



**CAMP RAMAH IN CALIFORNIA**  
 At the Max & Pauline Zimmer Conference Center  
*A Journey for a Lifetime*

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We hope that your campers are settled back after a wonderful Summer at Camp Ramah in California. The time we spent together was great, and filled with memorable moments! Recently we sent your family an e-mail with registration information for our 2010 summer. This packet is to follow-up on that e-mail. If you have already begun the application process please consider passing these materials on to a new prospective family. If you haven't begun the process you can use these materials or log onto our website.

**Take Advantage of Discounted 2010 Fees!!!**

Economic conditions continue to challenge many families in our community and, in response, our Board of Directors has taken an unprecedented step to help by **freezing 2010 tuition fees at 2009 rates for all campers who pay in full, or for whom signed payment plans are received in our office, by December 1, 2009.** Visit our web site, [www.ramah.org](http://www.ramah.org) for your 2010 enrollment application packet. Please take advantage of this opportunity to save money by completing the application today. Scholarship applications will be available on our website in January. In addition, we will post information about other forms of assistance that may be available through your local Jewish community as they become available.

**Each year we work hard to make every summer better than the one before.** In 2010 we introduced many new programs like our Ultimate Frisbee *chug*, featured guest instructors in areas like basketball and rap music, upgraded our daily menu and strengthened transportation services. The positive feedback on our 2009 summer has been overwhelming, and will use the constructive feedback to strengthen our 2010 program.

**Note Our 2010 Dates & New Geshet Structure!**

4-Week Sessions	Fall 2010 Grades	Dates	2-Week Sessions	Fall 2010 Grades	Dates
Session 1	4 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	June 22 - July 19	Geshet A	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup>	June 22 - July 5
Session 2	4 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	July 22 - August 18	Geshet B	4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	July 6 - July 19
			Geshet C	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup>	July 22 - July August 4
			Geshet D	4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	August 5 - August 18

**Carefully note the dates of the session you select to ensure your camper(s) will be able to be at camp for the full session.** Campers should not come late or leave early for summer school, vacations or other commitments. However, if either the end of or start of school dates conflict with the camp schedule by a couple of days, please be in touch **immediately** so that, if possible, special arrangements may be made. If you plan to attend our full session camp (8 weeks) please be aware of our 3 night intersession from July 19th to July 22<sup>nd</sup>, during which your child will need to leave camp for home.

**After careful consideration we have decided to shift the structure of our Geshet program and only offer 2-week introductory encampments for these campers.** Feedback from families and assessment from our staff indicate clearly that campers feel more positive about their first Ramah experience when they are with us for at least 2-weeks, giving them enough time to make friends, settle into the routine and enjoy their activities. Enrollment will be limited, so act quickly.

**How to Register:**

We recommend that all applications be returned as quickly as possible. Returning summer 2009 campers, siblings of returning campers, waitlisted campers in 2009, or returning campers who took a hiatus from Camp Ramah in California in 2009 can submit an application immediately and will be processed in the order in which the completed

applications are received in our office. New enrollments also should be submitted immediately and will be processed after October 16, 2009 according to the order in which they are received.

- In addition to our standard application that can be downloaded and completed by hand, we are happy to introduce a writeable PDF Application for you to type and complete on your computer, print, sign and mail to our office with your payment.
- **Please complete all the highlighted sections of the application.** Applications will only be processed if they are complete with signatures, payments and/or payment arrangements. **DO NOT E-MAIL AND DO NOT FAX.** E-mailed, faxed or incomplete applications (including those with no deposit) will **NOT** be processed.
- Please enclose your check payable to **Camp Ramah in California** or include VISA/Master Card information. ***If you are enrolling several children and paying the deposits with a check, please use a separate check for each child.*** Families seeking financial assistance and are unable to send the full deposit should read below for more information.

