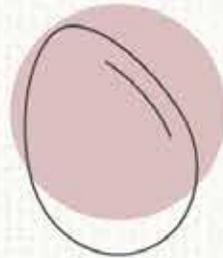
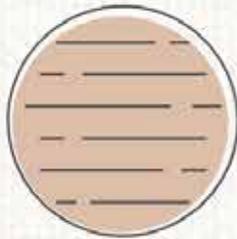
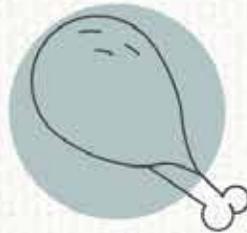
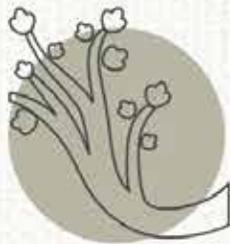
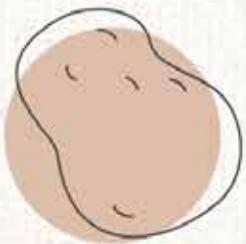
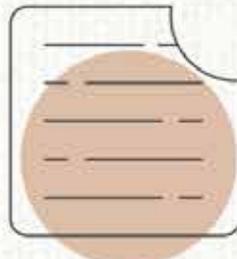


PASSOVER RETREAT

AT RAMAH DAROM





Bruchim Habaim - Welcome to Ramah Darom!

We are delighted to welcome you to the 2026 Passover Retreat at Ramah Darom. Gathering here together is more than a getaway—it is a chance to slow down, reconnect, and experience the holiday as part of a vibrant Jewish community. We hope that from the moment you arrive, you feel the warmth, spirit, and sense of belonging that define this Passover experience.

As we celebrate Passover in a time that continues to call for resilience, compassion, and connection, we are grateful to create this shared space with you. The story of the Exodus reminds us that even in uncertain times, hope, courage, and community carry us forward. Throughout the retreat, we invite you to engage in meaningful learning, thoughtful conversations, and moments of reflection that speak to our lives today.

During our time together, you'll experience the richness of Jewish life through spirited tefillah, inspiring classes, music, art, nature, joyful celebrations, and of course, delicious meals. Whether you are reconnecting with old friends or meeting new ones, we hope these days at Ramah Darom leave you feeling renewed and deeply connected—to tradition and with one another.

This Program Guide is designed to help you make the most of your experience. Inside, you'll find schedules, program descriptions, and helpful information for the days ahead—so keep it handy throughout your stay. If you need anything at all, our team is here and happy to help. Thank you for being part of this special Pesach community.

Chag Sameach!

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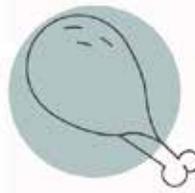
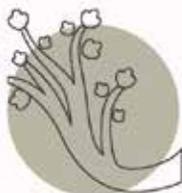
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PASSOVER RETREAT A-Z

Accessibility: All our recreational buildings are wheelchair/handicap accessible. On Shabbat and Yom Tov, elevators 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 with dressier attire for Shabbat and Yom Tov. Comfortable walking shoes are a must every day! The weather can be unpredictable in the mountains. It is helpful to have layers of clothing and a raincoat with you.

Babysitting: On Wed, April 1 and Thu, April 2 we offer group babysitting in the Dining Hall during seders. We are unable to provide childcare in your lodging during this time. Beginning Fri, April 3, 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: The lake is open for boating except for Shabbat and Yom Tov. Our (non-heated) swimming pool will also be open. 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 (listed in the daily schedule) in the Chadar Ochel (Dining Hall). Yahrzeit candles are also available upon request. Do not light candles in your room.

Checkout: Checkout is no later than 8:30am on Sun, April 5 and 10:00am on Fri, April 10. Please stop by the Welcome Center to 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 personal coffee maker with pods. Stop by the Concierge Desk for additional pods and sweetener.

Concierge Desk: Located under the Chadar Ochel (Dining Hall) at Levine Center in the outdoor portico area, the Concierge Desk is open 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 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.

Emergencies: 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, GA, 30525). Also, please notify a staff member of the situation by calling 706.782.9300. There are landlines in the Welcome Center office, at the pool, in the kitchen, and in all living spaces. Please review Ramah Darom's [Safety & Security Protocols](#).

Fitness Center: Ramah Darom's Fitness Center is located on the lower level of the Program Center. It is open at all times to adult participants (18+). Teens ages 15-17 are welcome with adult supervision. Please do not remove equipment from the Fitness Center.

Heated Accommodations: Accommodations, including cabins, are heated. Most cabins have a thermostat located in the common area or hallway 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: Sat, April 4 & Tue, April 7
- Cabins: Fri, April 3 & Mon, April 6

Please place waste in outdoor trash receptacles near your accommodations and ensure lids are secured. Trash is collected daily from these outdoor bins. 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 fee. Anyone who pre-purchases this service will find a laundry bag in their accommodations upon arrival. To purchase laundry service or additional laundry bags during the Retreat, visit the Concierge Desk. If you prefer lights and darks laundered separately you will need 2 laundry bags. Place dirty laundry bags on your cabin porch or outside of your hotel room by 10:00am on Sun, April 5. Laundry will be returned to the same location in the late afternoon on Mon, April 6.

Lost & Found: The lost and found area is 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, place luggage on the porch of your cabin or outside of your hotel door on the appropriate day and time.

- Sun, April 5: 9:00am shuttle, luggage ready by 8:00am
- Thu, April 9: 10:00pm shuttle, luggage ready by 9:30pm
- Fri, April 10: 5:00am shuttle, luggage ready by 4:00am
- Fri, April 10: 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, as our staff receive all requests in real time.

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, 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:** For communal and semi-private 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.
- **Snacks:** Daily complimentary snacks are available in the afternoon, as noted in the schedule, and canteen treats can be purchased throughout the day.
- **Boxed Meals & Snacks:** For guests going on our Chof 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.

◆ **Opportunities for 55+:** Various experiences designed to foster community among participants ages 55(ish) and up. Suggested sessions will be indicated with a ◆ (diamond symbol) in the schedule.

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.

Reception Desk: The Reception Desk at the Welcome Center is staffed from 8:30am to 10:00pm. On Fri, April 10, 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.

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 & Tefillah: Shabbat and Yom Tov are sacred times at Ramah Darom. Out of respect for the diverse religious practices in our community, we kindly request that guests refrain from using electronic devices in public spaces. Our formal programming and activities on these days exclude writing, crafts, or amplified music, and elevators will run on Shabbat mode. An eruv, checked by our Mashgiach, surrounds our campus.

All participants are invited to join in daily prayer services. Times are listed in the Daily Schedule section of the Program Guide. Please bring your own tallit, tefillin, and kippot to wear if it is your custom.

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, Illegal Substances & Firearms: Smoking is not allowed inside any building. There is a designated smoking area outside on the back porch of the Chadar Ochel (Dining Hall) and in the Welcome Center parking lot. A fee will be assessed for rooms or areas showing evidence of smoking or smoke damage. Illegal substances, firearms, and related paraphernalia are not permitted on campus.

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 & Room Keys: Ramah Darom is not responsible for any missing or lost items. Hotel room keys are available upon request. Most guests choose to leave their rooms unlocked during the day. Keys must be returned to a Ramah Darom staff member before checkout or a charge of \$50 will be assessed. Please note that we only have one key available per room.

Vehicles & Driving: The speed limit on campus is 5mph. Please park only in the approved parking locations near your accommodation and leave your vehicle parked for the duration of the retreat. Guests are not permitted to drive through campus during the retreat. There are two Level 2 EV charging stations in the parking lot on the upper level of the Mountainside Hotel which operate on the FLO network. Visit ramahdarom.org/evcharge for instructions.

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 guests.

WiFi & Phones: Wireless internet service is available throughout campus via "Ramah Darom WiFi" (no password). If you have any issues connecting, try turning your device's WiFi off and back on, then try reconnecting. If you still have 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. Cell phone signals can be spotty. We suggest enabling WiFi calling.

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.

KIDS CAMP

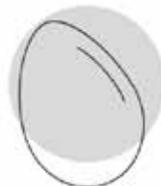
Our team has planned an awesome program for campers of every age with great counselors and exciting experiences. Please see the Youth Booklet for a detailed schedule with locations for all age groups. Extra copies of the booklet will be available at Concierge.

What to Pack Each Day

- **Closed-toe shoes:** All campers should wear closed-toe shoes during Kids Camp.
- **6 months-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.).
- **Ages 3 and up:** Backpack and water bottle. (A change of clothes is recommended for 3 and 4-year-olds in case of an accident.)

Kids Camp Hours	
Day	Hours
Wed, Apr 1	2:45-5:15pm
Thu, Apr 2-Fri, Apr 3	1:30-5:30pm
Sat, Apr 4-Tue, Apr 7	9:30am-12:00pm & 1:30-5:55pm
Wed, Apr 8 & Thu, Apr 9	1:30-5:45pm

Kids Camp Notes	
Details about grade groupings can be found in the Youth Booklet.	
Age/Grade	Notes
6 months-2 years	• Must be picked up by parent/guardian.
3-4 years	• Must be potty trained and must be picked up by parent/guardian.
Kindergarten	• Must be picked up by parent/guardian.
1st Grade	
2nd Grade	
3rd Grade & Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can check themselves in and out of camp. • Must arrive at the activity start time and cannot join or leave in the middle of that specific activity. • If you would like your camper to be checked out by a parent/guardian, please tell their counselors.





DAILY SCHEDULE



Tuesday, March 31

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
12:00-5:00pm	Check-in	Welcome Center
	Sports Courts & Fields Open	See Map
12:30-4:00pm	Grab & Go Snacks with Chametz: Note that this is not a full lunch.	Beit Am (Covered Court)
3:00-5:00pm	Open Family Art: Come and go as you enjoy art projects for the whole family!	Omanut (Art Building)
4:00-5:00pm	Walking Campus Tour: Get the lay of the land of our beautiful campus.	Meet at Welcome Center
5:45-6:00pm	Mincha	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
6:00-7:30pm	Aruchat Erev (Dinner)	Chadar Ochel
7:30-8:15pm	Family B'dikat Chametz Challenge: Enjoy a unique and fun hunt to find the last of the chametz and prepare for Passover. Make plans to join us on Wednesday at 9:30am to burn the chametz too!	Meet in Moadon (Multipurpose Room)
8:30-8:45pm	Maariv	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
8:45-10:30pm	Film Screening on the Green—The Prince of Egypt (Animated Musical Drama): Enjoy this DreamWorks Animation classic as Moses' journey is told on the big screen for all generations. 1998. Rated PG. 99 minutes.	Kikar (Activity Field)

Wednesday, April 1

CHECK-IN FOR WEDNESDAY ARRIVALS AT WELCOME CENTER IS 10:00AM-5:00PM

TIME	EXCURSIONS DEPART FROM BEHIND CHADAR OCHEL	
9:15-11:45am	*Blue Ridge Honey Company Tour: Learn all about the beekeeping and honey making process! Tour the warehouse, bottling room, and see the observation hive!	
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
7:45-8:45am	Shacharit & Taanit Bekhorot: Morning prayer service and blessing for first-born.	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
8:00-9:30am	Aruchat Boker (Breakfast)	Chadar Ochel
8:30-9:30am	Health Clinic Open	Mini Marp
8:45-9:00am	Early Biur Chametz (Burning of Chametz): For those going on excursion.	Beit Am (Covered Court)
9:00-9:30am	Daily Dose of Talmud with Rabbi Aaron Alexander: A daily shiur (class) offering insight into the rabbinic mind and its logical methodologies.	Lakeside Chadar Ochel
9:30-9:45am	Biur Chametz (Burning of Chametz)	Beit Am (Covered Court)
9:45am-12:00pm	*Family Art: Come and go as you enjoy art projects for the whole family!	Omanut (Art Building)
9:45-11:45am	*Adult Art—Intaglio Printmaking with Chine Collé with Judy Robkin: Etch an image below the surface of a metal plate as you create a unique print. Then learn the delicate printmaking technique of chine collé to add layered color and texture.	

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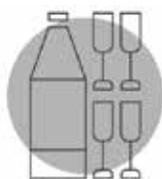
Wednesday, April 1

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
9:45-11:45am	*Adult Art–Resin Mezuzot with Jennifer Kaplan: Experiment with UV resin and create your own mezuzah! Get creative and use a variety of “mix-ins” to create a one-of-a-kind piece.	Omanut (Art Building)
9:45-10:45am	Intention Setting for Biur Chametz with Rabbis Yosef Goldman & Annie Lewis: We’ve burned our chametz, now we go deeper. What do we want to release? What are you choosing to leave behind in the fire this year? Through interactive contemplative exercises, we’ll set intentions at the threshold of Pesach, turning from what we shed toward the redemption ahead.	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
10:00am-12:00pm	*Climbing: Must wear closed-toe shoes. Note that climbing will be included in the kids camp schedule for Kindergarten+ on Sunday, April 5, Monday, April 6, and Tuesday, April 7.	Alpine Tower
11:00am-12:00pm	◆Opening Schmooze for 55+: Enjoy a meet-up and ice breakers with other 55ish and up.	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
	Preparing for the Haste of an Exodus with Jacob B. Handelman: Ideal for individuals and families ages 10-100. Recount the rushed Exodus without proper preparation. The Israelites couldn't even let their dough rise! Assemble an ultra-portable survival kit in a small tin for any emergency evacuations you may encounter.	Medura (Lakeside Fire Pit)
	Butts & Guts with Lynn Chanin: Work your abdominals and derriere through isometrics holds and PNF (proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation) stretching. This class uses only your body weight. Mats provided.	Yoga & Dance Studio
12:00-1:30pm	Aruchat Tzohorayim (Lunch)	Chadar Ochel
1:30-5:00pm	*Archery: Must be 10 years and older.	Archery Range
	Open Boating: Wait times for boats may vary.	Agam (Lake)
	*Climbing: Must wear closed-toe shoes.	Alpine Tower
1:45-3:45pm	*Adult Art–Layered Papercut Jerusalem with Judy Robkin: Learn traditional techniques as you create a beautiful piece of art using Jerusalem (with paper and an X-Acto knife) as your inspiration.	Omanut (Art Building)
	*Adult Art–Resin Jewelry with Jennifer Kaplan: UV resin art is fun, easy, and fast! Make yourself some new jewels using molds and mix-ins to create unique jewelry. No experience necessary!	
	*Adult Art–Whittling Yads with Rabbi Ayal Robkin: Personalize this meaningful ritual object as you carve your own yad to use when you read Torah or make a gift for someone else!	
1:45-2:45pm	Charoset Demo with Rabbi Chef Nissimmi Naim Naor: Discover the rich diversity of Passover traditions as Rabbi and Chef Nissimmi prepares five different charoset recipes from Jewish communities around the world. Learn the stories, ingredients, and meanings behind each version while tasting how this symbolic seder food varies across cultures.	Moadon (Multipurpose Room)
	Passover Button Making with Jacob B. Handelman: Make Passover themed buttons to bring to your seder!	Levine Center Portico
	Campus Tour & Updates with Scott Topal: New to our campus and missed the tour yesterday? Been here many times and want to see what is new? Join the tour led by Ramah Darom's CEO, Scott Topal.	Meet at Program Center
2:45-3:00pm	Kids Camp Drop Off	See Youth Booklet

