

camp Ramah in california

Report to the Community | 2012 – 2014







CAMP RAMAH IN CALIFORNIA

A Journey for a Lifetime



Three years have passed since our first Camp Ramah in California *Report to the Community*, summarizing 2008-2011, and it's time, once again, to share our remarkable growth, newest directions, and incredible experiences.

In one more year, we will be celebrating our 60th anniversary. These last six decades have made a tremendous impact on our Jewish community, generating thousands of alumni, molding hundreds of Jewish leaders and educators, and facilitating lifelong relationships (many of which have led to marriage). We are indebted to our Ramah community and the Jewish community of the Western Region for recognizing the power and importance of Ramah, and for providing tremendous support to ensure Ramah's significance generation after generation.

All of us are honored to salute our many predecessors, every one of which has played an important role in helping Ramah evolve to this day. Another milestone such as this anniversary causes us to once again reflect how far we've come and chart our course for the future. Much of that reflection is contained in this report.

You are an enormous part of our success and our relevance in today's Jewish world. We share your passion for our beloved camp and are always open to your thoughts, comments and suggestions. Without you, we wouldn't be on the cusp of celebrating yet another decade of making a difference for Jewish youth, and we are deeply grateful for your partnership.

B'Shalom,

Andrew I. Spitzer, MD
Chair, Board of Directors

Rabbi Joseph M. Menashe
Executive Director





I had the privilege of serving as the Chair for Camp Ramah in California's Board of Directors from 2011–2014. My partnership with a dedicated, impassioned Board led to some of our most significant decisions and changes in Ramah history, as you will read in this report.

I must acknowledge my fellow Board members, who partnered with me during my tenure, freely sharing their thoughts and opinions and committing an enormous amount of time and effort. I could not have worked with a better group, and I am very proud of the direction and the plans we developed for the future of Camp Ramah. I must additionally thank Ramah's many donors, who demonstrate their love of Ramah through remarkable and generous support, allowing Camp to both improve and grow year after year.

As both a Ramah alum, and a Ramah parent, I know firsthand how essential a role Ramah plays during the most formative years, and how impactful the Ramah experience is throughout the generations. I am sure that you will read this report with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment, and hope you know how truly grateful I am for your ongoing commitment to our sacred work.

Kol Tuv,

Avi Schlesinger
Chair, Board of Directors, 2011–2014

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Camp Ramah in California is part of a worldwide network of Ramah overnight and day camps spanning the globe from North America to South America, Israel, and Eastern Europe. Ramah's emergence has been described as "the jewel in the crown of the Conservative Movement." Camp Ramah in California, which celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2006, serves the Western Region of North America – including Alaska, Arizona, British Columbia, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and Washington. Each summer Ramah campers, from day schools and Hebrew schools in large and small Jewish communities across the region, come together in Ojai on the campgrounds at the Max and Pauline Zimmer Conference Center.

Ramah summers offer swimming, drama, ceramics and arts and crafts, video production, Israeli dancing, archery, cooking, nature hikes, and more. Hebrew musicals, performed at the Jacoby Amphitheater, are summer highlights. Ramah's sports program includes basketball, ga-ga, volleyball, football, baseball, tennis, soccer, and the Meskin Family Ropes Course.

SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

Tikvah – *Educate a child according to his/her ways.* (Proverbs 22:6) Amitzim and Ezra are Ramah's innovative Tikvah programs, which provide sleep-away summer camp and vocational training experiences for adolescents and young adults with differences in learning, communication, social interactions, and developmental delays. These campers have the opportunity to receive all of the benefits of the larger camp program. Thanks to generous grants from the Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles and other donors, Camp Ohr Lanu was initiated in 2008. Ohr Lanu is a week-long camp that combines study, prayer and fun into a program designed specifically for families who have children ages 5–14 with special needs.

Ramah Seminar in Israel – A fun-filled, in-depth program for high school juniors in which students spend 6 weeks in Israel complete with hikes, archaeology, and desert treks. It introduces participants to the history of the Jewish state and involves them in central issues facing Israel today. Informal Hebrew language education and the study of contemporary and classic texts are central to the program.

