Rod) & Walking Staff Creation with Jacob B. Handelman: Moshe's staff was introduced when God appeared to Moshe at the burning bush. He used it to bring water from a rock, transform it into a snake and at the parting of the Red Sea. Other characters in the Torah with staffs include Aaron, Jacob, Judah/Tamar and clan leaders. Walking sticks and staffs can, measure, steady a camera, be used as a weapon or as a symbol of office. Now is your chance to find your own stick in our forest then fashion and decorate it into your own walking staff.	Medura (Lakeside Fire Pit)	
	*Butts & Guts with Lynn Chanin	Moadon	
3:45-4:30pm	Grab'n Go Snacks Available	Levine Center Portico	
	*Tiny Book Necklace with Judy Robkin		
4:00-5:00pm	*Watercolor Resist with Rachel Jackson	Omanut	
	*Wire Wrapped Earrings with Jennifer Kaplan		
4:30-5:30pm	Non-Jews Who Attend Sederim with Rabbi Lyle Fishman: Non-Jews who attend the seder love the opportunity to ask questions. This experience heightens their interest in Judaism and even leads some to convert. We will look at responsa (in English) that respond to the challenges of conversion including: Why do people convert to Judaism? What must/should converts observe? And what must they know?	Beit Knesset	
	Niggun Circle with Rabbi Jackson Mercer: What can we glean from wordless melodies? Where will they take us? Join Rabbi Jackson Mercer in the exploration of niggunim, wordless melodies - no experience needed!	Pizza Patio	
	*Gentle Yoga with Navit Salzberg	Moadon	
5:15-5:30pm	Kids Camp Pickup	See Youth Program Booklet	
5:30-6:00pm	Pre-Yom Tov Snack for Kids	Levine Center Portico	
5:30-6:30pm	Rest & Prep for Yom Tov		
6:40-7:00pm	Mincha & Candle Lighting	Beit Knesset	
6:58-7:59pm	Candle Lighting Available	Chadar Ochel	
7:00-7:30pm	D'var Torah & Maariv	Beit Knesset	
7:30-9:00pm	Yom Tov Dinner	Chadar Ochel	
9:00-10:00pm	Navigating Tough Topics in Jewish Community with Rabbi Josh Heller, Dr. Yehuda Kurtzer & Rabbi Ashira Kongisburg: Join a conversation on how communities are dealing with internal and external strife during this polarizing time as we tackle tough questions like: How do we navigate Israel when people don't agree? Is the cost to be and do "Jewish" getting to be too much? Why are there fewer rabbinical students today than ever before?	Beit Knesset	
9:30-11:00pm	Tisch & Game Night: Join in for singing, stories, I'chaims and more. If singing isn't your jam, we'll have your favorite games to play with friends and family.	Lakeside Chadar Ochel	

Monday, April 29		
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
8:00-9:00am	*Yoga Flow with Lynn Chanin	Moadon
8:00-9:30am	Aruchat Boker (Breakfast)	Chadar Ochel
8:30-9:30am	Health Clinic Open	Mini Marp
9:00-9:30am	*Home & Homeland – Diaspora Perspectives with Dr. Yehuda Kurtzer	Mountainside Chadar Ochel

Monday, April 29			
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	
9:30am- 12:00pm	Traditional Egalitarian Yom Tov Service	Beit Knesset	
10:00-	ShaJam – A Tot Service with Carla Friend	Mercaz Aryeh	
10:45am	*Minyan Shelanu – Musical Family Services with Ori Salzberg	Moadon	
11:00am- 12:00pm	Mindful Musical Morning with Eliana Light & Carla Friend: Through prayer and music, we will lift our spirits. Through movement, we will ground our bodies. Through intention, we will seek new wisdom. Through silence, we will listen to ourselves and each other. This prayer experience is geared towards teens and up. Acoustic instruments will be used during this service.	dies. to Moadon	
12:00-1:30pm	Aruchat Tzoharaim (Lunch)	Chadar Ochel	
1:30-1:45pm	Kids Camp Drop Off	See Youth Program Booklet	
1:45-2:45pm	Olat Reiyah-Rav Kook's Essays on Prayer with Eliana Light: Among the many books of Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook (1865-1935) is Olat Reiyah, a commentary on the prayerbook. We'll look at a few selections from the beautiful (and sometimes challenging) opening essays, touching on topics such as the three prayer services of the day, our posture in prayer, and how prayer might take us from study to action. How might these teachings inspire us, both in and out of prayer?	Beit Knesset	
o <u>2</u> op	Grandparenting Conversation for ALL Grandparents with Judy Robkin: Distance, electronics, schedules and more can make communication with your grandchildren difficult, if not impossible. In this session, we will discuss innovative methods for not only reaching your kids, but also creating memories to last a lifetime. Using trips, letters, art, music, cooking, nature and more, we will explore ways to enhance your connections.	Moadon	
3:00-4:15pm	After the Darkness – Revisiting Post-Holocaust Theology and Ethics – Human Freedom and the Hiding of God's Face with Rabbi Shai Held: In this second session on Jewish theology and the Shoah, we'll engage with the thinking of Rabbi Eliezer Berkovits, which was at once quite traditional and surprisingly revolutionary. We'll encounter the idea of hester panim (the hiding of God's face) and how Berkovits made use of it in grappling with the Shoah. This is the second session in a three-part series. Attend one or all sessions!	Beit Knesset	
	A Terrible Thing is Intelligence with Rabbi Ayal Robkin: In this class we will examine and explore the writing of Rabbi Yisrael Baal Shem Tov and Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel as they critique and navigate the limits of purely rational living and modern religious thinking.	Mercaz Aryeh	
	*Body Sculpt with Lynn Chanin	Moadon	
3:45-4:30pm	Grab'n Go Snacks Available	Levine Center Portico	
4:30-5:30pm	For A Time Such As This – Pharoah, Haman & Antisemitism as the Earliest Hatred with Rabba Wendy Amsellem & Rori Picker Neiss: Studies continue to show that antisemitism is rising to all new heights and Jews in America are feeling more scared than ever before. And yet, antisemitism is nothing new. Join us as we ground our understanding of anti-Jewish hatred in some of our earliest sources: Pharoah and Haman and their plot to annihilate the Jewish people. This is the second session in a three-part series exploring the intersection of Purim and Passover for the current moment. Attend one or all sessions!	Beit Knesset	
	A Passover Cocktail & Mocktail Hour with Carlton Chamblin: Carlton Chamblin, mixologist and Farm2Cocktail founder, explores how ingredients from the seder table can be used to create refreshing non-alcoholic specialty drinks for the entire family to enjoy. Alcoholic versions will also be available. There will be supplies for 48, but onlookers are welcome!	Tent	