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Wednesday, April 1

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
3:00-4:00pm	Einstein's Head & Einstein's Heart with Benjamin Cohen: Benjamin runs Einstein's social media accounts (with over 20 million followers) and embarked on a funny and fascinating global quest to explore Einstein's modern-day relevance – from interviewing two Rabbi Einsteins to uncovering his deep humanitarian legacy. Beyond science, Einstein helped rescue Jews from the Holocaust, championed the civil rights movement, and advocated fiercely to create the State of Israel.	Beit Kneset (Synagogue)
3:00-4:00pm	♦ Pickleball 101: Learn the ins-and-outs of this popular sport. If you already know how to play, stop by and enjoy a pick-up game!	Tennis Court
4:15-5:00pm	Back-in-Time Passover Adventure with Maxine Handelman & Kelly Cohen: Inviting all 3-8 year olds 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 (Lower Roads Pavilion)
	When a People Is Born–Time, Freedom & the First Mitzvah with Rabbi Sarit Horwitz: As the Exodus story accelerates, the Torah pauses to give a single mitzvah that will define the Jewish people for generations. This class examines that moment: why this commandment, in this form, at this time? We'll look at classical commentaries that read Pesach as the birth of Jewish time, Jewish memory, and Jewish agency—and explore how this first step shapes the master story we still tell.	Beit Kneset (Synagogue)
	Gentle Yoga with Navit Salzberg: Open your heart to prepare you (mentally and physically) for the holiday. Mats provided.	Yoga & Dance Studio
5:00-5:30pm	Pre-Seder Grab & Go Light Meal	Levine Center Portico
5:00-5:15pm	Kids Camp Pickup	See Youth Booklet
5:15-5:30pm	Pack Out Seder Plate & Fixins' Pick Up: Your "Seder-in-a-box" will be delivered to your seder location around 7:00pm.	Concierge, Levine Center Portico
5:30-7:00pm	Rest & Seder Prep	
6:20-7:15pm	Mincha & Maariv	Beit Kneset (Synagogue)
6:30-7:36pm	Candle Lighting Available	Chadar Ochel
Passover Sederim: Please take note of the location of your seder below. Table number assignments for semi-private and communal seders on the upper level of the Levine Center can be found posted on columns in the Chadar Ochel.		
7:30pm	Communal Seder–I Wonder? A Light Lab Seder of Asking & Exploring led by Eliana Light	Beit Kneset (Synagogue)
	Communal Seder–Tradition, Song & Conversation with Rabbi Abe Schacter-Gampel	Lakeside Chadar Ochel
	Semi-Private Seder: Shulchan Orech buffet will close at 11:00pm. Please pace your seder accordingly.	Chadar Ochel



Thursday, April 2

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	Daily Dose of Talmud with Rabbi Aaron Alexander	Lakeside Chadar Ochel
9:30am-12:00pm	Traditional Egalitarian Yom Tov Morning Service	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
9:30-10:15am	A Family Service–Minyan Shelanu, A Musical Service with Ori Salzberg: Join an immersive family Tefillah experience. We'll share the musicality and rhythm of prayer while exploring the tradition in Hebrew. Come with your kids and connect!	Moadon (Multipurpose Room)
10:30-11:00am	Tot Service–Songs, Snuggles & Stories with Eliana Light: Perfect for ages 0-4 and their grown-ups.	
11:00-11:45am	Adult Service–Mindful Musical Morning with Eliana Light & Coleen Dieker: Start your day with gratitude, wonder, love, and connection during this morning prayer service. Through simple, soulful melodies, moments of mindfulness, and collective reflection, we will raise our spirits and voices together. Acoustic instruments will be used during this service.	
	Family Gaga Tournament & Playground Time: Play gaga (ages 6 and up) or enjoy the playground (ages 5 and under), and schmooze with other parents. Parent supervision required.	Lower Roads Gaga Pit & Gan Playground
12:00-1:30pm	Aruchat Tzohorayim (Lunch)	Chadar Ochel
12:30-1:30pm	Lunch & Learn–Sephardic & Mizrahi Meetup with Rabbi Yosef Goldman: Grab lunch and find your people! An informal gathering for Sephardic and Mizrahi Jews to connect, share beloved family Pesach traditions, swap stories, and enjoy each other's company. All backgrounds and connections welcome. More than just a kitniyot eaters support group!	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
1:30-5:00pm	Open Swim	Breicha (Pool)
1:30-1:45pm	Kids Camp Drop Off	See Youth Booklet
1:45-2:45pm	Choir Day 1 with Mayta Cohen: Love to sing? Join this choir led by an award-winning vocal arranger as you find harmony in preparing a special song (or two) just for Passover to sing for all in Shabbat morning services.	Moadon (Multipurpose Room)
	What is a Prophet? Or, How a Greedy King Killed an Innocent Peasant & Incurred the Wrath of God with Rabbi Shai Held: In this session, we'll engage in a close literary and theological reading of the highly provocative and challenging biblical story of Navot's vineyard (1 Kings 21). In this disturbing chapter, a greedy king and a brutal queen murder an innocent peasant whose land they covet-- and then God, working through the prophet Eliyahu, lets them have it. Through our investigation of the story, we'll come to a deeper understanding of the role of the prophet in Israelite society and we'll uncover the different ways that the Bible thinks worshippers of God, on the one hand, and idolaters, on the other, see the meaning and value of land. Along the way, we'll learn a lot not just about what the chapter teaches, but also about how it goes about teaching it.	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
	Head Scarf Wrapping with Eliana Leader: Whether for style or spiritual purposes there are many reasons to incorporate head scarves into your look. Join a session to learn several different ways to wrap your hair and find the method that works best for you. Scarves will be provided to practice with or bring your own! All hair types are welcome.	Yoga & Dance Studio

Thursday, April 2

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
3:00-4:00pm	<p>The Necessity of Narrative in Halachic Decision Making–Head Covering in Jewish Custom & Law with Rabbi Aaron Alexander: Using a response from Rabbi Ovadia Yosef on an intricacy of Kippot, we'll explore several talmudic and medieval sources to better understand how this custom developed over time, and what it says to us today on matter of religion and identity. This is the first session in a three-part series exploring the necessity of narrative in Halakhic decision making in which the stories behind the questions influenced the direction of the rabbinic decisor. The reality is that written law–case-law (responsa) and codes–significantly depend on the very human stories that animates both the unique questions and idiosyncratic responses. Come to any or all!</p>	Beit Kneset (Synagogue)
	<p>Haggadot Written During Distress–A Kibbutz Urim Haggadah & The Haggadah of the Hostages with Shlomit Naim Naor: Explore a haggadah from 1949, composed during the war with Egypt, for Kibbutz Urim located in the Gaza Envelope, and the Haggadah of the Chatufim (hostages).</p>	Program Center Lounge
	<p>Hike to the Waterfall: Enjoy a hike to view the gorgeous 100-foot waterfall on Ramah Darom's campus. This short hike is not too challenging, but it is not stroller-friendly and the trail is uneven. This hike goes outside of the eruv.</p>	Meet at Levine Center Portico
	<p>Body Sculpt with Lynn Chanin: Join a strength training class where you will 'burn better' and increase bone and muscle mass using weights as you shape your body! All levels are welcome and encouraged. Must be at least 12 years old. Mats provided.</p>	Yoga & Dance Studio
4:15-5:15pm	<p>Unsticking Your Soul, Why We Resist Resolutions...& How Judaism Can Help with Rabbi Ayal Robkin: As parents (and as people), we constantly set goals for ourselves only to find we're stuck in the same exhausting loops by February. This class digs into Jewish wisdom—from Hasidic tales about playing checkers to the deep philosophy of free will—to reveal the hidden internal forces that actually block the resolutions we make all the time. We will explore not only where real change is possible but what Judaism has to say about forgiving ourselves when we don't. Join us to learn what it looks like to "unstick" your soul and move your life forward, one manageable step at a time.</p>	Beit Kneset (Synagogue)
	<p>♦ Book Club—"The Last Dekrepitzer" led by Merle Carrus: Dive into engaging conversation about Howard Langer's National Jewish Book Award winner. Come share your thoughts and connect with fellow readers!</p>	Program Center Lounge
	<p>Vinyasa Yoga with Navit Salzberg: Enjoy a style of yoga characterized by stringing postures together, allowing you to move from one to another using breath to match each movement. This hour will move at a moderate pace and include a range of motions. Mats provided.</p>	Yoga & Dance Studio
5:00-5:30pm	Pre-Seder Grab & Go Light Meal	Levine Center Portico
5:15-5:30pm	Kids Camp Pick Up	See Youth Booklet
5:15-5:30pm	<p>Pack Out Seder Plate & Fixins' Pick Up: Your "Seder-in-a-box" will be delivered to your seder location around 7:00pm.</p>	Concierge; Levine Center Portico
5:30-6:20pm	Rest & Seder Prep	
6:20-7:15pm	<p>Mincha & Maariv: Please see Rabbi Josh Heller if you are interested in attending a later Maariv.</p>	Beit Kneset (Synagogue)

Thursday, April 2

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Passover Sederim: Please take note of the location of your seder below. Table number assignments for semi-private and communal seders on the upper level of the Levine Center can be found posted on columns in the Chadar Ochel.		
6:30-8:00pm	Family Seder—A Journey Through Time led by Rabbi Sarit Horwitz & Maxine Handelman	Moadon (Multipurpose Room)
7:30pm	Communal Seder—Seder for the Mind, Heart & Stomach led by Rabbi Josh Heller	Mountainside Chadar Ochel
	Communal Seder—A Broadway Musical Themed Seder—Musicals as Midrash led by Ori Salzberg	Lakeside Chadar Ochel
	Semi-Private Seder: Shulchan Orech buffet will close at 11:00pm. Please pace your seder accordingly.	Chadar Ochel
8:34pm	Candle Lighting Available	

Friday, April 3

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	Daily Dose of Talmud with Rabbi Aaron Alexander	Lakeside Chadar Ochel
9:30am-12:00pm	Traditional Egalitarian Yom Tov Morning Service	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
9:30-10:15am	A Family Service—Minyan Shelanu, A Musical Service with Ori Salzberg: Join 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!	Moadon (Multipurpose Room)
10:30-11:00am	Tot Service—Songs, Snuggles & Stories with Eliana Light: Perfect for ages 0-4 and their grown-ups.	
11:00-11:45am	Adult Service—Verses of Song—Singing the Things that Happen Before Most of Us Get to Shul with Drew Cohen: The first parts of our liturgy can awaken us to each day with gratitude and help us feel our feelings more deeply. Many weeks, we rush through or skip most of it. Let's take some time to luxuriate in the first half of the shacharit service. Acoustic instruments will be used during this service.	
	Family Soccer Game & Playground Time: Play soccer (ages 6 and up) or enjoy the playground (ages 5 and under) and schmooze with other parents. Parent supervision required.	Kikar (Activity Field) & Gan Playground
12:00-1:30pm	Aruchat Tzohorayim (Lunch)	Chadar Ochel
1:30-5:00pm	Open Swim	Breicha (Pool)
1:30-1:45pm	Kids Camp Drop Off	See Youth Booklet
1:45-2:45pm	◆Aging Well—Practical Strategies for Physical, Mental & Emotional Health in Later Life with Dr. Miriam Holtzman: Explore practical strategies for maintaining physical, mental, and emotional well-being as people age, with a focus on everyday choices that support healthy and independent living (aka a little more freedom - it is Passover after all!). Designed for older adults and their adult children, this session also highlights the importance of support systems, communication, and planning to promote quality of life in later years.	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
	Choir Day 2 with Mayta Cohen: Return for a second day to find harmony in preparing a special song (or two) just for Passover to sing for all in Shabbat morning services.	Moadon (Multipurpose Room)

Friday, April 3

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
1:45-2:45pm	*Game Hour–Teach & Learn: Sign up in advance to teach or learn one of your favorite games like Mah Jongg, Poker, Settlers of Catan, Set, or Codenames. Feel free to bring games not listed on the sign-ups too!	Mercaz Aryeh (Library)
3:00-4:00pm	Whose Heart Is It Anyway? God, Free Will & the Hardening of Pharaoh's Heart with Rabbi Abe Schacter-Gampel: The Torah repeatedly mentions Pharaoh's hardened heart. In this session, we'll explore what it means when the Torah says God hardened Pharaoh's heart, how this interacts with Pharaoh's own stubbornness, and why God continued sending Moshe despite his resistance—raising deep questions about free will, justice, and divine purpose.	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
	Yom Tov Bushcraft Cooking with Jacob B. Handelman: Transfer a flame to do some light experimental food preparation over a fire and learn about the dos and don'ts of Yom Tov cooking.	Medura (Lakeside Fire Pit)
	Body Sculpt with Lynn Chanin: Join a strength training class where you will 'burn better' and increase bone and muscle mass using weights as you shape your body! All levels are welcome and encouraged. Must be at least 12 years old. Mats provided.	Yoga & Dance Studio
3:45-4:15pm	Grab & Go Snacks Available	Mercaz Aryeh (Library)
4:15-5:15pm	What Montana's Jews Can Teach Us About Passover Haggadahs & Christmas Menorahs with Benyamin Cohen: This session looks at how communities use stories to respond to real-world threats. Drawing on the Passover Haggadah and a true story from Billings, Montana, this talk explores how communities use simple, repeatable narratives to respond to fear, build solidarity, and decide what to do next. It's less about memory for its own sake than about storytelling as a tool – for teaching values, shaping behavior, and helping communities act when it matters.	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
	An Iraqi Piyyut of Redemption with Rabbi Yosef Goldman: In Iraqi Jewish tradition, families sing their way into Pesach—weeks of melody preparing the heart for the Seder night. We'll learn and sing one of these piyyutim (sacred poems), exploring how its layers of Torah, midrash, and ancient melody open a deeper experience of exodus and redemption. No Hebrew or musical background needed—just your voice.	Program Center Lounge
	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. The hike goes outside of the eruv.	Meet at Levine Center Portico
	Body Flow with Lynn Chanin: A beautiful combination of Tai Chi, Pilates, and yoga. We will conclude with meditation, relaxation and aromatherapy. Mats provided.	Yoga & Dance Studio
5:15-5:30pm	Kids Camp Pick Up	See Youth Booklet
5:15-6:00pm	Pre-Shabbat Snack: For little ones when 7:30pm dinner is just too late!	Levine Center Portico
6:00-6:30pm	Tot Shabbat for Ages 4 & Under with Eliana Light	Moadon (Multipurpose Room)
6:20-7:15pm	Mincha & Maariv	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
6:40-7:38pm	Candle Lighting Available	Chadar Ochel
7:30-9:00pm	Shabbat Dinner	
9:00-10:00pm	Oneg & Game Night: Join in for singing, stories, and more. If singing isn't your jam, we'll have your favorite games to play with friends and family.	Lakeside Chadar Ochel