In addition to summer programs, the Max and Pauline Zimmer Conference Center, including the Irene and Howard Levine Family Retreat Center, is also open year-round, providing a range of programs for people from all walks of life – including Family Programs, Children's Weekends and a Passover Institute. At Ramah, learning, fun, and personal growth flourish all year in an environment where Jewish values and a warm community are an inviting welcome to everyone entering its gates.

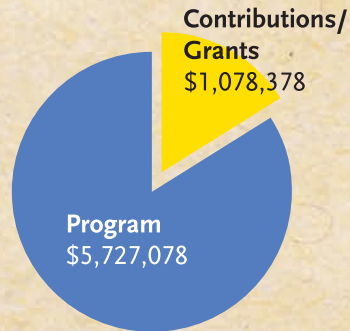


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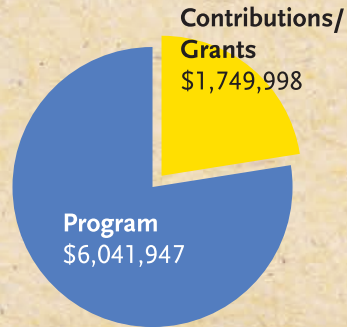


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| 2013 | Hayom U'letamid campaign launched |
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| 2014 | Makom Nefesh is gifted by Jeff, Allyn, Deborah and Lauren Levine |
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| 2014 | Gesher L'Chuppah is built, acknowledging those who met and married through Ramah |
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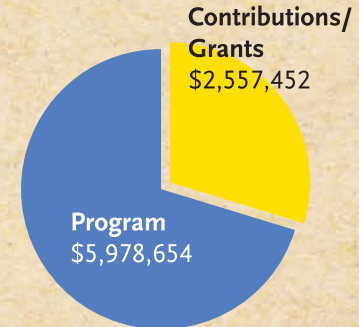
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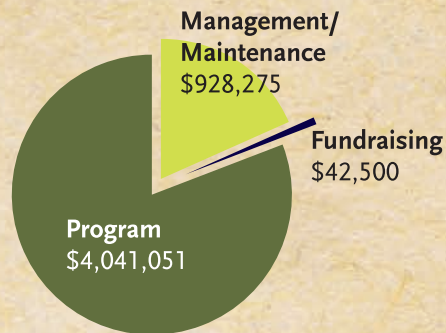
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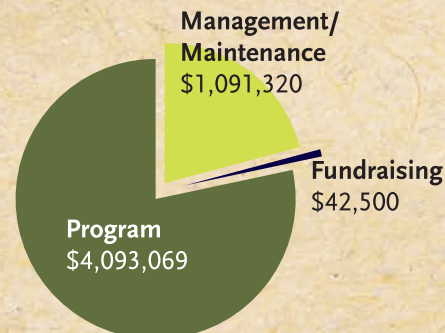
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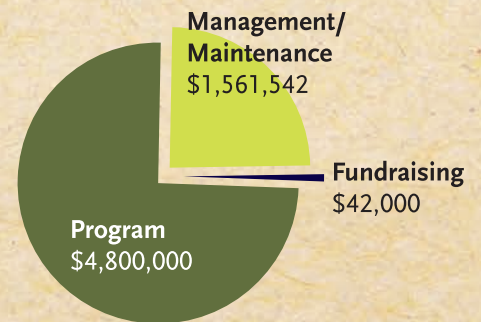
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2012 Expenses



2013 Expenses



2014 Expenses



New “Machon” Builds Momentum

In 2012, the Camp Ramah Board of Directors

addressed one of Ramah’s most significant and troublesome issues involving the Barnhard Mador Leadership and Staff Training program. Most campers apply for a Mador position during the summer between 11th and 12th grade. While Ramah has created programmatic alternatives and reduced camper beds in order to accept more Mador applicants, a sizable minority of wonderful Ramahniks are not accepted each year, simply because the number of applicants outweighs the positions available. This rejection, from the very institution that formed these campers’ personal and Jewish identities, and experienced during the formative high school years, cannot be understated.