Monday, April 29			
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	
4:30-5:30pm	Meditation with Rabbi Adam Mayer: Learn more about meditative practices and experience a calming meditation.	Margam	
·	*Vinyasa Yoga for Hips & Hamstrings (Intermediate) with Navit Salzberg	Moadon	
5:15-5:30pm	Kids Camp Pickup	See Youth Program Booklet	
5:30-6:00pm	Pre-Yom Tov Snack for Kids	Levine Center Portico	
5:30-6:30pm	Rest & Prep for Yom Tov		
6:40-7:15pm	Mincha & Maariv	Beit Knesset	
7:15-8:30pm	Yom Tov Dinner	Chadar Ochel	
8:30-9:30pm	Liberal. Zionist. Oxymoron? with Dr. Yehuda Kurtzer & Laura E. Adkins: A conversation reflecting on what liberal Zionism was intended to be and what it means in practice for various generations of Jews right now. How well does it hold up to the present realities in both Israel and the Diaspora?	Beit Knesset	
9:00pm	Candle Lighting Available	Chadar Ochel	
9:00-10:15pm	Chopped–Charoset Edition: Who can make the best charoset with a surprise ingredient? Find out at this fun cooking experiment. <i>Perfect for all ages</i> .	Lakeside Chadar Ochel	

Tuesday, April 30			
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	
8:00-9:00am	*Butts & Guts with Lynn Chanin	Moadon	
8:00-9:30am	Aruchat Boker (Breakfast)	Chadar Ochel	
8:30-9:30am	Health Clinic Open	Mini Marp	
9:00-9:30am	*Home & Homeland – Diaspora Perspectives with Dr. Yehuda Kurtzer	Mountainside Chadar Ochel	
9:30am- 12:15pm	Traditional Egalitarian Yom Tov Service: Yizkor is around 10:45am	Beit Knesset	
10:00-	ShaJam – A Tot Service with Carla Friend	Mercaz Aryeh	
10:45am	*Minyan Shelanu – Musical Family Services with Ori Salzberg	Moadon	
11:00am- 12:00pm	Speaking & Listening to the Divine with Rabbi Jackson Mercer: With melody and presence, we will approach The Divine. When do we sing, when do we pray, when do we pause and listen for the still small voice? – based on Rabbi Jackson Mercer's own prayer practice. This prayer experience is geared towards teens and up. Acoustic instruments will be used during this service.	Moadon	
12:00-1:30pm	Aruchat Tzoharaim (Lunch)	Chadar Ochel	
1:30-1:45pm	Kids Camp Drop Off	See Youth Program Booklet	
1:45-2:45pm	For A Time Such As This – Envisioning Redemption with Rabba Wendy Amsellem & Maharat Rori Picker Neiss: As the world feels dark, and hope feels elusive, we take comfort in two of our stories in which liberation felt inconceivable and the impossible became possible. As we explore together the story of Purim and the story of Passover, we will attempt to use our ancient teachings to help us uncover what redemption can mean today. All are welcome to join this third and final session exploring the intersection of Purim and Passover for the current moment.	Beit Knesset	
	Ramah Darom Stories & Looking Ahead with CEO Wally Levitt: A lot is happening at Ramah Darom! Join CEO, Wally Levitt, to hear stories about our founding and exciting plans for the future, as we continue to expand our commitment to creating exceptional immersive Jewish experiences.	Mercaz Aryeh	

Tuesday, April 30			
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	
3:00-4:15pm	After the Darkness – Revisiting Post-Holocaust Theology and Ethics – A God Who Grows More Hidden, a World Whose Future is Open with Rabbi Shai Held: In this third and final session on Jewish theology and the Shoah, we'll Learn about Rabbi Yitz Greenberg's post-Holocaust theology, hear some of Rabbi Held's own theological reflections on human freedom (and "cosmic freedom" too) and learn about some of the key challenges that confront moral thinking in the wake of the Holocaust. All are welcome to join this third and final session on Jewish theology and the Shoah.	Beit Knesset	
	Yizkor Spiritual Gathering with Naomi Less: Pesach invites us to journey to a land of the past – tending to the memories of those we've lost and sorely miss around our Pesach tables. Join Naomi for a memory circle, with poetry, music and small-circle sharing. Naomi will recite the memorial prayer (El Maleh) and we will say mourner's kaddish.	Mercaz Aryeh	
	Yom Tov Bushcraft Cooking with Jacob Handelman: Transfer a flame to do some light cooking over a fire as we learn about the dos and don'ts of 2nd day Yom Tov cooking.	Beit Am	
	*Vinyasa Yoga for Pesach Digestion with Navit Salzberg	Moadon	
3:45-4:30pm	Grab'n Go Snacks Available	Levine Center Portico	
	Our Golden Age with Dr. Yehuda Kurtzer: The Ideas of American Judaism, and Our Uncertain Future.	Beit Knesset	
4:30-5:30pm	Jumpstart Your Creative Process – Not Just for Artists! with Judy Robkin, Jennifer Kaplan & Rachel Jackson: Do you have ideas or projects that have stalled? Are you terrified by a blank page? This chag-friendly "workshop" will help you jumpstart your creativity, identify your passions and discover ways to get started on creative projects. Come prepared to share.	Mercaz Aryeh	
	*Gentle Yoga with Navit Salzberg	Moadon	
5:15-5:30pm	Kids Camp Pickup	See Youth Program Booklet	
5:45-6:00pm	Mincha	Beit Knesset	
6:00-7:30pm	Aruchat Erev (Dinner)	Chadar Ochel	
7:45-8:45pm	Sacred Singing & Closing Circle: Through singing niggunim old and new, we will build presence as we prepare to end the holiday and say farewell.	Beit Am	
8:50-9:15pm	Maariv & Havdallah		

Wednesday, May 1			
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	
6:00-7:00am	Continental To-Go Breakfast Available	- Chadar Ochel	
7:00-10:00am	Aruchat Boker (Breakfast)		
8:00am	Buses Depart for Airport: Luggage must be placed outside of your room or on your porch by 7:00am!	Welcome Center	
10:00am	L'hitraot – See you next year!		