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Saturday, April 4

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	Daily Dose of Talmud with Rabbi Aaron Alexander	Lakeside Chadar Ochel
9:30-9:45am	Kids Camp Drop Off	See Youth Booklet
9:30am-12:00pm	Traditional Egalitarian Shabbat Morning Service	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
10:00-10:45am	Meditative Flow Shabbat Yoga with Navit Salzberg: 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.	Yoga & Dance Studio
11:00am-12:00pm	ALT Service with Ramah Darom Musicians: A musical, meditative, and intellectual service with song and discussion to close out the holiday! Acoustic instruments will be used.	Moadon (Multipurpose Room)
11:45am-12:00pm	Kids Camp Pickup	See Youth Booklet
12:00-1:30pm	Shabbat Lunch	Chadar Ochel
12:30-1:30pm	Lunch & Learn–The Legacy of Miriam convened by Rabbi Penina Alexander & Sara Shapiro-Plevan: A gathering for women working in the Jewish communal world. Join together to share stories and wisdom, frustrations and successes in how to harness our power in a work environment that often feels unsustainable.	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
1:30-5:30pm	Open Swim	Breicha (Pool)
1:30-1:45pm	Kids Camp Drop Off	See Youth Booklet
1:45-2:45pm	The Necessity of Narrative in Halachic Decision Making–Sociological Identity Shifts That Stretched Halacha in Post-Enlightenment Germany with Rabbi Aaron Alexander: Together we'll explore how modernity upended traditional Jewish life in Germany, and created a genre of Responsa Literature (Questions/Answers) around marriage that attempted to hold the community together from within classic Halachic principles. This is the second session in a three-part series exploring the necessity of narrative in Halachic decision making in which the stories behind the questions influenced the direction of the rabbinic decisor. The reality is that written law–case-law (responsa) and codes–significantly depend on the very human stories that animates both the unique questions and idiosyncratic responses. Come to any or all!	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
	◆A Survivor's Story Through His Daughter's Eyes with Judy Robkin: Judy Robkin tells the story of her father, a German Holocaust survivor who came to America on the Kindertransport, later returning to Germany as an American soldier, landed on Omaha Beach, liberated a train of Jewish prisoners, became a decorated WWII soldier, and much more. Judy has "written" an interactive book with no words that tells her father's compelling story in a most unusual way. Hear about the process and how the project evolved, then experience the book one surprising page at a time.	Program Center Lounge
	Game Hour with Mah Jongg 101: Unwind with the perfect Shabbat afternoon activities; playing board games or puzzling. Also, learn how to play Mah Jongg or find your bridge and canasta friends for the next week.	Mercaz Aryeh (Library)

Saturday, April 4

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
3:00-4:15pm	Holy Ground–The Cross-Country Journey to Replant A Synagogue–& Rethink American Jewry with Benyamin Cohen: A shul in the Rust Belt of Pennsylvania closed down after 100 years and donated all of its sacred objects – ark, bimah, a Torah, even its stained glass windows – to a 40-year-old Jewish farmer who is building a new synagogue on a two-acre cornfield in rural Illinois. Join Benyamin to learn all about the book he is currently writing about this very story and hear other tales of resilience and reinvention across the American Jewish landscape.	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
	Experiential Choir with Mayta Cohen: Stop by for an hour of fun singing and experimentation as you create new sounds and on-the-spot arrangements of Jewishly inspired music. No musical experience necessary!	Margam (Lakeside Pavilion)
	Butts & Guts with Lynn Chanin: Work your abdominals and derrière through isometric holds and PNF (proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation) stretching. This class uses only your body weight. Mats provided.	Yoga & Dance Studio
3:45-4:30pm	Grab & Go Snacks Available	Mercaz Aryeh (Library)
4:30-5:30pm	What is Martin Buber Saying & Why Does it Matter? with Rabbi Shai Held: Martin Buber's classic I and Thou (1923) is one of the most influential classics of modern Jewish thought. But what is Buber really saying (in I and Thou and elsewhere), and why does it matter so much? This session will introduce key concepts in Buber's thought and will explore the relationship between them. Among other topics, we'll also investigate Buber's notion that he matured beyond mysticism and embraced "dialogue" instead, and consider how his ideas shaped his (extremely negative) approach to Halakhah.	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
	Radical Acceptance as Liberation–Letting Go of the Struggle with Reality with Dr. Miriam Holtzman: This session explores how the DBT (Dialectical Behavior Therapy) skill of radical acceptance can help us stop struggling against reality and release the expectations that often confine us. Drawing on the Passover teaching that in every generation we should see ourselves as if we personally left Egypt, it reframes liberation as an inner process–learning to let go of resistance so we can move forward with greater freedom and clarity.	Moadon (Multipurpose Room)
	Make Seudah Shlishit Great Again (Passover Edition) with Rabbi Chef Nissimmi Naim Naor: Join a lively and delicious cooking demo to learn how to transform your third Shabbat meal into a culinary delight (including the proper way to make an egg salad!). Discover creative recipes, fun techniques, and flavor-packed ideas to make seudah shlishit the highlight of your Shabbat table.	Lakeside Chadar Ochel
	Body Flow with Lynn Chanin: A beautiful combination of Tai Chi, Pilates, and yoga. We will conclude with meditation, relaxation and aromatherapy. Mats provided.	Yoga & Dance Studio
5:30-6:00pm	Shabbat Mincha	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
5:45-5:55pm	Kids Camp Pick Up	See Youth Booklet
6:00-7:30pm	Aruchat Erev (Dinner)	Chadar Ochel
6:45-7:30pm	Seudah Shlishit Singing: As Shabbat comes to an end, join some soulful Ramah-style Seudah Shlishit singing to prolong the Shabbat feeling just a bit longer.	Lakeside Chadar Ochel

Saturday, April 4

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
7:30-8:30pm	The Ninth Plague—Are You Afraid of the Dark? with Rabbi Sarit Horwitz: Three days of darkness fell over Egypt—thick, palpable, and unlike any night. Could it really have been that intense? Join us as we explore the Torah and classical commentaries to uncover the mystery and drama of this extraordinary plague, why it took on a life of its own, and what made it so devastating for the Egyptians.	Beit Kneset (Synagogue)
8:30-8:40pm	Maariv	
8:45-9:30pm	Havdallah, Bonfire, Matzah S'mores & Music Jam led by Coleen Dieker: Bring your instruments!	Beit Am (Covered Court)
9:30-11:00pm	Ramah Darom Film Festival Night 1—A Real Pain (Dramedy): Two American Jewish cousins struggle to find a connection to their Jewish heritage while visiting Poland. 2024. Rated R, strong language and drug use. 96 minutes.	Beit Kneset (Synagogue)
9:30-10:30pm	Adult Peulat Erev (Evening Activity)—Singo & More! Let's keep the sing-a-long going! It is like bingo, but with music. Don't want to play bingo, but want to enjoy the fun music...poker, blackjack, and libations will be available to keep this party happening!	Chadar Ochel

ATTENTION FIRST HALF GUESTS:

The Bus Departs for Airport Tomorrow at 9:00am from the Welcome Center

Luggage must be placed outside of your room or on your porch by 8:00am

REMINDER: BLOOD DRIVE IS TOMORROW 11:00am-4:00pm

If you are able, stop by the Blood Mobile at the Beit Am and do a mitzvah by donating blood! Walk-ins welcome.



Sunday, April 5

CHECK-IN FOR SECOND HALF AT WELCOME CENTER IS 10:00AM-5:00PM

TIME	EXCURSIONS DEPART FROM BEHIND CHADAR OCHEL
7:30am-12:30pm	<p>*Martin Branch Falls Hike led by Shady Creek Expeditions: A 3.7-mile trek for folks looking for an excellent moderate hike and beautiful waterfall views through the Bartram Trail system. Your guide will also share insight and unique knowledge about the North Georgia mountains as you go!</p>

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
7:45-8:45am	Traditional Egalitarian Shacharit	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
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	Lakeside Chadar Ochel
9:30am-12:00pm	Open Swim	Breicha (Pool)
9:30-9:45am	Kids Camp Drop Off	See Youth Booklet
9:45-11:45am	<p>*Adult Art–Handmade Bracha Book with Judy Robkin: Forget writing a book—let’s build one! Using paper-folding techniques and beautiful papers, craft a handmade book featuring brachot special to you!</p>	Omanut (Art Building)
	<p>*Adult Art–Alcohol Inks with Jennifer Kaplan: Immerse yourself in the relaxing art of alcohol inking, where you will create colorful designs that mimic beautiful marbling and explosive watercolor effects.</p>	
9:45-11:45am	<p>Moshe’s Mateh (Rod) & Walking Staff Creation with Jacob B. Handelman: Moshe’s staff was introduced when God appeared at the burning bush. He used it to bring water from a rock, transform it into a snake, and at the parting of the Yam Suph. 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 be used as a symbol of office. Now is your chance to choose your own stick from the forest, then fashion and decorate it into your own walking staff. Ideal for individuals or families to work on together.</p>	Medura (Lakeside Fire Pit)
9:45-10:45am	<p>Food & Text–How to Create Family Traditions When it Comes to Food with Rabbi Chef Nissimmi Naim Naor: Food and Torah have more in common than many think! Studying beautiful text from the Gemara, we will craft plans for creating the most meaningful traditions revolving around “Jewish Food” for our friends and family.</p>	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
	<p>Creative Writing–Shir Shel Yom with Shlomit Naim Naor: Join a grounding and reflective session as you write your own psalm of the day after a short reading and study of Sunday’s Psalm. Find meaning as you ask yourself: “What does this mean for me today?, Where am I?, and What am I seeing?”</p>	Program Center Lounge
	<p>*Home Coffee Roasting 101 with Rabbi Aaron Alexander: Roasting coffee at home is easier than you think! It’s also the best way to enjoy the freshest possible high-quality coffee, straight from small farms and farmers, and it’s cost effective as well.</p>	Lakeside Chadar Ochel
	<p>*Circuit Training with Hillary Marshall: This is a fast-paced full-body workout class that combines strength, endurance and cardio exercises in a series of stations. You’ll move quickly from one exercise to the next, targeting different muscle groups, improving overall fitness and burning calories in a short amount of time. All fitness levels are welcome!</p>	Program Center Fitness Center

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Sunday, April 5

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
11:00am-4:00pm	Blood Drive: If you are able, stop by the blood mobile and do a mitzvah by donating blood! Walk-ins welcome.	Beit Am (Covered Court)
11:00am-12:00pm	Sinai—Where Beginning Meets End with Rabbi Sarit Horwitz: Sinai is both destination and origin. In this class, we examine the dynamic relationship between God and Israel from Moses' first encounter at the Burning Bush to the moment of Torah's giving. Learn how human imperfection, divine patience, and covenantal love shape the ongoing story of revelation.	Beit Kneset (Synagogue)
	Mid-draw-sh—Visual Exploration of Torah with Rabbi Abe Friedman: This interactive workshop will share techniques for mining Torah text for visual cues and creating bold, eye-catching chalk art. Public art serves two purposes: it beautifies our surroundings while also opening a conversation among neighbors about communal values and challenging ideas. The fragility of chalk means these works are temporary, lasting only as long as rain, wind and passing feet allow. Anyone is capable of laying down bold, dynamic chalk art - if you know what a rectangle is, you can pull this off! Perfect for all ages (9 and under should come with an adult or teen partner). Your hands and clothes will get dirty.	Meet at Levine Center Portico
	Djembe Drumming 101 with Drew Cohen: Discover the rhythm in this hands-on introduction to drumming. Learn the basics, explore different rhythms, and find your beat in a fun and interactive class for all skill levels.	Pizza Patio
	Fit Fusion with Hillary Marshall: Fit fusion is a dynamic workout combining two or more modalities into one class. This is a mostly barefoot class, shoes can be worn if desired. We will combine yoga, cardio, and body weight exercises for a well-balanced experience. Come ready to sweat and stretch! All fitness levels welcome. Mats provided.	Yoga & Dance Studio
11:45am-12:00pm	Kids Camp Pickup	See Youth Booklet
12:00-1:30pm	Aruchat Tzohorayim (Lunch)	Chadar Ochel
12:00-1:00pm	JTS Info Table Open with Rabbi Annie Lewis: Take the next steps in your journey of transformative Jewish learning and leadership! Learn about the plethora of programs offered at the Jewish Theological Seminary including the Rabbinical and Cantorial Schools, Kekst Graduate School, List College (joint program and dual degree with Columbia University or Barnard College), the MA in Spiritual Care and Counseling, MFA in Creative Writing, MA in Ritual Leadership and Executive Doctorate program in Leadership and Change.	Chadar Ochel
1:00-1:15pm	JTS & All Clergy Photos: Attention all current JTS students and alumni and all clergy...don't miss the photo! Let's see just how many rabbis, cantors, and Jewish educators are at Passover!	Kikar (Activity Field)
1:30-6:00pm	*Adult & Teen Odyssey: Sign up in advance for this obstacle course in the sky. Adult Odyssey times are offered at: 1:30-3:00pm, 2:00-3:30pm, 2:30-4:00pm, 4:00-5:30pm, and 4:30-6:00pm. Teen Odyssey times are offered at: 3:00-4:30pm and 3:30-5:00pm. Closed-toe shoes required.	Odyssey Course
1:30-5:30pm	*Archery: Must be 10 years and older.	Archery Range
	Open Boating: Wait times for boats may vary.	Agam (Lake)
1:30-1:45pm	Kids Camp Drop Off	See Youth Booklet
1:45-3:45pm	*Adult Art—Shabbat & Etrog Boxes: Design an old wooden cigar box to hold your Shabbat candles or benchers! Or what's more Jewish than to prepare for one holiday while still celebrating another? So let's get ready for Sukkot! Decorate a box that will become a beautiful etrog holder to use during Sukkot.	Omanut (Art Building)