“There’s no place like home – and Camp is a second home to our family. It’s hard to imagine who our children would have grown to be without the influence of the rituals, friends and staff in Ojai. We are committed to seeing this new edah come to fruition to ensure that more juniors and seniors can continue to spend summers at “home” at Ramah and grow into adulthood rooted in Jewish values, leadership experiences and deep friendship.”

LISA AND CRAIG COOPER

New Machon donors

After a review of an intensive, focused study facilitated by outside consultants seeking solutions to these issues, the Camp Ramah Board of Directors **unanimously approved the creation of an 11th grade edah (age group), complete with new facilities and programming, so that all our campers will simultaneously conclude high school and their Ramah camper journey.** Emphasizing leadership, responsibility, independence and fun, this new edah, **now called Machon**, will help prepare our oldest campers for roles as counselors and new leaders within the Ramah community and beyond.

Camp Ramah is currently raising \$2 million in support of the new Machon and its scheduled opening in June, 2016. By the end of 2014, this campaign had already raised nearly \$1.4 million, demonstrating that this need has significant community support and approval. We are VERY grateful to the Ramah community for its generosity and enthusiasm!

If you are interested in supporting our new Machon edah, and/or would like to see a list of naming opportunities, please contact Ilana Ormond at 818-668-2929 or ilana@ramah.org.



"Machon" donor list

As of December 31, 2014

MAKE IT A MINYAN – \$100,000+

Ellen & Adam Beren
Janet & Jake Farber
Mannon Kaplan
Sheila & Aaron Leibovic
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Julie & Marc Platt
Angel & Alan Schneider
Diane & Howard Zack

\$50,000 – \$99,999

Nancy & Scott Beiser

\$25,000 – \$49,999

Nancy Beren & Dr. Larry Jefferson
Lisa & Craig Cooper
Ilana & Dr. Mark Meskin
Rachel Lipman & Dr. Lee Rosen
Orna & Keenan Wolens
Lesley & Jeffrey Wolman



\$10,000 – \$24,999

Ellen & Jeff Brown
Sonia Daccarett & Alex Bernstein
Beth Astor Freeman & Rodney Freeman
Gaby & Jeffrey Kaplan
Rebecca & David Kekst
Lisa & Gary Lainer
Nadine & Steve Lavender
Deborah Musher & Rabbi Joe Menashe
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Sandi & Avi Schlesinger
Jackie & Michael Waterman

\$2,500 – \$9,999

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\$2,500 – \$9,999 continued

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Karmi & Harold Monsher
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Ilana & Steven Ormond
Hannah Platt
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Marlene & Randy Michaels
Ariella Moss Peterseil & Nachum Peterseil
Tara & Jay Reisbaum
Bea Reynolds
Monica & Scott Shapiro
Shelli & Danny Silver
Deborah & Chaim Singer-Frankes
Elana & Bruce Zisser

capital projects in review

MAKOM NEFESH

Camp Ramah's beautiful, new Makom Nefesh ("place of the soul") is located at the top of the hill overlooking camp, next to the Salkin Treehouse. According to donor Jeff Levine, the goal was to create a site that denotes "a time and place in camp for beauty and serenity." Jeff and his wife, Allyn, along with their daughters, Deborah and Lauren, have inherited a commitment to philanthropy; Jeff's uncle and aunt, Ted and Shirley Levine, named Ramah's basketball courts in the 1960's. Feeling a deep commitment to Ramah after attending Family Camp and spending many years as campers, the Levines decided as a family that they wanted to make a gift to Ramah in memory of their beloved parents and grandparents, Max and Sylvia Levine and Bernard and Evelyn Snyder. Jeff served on the Camp Ramah Board of Directors for several years in

the 90's, Lauren met her husband, Ross Quient, at camp and Deborah is a founding board member of RYAL, Ramah Young Alumni Leaders. To date, the site has been used for sunrise Shacharit services and a variety of activities by the edot. We are indebted to the Levine family for providing a beautiful, spiritual and special new area at Camp Ramah!



