Camp Ramah in New England
2019 Opening Day Procedures!

For full-summer, first and second session, and mini aleph and mini gimmel hanichim (campers) arriving on June 25 and July 23, the gates will open at 11:00 a.m. and drop off will end by 1:00. Mini bet and daled hanichim, arriving on July 9 and August 6, will drop off between 11 a.m. and noon.

It is a long-standing tradition for those who drop their children off at camp to unpack and settle their children into their tzrifim (bunks). For those of you who do not drop your hanichim off at camp, don’t worry, our tzevet (staff) will help with this process.

Once parents who have dropped their hanichim off have finished the unpacking process and had a chance to visit the health center, office, and/or meet with senior tzevet (staff), we will ask them to say their goodbyes, depart and we will begin edah (age unit) programming. Some hanichim feel anxiety about when their parents will leave. We want to make this transition smooth and clear. Parents will say goodbye to their children at the tzrif (bunk) where tzevet members (including yoetzot) will be available to help and then integrate the camper into activities with their edah. Senior staff (our CEO, Assistant Director, and Director of Camper Care) will also be available to greet you and answer any questions during drop off time.

We expect the vast majority of all hanichim (campers) arriving by plane to be at camp by 12:00 noon. They will be greeted by their madrichim (counselors) and will bring their belongings to the tzrifim and join the activities. Luggage sent to camp on our MD, CT or MA luggage trucks will already be waiting in their tzrifim for the hanichim when they arrive from the airport.

At 2:00, camp will kick off with a full-camp sit-down lunch in our chadar ochel (dining hall). After lunch, hanichim will participate in a Tzohoryim Tzrif (afternoon of programming by bunk), that will allow us to have ice-breakers and other fun peulot (activities) and also to do other first day things like agam testing (waterfront evaluation). We want to get the kids active and involved from the get go!

At 5:30, the hanichim will go back to their tzrifim where any hanichim who have yet to unpack will be able to do so (with help from their madrichim), with additional activities for those who have already settled in.

At 6:00, we will gather for a Tekes Peticha (opening ceremony) as a whole camp to welcome everyone into the community. It should be a ruach filled and fun event. After that, the Tzad Aleph campers will head to aruchat erev (dinner) while the Tzad Bet campers will attend a short orientation on our “Roo” (Sports team) program.

After dinner, each edah will have their opening peulat erev (evening activity) followed by harga’ah (bed-time activity in the tzrif). After such an active and fun day, we will help the hanichim get comfortable for a good night’s sleep as they anticipate the start of a great kayitz (summer)!