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TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
1:45-3:45pm	*Adult Art–Resin Mezuzot with Jennifer Kaplan: Experiment with UV resin and create your own mezuzah! Get creative and use a variety of “mix-ins” to create a one-of-a-kind piece.	Omanut (Art Building)
	*Adult Art–Whittling Yads with Rabbi Ayal Robkin: Personalize this meaningful ritual object as you carve your own yad to use when you read Torah or make it as a gift for someone else!	
1:45-2:45pm	Answering the Call–Rabbi Herschel Schacter’s Letter Home with Rabbi Abe Schacter-Gampel: In this session we will study a deeply personal letter written by Rabbi Schacter-Gampel's grandfather, Rabbi Herschel Schacter, explaining to his parents why he chose to enlist as a U.S. Army chaplain during World War II. Through the letter and its historical context, we’ll explore the convictions, tensions, and moral clarity that shaped the young rabbi who would later help liberate Buchenwald.	Beit Kneset (Synagogue)
	Silent Disco Mincha Rave with Eliana Light & featuring DJ Aluminum: Dance through the afternoon liturgy and feel gratitude and connection. Slip on a pair of Silent Disco headphones and come ready to breath, move, and practice being fully yourself. No prayer or dance experience required!	Program Center Vista Room
3:00-4:15pm	Hebrew Humanism, Not "Sacred Egoism"–Martin Buber's Unusual Vision of Zionism with Rabbi Shai Held: Martin Buber was an impassioned, influential–and highly controversial–thinker and leader in the Zionist movement. In his understanding of Zionism and its goals, he differed greatly from almost all of his fellow Zionist leaders. Among other things, he argued that Zionism was not primarily about Jewish sovereignty in the land, and he insisted that the great moral and spiritual test of Zionism would be how it related to the Arabs living in the land. In this session, we'll learn about the key concepts in Buber's approach to Zionism and explore how they grow out of his more general views of Judaism and ethics.	Beit Kneset (Synagogue)
	◆Wine Tasting with Tulip Winery & Welcome New Arrivals! Taste a selection of wines from Tulip Winery. Founded in 2003, this Israeli winery combines fine, high-quality wines with a committed contribution to the community. The winery is in Kfar Tikvah, a small and pastoral settlement for residents with special needs. The winery's inspiring and thriving model of employing members of the community and providing a platform for their integration into the labor market has formed an extraordinary, strong, inseparable, and rooted connection.	Moadon (Multipurpose Room)
	Boot Camp with Hillary Marshall: Get ready to move, sweat, and feel strong! This boot camp style workout combines cardio bursts, strength training, and core stability for a total-body challenge. Using minimal equipment, you'll build endurance, power, and confidence in a supportive group setting. All fitness levels welcome. Mats provided.	Yoga & Dance Studio
3:45-4:30pm	Grab & Go Snacks Available	Mercaz Aryeh (Library)
4:00-6:00pm	*Adult Art–Intaglio Printmaking with Chine Collé with Judy Robkin: Etch an image below the surface of a metal plate as you create a unique print. Then learn the delicate printmaking technique of chine collé to add layered color and texture.	Omanut (Art Building)
	*Adult Art–Resin Jewelry with Jennifer Kaplan: UV resin art is fun, easy, and fast! Make yourself some new jewels using molds and mix-ins to create unique jewelry. No experience necessary!	
	*Adult Art–Wooden Seder Plates with Micah Segal-Miller: Create a beautiful, modern wooden Passover seder plate, inspired by a contemporary design. Participants will cut, shape, sand, and finish a striking design to take home for future use at their Passover tables. Only one seder plate can be made per household and this session is only open to adults.	

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Sunday, April 5

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
4:30-5:30pm	<p>The Spiral Sacred Time with Rabbi Yosef Goldman: The first commandment given to Israel wasn't about belief—it was about time. Through close reading of Exodus 12 and conversation, we'll explore the Torah's radical claim that sacred time is itself a technology of transformation—and how the mo'adim (the Three Festivals) invite us not just to remember but to reenter, tasting redemption and revelation from the inside, deeper each year.</p>	Beit Kneset (Synagogue)
	<p>Ask For It—Negotiate From Your Strengths & Your Values with Sara Shapiro-Plevan: Negotiation isn't just about earning more, but navigating work and relationships, too. Negotiate like an expert, and uncover other benefits, from demonstrating value to others to increasing impact. Strengthen your confidence and bring unique value to your work and your field.</p>	Moadon (Multipurpose Room)
	<p>Walking Campus Tour: Get the lay of the land of our beautiful campus.</p>	Meet at Welcome Center
	<p>Slow Flow 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. Mats provided.</p>	Yoga & Dance Studio
5:45-6:00pm	Mincha	Beit Kneset (Synagogue)
5:45-5:55pm	Kids Camp Pickup	See Youth Booklet
6:00-7:30pm	Aruchat Erev (Dinner)	Chadar Ochel
6:00-7:00pm	<p>◆2nd Half Meet & Greet for 55+: Enjoy a dinner meet-up with other 55ish and ups as we welcome 2nd half guests to the retreat.</p>	Lakeside Chadar Ochel
7:30-8:45pm	<p>Teaching America's Children About Jews, Judaism & Jewish History—What Do K-12 Public School Students Learn & How Can the Jewish Community Help? with Lior Klirs: Join the Editorial Director of the Institute for Curriculum Services (ICS) for a session that explores the K-12 public education ecosystem and various trends, challenges, and opportunities affecting what students learn about Jewish topics. In a time of rising antisemitism, attention has turned to the role education plays in shaping the attitudes of America's younger generations—an issue relevant to parents, grandparents, teachers, and all those committed to ensuring young students gain an accurate and rich understanding of the Jewish people and our history. The media and general discourse have focused on college campuses, but less attention has been paid to the K-12 space which, it can be argued, is the real battleground for the hearts and minds of America's youth. Hear about the latest research into what teachers teach about Jewish topics, relevant trends in state education policy and curriculum, current efforts to improve the quality and accuracy of education about Jewish topics, and how community stakeholders can help.</p>	Beit Kneset (Synagogue)
	<p>Singing Circle led by Drew Cohen & Coleen Dieker: Gather together to sing niggunim old and new. No experience necessary, just your presence.</p>	Moadon (Multipurpose Room)
8:45-9:00pm	Maariv	
9:00-10:30pm	<p>Ramah Darom Film Festival Night 2—The Women's Balcony (Comedy-Drama): The women of a small Jerusalem synagogue revolt against a new, rigid rabbi who tries to diminish their role. 2016. Hebrew film with English subtitles. Not rated. 96 minutes.</p>	Beit Kneset (Synagogue)
	<p>Adult Peulat Erev (Evening Activity)—Trivia Night: Take part in some friendly competition at the Passover Retreat's annual team trivia as you test your knowledge about (sometimes) useful and random facts.</p>	Lakeside Chadar Ochel

Monday, April 6

TIME	EXCURSIONS DEPART FROM BEHIND CHADAR OCHEL
8:45am-12:30pm	<p>*Family Horseback Adventure: Enjoy a horseback ride experiencing all the natural beauty the Chattahoochee National Forest has to offer! Perfect for ages 3+. Ride a mountain path to a miniature animal farm, stop for fishing at three stocked ponds, see a blacksmith demonstration on a forge, ride a train through a gold mine cave, and check out the aviary. Age 7+ must ride on their own horse. *Weight Limit: 270 lbs. maximum per horse.</p>
	<p>*Zipline Tour: For ages 2 to 102. Zip through the trees on nine ziplines totaling 7,000 linear feet! *Weight Limit: 250 lbs. maximum, Weight Requirement: 20 lbs. minimum.</p>
9:15-11:45am	<p>*Blue Ridge Honey Company Tour: Learn all about the beekeeping and honey making process! Tour the warehouse, bottling room, and see the observation hive!</p>
3:30-6:00pm	<p>*♦Rabun County Historical Society: Join the 55+ cohort for a journey into the heart of Clayton. The Rabun County Historical Society offers a unique look at the local heritage surrounding Ramah Darom. Explore the fascinating evolution of Northeast Georgia, including Appalachian Traditions: The origins of the famous Foxfire books, Local Landmarks: The history of the Tallulah Falls Railroad and early mountain life, and Cherokee Heritage: Artifacts and stories from the region's earliest inhabitants. This is a wonderful opportunity to step off-campus, stretch your legs in downtown Clayton, and connect with the rich storytelling tradition of the South.</p>

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7:45-8:45am	Traditional Egalitarian Shacharit	Beit Kneset (Synagogue)
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: A daily shiur (class) offering insight into the rabbinic mind and its logical methodologies.	Lakeside Chadar Ochel
9:30am-12:00pm	Open Swim	Breicha (Pool)
9:30-9:45am	Kids Camp Drop Off	See Youth Booklet
9:45-11:45am	<p>*Adult Art–Linocut Printmaking with Judy Robkin: Explore the satisfying art of linocut printmaking as you design and carve your own image into a linoleum block and hand-print it. Make a single striking print or multiple copies of your design—you'll be amazed at the results.</p>	Omanut (Art Building)
	<p>*Adult Art–Wire Wrapped Jewelry with Jennifer Kaplan: Create jewelry from wire and beads! In this workshop, you'll learn the basics of wire wrapping and joining as you make one pair of earrings or a necklace.</p>	
	<p>*Adult Art–Wooden Seder Plates with Micah Segal-Miller: Create a beautiful, modern wooden Passover seder plate, inspired by a contemporary design. Participants will cut, shape, sand, and finish a striking design to take home for future use at their Passover tables. Only one seder plate can be made per household and this session is only open to adults.</p>	
	<p>*Fishing Workshop–Reeling in the Essentials! with Summit Academy Adventures: This workshop is open to ages 10+ (with parents) and anyone else! It will teach you the basics of fishing. Here you will learn by doing as we go through equipment and gear, bait and lures, rod set up, ethics and conservation and on-water practice. Advanced sign-up is required and additional onlookers are welcome!</p>	Meet at Boat House
9:45-10:45am	<p>Finding God in Torah & Nature–Exploring Psalm 19 with Rabbi Shai Held: Do we find God in the beauty and majesty of the natural world or in the power and delight of Torah? Do we discover a different kind of God in each place? On a very different plane: how did our ancestors deal with the idea that some people thought that nature itself was worthy of worship? In this session, we'll engage in a close literary and theological reading of Psalm 19 ("The heavens declare the glory of God"), part of Pesukei DeZimra for Shabbat and Yom Tov, and ask how it speaks to our lives, and also how it works with and subverts ideas about God from the ancient Near East.</p>	Beit Kneset (Synagogue)

Monday, April 6

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
9:45-10:45am	Creative Writing–Shir Shel Yom with Shlomit Naim Naor: Join a grounding and reflective session as you write your own psalm of the day after a short reading and study of Monday's Psalm. Find meaning as you ask yourself: "What does this mean for me today?, Where am I?, and What am I seeing?"	Program Center Lounge
	Boot Camp with Hillary Marshall: Get ready to move, sweat, and feel strong! This boot camp style workout combines cardio bursts, strength training, and core stability for a total-body challenge. Using minimal equipment, you'll build endurance, power, and confidence in a supportive group setting. All fitness levels welcome. Mats provided.	Yoga & Dance Studio
11:00am-12:00pm	Rediscovering Aviv with Rabbi Abe Friedman: The Jewish calendar's intricate calculations endeavor to keep Passover ba-hodesh ha-Aviv, "In the month of Aviv" – but the Torah never quite explains why this month is important enough that all of Jewish time should revolve around keeping Pesah during this season. Through careful reading of our sacred texts and sensitive attention to the natural world, we will begin developing an intuitive understanding of Judaism's first holiday. This session is in memory of Rabbi Feidman's father and long-time Ramah Darom retreat supporter, Murray Friedman, ל"ז.	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
	Parenting & Building Resilience with Maxine Handelman & Dr. Marshall Duke: At the seder, we tell the ultimate family story, which has strengthened the Jewish people for generations. Inspired by clinical psychologist Dr. Marshall Duke's work on family storytelling and its link to resilient children, explore how your family stories can help you nurture resilience in your children and grandchildren. Learn practical strategies to strengthen family connections and support children's emotional growth for all life's challenges, and especially for these challenging times we find ourselves in now.	Program Center Lounge
	*Ukulele 101 with Drew Cohen: Have a blast making music with the ukulele while learning to play a song or two.	Pizza Patio
	Deep Stretch & Yoga Nidra with Hillary Marshall: The session will start with a short warm up to get your body and mind ready. Then, we will hold poses for 2-5 minutes. A short yoga nidra practice will end the session. Yoga nidra is a mindfulness practice, similar to meditation. You completely relax your mind and body while still remaining conscious. All fitness levels welcome. Mats provided.	Yoga & Dance Studio
11:45am-12:00pm	Kids Camp Pickup	See Youth Booklet
12:00-1:30pm	Aruchat Tzohorayim (Lunch)	Chadar Ochel
12:30-1:30pm	Lunch & Learn–Chronic Illness & Disability Meetup with Rabbi Yosef Goldman: The holidays can be full of joy—and can also bring unique challenges when living with illness, pain, or disability. Grab lunch and join an informal, confidential gathering to connect with others who truly understand—to share experiences, find support, and simply be in good company.	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
1:30-5:30pm	*Archery: Must be 10 years and older.	Archery Range
	*Adult Climbing: Must wear closed-toe shoes. Note that climbing is built into the Kids Camp schedule for Grades K and up.	Alpine Tower
1:30-5:30pm	Open Boating: Wait times for boats may vary.	Agam (Lake)
1:30-1:45pm	Kids Camp Drop Off	See Youth Booklet