A NEW LOOK FOR OLD FACILITIES

The bathhouses in both the boys' and girls' *shetach* received well-deserved remodeling during the summer of 2013. Using the latest in environmentally friendly, sustainable and state-of-the-art materials, the bathhouses, which had been built in the 1970's, were received with tremendous enthusiasm by campers and staff alike. In order to acknowledge those who supported the campaign to remodel the facilities, a thank-you video was created. You can visit <http://youtu.be/THjXX7jHFes> for a virtual tour and to witness the campers' effusive appreciation!



*In appreciation for their wonderful support
of the*

2013 BATH HOUSE REMODELING PROJECT

Camp Ramah wishes to acknowledge

PILLARS

Anonymous

BENEFACTORS

The Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles
Real Estate Principals Organization

The Samuel & Helene Soref Foundation

BUILDERS

Samuel Averbach

Janet and Jake Farber

Michael & Stephanie Weisberg and Family

Martin F. Witkin Charitable Trust

TIKVAH BEIT KNESSET

Camp Ramah's successful Tikvah program received a wonderful gift from the Milton and Sandy Gordon Foundation to rebuild and expand the Tikvah Beit Kneset. This new site provides greater space for services and other activities for our Tikvah campers and was dedicated by Sandy and her family in the summer of 2012. Sandy is no stranger to the Tikvah program or to Camp Ramah. A frequent participant in the Regents weekends of the 1980'/90's with her late husband, Milt (z"l), she encouraged former Executive Director Alvin Mars to establish a camp program for children with special needs, and secured the first funding on her own from the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles. She traveled to family interviews to scout for the first participants and partnered with the Jewish Men's Club of Los Angeles to raise funds annually in support of the program. Today, the Tikvah program is one of Ramah's proudest achievements and is well-known in the Jewish community as a place for those with special needs to enjoy a Jewish camp experience.

Sandy's children, Jonathan and Shoshana, and grandchildren, Taliana and Hadassa, are Ramaniks, and both she and Milt served on the Ramah Board. She returns to camp every year to spend time with those in the Tikvah program, and proudly joins them for services in the beautiful space she built for them and future generations of Tikvah campers and staff.

CAMP CANTEEN

On December 10, 2013, members of the Ramah community gathered to celebrate Elie and Nuritt Mechaly's retirement, as well as their years of service to Camp Ramah. Elie spent 23 years as the Director of Operations for Camp, realigning the budget, hiring dedicated staff, and enhancing both the camp experience and the Zimmer Conference Center retreat business. Nuritt took the time to organize the canteen each summer and both were familiar faces to generations of campers.

As a retirement gift, the Camp canteen was renamed for Elie and Nuritt, memorializing their commitment to and passion for Ramah. All of us at Ramah are very grateful to the Mechalys and the legacy they have left with their beloved camp.



capital projects in review

GESHER L'CHUPPAH

Did you meet your match through Camp Ramah? Our new *Gesher L'Chuppah* proudly recognizes those who connected through any Camp Ramah experience. The bridge, erected in May, 2014, currently acknowledges the shiddachim of thirty couples whose lives were changed by Ramah. The use of a bridge is symbolic in so many ways, and we are honored to share the simchas with this beautiful site. Plaques and beams are still available — feel free to contact the Ramah office if you're interested in commemorating your match!



DONORS

BEAM

Hedy & Rabbi Ralph Dalin
Alison & Dr. Michael Feinberg
Tova & Austin Leibovic
Miriam & Milton H. Lincoff, M.D. (z"l)
Abby & Jonny Mars
Gwen & Jeremy Rosenthal

PLAQUE

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| Selina & Dr. Brian Boxer-Wachler | Jami & Adam Rosenthal |
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| Rena & Max Kates | Robin & Rabbi Ron Shulman |
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| Dayna & Jeremy Madick | |
| Deborah Musher & Rabbi Joe Menashe | |



Hayom U'leTamid



“Our four children have loved their Ramah experiences. We appreciate how Ramah fosters a love of Judaism and a strong vibrant connection to Israel and the worldwide Jewish community. We are fortunate to be part of the Ramah Community and firmly believe that Jewish camp life is critical to the success of the American Jewish journey. We are pleased to be part of the process committed to ensuring the future of Camp Ramah.”

