

OUR RAMAH NEIGHBORHOOD



הקהילה שלנו



This קיץ (summer), the חניכים and חניכות (campers) in כוכבים (Cochavim) and ניצנים (Nitzanim) learned about קהילה (community). They discussed what a Jewish קהילה needs to function and all the different people it takes to make הקהילה שלנו (our community) run. They interviewed many people at our מחנה (camp) to learn about our קהילה here at רמה. Read on to see who they met and what they found out about their תפקידים (roles)!

**It's a beautiful day in our קהילה...
Won't you meet our neighbors?**

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Meet Lateisha!

תפקיד at camp:
חדר אוכל
(Dining Hall)

הידעתם?... (Did you know)

- The kitchen staff needs to start cooking at 2 am on mornings when they serve pancakes for ארוחת בוקר (breakfast).
- On quesadilla days, they make roughly 3,500 quesadillas.
- Lateisha's favorite ארוחה to make is anything Mexican. Her least favorite is French toast.
- Washing the dishes takes longer than cooking the ארוחה!
- It means a lot when people say thank you to the kitchen צוות (staff). They work long hours and very hard!
- The best part of Lateisha's תפקיד is seeing kids smiling when they are eating and enjoying her food.
- The kitchen uses 600,000 eggs per קיץ.

Lateisha helps our קהילה by...

- Making sure we have delicious and nutritious food to eat every day.

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Meet Robin!

תפקיד at camp:
חנותיה Running
(Canteen) and works
in the מסדר (office)

הידעתם?...?

- Last year, Ring Pops weren't popular, but this year they are.
- The most popular item sold at חנותיה is Israeli Prigat.
- The least popular item this year is plain potato chips.
- There is no set number of צריפים (bunks) that come to canteen each day—every day is different!
- Robin's favorite snack is Pringles.

Robin helps our קהילה by...

- Giving hungry campers yummy food!

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Meet Jason!

**תפקיד at camp:
Head of Facilities**

הידעתם...?

- Camp produces 40-50 tons of אשפה (garbage) in one קיץ.
- We live among all sorts of creatures and critters at camp! Snakes are usually harmless, but if you don't keep food in your צריפים, they won't come around. Food also brings mice and ants.
- Jason has 7-8 year-round staff and 26 staff during the קיץ.
- The most common problem in camp is a stuffed toilet.
- Jason lives in camp all year long with his wife and two daughters. Jason got married at camp!

Jason helps our camp קהילה by...

- Keeping everything clean and running smoothly and making sure everything is safe and in good working order. Without this staff, camp would simply not be able to function!

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Meet Leora and Ashley!

צוות מרפאה at camp: תפקידים (Infirmary Staff)

הידעתם...?

- חניכות and חניכים can stay safe in easy ways (brushing teeth, applying sunscreen and bug spray, wearing hats, carrying a water bottle and drinking water all of the time, and getting enough sleep.
- The most common injury at camp involves feet! Campers should wear closed-toed shoes whenever possible.
- People should wash their hands during the day, particularly before ארוחות.
- There are four nurses, two doctors, and four non-medical people that work in the marp.
- Around 100 חניכים come for sick call every day.

The Marp helps our קהילה by...

- Keeping all of us safe and healthy so that we can have an amazing לקיץ!

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Meet Jane-Rachel!

תפקיד at camp: Development Director

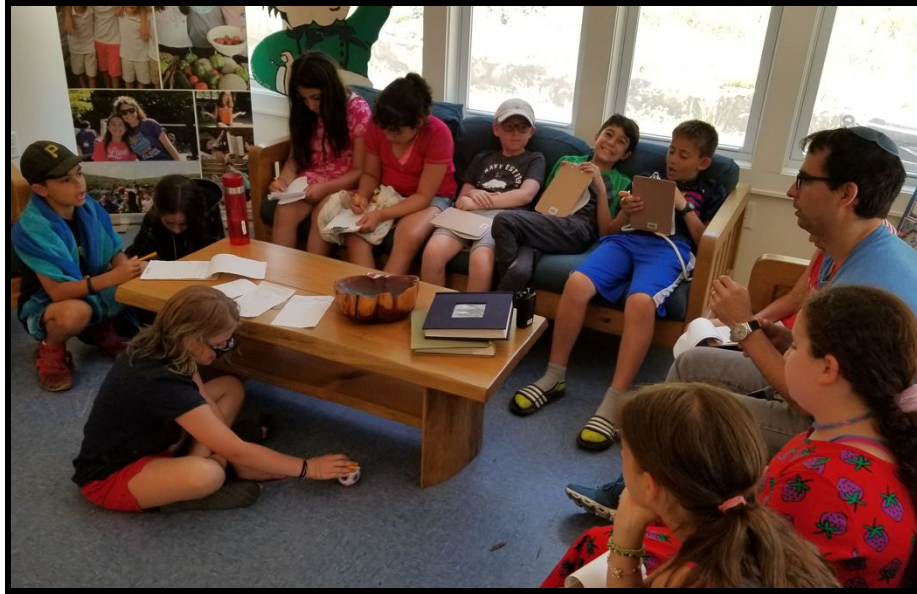
הידעתם...?