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Art

All art sessions listed below are meant for ages 17+ (unless otherwise noted) and require advance sign-up. Teen and children's art offerings will be included in their schedules in the Youth Program Booklet.

Beaded Candlesticks with Jennifer Kaplan: Create a new pair of colorful and funky candlesticks! We will be designing, stacking and painting wooden components to spice up your Shabbat tables. No experience is necessary; you just need an open mind and your creativity!

Floral Watercolor Tapestry with Judy Robkin: Express yourself through watercolors! Paint a wonderful nature picture that will remind you of Ramah Darom and its beauty.

Glass Etching with Rachel Jackson: Want to make your own kiddish cup? In this workshop we will use vinyl and etching acid to create designs on glass kiddish cups. Suitable for ages 12+.

Haggadah Illumination with Rachel Jackson: There is a long history of beautifully decorated Haggadot. In this workshop, you will choose from different sections of the Haggadah, and learn one of the ways of gilding (applying gold leaf) to decorate around the text.

Handmade Books with Judy Robkin: Create your own unique handmade book decorated with a special paint and ink technique. Keep it for yourself or give it as a gift.

Hebrew Calligraphy with Rachel Jackson: Dive into the world of Hebrew calligraphy. You will learn how to use dip pens and ink to create our own mizrach signs, which you can hang in your home or gift to a friend.

Lettering & Embossing Workshop with Judy Robkin: Using a meaningful quote and a stencil you design and cut, you'll produce a unique piece with a raised embossed image on the paper's surface.

Mezuzah Woodburning with Rabbi Ayal Robkin: Burn your own design into a mezuzah to personalize this meaningful ritual object.

Papercutting with Jennifer Kaplan: Experiment with the slow and meditative art of papercutting. Work from a template to cut and collage a beautiful piece of art that will be ready for framing. No experience is necessary; just come with an open mind and a little bit of patience!

Printmaking 101 – Design, Carve & Print with Judy Robkin: Printmaking is the satisfying process of creating art by carving an image into a block then hand printing it onto special paper. Make one copy or multiples of your own design. You'll be amazed at the results.

Suminagashi Paper Marbling with Rachel Jackson: Come try Japanese style paper marbling using sumi inks!

Sun Printing (Cyanotypes) with Rachel Jackson: Sun printing, technically called cyanotype, is a method of printing photographs discovered in the 19th century that creates blue and white images. In this workshop, we will use photographic negatives, text and leaves we find to create prints by exposing the light-sensitive paper to the sun. Suitable for any age.

Tiny Book Necklace with Judy Robkin: Looking for a piece of jewelry that expresses your love of art, books and bling! Look no further. Make this tiny book from decorative papers to wear as a unique necklace that will start many conversations.

Watercolor with Pen & Ink with Judy Robkin: Immerse yourself in the relaxing art of watercolors. Just imagine what you can create with a little water and color! All levels are welcome.

Watercolor Resist with Rachel Jackson: Experiment with the magic of masking fluid and watercolors! The masking fluid is painted on, the watercolors are applied and then you peel up the masking fluid to reveal the paper underneath. This is a great introduction to watercolor for all abilities.

Wire Wrapped Earrings with Jennifer Kaplan: Learn how to create earrings from wire and beads! In this workshop, you'll learn the basics of wire wrapping and joining. You'll apply your new skills to make at least one pair of awesome, simple earrings that are totally YOU! No experience is necessary; photos will be shared for inspiration!

Wire Wrapped Necklaces with Jennifer Kaplan: Learn how to create simple drop pendants, attach beads to a chain, and create your own unique bracelet or necklace. If you have old jewelry at home, feel free to bring it to be refashioned into something you'll love to wear! No experience is necessary.

Woodburning Experimentation with Rabbi Ayal Robkin: Pyrography is the art of decorating wood with burn marks. Try something new in this relaxed pyrography session for beginners and explore all the possibilities of creating art by "writing with fire".

Woodburning Seder Plate Creation with Rabbi Ayal Robkin: Burn designs into your very own seder plate.

Woodworking – Yad Creations with Rabbi Mike Moskowitz: Carve your own yad to personalize this meaningful ritual object.

Learning, Prayer & Spirituality

Daily Dose of Talmud with Rabbi Aaron Alexander:

A daily shiur (class) offering insight into the rabbinic mind and its logical methodologies.

Home & Homeland – Diaspora Perspectives with Dr. Yehuda Kurtzer: A daily morning offering that delves into varying approaches.

Minyan Shelanu – Musical Family Services with

Ori Salzberg: An immersive family Tefillah (prayer) experience. We'll share the musicality and rhythm of prayer while exploring the tradition in Hebrew. Come with your kids and connect!

General Activities

Archery: Have fun on the archery range! Sessions available for sign-up are for adults only. Kids Camp will have archery built into their schedule for ages 8+.

Climbing: Challenge yourself on our alpine tower and climbing wall or soar through the air on the giant swing. Please wear sturdy closed-toe shoes for climbing. Sessions available for sign-up are for adults only. Kids Camp will have climbing built into their schedule.

Yoga, Fitness & Hiking

Mats provided for all yoga and fitness sessions. On Yom Tov and Shabbat no music will be played.

Bodysculpt with Lynn Chanin: This class offers the best way to 'burn better.' Even before cardio, strength training is the one very important and vital workout EVERYONE must include in their fitness schedule. Body sculpting increases bone mass and muscle mass and helps to prevent osteoporosis and osteopenia. Using weights helps change the shape of our bodies. All levels are welcome and encouraged. Must be at least 12 years.

Butts & Guts with Lynn Chanin: This class is the very best way to work your abdominals and derrière! This is done without added weights and uses only our own body weight. We will use isometrics and PNF (proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation) stretching. We will strengthen our core abs and core back as well as tighten and lift our tushies.