**\*\*Please note: If you do not have Adobe Professional you will NOT be able to save an electronic version of your application, and must complete it from start to finish in your first attempt. Once completed we recommend that you print two copies – one for our office and one for your records.**

#### **Financial Assistance & Payment Plans:**

Financial Aid applications will be available online after January 4, 2010. Please visit our website: [http://www.ramah.org/re\\_financial\\_resources.php](http://www.ramah.org/re_financial_resources.php) for the application. The application and all completed documents must be received in the camp office no later than **March 2, 2010**. The financial resources page also provides information on other funding sources from Ramah and other organizations and will be updated as information becomes available.

We are making a variety of payment plan options available to you sooner than ever before so that you can spread out your payments. To view payment plan options and to sign up for this program please complete the required forms, available after August 14<sup>th</sup> on our website at [www.ramah.org/re\\_financial\\_resources.php](http://www.ramah.org/re_financial_resources.php).

#### **Cancellations:**

The Ramah cancellation and change to enrollment policy is as follows:

1. All cancellations or changes **must** be submitted online through the Ramah website ([www.ramah.org/re\\_forms.php](http://www.ramah.org/re_forms.php))! Phone requests for changes cannot be honored. All deposits are refundable less the following NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-TRANSFERABLE administrative fees:

<u>Session</u>	<u>Before March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010</u>	<u>Before June 1<sup>st</sup> 2010</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session	\$250	\$600
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session	\$500	\$1,200
Gesher 2-weeks	\$100	\$300

2. Administrative fees will be charged for all withdrawn campers.
3. **There will be no tuition refunds granted after June 1, 2010.**
4. Any changes in enrollment will be subject to the above policy.

In fairness to other families, please enroll only for the session you plan to attend. If you enroll for two sessions, and subsequently drop a session, **you will be charged a full cancellation fee for the session you drop** (i.e. cancellation fees CANNOT be applied to the other session).

Take advantage of our Early Enrollment and savings by signing your campers up today. You can reach our Registrar, Rachel Lancaster, or our Business Director, Randy Michaels, at 310-476-8571 with questions.

בשלום,



Rabbi Daniel Greyber  
Executive Director



Dr. Zachary Lasker  
Camp Director



# 2010 SUMMER CAMP APPLICATION

## Camp Ramah in California, Inc.

15600 Mulholland Drive Suite 252  
 Los Angeles, CA 90077  
 (310) 476-8571 or (888) CAMP-RAMAH  
 Website: ramah.org Email: Info@ramah.org

Application **must** be accompanied by a photograph approximately 1.5" x 1.5"

*A Summer for a Lifetime*

APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN – PLEASE PRINT

### CAMPER INFORMATION

Last:	First:	Hebrew:	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Month/Day/Year	Camper Email:	Indicate Camper's T-Shirt Size S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/>		
Child is a: <input type="checkbox"/> New Camper <input type="checkbox"/> Returning Camper Years child attended: _____	Street Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
		Country:	Home Phone:	
Child lives with: <input type="checkbox"/> Both Parents <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Other:				

### CAMPER EDUCATION-Please complete both sections

Name of School (Currently enrolled) :	School Grade (Fall 2010): 3rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4th <input type="checkbox"/> 5th <input type="checkbox"/> 6th <input type="checkbox"/> 7th <input type="checkbox"/> 8th <input type="checkbox"/> 9th <input type="checkbox"/> 10th <input type="checkbox"/>
<b><u>RAMAH JEWISH EDUCATION STANDARD:</u></b>	
Campers at Ramah are immersed in Jewish living. In order to connect their experience over the summer to their life during the year, participation in a program of Jewish education is critical. Camp Ramah reserves the right not to accept a child who is not enrolled in a formal program of Jewish studies. If camper is not currently enrolled in a program of Jewish education, please attach an explanation of the specific circumstances. A camper enrolled in a Jewish Day School is not required to attend a Hebrew school.	
Name of Hebrew School:	Hebrew School Grade Level (Fall 2010): 3rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4th <input type="checkbox"/> 5th <input type="checkbox"/> 6th <input type="checkbox"/> 7th <input type="checkbox"/> 8th <input type="checkbox"/> 9th <input type="checkbox"/> 10th <input type="checkbox"/>
Hours per Week of Jewish Studies:	