- Jane-Rachel helps to raise around \$1,000,000 for camp each year.
- The money is used for special projects and scholarships.
- This year camp built the Jerry Courts Pavilion, which is a new מקום תפילה (prayer space).
- Jane-Rachel loves talking to חניכים and חניכות and בוגרי רמה (alumni) about why they love camp.
- She ALWAYS has chocolate in her office...come visit!

Jane-Rachel helps our קהילה by...

- Making sure every child who wants to come to camp can, even if they can't afford it.

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Meet Ethan!

מנהל (Director) at camp: תפקיד

הידעתם...?

- Ethan loves spending time with חניכות and חניכים and צוות.
- He wishes he could experience more of what חניכות and חניכים do every day.
- Ethan tries to help everyone be at their best and build a קהילה קדושה, a holy community.
- He loves his job!
- He believes that people make the קהילה and that חסד, kindness, can be done anywhere in camp.

Ethan helps our קהילה by...

- Making sure camp is up and running and that it stays true to its Jewish mission!

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Meet Simcha, James, & Tomer!

צוות Farm at camp: תפקיד

הידעתם...?

- Simcha loves being at the farm! She finds it relaxing and meditative to weed.
- Tomer's favorite part is creating farm-to-table experiences for חניכות and חניכים.
- Simcha moved to Israel and is going back to Israel after the קיץ
- James does ropes *and* helps on the farm.
- At the farm, קהילה is built by everyone doing small תפקידים and creating a garden together.

Simcha, James, and Tomer help our קהילה by...

- Inspiring the members of the קהילה by helping them get in touch with the sources of our food!

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Meet Seth!

תפקיד at camp: Head of Al HaGova

הידעתם?...?

- Seth helped bring adventure and outdoor programming to camp.
- He loves when חניכים and חניכות share their ideas about new programs.
- Seth loves creating קהילה with his צוות—he has around 40 צוות members this קיץ!
- Seth sees קדושה (holiness) in nature.
- Al HaGova has many areas-- טבע (nature), the farm, ropes, tripping, and more! There is a lot going on!
- Seth loves being able to make people happy and feel like they are growing.

Seth helps our קהילה by...

- Reminding us to appreciate and take care of טבע and the world and by running incredible programs we can all enjoy!

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Meet Jacob ("Milk")!

צוות מוזיקה at camp: תפקיד (Music Staff)

הידעתם...?

- Jacob loves to make music with the members of צוות מוזיקה and the חניכות and חניכים.
- Jacob is no stranger to Ramah Berkshires. He started as a מדריך (counselor) before joining צוות מוזיקה.
- Jacob is a cantorial student at the Jewish Theological Seminary.
- Jacob sings and plays many instruments!

Jacob helps our קהילה by...

- Adding שירה (song) and רוח (spirit) to our מחנה! Thanks, Jacob!

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Meet David!

תפקיד at camp:
חינוך and Radio
(Education)

הידעתם...?

- David lives in Katamon in Jerusalem with his wife and adorable daughter.
- When he's not at camp, radio is a hobby for David. He's involved with an internet radio station in Jerusalem called Jlm.fm.
- David came to our מחנה to meet new people and be a part of the awesome Jewish קהילה here.
- David's favorite part of being at our מחנה is being surrounded by such beautiful nature--and also the beautiful people!
- David loves rock and heavy metal music and his favorite food is steak.

David helps our קהילה by...

- Providing amazing music, news, and podcasts for the whole CRB קהילה. Radio Kol Ramah 102.3: מרגישים קיץ באוויר!

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Meet Benji!

תפקיד at camp: Audio/Visual Support and participating in נשמע (summer learning program)

הידעתם...?

- Benji is from Brooklyn, NY.
- Benji first started at camp as a חניך (Cochavim) כוכבים in 1998, but then he didn't return until his מכון (Machon) קיץ because of homesickness.
- Outside of camp, Benji is a music educator, musician, and performer. He plays many different musical instruments.
- Benji's favorite (and only!) middle school humanities teacher was Hope Levav--who is also our יהדות teacher!
- Some of Benji's hobbies are biking, hiking, music, Torah study, fixing bikes, and gardening.

Benji helps our קהילה by...

- Making sure camp sound systems are working well so we can hear so many great things!

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Meet Adina!

תפקיד at camp: Assistant Business Manager

הידעתם...?

- Adina has been on the year-round **צוות** longer than any other year-round **צוות** member!
- Adina is a former **ראש גשר** and **מדריכה** and **חניכה** (Head of Gesher).
- Adina comes up to the **מחנה** long before the campers arrive. She makes sure the **מחנה** is in tip top shape.
- Adina makes sure all the **צוות** gets paid.
- She is excellent at Excel!

Adina helps our **קהילה** by...

- Making sure the water runs, bills are paid, and food is plentiful!

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Meet Gabe!

משגיח (Kashrut Supervisor) at camp: תפקיד

הידעתם...?

- Gabe is the only person in his family who has been a משגיח (mashgiach).
- He attends almost all of the ארוחות served at camp.
- His favorite part of his work is working with the kitchen staff
- He checks מטבחון (the teaching kitchen) and חנותיה food, as well.
- He makes sure that every single box of food that comes into camp has a כשר (Kosher) symbol, which is quite a lot of boxes!

Gabe helps our קהילה by...

- Making sure that all the food that we eat is כשר.