



# Camp Ramah in New England

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*Shalom,*

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The feeling never gets old. Watching campers stream through the gates on Opening Day is always a thrill. Returning campers run from friend to friend, embracing those they haven't seen for months, but have felt in their hearts constantly. New campers take in their surroundings with a mix of anxiety and excitement, trying to grasp what it means to have a different home for the coming weeks. The warmth and enthusiasm of counselors greeting campers is infectious – even parents unloading trunks and sleeping bags feel awash with youthful energy. A vibrant, meaningful community once again begins to take shape before our eyes.

We are well aware that this exciting moment does not occur in a vacuum. These last months have seen our nation undergo the most severe economic slowdown since the Great Depression. Unemployment is on the rise and the stock market is only very slowly climbing out from the depths. Many families who send their children to Camp Ramah stretch their budgets to make sure their children can experience it, and many more feel they cannot even consider the possibility. We view it as our mission to provide every child who wants it the opportunity to experience that first day of camp (and all the magical days that follow), so this year we have distributed a record amount of financial aid to more families than ever. And our camp is richer for it.

As much as we have done, we know that economic pressures are not going away anytime soon, and we will need to redouble our efforts to help families send their children to camp. As part of this effort, the Camp Ramah in New England Board of Directors has decided to take the unprecedented step of **freezing tuition for all campers for Summer 2010 at the 2009 regular price** through the early registration period, which ends September 30, 2009. After the early registration deadline, we are raising tuition by a modest 3.5% to offset those increased costs over which we have little control (e.g., food and facility maintenance). Regardless, we plan to continue our commitment to helping all children in need of financial assistance attend camp for the coming summer.

We know that Camp Ramah in New England offers Jewish children throughout the Northeast an unparalleled opportunity to play sports, sing, dance, swim, learn a new skill, make new friends and live joyfully in a place that infuses every activity and every relationship with the power of Judaism. We hope that our efforts to contain tuition can help bring this opportunity to even more children.

We wish you and your children a summer filled with learning and happiness.

L'hitraot,

Rabbi Ed Gelb  
Director

David Farbman  
President, Board of Directors

**Kayitz 2010 Dates:**Opening day for First and Full Session campers: **Tuesday, June 22, 2010**Visiting Day and end of First Session: **Sunday, July 18, 2010**Beginning of Second Session and Mini Session A: **Wednesday, July 21, 2010**End of Mini Session A: **Sunday, August 1, 2010**Beginning of Mini Session B: **Tuesday, August 3, 2010**End of camp: **Monday, August 16, 2010**

Because Tisha B'Av falls on Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> we have moved opening day of Second Session and Mini Session A to Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. In order that Second Session is as long as First Session, we have extended camp to Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. We feel that this will have an added programmatic bonus for the end of camp.

**Kayitz 2010 Rates:**

<b>Early registration cost - if registered by September 30, 2009</b>			
			<b>Freeze at</b>
			<b>2009 cost</b>
<b>Session</b>	<b>Tuition</b>	<b>Fees</b>	<b>per camper</b>
Full session	\$6,375	\$400	\$6,775
First Session	\$4,040	\$300	\$4,340
Second Session	\$4,040	\$300	\$4,340
Mini Sessions	\$1,695	\$125	\$1,820
Amitzim (Full)	\$6,850	\$400	\$7,250
Amitzim/Inclusion (Single)	\$4,260	\$300	\$4,560
Tikvah Voc Ed	\$6,850	\$400	\$7,250
<b>Cost if registered after September 30, 2009</b>			
			<b>2010 cost</b>
<b>Session</b>	<b>Tuition</b>	<b>Fees</b>	<b>per camper</b>
Full session	\$6,590	\$400	\$6,990
First Session	\$4,190	\$300	\$4,490
Second Session	\$4,190	\$300	\$4,490
Mini Sessions	\$1,745	\$125	\$1,870
Amitzim (Full)	\$7,080	\$400	\$7,480
Amitzim/Inclusion (Single)	\$4,390	\$300	\$4,690
Tikvah Voc Ed	\$7,080	\$400	\$7,480