

Mador/Madrega Staff Application 2012

1. Welcome

Shalom! Thank you for submitting an application for Camp Ramah in California's staff training program for entering high school seniors. There many elements evaluated during this process:

- 1) **Written application**
- 2) **Interview**
- 3) **Recommendations** from your references and from those who worked with you recently as part of a Ramah program
- 4) **Judaic Fluency** including your current education and leadership involvements and your skills and knowledge in Hebrew language, t'fillah, mitzvot and Jewish practice
- 5) **Talents & Skills**

As you complete this application be sure to give thought to your answers, and to ensure that all information shared is accurate. You must complete the application in one sitting! You cannot start and stop it, as we cannot guarantee that your work will be saved. If you want to print out a sample copy to get a feel for the questions and to be fully prepared to complete the application when you start it, you can download a sample copy from the Mador/Madrega page of our website (www.ramah.org).

The application procedures are outlined in much greater depth in our full packet of materials - available at www.ramah.org/pr_mador.shtml. Be sure you have looked at all components! If you have questions please contact Amy (amy@ramah.org) or Zach (zach@ramah.org).

B'hatzlacha!

2. Contact Information

* 1. Basic Contact Infromation:

First Name:	<input type="text"/>
Last Name:	<input type="text"/>
Address:	<input type="text"/>
City:	<input type="text"/>
ST:	<input type="text"/>
ZIP/Postal Code:	<input type="text"/>
Country:	<input type="text"/>
Email Address:	<input type="text"/>
Home Phone:	<input type="text"/>

* 2. Cell Phone:

3. Date of Birth (optional):

	MM		DD		YYYY
Date of Birth:	<input type="text"/>	/	<input type="text"/>	/	<input type="text"/>

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4. Do you have a driver's license? If so, please enter...

License #:

State:

Expiration:

3. Training Programs

You have the opportunity to apply for as many jobs as interest you. When making decisions, we will consider you first for the jobs you identify here. We may also assess your potential in areas you hadn't considered.

*1. For which positions would you like to be considered?

	Yes	No
Madrich (Bunk/Tent)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gan Counselor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lifeguard/Swim Instructor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Media Arts Specialist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Office Assistant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor Instructor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Performance Art Specialist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sport Instructor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Visual Arts Specialist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please indicate specific activities you are interested in leading within the specialty areas (ex: basketball, drama, dance, etc.)

4. Education & Jewish Involvements

*1. Daytime School

Current School Name:

Current Grade Level:

*2. Are you currently enrolled in a program of Jewish learning?

- Yes
- No

If not, what is the conflict?

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***3. JEWISH LEARNING:** Please share any formal programs of Jewish learning in which you are/have been enrolled. Be sure to indicate whether the program have been a day school or supplemental program.

Elementary:

Middle School:

High School:

4. JEWISH YOUTH GROUP: Please list any Jewish youth groups in which you have held membership, along with any leadership positions you have assumed.

1.

2.

3.

5. ISRAEL EXPERIENCE(S) - Have you been to Israel? If so, on what programs and in what year(s)?

1.

2.

3.

5. Experience & Skills

Please take this opportunity to share any relevant experiences you have had that distinguish you as an applicant and could help you succeed on the job.

***1. Please evaluate your proficiency in the following areas:**

	Strong/Can Lead	Mostly Comfortable	Somewhat Comfortable	No Proficiency
Hebrew Language	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Leading Daily Shachrit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Leading Shabbat Shachrit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Leading a Torah Service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Chanting Torah	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Chanting Haftorah	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. Music Ability: Please share any abilities you have with the following instruments.

	Strong	Decent	No Talent/Skill
Piano	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guitar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drums	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Voice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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3. Do you have experience working with kids?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Babysitting | <input type="checkbox"/> Tutoring |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TA in School | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer w/Special Needs Group (Friendship Circle, OurSpace, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day Camp Counselor | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist w/Sports Team | |

Brief explanation (if needed)

4. SUMMER CAMP: List any summer camps you have attended and the years you went.

1.
2.
3.