ORNA AND KEENAN WOLENS

In 2012, Camp Ramah initiated its Hayom U'leTamid (“Today and for Always”) campaign. This initiative is designed to ensure accessibility to the Ramah experience now and for future generations. With Ramah receiving over \$1 million in financial aid requests each year, and many families choosing not to apply at all due to financial constraints, it is imperative that we develop a solution that allows all who wish for a Ramah experience to be able to participate without financial worries.

Our goal is to ensure that Camp Ramah will be accessible to all who wish for a Ramah experience — in perpetuity.

A minimum gift to the campaign is \$250,000. Our Hayom U'leTamid donors have made this pledge either through current gifts payable over five years, donations to the current endowment, or through legacy gifts such as life insurance policies and bequests.

The following are the donors who are helping to secure perpetual affordability and accessibility to Camp Ramah in California.

DONORS*

Janet & Jake Farber
Lisa & Victor Kohn
Judy & Lou Miller
Julie & Marc Platt
Orna & Keenan Wolens

**TOTAL RAISED TO DATE
\$2,750,000 (Cash & Pledges)**

*As of December 31, 2014

HAYOM

Dorot Ramah Current Giving \$ 500,000

TAMID

Legacy Endowment (Bequests) \$1,750,000
Life Insurance Policy \$ 250,000
Current Endowment \$ 250,000

annual celebrations in review

camp Ramah's annual gala dinners are well known in the Jewish community. Three years ago, Ramah opted to divert from the standard adult-only, honoree dinner format by adding some new concepts and opening the doors to a wider variety of attendees:



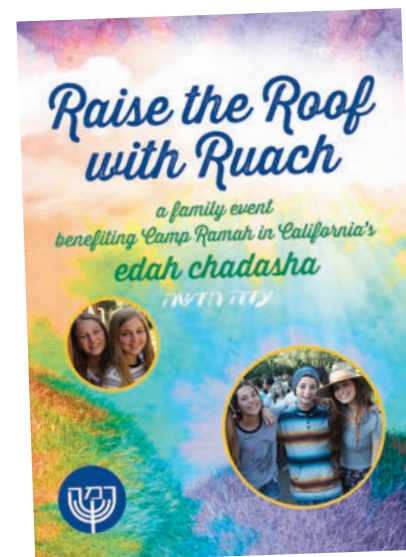
On December 5, 2012, Ramah introduced “**Session Three**,” a family-oriented, camp-themed gala that took place at Sinai Temple and raised funds for the Ramah Scholarship Fund. The evening featured a variety of activities, both intergenerational and kid-oriented, including tribal art, a Ramah trivia game, a live auction, an art project,

and balloon artists. Guests enjoyed a delicious dinner and were able to record their Ramah stories in the “Ramah Storycorps video booth.” The tribute journal, entitled “Chesed,” allowed participants to share their favorite Ramah photos and acknowledge Ramah on its pages.

The “family-oriented gala” was so successful that Ramah repeated it for the 2013 gala. Held on November 17th, this event also **honored Bruce Whizin**, who was 16 when the discussions for the creation of Camp Ramah in California began in his living room, and who has been passionately involved in the camp ever since. Bruce’s longtime service to the Board of Directors, as well as his contributions of the Whizin building

and the Whizin Rose Garden, are testaments to his commitment. Once again, a variety of kids’ activities were available, and all guests were treated to a wonderful video showcasing Bruce, his family, and his involvement in Ramah.

On December 7, 2014, Camp Ramah’s gala celebrated the creation of **new Machon**, the 11th grade edah scheduled to open in June, 2016. 2014 Tzophim campers who will be the first in the new edah shared their enthusiasm for this additional year, and a beautiful and detailed video was screened noting the research that led to the decision and the passion of the community for this significant endeavor. With décor featuring historic Camp Ramah T-shirts and a dinner prepared by 5 Star Kosher Catering, the evening was a great success!