Functional Mobility with Megan-Marlene Moran: This class focuses on fundamental movements, including strength activation and range of motion to encourage and facilitate a healthy foundation of movement. Expect a series of neck, shoulder and chest openers; psoas stretches; hip and spine mobility and squats; lateral mobility and hamstring lengthening. All levels are welcome!

Gentle Yoga with Navit Salzberg: Wind down with a series of calming, passive floor poses. We'll hold poses a little longer to work into the neck, shoulders and lower body.

Hatha Flow Yoga (Moderate) with Megan-Marlene Moran: A thoughtful, breath-oriented class emphasizing foundation and alignment with an introduction to intermediate yoga poses to help students safely deepen their practice. Learn how to work

safely in deeper variations and address postural imbalances.

More Core! with Megan-Marlene Moran: Our core is the primary power point in our bodies. While not limited to our abs, our core has the ability to preserve our lower back, aiding with sacroiliac function and stability. This class will begin with a general warm-up and then focus on all things core, including abdominals, glutes, low back stability and mobility. All levels are welcome!

Power Flow Yoga with Navit Salzberg: A hybrid style of yoga that focuses on building strength and endurance. This hour will move at a fast pace, with an emphasis on the flow from one pose to the next.

Slow Flow Yoga with Navit Salzberg: This Vinyasa-style practice will move at a slower pace, allowing us to feel the full benefit of each posture. The sequence will include a range of standing and reclining postures. Some yoga experience is recommended.

Spin Class with Megan-Marlene Moran: Join this fun and high-intensity class to discover the transformative power of indoor cycling.

Total Conditioning with Megan-Marlene Moran: Join a pumped-up class! Complete with a cardio warm up, strength training, core work and mobility cool down, you will leave this class stronger and more confident.

Vinyasa Yoga for Hips & Hamstrings (Intermediate) with Navit Salzberg: Looking for a delicious yoga flow to release tension in your lower body? In this vinyasa style flow, we will focus on opening up tight hips and increasing flexibility in the backs of the legs.

Vinyasa Yoga for Pesach Digestion with Navit Salzberg: This Vinyasa-based practice will focus on encouraging digestion. We will incorporate twists and folds.

Yoga Flow with Lynn Chanin: Yoga Flow is a lovely integration of yoga, tai chi and Pilates, finishing with relaxation and meditation with aromatherapy. All levels are welcome and modifications will be offered. Your safety, fitness and well-being come first.





SCHOLARS & FACILITATORS

Laura E. Adkins is an award-winning writer based in New York and a senior director at Jewish Women International, working to combat gender-based violence and advance economic justice and women's leadership. She is also a volunteer mentor-editor for The OpEd Project and serves on the New York Atid board of the Israel Policy Forum. Previously, Laura was the Opinion Editor of the Forward, an adjunct instructor of journalism at Yeshiva University's Stern College, an inaugural member of the Shalom Hartman journalism cohort, the Opinion Editor of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the editor of Jewish Insider and an assistant blog editor at The Times of Israel. Her work on antisemitism, Orthodox Judaism, Israel, data and gender issues has appeared in The Washington Post, The New York Times, NPR, the Los Angeles Review of Books, Glamour, Fox News and other outlets.

Rabbi Aaron Alexander is the Co-Senior Rabbi of Adas Israel Congregation in Washington, DC. He currently serves as the CJLS Kashrut Committee Chair and is a Hadar J.J. Greenberg Institute Fellow. He's not only a surprised pulpit rabbi but also a lover of the Grateful Dead, road trips and really good coffee (that he roasts himself because he doesn't trust anyone else to get it right). His journey at Ramah Darom began in 1997, and it continues to be a place he calls "home," now with Rav Penina and their three boys.

Rabbi Penina Alexander is a rabbi and educator in Washington, DC. She was ordained at the Ziegler School for Rabbinic Studies and received her Master's in Education from American Jewish University. She and her family have been part of the Passover Retreat at Ramah Darom for over a decade and most recently served as scholar in residence for Ramah's Jewish Women's Getaway. You can find her on LinkedIn and view samples of her writing at substack.com/@rabbipenina.

Rabba Wendy Amsellem teaches Talmud and Halakha at Yeshivat Maharat and directs The Beit Midrash Program, a joint project of Maharat and Yeshivat Chovevei Torah. She also teaches regularly at Drisha and is a member of Sefaria's Word by Word Fellowship. Rabba Wendy received semikha from Yeshivat Maharat and is an alumna of the Drisha Scholars Circle. She has a BA in History and Literature from Harvard University.

Tamar Baba Kraus is a Shlicha serving to promote the Israeli-American connection among Jews as a Hebrew teacher at the Atlanta Jewish Academy. She relocated from Israel to Atlanta in early 2023 with her husband, Asaf and 4 beautiful kids; Ella (14), Eyal (12), Erez (10) and Libby Yaffa (8). In the summer she works at Camp Ramah Darom as the archery instructor.

Rabbi Tim Bernard is a tech policy analyst and writer with an MBA from Cornell Tech, whose work is regularly published in *Tech Policy Press* and also includes a white paper for Stanford University's Cyber Policy Center. He previously directed online community education programs for JTS, led the content moderation team at Seeking Alpha, and taught Humash and Mishnah as a middle school Judaics teacher. Tim was ordained at JTS and has studied at the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem and at Yeshivat Hadar. Raised in London, England, he earned an undergraduate degree in Philosophy from the University of Bristol. He enjoys traveling, hiking, and visiting modern art galleries, often with his spouse, Rabbi Ashira Konigsburg and daughter, Arya KB.

Lynn Handmacher Chanin is a native Sephardic Atlanta girl with undergrad and graduate degrees in Dance and Exercise Physiology. This is her 49th year teaching dance, fitness and yoga. She teaches in Atlanta at a private gym and the JCC. Lynn first joined this retreat in 2010 after losing her precious son, Benjamin, to suicide at 16 years young, hoping that the spiritual experience would help in her healing journey. She is involved with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) and The Compassionate Friends, where she presented at the 2022 national conference on her life and experience since losing her beloved son. Lynn plans to premier a Jewish component to the 2024 national conference for AFSP. In 2020, Lynn began a grant-funded Survivors of Suicide (SOS) group for Jewish families who have lost children to suicide. She is married to Butch, the love of her life, and enjoys spending time with her three wonderful daughters and sons-in-law and her five amazing grandchildren.

