



A Special Message for our *Tzevet* members



Friends,

I hope this message finds you all well. I hope that you, your families, and your loved ones are healthy.

One of the wonderful things about working at Ramah Berkshires is that we have staff all over the country and all over the world. But given that, I cannot know how exactly our current crisis is affecting your lives. Some of you are home from college early, some of you may have jobs that have been lost or trips that have been cut short. I am certain that everyone is wondering what the immediate future will hold, and what the somewhat longer term future will hold. I am wondering as well, and of course I have no answers.

But I wanted you know that we are thinking about you. And we'd love to come together for a virtual all-staff meeting on March 29th at 1 PM (New York time). You can pretend we are in Beitán Shapiro if you like! We won't keep you long: it's just a chance for us to see each other, to connect, and to talk a bit about Camp. You can find the Zoom link for our meeting at the

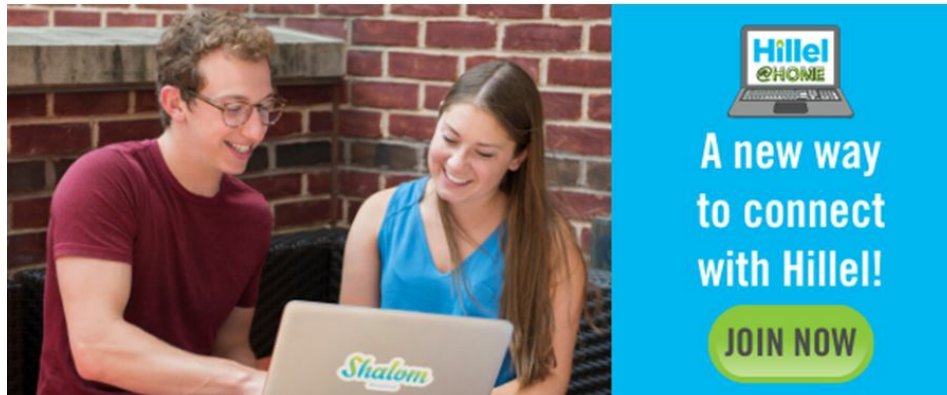
end of this email.

Over the last two weeks, my kids have been out of school and my family has been in quarantine, so I know what I am talking about when I say that social distancing, while absolutely necessary for public health reasons, can be incredibly isolating and difficult. Please do reach out to each other and to us. If you want to connect with me, please use [this link](#) to set up a time. I would be more than happy to talk.

Ethan

If you are planning to work at Ramah Berkshires during *Kayitz* 2020 (or even if you're still just considering it), please join us for a "Virtual *Tzevet* Meeting" on Sunday, March 29th at 1:00 PM Eastern Time.

To join, click [here](#).



Whether you're home taking online classes, on an "extended" spring break, or still on campus, social distancing and canceled gatherings have made connecting with others all the more vital. In this spirit, Hillel is launching a new way for you to discover community, find fulfillment, hear great stories, and just pass the time with other Jewish and Jew-ish college students around the world. Today, the Hillel movement is launching [Hillel@Home](#)-- a wholly unique global online platform for students to learn and connect.

Hillel@Home offers virtual ways to join discussions with world-renowned thought leaders and speakers, including [Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks](#), Obama administration speechwriter [Sarah Hurwitz](#), Comedy Central executive [Tara Schuster](#), six-time NBA All-Star [Amar'e Stoudemire](#) and many more.

Students can participate in workshops with students from across the globe on everything from art, to meditation, to baking. Our global Hillels will be hosting virtual live tours of their communities to provide a behind-the-scenes look at Jewish life around the world, from Buenos Aires to Paris. And, everyone is invited to join the Jewish Learning Fellowship's "*Dibuk Chaverim*" - a gathering of friends to learn Torah, share stories, and meet students from around the world!

Check out the full lineup of initial offerings on [the Hillel@Home website](#), and be sure to sign up for weekly Hillel@Home updates to be the first to know when new sessions are added in the coming weeks.