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Board membership is listed only for the years noted in this report

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| Dr. Walter Ackerman z"l | 1960-69 |
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| Dr. Stuart Kelman | 1971-72 |
| Dr. Asher Meltzer | 1972-73 |
| Dr. Walter Ackerman z"l | 1973-74 |
| Dr. Sheldon Dorph | 1973-74 |
| Yisrael Spiegler | 1974-76 |
| Dr. Alvin Mars | 1975-84 |
| Rabbi Glen Karonsky | 1985-89 |
| Rabbi Ed Feinstein | 1990-93 |
| Robin Graff (Winter/Interim Director) | 1993-94 |
| Brian Greene | 1994-2001 |
| Rabbi Daniel Greyber | 2001-2010 |
| Rabbi Joseph Menashe | 2010- |



Alumni Efforts Keep Growing

camp Ramah in california's alumni efforts

grew significantly in the last few years with the increasing success of RYAL (Ramah Young Alumni Leadership) and the introduction of the National Ramah Commission's *Reshet Ramah*.

The Ramah Young Alumni Leadership (RYAL) is a dynamic group of Camp Ramah in California alumni, ages 21-35, who share a passion for camp and a desire to give back. Governed by a Board of peers, RYAL hosts a variety of activities and fundraisers, continuing to make Ramah relevant in members' personal and professional lives while preparing them to assume future leadership roles in the Jewish community. RYAL events have included "Vodka and Latkes," Purim Parties, Shabbat dinners, and the annual RYAL weekend in Ojai every summer.



With generous grants from the AVI CHAI Foundation and the Maimonides Fund, **Reshet Ramah** was created to better serve the needs of the Ramah alumni community.

The initiative strives to increase adult Jewish engagement by using the power and passion of the existing Ramah alumni network to create stronger, more vibrant Jewish communities in North America, and it partners with thousands of Ramah alumni around the world to facilitate meaningful educational, spiritual, and Israel-based opportunities. Visit Reshet's website to add your name to the online national Ramah directory, search for job openings and check out alumni events around the country.

The Ramah movement is working hard to track down alumni. Please visit the RYAL webpage on our website (www.ramah.org) or visit the Reshet Ramah website at www.reshetramah.org for further information or to reconnect!





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Leadership giving: 2012-2014



In order to continue to maintain the highest standards in Jewish summer camping, while at the same time striving to make camp as affordable as possible to all youngsters who desire to have a Ramah experience, Ramah established **Dorot Ramah**, a major giving society, in 2011.

Dorot Ramah donors make an annual commitment at one of four giving levels, and are provided with an opportunity to direct gifts to scholarship, programming, or unrestricted annual support towards the greatest needs of camp. We are proud to acknowledge the following:

AMUDIM (PILLARS)

Annual Commitment of \$50,000 or more

Lisa & Victor Kohn

Julie & Marc Platt

LEADERS' CIRCLE

Annual Commitment of \$36,000 or more

Suzanne & Elliott Felson – Etrog Fund #1

Irene & Howard Levine



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Annual Commitment of \$18,000 – \$35,999

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Annual Commitment of \$10,000 – \$17,999

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Jennifer Kattler Trilling & Lawrence Trilling

Lesley & Jeffrey Wolman

Marilyn Ziering

alon Binyamin legacy circle

Members of the Alon Binyamin Legacy Circle are securing the future of Camp Ramah in California through their estate plans. We are deeply grateful to the following individuals for helping ensure that Ramah will be available for generations of campers to come.

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Carol & Charles Abrams
Jennifer & Aaron Aftergood
Samantha Platt Auerbach &
Michael Auerbach
Milton Baran z"l
Jamie & Joel Berman
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Evan Schlessinger
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Jackie & Michael Waterman
Bruce F. Whizin
Keenan & Orna Wolens



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