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1:45-3:45pm	*Adult Art–Handmade Bracha Book with Judy Robkin: Forget writing a book–let’s build one! Using paper-folding techniques and beautiful papers, craft a handmade book featuring brachot special to you!	Omanut (Art Building)
	*Adult Art–Alcohol Inks with Jennifer Kaplan: Immerse yourself in the relaxing art of alcohol inking, where you will create colorful designs that mimic beautiful marbling and explosive watercolor effects.	
	*Adult Art–Wooden Seder Plates with Micah Segal-Miller: Create a beautiful, modern wooden Passover seder plate, inspired by a contemporary design. Participants will cut, shape, sand, and finish a striking design to take home for future use at their Passover tables. Only one seder plate can be made per household and this session is only open to adults.	
1:45-2:45pm	From Insecure Shepard to Inspiring Leader–Moshe’s Journey with Rabba Yaffa Epstein: Moshe is considered the greatest leader of the Jewish people, and the one who brings them from slavery to freedom. Yet, he himself undergoes many personal transformations. From Prince of Egypt to simple shepherd to savior of the Jewish people - Moshe’s journey to leader is a long and complicated one. This session will explore how Moshe learns to trust in himself and his leadership style, and what we can learn from his transformation.	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
	*Stitch & Schmooze hosted by Wendy Heller: Interested in learning how to needlepoint? Sign up to get the basics down! Want to stop by and do your own stitching (knitting, crocheting, etc.) to schmooze while others learn? Bring your supplies, and we will have some extra handy. Recommended for teens and adults.	Program Center Lounge
3:00-4:15pm	What is My Shelichut?–Connecting with Passion & Purpose with Rabbi Annie Lewis: The Passover holiday gives us an opportunity to pause and ask ourselves, “How can I be of service? What is my Shelihut? What is my assignment for this life?” Drawing on the narrative of Moshe’s call to leadership, we will explore how we can use our gifts to bring more goodness into the world.	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
	Passover Desserts with Rabbi Chef Nissimmi Naim Naor: Experience a demo like no other where you will be let in on secrets in creating the tastiest Passover desserts. Stand by for the Tisch on Tuesday night so you can taste all the yummy treats!	Lakeside Chadar Ochel
	Power Flow 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. Mats Provided.	Yoga & Dance Studio
3:45-4:30pm	Grab & Go Snacks Available	Mercaz Aryah (Library)
4:00-6:00pm	*Adult Art–Mini-Acrylic Masterpieces with Judy Robkin: Transform 4" x 4" wood tiles into eye-catching artworks using unconventional tools like credit cards, toothpicks, or whatever odds and ends spark your imagination. The tiny canvas invites big creativity as you swipe, scrape, dot, and drag your way to surprising textures and vibrant abstracts.	Omanut (Art Building)
	*Adult Art–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!	
	*Adult Art–Wooden Seder Plates with Micah Segal-Miller: Create a beautiful, modern wooden Passover seder plate, inspired by a contemporary design. Participants will cut, shape, sand, and finish a striking design to take home for future use at their Passover tables. Only one seder plate can be made per household and this session is only open to adults.	

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4:30-5:30pm	At the Doorway of the Divine—Exploring the Mezuzah with Rabbi Abe Schacter-Gampel: Discover the rich history and deep meaning behind the mezuzah, a ritual we encounter every day yet often take for granted. Together, we'll unpack its significance and the ideas it embodies in Jewish life.	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
	Jam & Butter for Your Matzah with Amy Price: Make your own kosher for Passover jam and butter to spread on your matzah using tips and tricks of a homesteading expert.	Lakeside Chadar Ochel
	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. Mats provided.	Yoga & Dance Studio
5:45-5:55pm	Kids Camp Pickup	See Youth Booklet
6:00-7:30pm	Aruchat Erev (Dinner)	Chadar Ochel
7:30-8:45pm	An Evening of Music with Ramah Darom: Enjoy a concert with Ramah Darom Passover Musicians.	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
	Family Peulat Erev (Evening Activity)—Paint by Sticker: A new creative outlet! Listen to music and enjoy a fun activity where families relax and schmooze as they complete sticker-by-number pictures together. It's simple, screen-free, and a great way to unwind and connect at the end of the day.	Moadon (Multipurpose Room)
8:45-9:00pm	Maariv	
9:00-10:30pm	Ramah Darom Film Festival 3—Guns & Moses (Western Crime Thriller): A beloved small town rabbi in the high desert becomes an unlikely gunslinger after his community is violently attacked. 2024. Rated R, strong action violence. 94 minutes.	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
	Adult Peulat Erev—Tailgate Night NCAA College Basketball Championships: Rep your favorite college sport teams and come to a Passover tailgate like no other. Enjoy a live screening of the March Madness Final, schmooze, play fun games, and more! Not into sports? No worries! You will have fun too.	Lakeside Chadar Ochel

Tuesday, April 7

TIME	EXCURSIONS DEPART FROM BEHIND CHADAR OCHEL
8:45am-12:30pm	Tallulah Rim Hike: 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.
	*Mountain Adventure Horseback Riding: On this incredible 2-hour guided mountain horseback ride, you will enjoy the natural beauty of the Chattahoochee National Forest and even have a chance to ride up to an old moonshine still! This 7-9 miles lets you experience a deep look into the forest with more time to enjoy it. See the untouched beauty of streams and wooded trails on this incredible adventure.
	*ATV Ride: Follow a 5-mile loop of mountain terrain, led by experienced guides. Visit a gold mine, drive through a cave, and see the mini animal farm as you cruise. Participants age 16+ with a driver's license can drive an ATV alone. *Weight Limit: 350 lbs. maximum per ATV.
1:30-4:30pm	*Free Teen Field Trip—Blue Ridge Activity & Tumbling Center (BRAT): Teens are invited to join a fun afternoon at the BRAT Center to hang out with friends, enjoy the trampoline, indoor boulder wall, and ninja course, do gymnastics, and more!

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7:45-8:45am	Traditional Egalitarian Shacharit	Beit Kneset (Synagogue)
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8:30-9:30am	Health Clinic Open	Mini Marp
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	*Adult Art–Wire Wrapped Jewelry with Jennifer Kaplan: Create jewelry from wire and beads! In this workshop, you'll learn the basics of wire wrapping and joining as you make one pair of earrings or a necklace.	
	*Adult Art–Whittling Yads with Rabbi Ayal Robkin: Personalize this meaningful ritual object as you carve your own yad to use when you read Torah or make it as a gift for someone else!	
9:45-10:45am	Musical "Hallel"-luyah! led by Rabbi Yosef Goldman & Fellow Musicians: Start your day with an uplifting Hallel service full of song. This is the one with instruments, great melodies, and open hearts. Every voice welcome.	Beit Kneset (Synagogue)
	Creative Writing–Shir Shel Yom with Shlomit Naim Naor: Join a grounding and reflective session as you write your own psalm of the day after a short reading and study of Tuesday's Psalm. Find meaning as you ask yourself: "What does this mean for me today?, Where am I?, and What am I seeing?"	Program Center Lounge
	*Home Coffee Roasting 101 with Rabbi Aaron Alexander: Roasting coffee at home is easier than you think! It's also the best way to enjoy the freshest possible high-quality coffee, straight from small farms and farmers, and it's cost effective as well.	Lakeside Chadar Ochel
11:00am-12:00pm	A Pot of Longing with Rabbi Chef Nissimmi Naim Naor: Go behind the scenes of Rabbi Nissimmi Naim Naor's television series, where he cooks with families affected by October 7. In a Pot of Longing "food becomes more than just a meal—it's a way of holding onto memory, a bridge between past and present..."	Moadon (Multipurpose Room)
	Addiction in the Frum Community–What is Happening & What Can We Do About It? with Shimmy Feintuch: As a psychotherapist and addictions counselor working in the frum community, Shimmy will share stories about how frum individuals, families, and frum society-at-large is affected by addiction. Learn what is happening in our community, and what we can do about it.	Beit Kneset (Synagogue)
	Strenuous Hike with Summit Academy Adventures: Explore a trail right outside of campus. Hike beyond a nearby waterfall on a rough trail with potentially steep terrain with field expert Sam Aranson and connect with nature in a meaningful way.	Meet at Levine Center Portico
11:45am-12:00pm	Kids Camp Pickup	See Youth Booklet
12:00-1:30pm	Aruchat Tzohorayim (Lunch)	Chadar Ochel

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1:30-5:00pm	*Archery: Must be 10 years and older.	Archery Range
	*Adult Climbing: Must wear closed-toe shoes. Note that climbing is built into the Kids Camp schedule for Grades K and up.	Alpine Tower
	Open Boating: Wait times for boats may vary.	Agam (Lake)
1:30-1:45pm	Kids Camp Drop Off	See Youth Booklet
1:45-3:45pm	*Adult Art–Layered Papercut Jerusalem with Judy Robkin: Learn traditional techniques as you create a beautiful piece of art using Jerusalem (with paper and an X-Acto knife) as your inspiration.	Omanut (Art Building)
	*Adult Art–Zine Collaging with Jennifer Kaplan: Create a Passover inspired intricate collage using paper as a tool for storytelling.	
	*Adult Art–Judaica Woodburning with Rabbi Ayal Robkin: Burn your own design into a mezuzah, seder plate, kiddush cup or other Judaica options to personalize this meaningful ritual object.	
1:45-2:45pm	Ugly Men & Beautiful Rabbis–What is beauty in Judaism? with Rabba Yaffa Epstein: Let's face it - looks matter! But should they matter in Judaism? How do looks play a role in the world and in Jewish life? This class will look at the concept of beauty and ugliness in the Talmud, and try to shed some light on Judaism's perspective on beauty.	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
	Tie-Dye Creations for Adults: Want to learn how to get the perfect spiral? Interested in a bullseye pattern? Learn all the tricks to creating a colorful and wearable work of art. Bring a white t-shirt or anything else made of cotton!	Kikar (Activity Field)
	*Circuit Training with Hillary Marshall: This is a fast-paced full-body workout class that combines strength, endurance and cardio exercises in a series of stations. You'll move quickly from one exercise to the next, targeting different muscle groups, improving overall fitness and burning calories in a short amount of time. All fitness levels are welcome!	Program Center Fitness Center
3:00-4:15pm	What Do We Do When the Law Permits Something Immoral? with Rabbi Shai Held: In one of the most fascinating, inspiring, and perplexing passages in his legal code, the Mishneh Torah, Maimonides confronts a truly disturbing problem: sometimes the law permits behavior that we know to be morally unacceptable. Through a careful examination of this passage, we'll explore Maimonides' vision of ethics as a whole; his arguments for why Jewish ethics insists that every human being, Jewish or non-, must be treated fairly, kindly, and with compassion; his interpretation of the relationship between following the law, on the one hand, and having good character, on the other; and his understanding of what the law is trying to teach us and elicit from us. We'll also investigate Maimonides' rhetorical style—that is, not just what arguments he makes, but how he makes them, and his unusual interpretation of going beyond the letter of the law (lifnim mi-shurat ha-din).	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
	Tie-Dye Creations for Adults: Want to learn how to get the perfect spiral? Interested in a bullseye pattern? Learn all the tricks to creating a colorful and wearable work of art. Bring a white t-shirt or anything else made of cotton!	Kikar (Activity Field)
	Deep Stretch with Hillary Marshall: Use mindful techniques, such as breathwork and long holds, to completely relax the body and improve flexibility. After a short warm up, poses are held for 2-5 minutes. All fitness levels welcome. Mats provided.	Yoga & Dance Studio
3:45-4:30pm	Grab & Go Snacks Available	Mercaz Aryeh (Library)

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Tuesday, April 7

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
4:00-5:30pm	*Adult Art–Beaded Candlesticks with Jennifer Kaplan: Create a new pair of colorful and funky candlesticks just in time for Yom Tov (or before you get home for Shabbat)! Design, stack, and paint wooden components to spice up add flare to your Judaica collections.	Omanut (Art Building)
	*Adult Art–Splatter Paint Studio: Stop by to create a work of art inspired by splatter techniques. Wear clothes you don't mind getting stained. Note that this activity is outdoors behind the Art & Crafts Center.	
4:30-5:30pm	Hidden Labors–Female Jewish Healers Between Text & Reality with Jordan Katz: Jewish women frequently operated as healers in early modern Europe. In recent years, scholars have begun to unearth the contributions of women to the domains of healthcare and healing, showing that they were often the first practitioners whom patients sought out in the event of disease or misfortune. Drawing on material from her forthcoming book, Jordan Katz explores the multifaceted role of Jewish women healers in early modern Europe, with an eye toward their engagement with Jewish communal authorities and rabbinic leaders.	Moadon (Multipurpose Room)
	The Power of Honey & A Tasting with Amy Price: Whether you visited the Blue Ride Honey Company this week or not, you'll enjoy this conversation that offers insight into the healing powers of honey!	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
	*Stitch & Schmooze hosted by Wendy Heller: Interested in learning how to needlepoint? Sign up to get the basics down! Want to stop by and do your own stitching (knitting, crocheting, etc.) to schmooze while others learn? Bring your supplies, and we will have some extra handy. Recommended for teens and adults.	Program Center Lounge
	Vinaya 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 tight hips and increasing flexibility in the backs of the legs. Mats provided.	Yoga & Dance Studio
5:30-6:00pm	Pre-Yom Tov Snack: For little ones when 7:30pm dinner is just too late!	Levine Center Portico
5:45-5:55pm	Kids Camp Pickup	See Youth Booklet
6:30-7:20pm	Mincha, D'var Torah & Maariv: Please see Rabbi Josh Heller if you are interested in attending a later Maariv.	Beit Knesset
6:45-7:41pm	Candle Lighting Available	Chadar Ochel
7:30-9:00pm	Yom Tov Dinner	
9:00-10:00pm	Can Gratitude Be Toxic? with Rabbi Ayal Robkin: Is "thank you" a gift or a debt? We are taught from childhood that gratitude is the ultimate virtue, but we rarely talk about why it feels so heavy. Why do we sometimes recoil from someone's kindness? Why does a child grab a candy and run away without a word? In this session, we'll explore the tension between Hakarat HaTov (recognizing the good) and the crushing weight of indebtedness. Drawing on the works of the Alei Shor (Rabbi Shlomo Wolbe) and the "Middle Path" of Maimonides, we will investigate the mechanics of appreciation and find the balance between being a "taker" and being a "giver."	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
9:30-11:00pm	Tisch hosted by Rabbi Chef Nissimmi & Shlomit Naim Naor: Join in for singing, stories, l'chaims, and more. If singing isn't your jam, we'll have your favorite games to play including a few rounds of Ramah Darom's own version of competitive bingo!	Lakeside Chadar Ochel