Carlton Chamblin is a native of Birmingham, AL, with backgrounds in art history and product marketing. He has taken his love of bartending and hospitality to new heights with Farm2Cocktail, a farm-sourced cocktail shrub company and

mixology team based in Clayton, GA. The mixers he produces are called shrubs and were very popular during the early days of America. Shrubs are a fusion of fresh fruits, herbs, sugar and vinegars, and their well-balanced sweet and tart flavor help create cocktails, mocktails, and even dressings. Carlton is dedicated to developing mixology-made-easy products using all-natural ingredients.

Drew Cohen is the Director of the Music Program at The Weber School in Atlanta. He is a graduate of Brandeis and the Pardes Educators Program and facilitates communal singing, music making and tefillah in various Jewish spaces around Atlanta. Drew teaches during the summer at Camp Ramah Darom. He and his family never pass up an opportunity to spend time at Ramah Darom. He is excited to share music and Torah with this community.

Kelly Cohen is the Senior Director of Experiential Jewish Education at the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta. Kelly has a wealth of experience as a Jewish educator working in camps, day schools, synagogues, Federations, Israel travel and more. She holds a BA in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies from Brandeis University, a Master's in Jewish education from Hebrew College and is a graduate of the Pardes Educators Program. Additionally, Kelly is also the creator of Parsha Storybook Project, an online resource for early childhood Torah literacy.

Rabbi Lyle Fishman served Ohr Kodesh Congregation as its rabbi from 1984 until 2021. He is a graduate of Yale University and The Jewish Theological Seminary. He takes pride in building a striving Jewish community committed to serious study, growing observance and acts of lovingkindness. He and Debby Rosenman have been married since 1979. They are blessed with two sons and their spouses and seven grandchildren ranging in age from 6 months to 8 years.

Rabbi Abe Friedman, known around Ramah Darom as Murray 7'T and Lynn Friedman's son, Abe, lives in Philadelphia with his partner, Rebecca Krasner, and their children Odelia, Azzi, Yonah and Miri. An alumnus of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, AJU's Nonprofit MBA program, Penn's Executive Program in Social Impact Strategy, and Atra's Fellowship for Rabbinic Innovation, Abe serves as Senior Rabbi of Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel (BZBI) and represents the Rabbinical Assembly on Philadelphia's Religious Leaders' Council. He is also a passionate musician and the founder of Peddler Effects (peddlereffects.com), designing and handbuilding guitar effect pedals in his basement workshop.

Carla Friend, Founder & Executive Director of Tkiya, is an organization that creates joyful Jewish connection through participatory music experiences that are designed around her unique educational approach. Carla presents her methodology at conferences around the country such as Songleader Bootcamp, PJ Library, NewCAJE and Hava Nashira. She holds a Master's in Music Education from NYU, a bachelor's degree in Music Education from Ithaca College. Carla is a 2018 recipient of the Young Pioneers Award from the Jewish Education Project, a 2019 recipient of 36 Under 36 from the Jewish Week, graduated from UpStart Venture Accelerator's Cohort 11, is currently in the Institute for Executive Jewish Leadership, is on the board of JPRO New York, and is a JKids Radio artist with a new radio show called Tkiya Town. Check Carla's new album of family-friendly Jewish music called "Challalalah"!

Jacob B. Handelman is an attorney by trade who represents private clients with estate planning, real estate transactions, and business matters. He renovates affordable homes for first-time homeowners and enjoys a passion for inspecting dilapidated buildings and turning around problematic neighborhoods. For many years as an Assistant Corporation Counsel, Jacob prosecuted owners of drug houses who allowed their buildings to fall into serious disrepair. He loves family genealogy, camping, and reading historical fiction. Jacob is a graduate of the American Jewish University and attended Nativ back when the Dead Sea was only sick.

Maxine Segal Handelman is the Director of Family Life & Learning at Anshe Emet Synagogue in Chicago, where she gets to lead Tot Shabbat and create pathways to Jewish life and community for families with young children. The first story Max ever told was a Chelm story she learned from her mentor Sharon Morton. She has been telling stories ever since to audiences of all ages. Max bakes a mean challah (but not for Pesach), and she is passionate about chocolate. Max holds an MA in Jewish Education from the Rhea Hirsch School of Education at HUC-JIR and an MA in Early Childhood Education from Pacific Oaks College. She holds both the titles of Reform Jewish Educator (RJE), and Conservative Jewish Educator (CJE). She is a graduate of MTEI and the Wexner Heritage Foundation. Max received the esteemed Covenant Award for Exceptional Jewish Educators in 2020. Max is the author of "Jewish Every Day: The Complete Handbook for Early Childhood Teachers" (A.R.E. Publishing, 2000), "The Shabbat Angels" (UAHC Press, 2003) and "What's Jewish About Butterflies" (A.R.E. Publishing, 2004). Max has two young adult daughters and lives near Wrigley Field with her husband, Jacob.

Rabbi Shai Held is a philosopher, theologian, and obsessive baseball fan. He is also president, dean, and chair of Jewish Thought at Hadar. His new book, "Judaism Is About Love", has just been published by Farrar, Straus, & Giroux. He is here with his wife Rachel, a clinical psychologist, and his three children Lev (14), Maya (12) and Coby (8).

Rabbi Joshua Heller is the Senior Rabbi of Congregation B'nai Torah in Sandy Springs, GA. He is one of the lead editors of the new Conservative/Masorti clergy manual and chairs the Rites and Ritual Subcommittee of Jewish Law and Standards of the Conservative movement. He often consults on topics including Technology in Jewish life, Mikvaot and Eruvin and has been active in many Atlanta and national advisory boards. He graduated from Harvard College and published original research in the "Journal for Computational Neuroscience." He opted out of the dot-com boom to become a ninth-generation rabbi at JTS. In 1996, he founded the JTS distance learning program and, in the years after 9/11, served as Rabbi of the "Downtown Synagogue", three blocks from the World Trade Center. Joshua and his wife Wendy are proud parents of three die-hard Ramahniks.