### FAMILY INFORMATION

Synagogue (Name, City):	Synagogue Affiliation: Reform <input type="checkbox"/> Conservative <input type="checkbox"/> Orthodox <input type="checkbox"/>	
Parent 1 (or Step-Parent, Guardian)	Parent 2 (or Step-Parent, Guardian)	Parent/Guardian
Relationship:	Relationship:	Parents are: <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced* <input type="checkbox"/> Separated
Title/First Name:	Title/First Name:	<input type="checkbox"/> Widowed
Last Name:	Last Name:	*If divorced-Legal Custody is: <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> 50/50 <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Work Phone:	Work Phone:	
Cell Phone:	Cell Phone:	*Application must be signed by both parents
Work Fax:	Work Fax:	EMERGENCY CONTACT: (Other than parents)
Occupation:	Occupation:	
Email:	Email:	Name:
Address (if different than Camper):	Address (if different than Camper):	Phone:
		Relationship To Camper:
City:	City:	Name:
State/Zip:	State/Zip:	Phone:
Home Phone:	Home Phone:	Relationship To Camper:

For office use Only	Date Rec'd	<input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card	Session: 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Geshet: A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/>
		Amt. Encl. _____	<b>Edah Assigned:</b>
		<input type="checkbox"/> Deposit <input type="checkbox"/> Partial Deposit <input type="checkbox"/> Full Payment	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled <input type="checkbox"/> Waitlist <input type="checkbox"/> Pended _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> No Payment <input type="checkbox"/> Donation Amt. _____	<u>Notes:</u> _____ (initial)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Missing Information _____		

## RAMAH PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

The developmental philosophy of our program emphasizes the uniqueness of each camper. We want your child to have a wonderful summer and ask that you answer the following questions as fully as possible so that we may provide the best summer experience.

How did you hear about Camp Ramah?  Parent is a Ramah Alumna  Another Ramah Family /Alumni  Day / Hebrew School Educator  
 School Presentation  Synagogue/Rabbi  Newspaper/Magazine  Recruitment/Camp Fair  Direct Mail  Phone Call  Ramah's Website  
 Internet search  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have family members who have attended Camp Ramah in California: Yes  No  List name and years below:

If yes, please visit: [www.ramah.org/alumni](http://www.ramah.org/alumni) to register in our alumni network.

<b>Camp Experience</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>Comments</b> (Please use additional pages if needed.)
Has your child attended sleep away camp before?			Name of camp:  How many years?
Was your child homesick?			
Did your child leave camp early?			
If your child has not attended an overnight camp, has your child been away from home for an extended period of time?			Where?  How long?
Has your child ever been denied enrollment or asked to leave a camp for disciplinary issues?			
Is there any special information you would like to share with us? Please do <b>not</b> list bunking requests on this form.			
<b>Social / Emotional</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>Comments</b> (Please use additional pages if needed.)
Has your child ever experienced any unusual psychological/physical trauma? If yes, please explain.			
Has your child ever received psychological or psychiatric counseling or treatment? If yes, please explain.			
Has your child been assigned an Individual Education Plan or other support services? If so, what services are provided?			
Does your child have any physical or medical condition which could impact his/her program and activities at camp? If yes, please specify.			
Past illnesses of which we should be aware? If yes, please specify.			
Are there any special family situations that we should know about? If yes, please explain.			
Is there anything else we should know about your child that might help in making his/her stay at camp more pleasant? Please do <b>not</b> list bunking requests on this form.			