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Wednesday, April 8

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	Daily Dose of Talmud with Rabbi Aaron Alexander	Lakeside Chadar Ochel
9:30am-12:00pm	Traditional Egalitarian Yom Tov Service	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
9:30-10:15am	A Family Service—Minyan Shelanu, A Musical Service with Ori Salzberg: Join 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!	Moadon (Multipurpose Room)
10:15-10:45am	Boker Tunes led by Carla Friend from Tkiya: Join Carla for a Yom Tov service best for ages 0-4 and their grownups full of singing, movement, stories, parachute play, and more.	Mercaz Aryeh (Library)
11:00-11:45am	Adult Service—Mindful Musical Morning with Eliana Light & Carla Friend: Through blends of prayer and music, and movement, we will lift our spirits and ground ground our bodies. Through intention, we will seek new wisdom. Through silence, we will listen to ourselves and each other. Acoustic instruments will be used during this service.	Moadon (Multipurpose Room)
11:00am-12:00pm	Family Gaga Tournament & Playground Time: Play gaga (ages 6 and up) or enjoy the playground (ages 5 and under) and schmooze with other parents, while the kiddos play. Parent supervision required.	Lower Roads Gaga Pit & Gan Playground
12:00-1:30pm	Aruchat Tzohorayim (Lunch)	Chadar Ochel
12:30-1:30pm	Lunch & Learn—Jewish Educators Unite! with Kelly Cohen: Connect with fellow Jewish educators over lunch to share experiences, exchange ideas, and find inspiration in your work.	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
1:30-5:30pm	Open Swim	Breicha (Pool)
1:30-1:45pm	Kids Camp Drop Off	See Youth Booklet
1:45-3:45pm	*Adult Gaming—Tzitz & Scepter—Mysterious Depths, A Tabletop Role-Playing Game with Rabbi Abe Friedman: With many leading Sages exiled or put to death and others driven underground, the Jewish community appears perched on the brink of collapse. With the installation of a Roman Prefect, however, comes a brief respite from persecution - and also dangers far greater than anyone can imagine. This role-playing game will take you back to the Land of Israel in the 2nd century CE, the age of the Mishnah, as you and your companions attempt to avert catastrophe and preserve Judaism for generations to come...	Mercaz Aryeh Conference Room
1:45-2:45pm	Pesach—A Time for Personal Transformation with Rabba Yaffa Epstein: The last few years have been incredibly difficult ones for the Jewish people. But, we are not newcomers to hard times - and indeed the holiday of Pesach is all about moving forward after impossibly difficult situations. Join us to explore what the lessons of this holiday can teach us about resilience, and personal transformation.	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
	◆Lomir Alle Zingen—Yiddish Song with Rabbi Abe Schacter-Gampel: Experience Yiddish in its most joyful form - song! Everyone is welcome, whether you know a word of Yiddish or simply love to sing together.	Program Center Lounge

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Wednesday, April 8

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
3:00-4:15pm	<p>The Necessity of Narrative in Halakhic Decision Making–The Hakham Tzvi’s Take on AI with Rabbi Aaron Alexander: Yes, Rabbi Tzvi Hirsch ben Yaakov Ashkenazi, (1656 - 1718) has a position on this. Together we’ll textually de-layer his response on the Golem’s place in communal life in an attempt to better understand what makes us the humans we are. This is the third session in a three-part series exploring the necessity of narrative in Halakhic decision making in which the stories behind the questions influenced the direction of the rabbinic decisor. The reality is that written law–case-law (responsa) and codes–significantly depend on the very human stories that animates both the unique questions, and idiosyncratic responses. Come to any or all!</p>	Beit Kneset (Synagogue)
	<p>Freedom from Unhelpful Thoughts–How Cognitive Behavior Therapy Helps Us Reclaim Choice & Control with Dr. Miriam Holtzman: Drawing on the themes of liberation from Passover, this lecture connects the idea of freedom from slavery to modern life, offering practical CBT tools to challenge internal and societal pressures and reclaim greater control over one’s thoughts and actions.</p>	Moadon (Multipurpose Room)
	<p>◆Passover Cocktail & Mocktail Cultural Connections with Carlton Chamblin: Farm2Cocktail’s Carlton Chamblin, renowned for his hospitality and storytelling, will use the Passover story and his Southern heritage as inspiration for cocktail and mocktail making. There will be supplies for 50, but onlookers are welcome!</p>	Lakeside Chadar Ochel
	<p>Fit Fusion with Hillary Marshall: Fit fusion is a dynamic workout combining two or more modalities into one class. This is a mostly barefoot class, shoes can be worn if desired. We will combine yoga, cardio, and body weight exercises for a well-balanced experience. Come ready to sweat and stretch! All fitness levels welcome. Mats provided.</p>	Yoga & Dance Studio
3:45-4:30pm	Grab & Go Snacks Available	Mercaz Aryeh (Library)
4:30-5:30pm	<p>Listen to Your Heart–A Psychotherapist & a Rabbi Walk into a Session with Shimmy Feintuch & Rabba Yaffa Epstein: Join Shimmy Feintuch, a psychotherapist and addictions counselor, and Yaffa Epstein, an Orthodox Rabba, as they discuss love and relationships from Jewish and psychological perspectives. You might even walk out with a few tips to make your relationships better - no matter if it’s with your partner, best friend, parents, child or yourself!</p>	Beit Kneset (Synagogue)
	<p>Shirat HaYam–What is it with Jews & Water with Shlomit Naim Naor? Shirat HaYam (The song of the sea) is a beautiful biblical poem read on the 7th day of Passover. We will examine this poem’s language, imagery, and emotional power as we ask "why does the sea appear so often in Jewish imagination? Jews are not known as seafarers or pirates, yet some of our most powerful moments happen at the edge of the water."</p>	Program Center Lounge
	<p>Clarified Cocktails–The History & Technique of Milk Punch (because it is Kosher for Passover!) with Carlton Chamblin: Join mixologist Carlton Chamblin for a demonstration of clarified milk punch. Learn how and why this technique was originally used to preserve cocktails, and how milk clarification smooths out harsh acids and tannins to create a clear, balanced drink. Carlton will walk through the classic method, flavor-building it with spirits, teas, citrus, and spices. Everyone will get to taste and compare the original cocktail with its clarified version. Cheers!</p>	Lakeside Chadar Ochel
	<p>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. Mats provided.</p>	Yoga & Dance Studio
5:30-5:45pm	Kids Camp Pickup	See Youth Booklet

Wednesday, April 8

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
5:45-6:00pm	Mincha	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
6:00-7:30pm	Aruchat Erev (Dinner)	Chadar Ochel
7:30-8:30pm	Asking For a Friend—Two Ps and Two PKs with Rabbis Shai Held and Aaron Alexander and Teens Lev Held and Ariel Alexander: Join the rabbis, along with their teenage sons as they talk together about God and Halakhah. The teens will be asking the questions—first to the “other” parent.	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
	Family Peula (Activity) with Kelly Cohen: Bring the whole family for a fun and interactive game night. Compete against other families to test out both your Passover and general trivia knowledge. Guaranteed fun for everyone!	Moadon (Multipurpose Room)
8:38pm	Candle Lighting Available	Chadar Ochel
8:30-9:00pm	Maariv & Yom Tov Meal (Kiddush, Matzah & Dessert)	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
9:00-10:00pm	To Whom Are We Obligated? Pursuing Freedom & Redemption in a Fractured & Divided World—A Conversation with Rabbis Nissimmi Naim Naor, Josh Heller, Aaron Alexander & Rabba Yaffa Epstein: What might redemption look like in the near future, and what responsibility do we each hold in bringing more freedom into the world today? In a time of challenges and endless choices for action, this conversation explores how individuals and communities can respond thoughtfully, balancing personal responsibility, communal commitments, and the call to repair a divisive and fractured world.	
9:30-10:15pm	Annual Chopped—Charoset Edition: Who can make the best charoset with a surprise ingredient? Find out at this fun cooking experiment. Perfect for all ages.	Lakeside Chadar Ochel

Thursday, April 9

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	Daily Dose of Talmud with Rabbi Aaron Alexander	Lakeside Chadar Ochel
9:30am-12:00pm	Traditional Egalitarian Shabbat & Yom Tov Service: Yizkor is around 10:45am.	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
10:15-10:45am	Boker Tunes led by Carla Friend from Tkiya: Join Carla for a Yom Tov service best for ages 0-4 and their grownups full of singing, movement, stories, parachute play, and more.	Mercaz Aryeh (Library)
11:00-11:45am	ALT Service with Ramah Darom Musicians: A musical, meditative, and intellectual service with song and discussion to close out the holiday! Acoustic instruments will be used.	Moadon (Multipurpose Room)
12:00-1:30pm	Aruchat Tzoharaim (Lunch)	Chadar Ochel
1:30-5:30pm	Open Swim	Breicha (Pool)
1:30-1:45pm	Kids Camp Drop Off	See Youth Booklet
1:45-2:45pm	The Day Moshe Got Schooled—Transmission & Innovation in Chazal's Thought with Rabba Yaffa Epstein: We will look at one of the most famous stories in the Talmud - the day that Moshe arrives in Rebbe Akiva's classroom and seems to be utterly confused by the Torah being taught. This is a story that really delves deep into the Rabbinic understanding of tradition, and of innovation, and we'll attempt to study this story and understand how it relates to our lives as Jews in today's world.	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)

Thursday, April 9

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
1:45-2:45pm	<p>Leaving Mitzrayim Within Acceptance, Commitment & Psychological Freedom in ACT with Dr. Miriam Holtzman: This session explores Jewish interpretations of redemption and the deeper meaning of leaving Mitzrayim—not only as a historical event but as a personal journey toward psychological freedom. Integrating principles from Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), it offers practical tools for recognizing and letting go of limiting beliefs so we can move forward with greater clarity, purpose, and commitment to our values.</p>	Program Center Lounge
	<p>An Expanded Yizkor with Rabbis Yosef Goldman & Annie Lewis: Reflect on the deeper meaning of this sacred tradition of remembrance as we create space to honor loved ones whose absence we feel during the holiday and connect to the blessings of their memories through song, sharing, and meditation.</p>	Moadon (Multipurpose Room)
	<p>*Circuit Training with Hillary Marshall: This is a fast-paced full-body workout class that combines strength, endurance and cardio exercises in a series of stations. You'll move quickly from one exercise to the next, targeting different muscle groups, improving overall fitness and burning calories in a short amount of time. All fitness levels are welcome!</p>	Program Center Fitness Center
3:00-4:15pm	<p>Loving the Stranger-Sojourner (Ger); The Torah's Moral Revolution Then & Now with Rabbi Shai Held: In addition to loving God and loving our neighbor, the Torah also commands us to love the stranger-sojourner (ger). This lecture delves into this surprising biblical mandate to love the stranger-sojourner and seeks to understand its relationship to more foundational ideas in Jewish theology, ethics, and spirituality. We'll consider questions like: Why does the God of the Torah love strangers-sojourners? How does a truly Torah-based society respond to its most vulnerable members? What is the relationship in our lives between our own memories of suffering and vulnerability and the ways we engage with others? We'll conclude with reflections on what this mandate can say about contemporary American life.</p>	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
	<p>False Gods, Real Cravings—The Spiritual Wisdom of the Second Commandment with Shimmy Feintuch: What does “You shall have no other gods before Me” mean today? Drawing from Torah sources, contemporary thinkers, and addiction theory, we will explore and reflect on the Second Commandment as a living text about desire, loyalty, and spiritual hunger.</p>	Program Center Lounge
	<p>Yom Tov Bushcraft Cooking with Jacob Handelman: Transfer a flame to do some light experimental food preparation over a fire and learn about the dos and don'ts of Yom Tov cooking.</p>	Medura (Lakeside Fire Pit)
	<p>Boot Camp with Hillary Marshall: Get ready to move, sweat, and feel strong! This boot camp style workout combines cardio bursts, strength training, and core stability for a total-body challenge. Using minimal equipment, you'll build endurance, power, and confidence in a supportive group setting. All fitness levels welcome. Mats provided.</p>	Yoga & Dance Studio
3:45-4:30pm	Grab & Go Snacks Available	Mercaz Aryeh (Library)
4:30-5:30pm	<p>What Sits on the Hyphen? Jewish-American Identity in a Fragile Moment with Rabbi Sarit Horwitz: In a moment of rising polarization and shifting communal boundaries, what does it mean to live in the space between “Jewish” and “American”? This class will explore how Jews have understood that hyphen—historically, spiritually, and politically—and what it asks of us today.</p>	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)

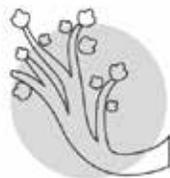
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4:30-5:30pm	◆"Thinking Fast & Slow"-In Memory of Daniel Kahneman z"l with Shai Robkin: We'll explore the groundbreaking work done by the Israeli psychologists. Daniel Kahneman, winner of the 2002 Nobel Prize in Economics, and Amos Tversky, neither of whom was an economist. Kahneman's seminal work "Thinking Fast and Slow," is considered by many to be the bible of behavioral economics. Most importantly, we'll examine important cognitive biases that cause human beings to behave in ways that seem to be irrational.	Program Center Lounge
	Vinyasa for Pesach Digestion with Navit Salzberg: This Vinyasa-based practice will focus on encouraging digestion. We will incorporate twists and folds. Mats provided.	Yoga & Dance Studio
5:30-5:45pm	Kids Camp Pickup	See Youth Booklet
5:45-6:00pm	Mincha	Beit Knesset (Synagogue)
6:00-7:30pm	Aruchat Erev (Dinner)	Chadar Ochel
7:45-8:30pm	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 (Covered Court)
8:30-8:50pm	Maariv & Havdallah	
8:50-10:00pm	Ramah Darom Rikud & Mimouna: Pita making will begin at 9:15pm after we buy back our chametz!	

