

CAMP RAMAH IN CALIFORNIA



Lishma – An egalitarian yeshiva-study summer program for young adult Jews ages 18 through 25 who want to explore traditional texts from a religious perspective. During four unforgettable weeks, you will learn Torah Lishma (study for its own sake), pray, participate in social action projects and create community with your peers at Camp Ramah in California. We draw our staff from the prestigious Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies at the University of Judaism and from respected scholars around the world.



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“Lishma has been a dream come true for me – I felt fully able to delve into texts and explore myself. I’ve come to feel ownership over my own Jewish journey. I will forever hold this experience in my heart.”

Hevruta Learning

The foundation of traditional Jewish study is learning with a partner (*hevruta*). At Lishma you engage with your partner, the scholar and your fellow Lishma participants in the study of ancient and modern texts in Hebrew and English to discover their deeper meaning

Ritual Prayer

Lishma offers a variety of prayer experiences—including daily *davening* (praying) in community, special learners’ *minyanim* and spirited Shabbat services. There are also opportunities to pray alone, integrating the skills you learn into your own private spiritual practice.

Leadership Training

With learning comes the responsibility to lead. During the evenings Jewish religious and academic scholars teach leadership skills through lecture, film and improvisation.

Social Action

Judaism teaches us that our actions should be reflections of our learning. We spend one day a week outside of camp engaged in a *tikkun olam* activity (repairing the world). In giving what is needed—whether to people or to the environment—we find that we receive at least as much as we give.

Practical Halakhah

While living in an observant Conservative setting, you study the *halakhic* basis of Jewish practice. You explore the observance of Shabbat, *kashrut* and prayer, learning the foundation of Jewish law, as well as its practical application.

Spiritual Mentoring

During your stay at camp, you have the opportunity to meet with Lishma staff to discuss your personal and spiritual issues. During your private mentoring sessions, you integrate the Jewish history, legal concepts and ethical values that you learn in the program with the ways you live your life outside of Lishma.

Community

Lishma takes place amidst the vibrant Jewish community and beautiful natural setting of Camp Ramah in California. Lishmaniks relax at the Olympic-size pool, play tennis and basketball, go for hikes in the surrounding mountains and take trips to the beach.



Learning for a Lifetime

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