

THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF AMERICA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Rabbi Shelly Dorph
cc: Ms. Anne Tanhoff Greenspoon
cc: Rabbi Michael Greenbaum

DATE: February 1, 1991

FROM: Bonnie J. Zaben

SUBJECT: SUMMER RAMAH VISITS TO JTS

This memo will summarize our productive discussion concerning the visits by the Geshar edot of Ramah New England and Poconos this summer. The goal of these visits is to provide the Ramah campers with a productive and enjoyable introduction to the Seminary.

Each group will be hosted by the Seminary in MSRH. Should the fire regulations allow, they will sleep on the floor of the Assembly. If this arrangement continues to be illegal, regular MSRH rooms will be made available. Every effort will be made to provide each Ramah camper with a bed. If this is impossible due to the summer usage of MSRH, some Ramah campers will sleep on the floor of these rooms in their own sleeping bags. As in the past, the enclosed list of rules for visiting Ramah groups must be observed and the MSRH Summer Resident Advisor will speak to the groups upon arrival at MSRH.

The timing of these visits will be the second and third weeks of July. Each group can be hosted for up to four nights/five days in MSRH. The two groups will not be here the same week nor on Shabbat. You will inform me by the end of March of the exact dates. No other groups will be staying in MSRH this summer.

The Office of Admissions, through Anne Tanhoff Greenspoon, will coordinate the Seminary programs part of the visit. At least two formal opportunities will be provided for the Ramah campers to see "JTS in Action." One of these times will be tour and presentation by the Office of Admissions and the other time will be a more social/fun activity, possibly a barbecue. One List College student may be invited to participate in the entire program at Ramah's expense. Anne will work on these plans with you and the appropriate Ramah directors.

On a unrelated matter, we will settle the exact billing procedures for the Ramah mini-mester dormitory costs in April. At that time, you let me know which participants will be paying directly or through salary deduction.

Shelly, I am optimistic that this 'fresh start' will provide an excellent experience for all involved. I look forward to a productive working relationship with Ramah.

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Memorandum

TO: Dr. Sheldon Dorph
cc: Ms. Barbara Millman
Ms. Bonnie Zaben
Mr. Ron Muroff

FR: Anne Tanhoff Greenspoon

DATE: February 11, 1991

RE: Proposal for Ramah camper visits to JTS

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As per our discussion I am writing to propose a schedule for the Ramah Poconos and New England visits to JTS. Since the campers will all be entering their junior year of college this is prime recruiting time for List College.

The Seminary Summer school will have a standing barbecue and program every Wednesday night. With this in mind I think it best that the recruitment program be held on Wednesdays.

The following is the proposed schedule:

Morning

Tfilot

Breakfast

Presentation on List College/Joint Program/Double Degree program

Tour of JTS/Columbia/Barnard campuses

Evening

Barbecue

Evening activity with the Summer School community

The following types of activities are currently being discussed as possibilities for post-barbecue:

- folk dancing
- klezmer music
- outdoor movies
- faculty lectures
- sports events

Once the dates of the visits are confirmed, I will inform the Office of Student Life so that they are aware that the Ramahniks will be participating in that week's program.

In addition to this proposed schedule, I would also like to ask one or two List College students who are studying at JTS during the summer to accompany the group for the week (as the student's schedule allows.) In this way they can interact with the Ramahniks and informally familiarize the campers with our program. I hope that the individual camps will be able to pick up any extra costs that this will incur.

I am confident that this type of setup will be mutually beneficial to both Ramah and the Office of Admissions.

Please have the individual directors get in touch with me (212/678-8832) once the dates have been sent so that we can work out the details. Thanks.

GUIDELINES FOR RAMAH AND PROZDOR VISITS TO MSRH

The Seminary welcomes the opportunity to host Ramah and Prozdor students at MSRH. However, due to the considerations of the ongoing residents, the following rules must be followed at all times by every Ramah and Prozdor guest:

1. Guests are not to be on the residential floors (floors two through five) except to use the showers. Bathroom facilities are available on the first floor.
2. Guests are never to be in a suite kitchen. Anything in such kitchens is the personal property of the residents and is off limits to guests.
3. Ramah and Prozdor guests are to be supervised at all times. Ramah and Prozdor staff must know the whereabouts of all participants at all times.
4. Each group will be welcomed by the Resident Advisor and explained the rules of MSRH.
5. Food may be stored in the refrigerator in the Assembly Room. There are no facilities for heating food.
6. Ramah and Prozdor guests are to have no outside visitors.
7. A complete list of all guests is to be left with the Housing Office two days in advance of the stay at MSRH. This list will be used for admission to MSRH.
8. Any damages as a result of this visit will be paid by the Ramah/Prozdor, who may bill the person(s) responsible.