Friday, April 10

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
5:00am	Early Bus Departs for Airport: You must have your luggage placed outside of your room or on your porch by 4:00am. Please be at Welcome Center by 4:30am. Packaged snacks will be available as you load the bus.	Welcome Center
6:00-10:00am	Continental Breakfast: To-go boxes available.	Chadar Ochel
8:00am	Buses Depart for Airport: You must have your luggage placed outside of your room or on your porch by 7:00am. Be at Welcome Center by 7:30am.	Welcome Center
10:00am	L'hitraot - See you next year!	



SCHOLARS & FACILITATORS

Rabbi Aaron Alexander is the Co-Senior Rabbi of Adas Israel Congregation in Washington, DC. He currently serves as the CJLS Kashrut Committee Chair, teaches Classical Responsa at JTS, and is on the Washington Interfaith Network's Board of Directors & Strategy Team. 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 is currently the After School Network Director for Jewish Kids Groups, based in Atlanta, GA, where she is building a support system for educators running Jewish after-school programs around the country. She was ordained at the Ziegler School for Rabbinic Studies and received her Master's Degree in Education from American Jewish University. Ramah Darom is her happy place! You can find her on LinkedIn and view samples of her writing at substack.com/@rabbipenina.

Rabbi Tim Bernard is a tech policy analyst and writer currently teaching a class at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), and whose work is regularly published in Tech Policy Press. 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 and, more recently, an MBA from Cornell Tech. He enjoys traveling, hiking, and visiting modern art galleries, often with his spouse, Rabbi Ashira Konigsburg, and daughter, Arya KB.

Merle Eisman Carrus resides in New Hampshire with her husband, Steve. She writes book reviews for the NH Jewish Reporter newspaper, Jewish Book Council, Sydney Taylor Book Awards, and other publications. She graduated from Emerson College and received her Master's Degree in Jewish Studies from Hebrew College. She leads book discussion groups and author interviews. She blogs her book reviews at biteofthebookworm.blogspot.com.

Lynn Handmacher Chanin is a native Sephardic Atlantan with undergraduate and graduate degrees in Dance and Exercise Physiology. This is her 51st year teaching dance, fitness, and yoga. She teaches in Atlanta, GA, at private gyms and the JCC. Lynn first attended this retreat in 2011 after losing her son, Benjamin, to suicide at age 16, 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 experiences since losing her son. Lynn premiered a Jewish component at the 2024 national conference for AFSP and is on the founding committee for the AFSP event Through a Jewish Lens, which brings together Jewish families across the USA who have lost

loved ones to suicide. In 2020, Lynn also founded the Survivors of Suicide (SOS) group for Atlanta 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 daughters and sons-in-law, and her six grandchildren.

Carlton Chamblin is a native of Birmingham, AL, with a background 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 in America's early days. Shrubs are a fusion of fresh fruits, herbs, sugar, and vinegars, and their well-balanced sweet and tart flavors help create cocktails, mocktails, and even dressings. Carlton is dedicated to developing mixology-made-easy products using all-natural ingredients.

Benjamin Cohen is a Senior Writer at the Forward, America's oldest Jewish newspaper, and curates its morning news briefing. He's the author of "The Einstein Effect" and serves as the official social media manager for several dead celebrities, including Albert Einstein, Maya Angelou, and Neil Armstrong. Benjamin's first book, "My Jesus Year," chronicled his journey to 52 different churches in 52 weeks and how that pilgrimage ultimately made him a better Jew. He won the Georgia Author of the Year Award, and the book was named one of the best of the year by Publishers Weekly. He is based in Morgantown, WV, where he lives with his wife, three dogs, a cat, and a flock of chickens affectionately known as the Co-Hens.

Drew Cohen is the Director of the Music Program at The Weber School in Atlanta, GA. He is a graduate of Brandeis University 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 Program Director of the Center for 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 Degree in Jewish Education from Hebrew College, and is a graduate of the Pardes Educators Program. Additionally, Kelly is the creator of the Parsha Storybook Project, an online resource for early childhood Torah literacy.

Mayta Cohen is a national award-winning vocal arranger, songleader, composer, and vocalist from Boston, MA, with a deep passion for infusing Jewish music with vocal harmony. Breaking new ground for women in Jewish music, Mayta is the first female arranger for both The Maccabeats and Six13 and founded the national award-winning Jewish a cappella group BerKalit, formed at Berklee College of Music. While touring the country with her ensemble, Mayta's innovative arrangements

have garnered her accolades from the likes of ASMAC, Varsity Vocals, The American Conference of Cantors, and Jewish Rock Radio. Mayta's achievements have earned her invitations to songlead at BBYO's International Convention and become the youngest artist-in-residence at Temple Israel in West Bloomfield, MI, the largest Reform synagogue in the country. Mayta serves on staff at A Cappella Academy, renowned for its world-class expertise in a cappella singing, arranging, and performance, and on faculty at the premier conference of Jewish songleading, Hava Nashira. Her mission is to combine her Jewish faith with her passion for music to create holiness in her community and beyond.

Coleen Dieker performs at a high level as a violinist and multi-instrumentalist. She is also an accomplished composer and arranger, a gift she has employed in various roles. She attended Berklee College of Music in Boston, MA, an experience that inspired her to pursue music as a passion and a profession, but bound to no single genre or style. She served as Music Director at The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah, in Kansas City, MO, for five years. She has since flourished as a go-to collaborative and visiting artist in Kansas City and beyond. Her current projects include Ensemble Iberica, which explores the traditional music of Spain and Portugal, and Flannigan's Right Hook, a high-energy rock/country/bluegrass/Celtic music ensemble. She writes, records, and tours with acclaimed Jewish singer-songwriters Rabbi Josh Warshawsky, Chava Mirel, Eliana Light, and many more. Her solo residency visits are highly sought after; she regularly visits B'nai Vail in Vail, CO, and Temple Israel of West Bloomfield, MI. Coleen lives a nomadic life and travels the globe offering a variety of musical gifts: soulful song-leading with guitar and piano, entertaining on electric violin, and elevating music live and in the studio with her dynamic fiddling. Check out her debut album of modern Jewish liturgical interpretations, "Without Fear" (2026).

Marshall P. Duke, PhD, received his BA in Psychology from Rutgers University in 1964 and his PhD in Clinical Psychology from Indiana University in 1968. From 1968 to 1970, he served as a clinical psychologist in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps. Since 1970, he has been a member of the psychology faculty at Emory University, where he is the Charles Howard Candler Professor of Personality Theory. For the past decade, he has been a member of the core faculty of Emory's Center for the Study of Myth and Ritual in American Life (MARIAL). Editor in Chief of the Journal of Family Life and author of more than 100 research articles and nine books, his research and writings have focused on social relationship deficits in children and adults (dyssemia), locus of control, and the importance of family stories and rituals in the nurturing of resilience in children. Over the years, he has appeared on Good Morning America, the Today Show, and the Oprah Winfrey Show. His work has been written about in the New York Times, Boston Globe, Wall Street Journal, Parents Magazine, and Time Magazine, among others. Professor Duke is the father of three and grandfather of nine, so he is blessed with lots of people to tell family stories to. He has been married to Sara Bookman Duke for a very, very long time.

Rabba Yaffa Epstein is the Senior Scholar and Educator in Residence at The Jewish Education Project. Previously, she served as Director of the Wexner Heritage Program at the Wexner Foundation and as Director of Education, North America for the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies, where she also taught as a faculty member. Rabba Epstein has taught on the faculties of Yeshivat Maharat and the Drisha Institute.

A sought-after lecturer, she has served as an Educator and Scholar in Residence for organizations including the Dorot Fellowship, Moishe House, Jewish Federations of North America, the Covenant Foundation, the Nahum Goldmann Fellowship, Repair the World, and JPro. She has presented at Limmud events worldwide, authored curriculum for the Global Day of Jewish Learning, and developed educational programming for Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life. She received Orthodox Rabbinic Ordination from Yeshivat Maharat and additional private Orthodox Ordination from Rabbi Daniel Landes, holds a law degree from Bar-Ilan University, and studied in the Talmud Department at Hebrew University. Rabba Epstein is a member of the inaugural cohort of the Sefaria Word-by-Word Writing Circle, and her work has appeared in the SAPIR Journal, the Jerusalem Post, and Jewish anthologies. In 2024, she received the Covenant Award for outstanding contributions to Jewish education. She serves on the Board of Directors of Yeshivat Chovevei Torah and on the Program Committee of Repair the World and is passionate about making Torah study exciting, relevant, and accessible to all who wish to learn.

Rabbi Abe Friedman is a rabbi, tinkerer, musician and artist who believes everyone benefits from making things. He lives in Pikesville, MD with his partner, Rebecca Krasner, and their children: Odelia, Azzi, Yonah, and Miri. Abe's side hustles include Peddler Effects (peddlereffects.com), where he designs and builds guitar effect pedals and maybe analogue synthesizers; Tzitz and Scepter (tzitzandscepter.wixsite.com/home), a role-playing game based on Talmudic legends; Squid Goat (cafepress.com/shop/SquidGoat), your destination for off-beat Jewish (and other) t-shirts; and the occasional live performance as DJ Aluminum. After serving congregations in Chicago, Philadelphia, and Pikesville, in July Abe will become the Senior Rabbi of Congregation B'nai Tzedek in Potomac, MD.

Carla Friend is the Founder & Executive Director of Tkiya, an organization that creates joyful Jewish connection through participatory music experiences 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 Degree in Music Education from NYU and 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 album of family-friendly Jewish music called "Challallah"!

Shimmy Feintuch, LCSW, CASAC-G, is a New York City-based psychotherapist, professor, writer, and public speaker. In his psychotherapy practice, Shimmy's work focuses on addiction, couples counseling, and sexuality. Shimmy has taught courses in addiction and trauma at Touro College's Mental Health Counseling program and is now teaching at Yeshiva University's Wurzweiler School of Social Work. Shimmy has been practicing mindfulness since 2013, and he is passionate about using mindfulness techniques in his work as a therapist. Shimmy serves on the board of Jewish Queer Youth, an advocacy and mental health support organization. He lectures regularly on emotional wellness, mindfulness, and addiction in the frum community.

puck glass is a co-founder of Makom Shelanu Congregation in Fort Worth, TX, and a full-time rabbinical student at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. They love creating interesting and engaging worship spaces, teaching at all levels, and are passionate about social justice issues. puck's rabbinic interests include modern-day midrash, the language and rhetoric of disability in the Book of Psalms, and translation as a theological tool. They also serve as a facilitator for conversations around LGBTQIA+ inclusion, disability, and racial equity, especially in interfaith worship spaces. puck has a background in music and loves to play both in worship and in their spare time. puck also loves drinking tea, reading books, and playing with their cat, qatsi.

Rabbi Yosef Goldman is a composer of sacred music and a leading facilitator of Jewish communal music and prayer. He weaves ancient devotional music from his Mizrahi and Ashkenazi heritage alongside contemporary American and Israeli Jewish sacred music to foster healing, connection, and social change. His compositions are sung in synagogues, schools, and camps across North America and Israel. Yosef has collaborated on more than a dozen albums, including recording two albums of his original spiritual music, "Open My Heart" (2019) and "Abitah" (2023), and Kedmah: The Rising Song Piyyut Project's "Simu Lev" (2024). He currently lives in Brooklyn, NY.

Nancy Gorod is a passionate and creative Jewish educator with more than 30 years of experience in both informal and formal educational settings, ranging from preschool to adults. Her passion lies in creating engaging and meaningful learning experiences for all ages. She leads Parpar Jewish Education Group, providing custom learning for individuals and consulting for education organizations. Nancy has spent many summers and Passovers at Ramah Darom, teaching, learning, and creating community. She and Randy are the proud parents of Natan and Ilana Gorod, products of Ramah and now Jewish leaders and educators themselves. Nancy has a Master's Degree and an Honorary Doctorate from JTS and is a mentor for Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership. She loves to travel, especially to National Parks, and to see her favorite bands play live.

Randy Gorod is a nonprofit consultant and fundraising strategist. He began as a youth director and camp leader, an experience so formative it inspired the name of his firm, before dedicating his career to supporting mission-driven organizations. He has worked with institutions including the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta, Emory University, and the Jewish Agency for Israel. Today, Randy leads Pisgah Consulting, providing fractional development to small and mid-sized nonprofits, including as Vice President of Advancement at Our Generation Speaks, an Israeli-Palestinian leadership development organization. He is also a certified coach and serves on the AFP Global Foundation Board for Giving. When he's not consulting, you'll find him outside, cooking up a feast, or enjoying live music. Randy is excited to bring his energy, experience, and love for Jewish life to the Ramah Darom Passover retreat.

Jacob B. Handelman is an attorney and active urban revivalist with more than 30 years of experience. As a former attorney for the City of Chicago, he collaborated with city departments and community groups to address blight and revitalize

neighborhoods. He also transforms distressed properties and redevelops affordable homes to promote middle-income homeownership. His private practice specializes in real estate, estate planning, and business creation. Jacob also loves to create and repair everything he can get his hands on. He can be reached at Jacob@HandelmanLawGroup.com.

Maxine Segal Handelman is a Jewish educator and storyteller throughout Chicagoland, creating 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 a Master's Degree in Jewish Education from the Rhea Hirsch School of Education at HUC-JIR and a Master's Degree 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," "What's Jewish About Butterflies," and one picture book, "The Shabbat Angels." 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 most recent book, "Judaism Is About Love," was published by Farrar, Straus, & Giroux in 2024. He is here with his wife, Rachel, a clinical psychologist, and his three children, Lev (16), Maya (14), and Coby (10).

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 co-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 one of those people who goes all in on her hobbies. You may have taken her bullet journaling class in the past; this year she's back with a new-ish passion for needlepoint. Come join her to learn or simply stitch and schmooze! When Wendy is not engaging in her hobbies, she is a management consultant with Deloitte Consulting specializing in real estate transformation and workplace strategy, and a proud Vice Chair of the Ramah Darom Board and Chair of the Facilities Committee.