Wendy Heller is a long-time bullet journal enthusiast and amateur photographer. When Wendy is not bullet journaling or taking travel photos, she is a management consultant with Deloitte Consulting specializing in real estate transformation and workplace strategy, which is to say, she helps many companies figure out what to do with all the real estate they haven't used in the last three years.

Rachel Jackson, owner of Binah Design, is a scribe, artist, graphic designer and bookbinder. She studied sofrut from Jen Taylor Friedman and has been working as a soferet since 2015. She has also written two English language megillot that abide by all the rules of sofrut, which are the only two known kosher English megillot in existence. Rachel has a degree in Visual Art from the University of Chicago and a certificate in bookbinding from the North Bennet Street School in Boston, giving her a dual perspective on Torah repair work – both the halachic ritual framework and a background in modern library conservation. She and her husband, Rabbi Jackson Mercer, run Base Boston, a creative Jewish community in Cambridge, MA.

Jennifer Kaplan has been creating for as long as she can remember and has worked in various mediums, including metal, clay, fiber, glass, acrylic, pencil, gouache, ink and paper. She is inspired by Hebrew letter forms, sacred texts, and the concept of "Hiddur Mitzvah", literally, beautification of the commandments, she strives to create beauty and art out of ancient traditions, allowing the texts to come alive through calligraphy, color, papercuts and design. Jenny studies Hebrew and Jewish texts, focusing on ancient Semitic writing systems and language. Prior, she studied Art, Art History and Jewish and Islamic Studies at Washington University in St. Louis and did graduate work in Ancient Near Eastern Cultures at University of California, Los Angeles. She is a Ramah Canada Alum, and currently lives in Cleveland, OH.

Rabbi Ashira Konigsburg is the Chief Operating Officer for the Rabbinical Assembly and Chief Movement Strategy Officer for United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Rabbi Konigsburg graduated with an MA in Talmud and Rabbinics and Rabbinic Ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary. A South Florida native, she spent her undergraduate years at the University of Maryland and has spent many summers in various roles at Ramah Darom. Ashira currently serves as a member of the Board of Kehilat Hadar and volunteers as a Disaster Spiritual Care Chapter Coordinator and Disaster Action Team Supervisor for the New York City region of the American Red Cross. She enjoys traveling, hiking, climbing and reading in her free time.

Dr. Yehuda Kurtzer is president of the Shalom Hartman Institute. He is a leading thinker and author on the meaning of Israel to American Jews, on Jewish history and Jewish memory, and on questions of leadership and change in American Jewish life. He is the author of Shuva: The Future of the Jewish Past, the co-editor of The New Jewish Canon, and the host of the Identity/Crisis podcast. He lives in New York with Stephanie Ives, a leader in Jewish education, and their three children.

Naomi Less is a Brooklyn-based, internationally celebrated singer/songwriter, ritualist and educator. Beloved for her warm smile and inviting presence, communities celebrate her imagination and innovation, tenderness and pizzazz! Her original music is sung in worship communities worldwide. She recently released "Songs of Toratah: ZimraTah," for which she served as artistic producer and one of the artists/composers. Naomi serves as co-founder, ritual leader, associate director of Lab/Shul. She's a Rising Song Institute Fellow and core educator at Songleader Boot Camp. She amplifies women's and non-binary voices on her radio show "Jewish Women Rock" (Jewish Rock Radio). Naomi advocates for people struggling with fertility journeys as a performance artist for Uprooted: A Jewish Response to Fertility Challenges.

Eliana Light is working towards a world of One-ness, guided and inspired by Jewish heritage. She is the founder and head T'fillahsopher at the Light Lab and the co-host of the Light Lab Podcast. She is also a sought-after songwriter and performer of catchy, content-rich tunes for all ages and has put out four albums of original Jewish music. Eliana offers artist-in-residence weekends, learning, and professional development centered on making Jewish liturgy and prayer practice accessible and meaningful to all seekers. In 2023, Eliana won the Covenant Foundation's Pomegranate Prize for emerging leaders in Jewish education. She's also a proud Ramah Darom alumna! Eliana received her Master's in Jewish experiential education from the Jewish Theological Seminary in 2016, and is based in Durham, NC.

Rabbi Adam Mayer is the Dean of Jewish Studies and Maspiah Ruchani (Rabbinic counselor) at The Weber School in Sandy Springs, GA. He is also looking forward to his 12th summer at Camp Ramah Darom, where he leads the rock climbing program. He loves spending time at Ramah Darom with his wife, Chana, and their 4 children, Eden (13), Gal (9), Klil (8) and Ron (4). If you visit the Mayer's home in Dunwoody, GA, you will also get to meet their dog Oreo. He is looking forward to celebrating Passover with y'all! Chag Sameach!

Chana Mayer grew up in Israel and moved to the United States 10 years ago. She has taught in schools for the past 18 years, 8 years as a Hebrew teacher in the United States. In the summers, she works as Rosh Ivrit (head of Hebrew) at Camp Ramah Darom, a job that fulfills her and makes her very happy. She lives in Atlanta with her husband, four children and dog.

Professor Meron Medzini was born in Jerusalem in 1932. After his military service as an infantry officer, he studied in the US, earning a BA from City College of New York, an MA from Georgetown University and a Ph.D. from Harvard (1964). Between 1957-1959, Medzini worked in the Information Section of the Embassy of Israel in Washington. In 1962, Medzini was appointed Director of the Israel Government Press Office in Jerusalem, where he worked with David Ben Gurion. In that role, Medzini served as spokesperson for Prime Ministers Levi Eshkol (1965-1969), Golda Meir (1973-1974) and Yitzhak Rabin (1974-1975). From 1978 to 1995, Medzini served in senior capacities in Keren Hayesod-Israel United Appeal, where he directed the Division of English-speaking Countries. In 1964, Professor Medzini began his teaching career at the Hebrew University. Today, he is a senior professor who teaches modern Japanese history and Israeli foreign policy. Since 1973, Medzini has taught courses on Israel, Zionism, Israeli politics and foreign policy at the Rothberg International School of the Hebrew University. He also taught at Tel Aviv University and lectured at universities in the United States, Canada, Britain, Australia and China. Medzini is the author of 10 books and over 100 articles. in peer-reviewed publications in Israel and abroad. His book, "Golda – A Political Biography", won the 2010 Israeli Prime Minister's Prize for books on Israeli leaders.