5. LEADERSHIP/VOLUNTEER WORK: List up to three leadership/volunteer involvements.

Include...

- a) Organization
- b) Dates
- c) Position

1.
2.
3.

6. WORK EXPERIENCE: List up to three paid job experiences. Include...

- a) Name of your supervisor
- b) Contact phone number
- c) Dates you held the job

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2.
3.

7. Describe any additional experiences, talents/skills or hobbies you might draw on at camp. (Ex: athletics, performance art, etc.)

6. Personal Background

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1. List any dietary needs/restrictions (outside of kashrut)?

2. Describe any conditions that would interfere with carrying out your camp duties:

***3. Have you ever been convicted of any criminal charges?**

Yes

No

If yes, please explain:

***4. Do you have a clean driving record (no more than one moving violation in the past three years)?**

Yes

No

If no, please explain:

7. Reflections

Please give thought to the following reflective statements and answer each in a few sentences or less.

***1. List three values/skills you want campers to acquire after a summer at Ramah:**

1.
2.
3.

***2. One Jewish practice or ritual that resonates with me is ____ because... (indicate the practice and reason)**

***3. Describe your work ethic. Give an example from a project or job on which you worked:**

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***4. One challenge I worked to overcome at camp or on a youth program last summer was ...**

***5. If I could create one activity at camp, it would be...**

***6. If I had \$10 to spend at Target, I would buy:**

***7. An achievement I am most proud of is:**

8. Diving Deeper

Working at Camp Ramah in California provides an opportunity for you to bring your talents and strengths to the job in order to impact the lives of our campers, and to also gain leadership, technical and Judaic skills. We are looking for applicants that are committed to both learning and to making contributions.

Over the course of the summer you will be called on plan a variety of activities. Think about an activity would run based on the topic of t'fillah/Shachrit, tikkun olam or Israel. You will be asked to briefly describe the activity, and to identify one skill you currently embody that will allow you to implement your idea and one skill you will need to learn to make it successful.

***1. On which topic will your peulah be based?**

T'fillah/Shachrit

Israel

Tikkun Olam

Shabbat

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***2. Briefly describe the peulah in one paragraph, including what you want kids to learn and how it will be fun.**

***3. What is one of your skills you will draw on to make the peulah successful?**

***4. What is an example of something you will need to learn in order to make the peulah successful?**

9. Emergency Contact & Parental Consent

Please complete this page with a parent.

***1. Emergency Contact Information #1:**

Name:	<input type="text"/>
Relationship:	<input type="text"/>
Address:	<input type="text"/>
Cell Phone Number:	<input type="text"/>
E-mail Address:	<input type="text"/>

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*2. Emergency Contact Information #2:

Name:

Relationship:

Address:

Cell Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

***3. CONSENT: I hereby give permission for my employment and references to be checked by an outside reporting agency. I understand that any questions answered fraudulently will disqualify me from employment. Camp Ramah in California is an equal employment opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political belief, sexual orientation, U.S. Veteran or marital/family status.**

Name/Electronic Signature:

***4. PARENTAL CONSENT (to be answered by a legal guardian if applicant is under 18): My child has permission to apply for a staff training program at Camp Ramah in California.**

Yes

No

Name/Electronic Signature:

10. Todah Rabah & Next Steps

Thank you for your submission.

Please be sure you have reviewed all elements of the application procedure, outlined in the packet sent to you by mail or available at www.raham.org/pr_mador.shtml. Also, remember to distribute recommendation forms to three individuals who can reflect on your potential in these programs. Appropriate recommenders include educators, youth group leaders, rabbis, employers or other objective parties. Extra forms can be found at www.raham.org.

You will be contacted in early January with instructions on how to set-up an interview. Please check your mail at this time and be sure to follow the instructions.

Final selections will be made by the start of March.