Dr. Miriam Holtzman, PsyD, aka "Dr. Miriam," is a New York-based licensed psychologist. She has extensive training in evidence-based, behavioral, and cognitive-behavioral treatments for a wide variety of concerns throughout childhood

and adulthood. Dr. Holtzman is a Senior Psychologist at Northwell Health's Physician Partners CBT Practice. She is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell. She has given lectures in various settings, including community centers and medical settings, and has been a featured panelist. She is passionate about treating those struggling with OCD and anxiety disorders. Dr. Holtzman maintains a CBT-based private practice and specializes in exposure therapy. Dr. Holtzman not only strives to help clients learn how to manage their symptoms independently, but also uses techniques to help enhance individuals' overall well-being and quality of life.

Rabbi Sarit Horwitz is the Director of Rabbinic Leadership Programs at the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America. Previously, she served as rabbi of Beth Shalom Synagogue in Memphis, TN, from 2017 to 2025. Prior to Beth Shalom, Sarit was the Senior Rabbinic Fellow at B'nai Jeshurun on Manhattan's Upper West Side, where she spent four years deeply engaged in spiritual leadership, teaching, and community-building. Sarit was ordained in 2015 by the Jewish Theological Seminary, where she also earned a Master's Degree in Jewish Women and Gender Studies and was a Wexner Graduate Fellow. She is married to Rabbi Abe Schacter-Gampel, and they are the proud parents of three sons.

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 (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. Previously, 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 the University of California, Los Angeles. She is a Ramah Canada alum and currently lives in Cleveland, OH.

Jordan Katz is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Judaic and Near Eastern Studies at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. A historian of early modern Jewry, her work emphasizes the interplay between health care, civic life, Jewish communities, and gender in early modern Europe. Katz's book, "Delivering Knowledge: Jewish Midwives and Hidden Healing in Early Modern Europe," is forthcoming with Stanford University Press in April 2026. Her work has been supported by fellowships from the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, the Women's Studies in Religion Program at Harvard Divinity School, and the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute.

Lior Klirs has devoted his career to improving teaching and learning in the fields of English language arts, literature, and Jewish history. He has worked in various capacities in the world of education, including as an English teacher, state-level supervisor, and curriculum and assessment developer. Currently, he is the Editorial Director at the Institute for Curriculum Services (ICS), a nonprofit organization whose mission is to enrich K-12 education by ensuring accurate, high-quality teaching and classroom materials about Jews, Judaism, and Jewish history.

Rabbi Ashira Konigsburg is the Chief Operating Officer for the Rabbinical Assembly and Chief Movement Strategy Officer for RA and 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 volunteers as a Disaster Spiritual Care Chapter Coordinator for the New York City region of the American Red Cross. She enjoys traveling, hiking, running, and reading.

Rabbi Annie Lewis (she/her) is a poet, organizer, singer, creator of original Jewish music and ritual, and teacher of heart-centered Torah. She has led vibrant congregations in Maryland, Mississippi, and Philadelphia. She currently serves as Assistant Dean and Director of Recruitment and Admissions for Religious and Educational Leadership at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and leads musical services for Romemu Brooklyn. She lives in Crown Heights with her partner, Rabbi Yosef Goldman, and their children, Zohar Lieba and Shir Emet.

Eliana Light is cultivating a more connected world by making the urgent spiritual wisdom of Jewish liturgy and prayer practice (tefillah) accessible and meaningful through her prayer leadership, consulting, teaching, and the Light Lab, a center for tefillah education. Eliana has shared her unique "tefillahsophy" as faculty at national Jewish education and song leading conferences, as a guest teacher at Hebrew Union College, the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Academy for Jewish Religion, and Limmud, and at synagogues, day schools, camps, and communities across North America. She has put out five albums of original Jewish music and is this year's Covenant Jewish Family Education Fellow. Eliana grew up at Camp Ramah Darom and is thrilled to be back for what she thinks is her 11th Pesach! She can't wait to sing with you.

Hillary Marshall is a Clayton-based fitness instructor who loves helping you train your nervous system and move your body, especially through yoga! Her yoga teacher training is through Yogabody Fitness with Lucas Rockwood (200HR Vinyasa Flow Yoga, Gravity Yoga®, Yoga Trapeze®, and Breath Coach®) and has studied with Ashley Masters Healing Arts (Deep Stretch). She is an ACE Certified Personal Trainer and holds certifications in TRX and Barre® Intensity. Breathwork and movement are what help her through tough times, and she has a passion for teaching these skills to you. Hillary loves being outside; biking, hiking, and gardening. You can also find her reading a book, playing a board game, or traveling.

Rabbi Adam Mayer is the Dean of Students and Mashgiach 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 four children, Eden (15), Gal (11), Klil (10), and Ron (6). If you visit the Mayers' home in Dunwoody, GA, you will also get to meet their dog, Ore.

Chana Mayer grew up in Israel and moved to the United States 11 years ago. She has taught in schools for the past 20 years, including nine years as a Hebrew teacher in the United States. She is currently the Director of Education at Congregation Or VeShalom in Atlanta, GA. In the summers, she works as Rosh Ivrit (Head of Hebrew) at Camp Ramah Darom. She lives in Dunwoody, GA, with her husband, four children, and dog.

Rabbi Nissimmi Naim Naori is a chef, rabbi, casualties informer in the IDF, and the creator of the TV show A Pot of Longing on Israel's public channel. Nissimmi began his culinary journey in his grandmother Miriam's kitchen, later honing his skills in some of Israel's top kitchens. He holds degrees in philosophy, economics, political science, and law, and was ordained as a rabbi by the Hartman Institute. Nissimmi lives in Jerusalem with his wife, Shlomit, and their three daughters; his favorite carb is Tuscan black grape focaccia.

Shlomit Naim Naor is a prize-winning poet and educator with over 20 years of experience. She serves as Senior Program Director at M² Israel, previously worked at Makom (Jewish Agency), and advised the Jerusalem Education Bureau. She lives in Jerusalem with her family.

Dorielle Parker is a Jewish educator currently living in Atlanta, GA. 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.

Amy Price lives in Chamblee, GA, with her husband, son, and growing numbers of chickens and beehives. Professionally, she supports people to find employment opportunities and dream big for their lives. Amy works with Adamah ATL supporting environmental programming. She previously 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 has been fully engaged in turning her home into a homestead and garden oasis.

Rabbi Ayal Robkin is the Director of Hadar Atlanta and brings 10 years of experience teaching Bible, Rabbinics, and Jewish Thought at New York's Heschel High School back to his home community in Georgia. Beyond his rabbinic work and studies at Pardes and Yashrut, Ayal is an amateur artist who can be found in the woodshop at Ramah Darom practicing woodworking and pyrography. He is thrilled to be back in Atlanta full time with his wife, Maddy, and their children, Neima and Menashe.

Judy Robkin is a native Atlantan and professional studio potter whose work is featured in juried shows and galleries across the region. She also teaches pottery to adults at the John C. Campbell Folk School in Murphy, NC, and loves sharing her passion for art with others. At Ramah Darom, Judy teaches drawing, painting, clay, and fabric arts, encouraging creativity and individuality among both beginners and seasoned artists. Her work can be found on her website and on Instagram.

Shai Robkin teaches behavioral economics in Atlanta, GA, and consults with companies on using behavioral economics 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 and to assume leadership positions in organizations that promote ranked-choice voting. He serves as 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.

Navit Salzberg has her 200-hour Yoga Teacher Certification and has practiced yoga for more than 15 years. She has been teaching yoga at Ramah Darom for 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 teaches spiritual music in the Atlanta Jewish community at Congregation Shearith Israel, where he also serves as the Director of Education.

Abe Schacter-Gampel is a member of the Limudei Qodesh faculty at Abraham Joshua Heschel High School in New York City, where he teaches Tanakh and Talmud. Previously, he served as Director for the Center of Jewish Life and Learning at the Memphis Jewish Community Center and Director of Spiritual Care at Memphis Jewish Home & Rehab. He is married to Rabbi Sarit Horwitz, and together they are the proud parents of three sons.

Micah Segal-Miller is a hobby artist, avid outdoor adventurer, and longtime Ramah Darom camper and staff member. Based in Atlanta, Micah works for Piedmont Park and spends as much time as possible outside with his big, goofy labradoodle. He is also a founding board member of Bayit Ba'Beltline, a Shabbat-centered, egalitarian Jewish community that brings together hundreds of young professionals across intown Atlanta. Micah loves building things—art pieces, community, and meaningful Jewish experiences. He is excited to share his creativity, curiosity, and craftsmanship of woodworking with you.

Sara Shapiro-Plevan, EdD, is all about relationships, focusing on how connection improves practice, helps us understand our work, and engages effectively with others to build equitable networks, communities, and workplaces. She serves as the Chief Program Officer of Elluminate, working with Jewish feminist leaders engaged in social change toward a more just and equitable world, and weaving networks of mutual support and learning to support their advancement. Sara is the founder of the Gender Equity in Hiring Project (GEiHP). She strives to bring an equity lens to workplace systems to tap into human potential, transforming endemic cultures of gender bias that keep women from senior staff positions and leadership roles, and reimagining how power and privilege change the workplace. She serves across the community as a respected coach, consultant, and facilitator.

Summit Academy Adventures is an outdoor experiential education program provider that uses 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.

Honor Woodard, BFA, LMT, is a visual and healing artist in practice since 2011 and 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. 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 this land, as she was a camper 40 years ago, when Ramah Darom was Tumbling Waters.

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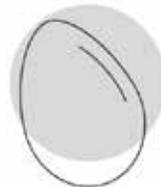
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SAFETY & SECURITY

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

Highlighted below are key elements of our protocols. Please review this, document at the beginning of your stay.

Every building has an emergency exit plan posted and is equipped with fire extinguishers.

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF EMERGENCY EXITS WHENEVER YOU ENTER A BUILDING.

The Sheriff's department has an on-site officer guarding our Clayton campus 24 hours/day throughout this retreat.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY

First aid kits are available at the Welcome Center reception desk, Marcus Lodge community room (ground floor), Mountainside Hotel kitchenette (lower level), Lakeside Hotel sitting room (bottom floor) and in the Main Dining Hall. AEDs are located at the Main Dining Hall, Welcome Center (on bottom floor by room 102), pool and boathouse.

In the Event of a Medical Emergency:

- IMMEDIATELY DIAL 911. Give location, gender and approximate age of victim and if possible, the type of emergency. Then dial 706.782.9300 from your cell phone or any campus phone and follow the prompts to alert a Ramah Darom staff person of your emergency.
- Stay with the injured person until help arrives. Try to calm, reassure and stabilize the person. Never move an injured person with a suspected neck or back injury.
- When medical staff arrive at the scene, summarize the situation and answer questions.

SEVERE WEATHER

Thunder and/or Lightning:

- Gather your family/group and move to a safe area (large indoor facility, bunk common room) until the weather has passed.

Tornado Warning:

- Head immediately to one of the following designated emergency locations: Welcome Center lower level hallway, Marcus Lodge lower level community room, Mountainside Hotel lower level hallway, Levine Center lower level hallway and lower level common space of bunks 1/2 or 29/30.
- When at location, stay away from windows.
- Stay at designated emergency location until the "all clear" signal has been given over the emergency speakers.

FIRE

If You Spot a Fire:

- Leave the building and do not re-enter to remove personal property.
- IMMEDIATELY DIAL 911. Give location, and if possible, type of fire (grease, electrical, paper, etc.). Then dial 706.782.9300 from your cell phone or any campus phone and follow the prompts to alert a Ramah Darom staff person of your emergency. The office will sound the fire alarm throughout the campus.
- If a phone is not accessible, sound the closest fire alarm.
- If a campus-wide fire alarm is sounded, proceed immediately to the kikar (field in front of the Levine Center Dining Hall) and remain there until the "all clear" signal has been given over the emergency speakers.
- If the fire occurs on or near the kikar, all guests should proceed to the Beit Am (Covered Court).

ACTIVE THREAT

- EVACUATE if at all possible, leaving the area by the quickest route available. If necessary, leave the campus grounds. Leave your belongings behind.
- Call 911 as soon as it is safe to do so.
- If you are not able to evacuate, HIDE OUT in an area out of the active shooter's view. Block entry to your hiding place. If possible, lock the door. Silence your cell phone (including vibrate mode) and remain quiet.
- TAKE ACTION only as a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger. Attempt to incapacitate the shooter. Act with physical aggression and throw items at the threat.
- When law enforcement arrives, remain calm and follow the officers' instructions. Immediately raise hands and spread fingers. Keep your hands visible at all times. Avoid quick movements toward officers whenever possible.

Host Your Event at Ramah Darom!



For business or pleasure, Ramah Darom is the perfect setting for your next conference, team-building off-site, organizational retreat, school field trip, or family simcha.

Enjoy comfortable accommodations and delicious kosher cuisine prepared by our talented culinary team under the rabbinic supervision of the Atlanta Kashruth Commission. We take pride in our Southern-style Hachnasat Orchim (Hospitality) and are committed to making your experience unforgettable.

Our retreat center is available for day and multi-day rentals from mid-August through mid-May, and can accommodate groups of all sizes—from small leadership teams to large conferences with hundreds of participants.

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- ACCOMMODATIONS
- MEETING SPACES
- RECREATION

* Denotes advanced sign up required!

PROGRAM CENTER
Upper Level:
 Vista Room
 Community Room
 Conference Room
Lower Level:
 Lounge
 Fitness Center

LEVINE CENTER
Upper Level:
 Chadar Ochel (Dining Hall)
 Mountainside Chadar Ochel
 Lakeside Chadar Ochel
Lower Level:
 Moadon (Multipurpose Room)
 Beit Kneset (Spiritual Center)
 Merczaz Aryeh (Library)
 Yoga & Dance Studio

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| AA Welcome Center | J Volleyball | S Archery Range |
| BB Deluxe Cottages (1-4) | K Breicha (Pool) | T Agam (Lake) & Boat Dock |
| CC Mountainside Hotel | L Sports Courts: Basketball, Hockey, Tennis, Pickleball | U Omanut (Art Building) |
| DD Marcus Lodge | M Gaga | W Waterfall Trail |
| EE Cabin 33/34 | N Farm | X Softball Field |
| FF Mountainside Cabins (1-12) | O Odyssey Course | Y Menkowitz Trail |
| GG Lower Roads Cabins (13-20) | P Kikar (Activity Field) | Z Future Home of the Mayer "Bubba" Mitchell Campus |
| HH Lakeside Cabins (21-32) | Q Climbing Wall & Giant Swing | |
| II Lakeside Hotel | R Medura (Lakeside Firepit) | |