Rabbi Jackson Mercer is the Rabbi of Base BSTN – a community run out of his home in Cambridge with his partner Rachel. Jackson was ordained at the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College in Newton, MA with a Specialization in Spirituality and Social Justice and a Master's in Jewish Education with a concentration in Israel education in conjunction with the iCenter. He has worked to build singing prayer communities across the country in California

(Congregation Rodef Sholom, URJ Camp Newman, University Synagogue, and NFTY), in New York (at Kehillat Romemu as the Joseph S. Ingber Rabbinic Fellow) as well as in Boston (Asiyah Jewish Community, Temple Beth Sholom of Framingham, Temple Beth Zion, and Mishkan Tefilah). When not recording his own music, like his most recent album – "Notnim B'ahavah Reshut", Jackson sings with the Chaverai Nevarech Band featured on Rabbi Josh Warshawsky's albums.

Megan-Marlene Moran is a native of Sandy Springs, GA. She attended college outside of Asheville, NC, where she was exposed to the natural beauty of the Southern Appalachians. This experience instilled in her a deep sense of connection, stewardship and gratitude for the outdoors. Megan's expertise emerged from finding she could empower and soothe herself through yoga, personal fitness and a holistic approach to wellness. She studied at Asheville Yoga Center and has a NESTA certificate in personal training.

Rabbi Mike Moskowitz is the Scholar-in-Residence for Trans and Queer Jewish Studies at Congregation Beit Simchat Torah, the world's largest LGBTQ synagogue. He is a deeply traditional and radically progressive advocate for trans rights and a vocal ally for LGBTQ inclusivity. Rabbi Moskowitz received three Ultra-Orthodox ordinations while learning in the Mir in Jerusalem and BMG in Lakewood, NJ. He is a Wexner Field Fellow, Senior Rabbinic Fellow at the Hartman Institute, and the author of Textual Activism, Graceful Masculinity, and Seasonal Resistance. His newest book, Covenantal Allyship, will be available this year. Rabbi Moskowitz's writings can be found at www.rabbimikemoskowitz.com.

Dorielle Parker is a Jewish educator currently living in Atlanta with her husband, Josh, and two boys, Maayan and Avi-Lev. She loves everything relating to Torah, the outdoors, music and COLOR. In addition to teaching children in the classroom, Dori loves to make art that is inspired by the mystical nature of shapes, more specifically, the Hebrew letters. She firmly believes that in order to strengthen our connection to ourselves and our Creator, we must get in touch with the side of us that is also meant to create, get messy and have fun with the materials around us! She is excited to spend the week doing just that with all of you. Oh, and if her two kids come running into the art room at any moment screaming the lyrics to 'raspberry beret', don't be alarmed.

Maharat Rori Picker Neiss serves as the Senior Vice President for Community Relations at the Jewish Council for Public Affairs and is the inaugural Rabbi in Residence at Holy Communion Episcopal Church. She is one of the first graduates of Yeshivat Maharat, a pioneering institution training Orthodox Jewish women to be spiritual leaders and halakhic (Jewish legal) authorities. Her passions center on Judaism, feminism, interfaith dialogue, social justice and her three children.

Amy Price lives in Chamblee, GA, with her husband and son and many chickens and beehives. Professionally, she supports people to find employment opportunities and dream big for their lives. Amy has been working with Adamah ATL and llan Katan Nature Tots program, 2 new Atlanta outdoor/environmental Jewish programs. She spent time at Isabella Friedman working for The Teva Learning Center doing outdoor Jewish environmental education and farming at a youth village in Rwanda. Amy loves all things outdoors and working on turning her home into a homestead and garden oasis.

Russel Neiss is a Jewish educator and technologist who builds critically acclaimed apps and experiences used by thousands daily. His work has been featured in the New York Times, the Washington Post, CNN, the Atlantic, NPR, Haaretz, the Jewish Telegraph Agency and other outlets. In 2017, he was selected by The Forward as one of the 50 most influential Jewish Americans, and in 2020, he received the Covenant Award, one of the highest honors in Jewish Education.

Rabbi Ayal Robkin lives on the Upper West Side of Manhattan and teaches Talmud, Tanach, the psychology of Mussar, the psychology of Chassidic/Jewish mystical thought, and Jewish mindfulness meditation at the Abraham Joshua Heschel High School in Manhattan. Currently researching the psychology of Jewish Virtue Ethics, Ayal hopes to bring empirical research to the historical analysis of a recently less academically explored body of texts. Ayal completed the Pardes Educators Program and Semikha through Yashrut under Rabbi Danny Landes. As a side hobby, Ayal is an amateur woodworker and pyrographer and is excited to bring his enthusiasm for art to the woodshop at Ramah. He is here with his wife, Maddy Bloch, and his new(ish) daughter, Neima!

Judy Robkin is a professional studio potter. Her work is shown in numerous juried shows and galleries. In addition to her time at Ramah Darom, she teaches pottery to adults at the John C. Campbell Folk School in Murphy, North Carolina, and enjoys sharing her love of art with her students. At Ramah Darom, whether teaching drawing, painting, clay or fabric arts, she encourages creativity and individuality to seasoned artists and beginners. Judy's work can be found on her website and Instagram.

Shai Robkin teaches behavioral economics in Atlanta and consults with companies on using behavioral economic research findings in their business decisions. His exploration into the world of decision-making led him to contribute a kidney to someone he previously did not know, to become the first president of Better Ballot Georgia, an organization that seeks to institute "ranked-choice voting" in American elections and start a social psychology-based podcast club. In 1981, Shai and his wife opened "Sefer ve-Sefel," Israel's first combination bookstore/coffee shop. They returned to Atlanta in 1984 to care for aging parents and acquired Vernon, a manufacturer and distributor of library supplies. Shai sold Vernon in 2019 to devote more time to his behavioral economics and volunteer work. He serves as the chair of the Atlanta Regional Council of the New Israel Fund and as a national board member of the Friends of the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies.

Debby Rosenman is the proud Savta of seven grandchildren, mother of two sons and wife of Lyle Fishman, who recently retired from the Conservative rabbinate after 43 years. She retired after teaching English as a Second Language to immigrants for 22 years in a public high school in Olney, Md. Currently, she weight trains, enjoys yoga and strives for 10,000 steps a day! So either bring your own comfortable mat or use one of Ramah Darom's to her class as you have some yoga fun together!

Navit Salzberg has her 200-hour Yoga Teacher Certification and has practiced yoga for over 15 years. She has been teaching yoga at Ramah Darom for over three years. She currently works for the Task Force for Global Health, studying the causes of child mortality in Africa and South Asia. She

has worked with various global health and development organizations, including the CDC, the Carter Center and American Jewish World Service. She earned a Master of Public Health from Emory University and is currently pursuing her doctorate in public health from Johns Hopkins University, with a concentration in human rights and social justice.

Ori Salzberg is the creative director of Meaningful Media, a production company specializing in storytelling in film and music. He works in the Atlanta Jewish community as a spiritual music educator at Congregation Shearith Israel.

Basya Schechter is a Jewish music innovator, singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, composer, producer, musical director and cantor. She is well-known as the lead singer and founder of the groundbreaking ensemble Pharaoh's Daughter, a 7-piece world music ensemble that travels through continents, key signatures and languages with a genre-bending swirling neo-Hasidic chanting sound. Basya's earthy, soulful and beautiful voice rings out over instruments that form a vibrant collage of East/West, old/new, Ashkenazi and Sephardic, enlivened by flutes, electronica and strings. She has also served as Cantor in the renewal worlds of Romemu and Fire Island Synagogue. Basya just returned to her freelance life and is excited to see what unfolds!

Brad Semon is the Founder and President of Painted Plate in Greensboro, NC. Since 1993, Painted Plate Catering has been the premiere caterer of the NC Triad, achieved by creating scratch-prepared five-star restaurant quality cuisine for exclusive wedding celebrations, corporate events and more. In addition to Chef Brad Semon's restaurant and catering experience, he has been cooking Jewish cuisine since a young age. Chef Brad has partnered with and consulted on the Passover menu and catering execution at Ramah Darom for numerous years.

Summit Academy Adventures programs are rooted in outdoor experiential education and use scientifically researched approaches on how being in nature, camping

and hiking builds stronger leaders. Founded by Sam Aranson, Summit Academy Adventures believes that the setting, the activities, the facilitator, the people and the experience itself become the teacher. Its core values are Team Building, Leadership and Adventure! Learn more at summitacademyadventures.com.

Laura Wolfe is a multi-instrumentalist, vocalist, songwriter and recording artist. Laura has been singing and making music all her life. She attended Oberlin College for vocal and original performance and soon after landed her first professional tour with the Broadway Road Production of "Hair." Making a name for herself as a singer/songwriter she released "SIREN," produced with Grammy award winner Steve Addabbo. Branching into the sacred music world, she appeared at Carnegie Hall with Lavender Light Gospel Choir and soloed on their release "Light in the House." She has led retreats, concerts and kirtans at yoga studios, centers and festivals throughout the US and is bringing her multi-faceted skill set to the Jewish musical world. In 2011, she worked with the Kirtan Rabbi and was hired as a vocal soloist and musician by Romemu Synagogue. She continues to lead musical services for multiple Jewish communities.

Honor Woodard BFA, LMT is a visual and healing artist in practice since 2011, has provided care to our Passover guests since 2014. A graduate of the Florida School of Massage and Washington University, Honor's additional trainings have been in Resistance & Release with Deane Juhan, author of "Job's Body," Biodynamic Cranial Approach with Georgia Milne and more recently Wilderness Rites of Passage with the School of Lost Borders. Honor's work integrates traditional massage techniques with her other accumulated skills and modalities, and her clients generally report feeling both relaxed and energized by her bodywork. In addition to the sacredness of working on multiple generations over the years, Honor also deeply appreciates the opportunity to be on the land here, as she was also a camper 40 years ago when the camp was Tumbling Waters.

SPECIAL THANKS

Climbing Team:

Jo Alberts Tim Bernard Deb Buford Ashira Konigsburg Lisa Loveday Adam Mayer

Circus Arts:

Dallys Newton

Drivers:

Joe Penland Jeremy Rose Kyle Shook David Spielman Wayne Swifthawk

Lifeguards:

Joel Goodrow Julie Goodrow Hannah Hickox

Magician:

Kyle Jarrard

Medical Professional:

Dr. Joshua Wallenstein

Reception Desk:

Dottie McCullar Lavender Merritt

Youth Program Director:

Ayala Wasser

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	Year-Round Retreats at Ramah Dar	om		
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	inter 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	culinary exploration of all things Jewish food culture		
Book It To Shabbat	A fun-filled weekend designed in partnership with PJ Library families with children ages 2-8			
Ca	mp 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 1	9-30 / Bet: July 17-28	
Nitzanim & Sollelim K'tzara	18-night session option for rising 4th & 5th graders	July 3-21	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		
	te Gibson Tikvah Support Program, Ramah Darom supports rum disorder, Down syndrome, intellectual disabilities, ADHE			
Camp Yofi	5-day program for families with children age 6-13 with ASD	July 31-Aug 4		

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Capital Projects & Program Initiatives





Program Center

Our new Program Center is in progress! This multi-functional building will provide much-needed indoor program and recreational space for our summer camp staff and year-round guests.



Gesher Village

Created on a 45-acre property on the east side of our campus, this will be the new home of our Gesher Leadership Program (for our oldest summer campers) and indoor and outdoor program space to be used all year long.



Waterfront Rejuvenation

Our beloved lake needs a magical transformation! Plans include a new dock and blob tower to replace the original ones built in 1958, water slides and additional canoes, kayaks and inflatables.

Program Endowment Opportunities

- Summer Staff Programming
- Tikvah Vocational Program
- New Leadership Training Program
- Exceptional Experience Initiative Fund
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- Mountain Biking Programming

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