**Please indicate your 1st or 2nd choice, in case your session requested is full.**

Campers are enrolled by their **FALL 2010 SCHOOL GRADE.**

4-Week Sessions		Grade							
		Dates	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Session 1	4 Wks	June 22-July 19							
Session 2	4 Wks	July 22-August 18							
Full Session	8 Wks	June 22-August 18							

*(Full summer campers return home for a 3-day intersession)*

2-Week Geshher Sessions		Grade			<b><u>Camp Fees include:</u></b> ♦ Bus Transportation from Southern California ♦ Camp Ramah T-shirt ♦ Laundry service & Camp Photo (4 & 8 wks sessions only) ♦ Meals, Housing & Programs ♦ Canteen ♦ All Off-Campus Trips
		Dates	3rd	4th	
Geshher A	2 Wks	June 22-July 5			
Geshher B	2 Wks	July 6-July 19			
Geshher C	2 Wks	July 22-July August 4			
Geshher D	2 Wks	August 5-August 18			

Please mail this application, including the tuition deposit to:

**Camp Ramah in California**  
**15600 Mulholland Drive, Suite 252**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90077**

Camp Ramah strives to enroll campers regardless of ability to pay. Please see our website for financial assistance information.

Financial Aid Applications are due March 2, 2010.

**ALL BALANCES ARE DUE IN FULL BY MARCH 2, 2010**

**You can reinforce the lessons of tzedakah your child will learn at camp with your gift to Camp Ramah now!**

You may not realize how critical donations are to Camp Ramah. We need our camp family to help provide the financial support which will ensure that Camp Ramah continues to be an amazing and rewarding experience for our children for the next 50 years and beyond. In order for Camp Ramah to continue to maintain the existing camp grounds, explore opportunities to expand the grounds and facilities, and to provide new and innovative programming, we ask you, as an integral part of our Camp Ramah family, to make a meaningful gift this year. Your donation will be used to enhance the Ramah experience for all our children, including those who cannot afford to attend Camp Ramah without financial assistance.

We ask you to consider a gift to Camp Ramah with this application so that no child is denied the summer of a lifetime, and to ensure that our facilities and our programs remain the best they can be. Because of your help, we will continue to influence many young lives, the next generation of Jewish educators and communal leaders.

Donation to  
Camp Ramah  
Fund

- \$ 2,500
- \$ 1,000
- \$ 500
- \$ 250

TUITION:		DEPOSIT:		Financial responsibility is: <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> 50/50	
		Before March 2	After March 2	Deposit Amount	\$ _____
Session 1	\$3,795	\$600	\$3,795	Donation Amount:	\$ _____
Session 2	\$3,795	\$600	\$3,795	<b>Total Remitted:</b>	\$ _____
Full Summer	\$7,590	\$1,200	\$7,590	<input type="checkbox"/> Check/Money Order <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <i>(Submit One check per camper application)</i>	
Geshher-2 Weeks	\$1,950	\$300	\$1,875	Financial assistance, incentives and scholarship information is available on our website: <a href="http://www.ramah.org">www.ramah.org</a>	
<p align="center"><b>Full tuition is due with all applications received after March 2, 2010.</b></p> <p>A late fee of \$50 will be charged for an unpaid balance after March 31, 2010. Balances unpaid after April 30, 2010 will be charged a \$75 late fee. After May 3, 2010, if the balance is not paid in full or arrangements for the balance have not been made with the Business office, your camper's space may be forfeited (at the discretion of camp management) and camp's cancellation policy will be enforced.</p>				<p><b>Financial Aid applications:</b> Will be available on our website after 1/04/10.</p>	

- Visa
- Mastercard

(we do not accept Discover Card and American Express)

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Card Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Exp. Date									
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**FAXED APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

# CAMP RAMAH IN CALIFORNIA

## Our Mission

Camp Ramah in California creates religious educating communities in which campers and staff learn skills for a life committed to God, Torah, the Jewish people and *tikkun olam*. Such communities support and strengthen Jewish identity and experiences fostered in the home, the synagogue and the school.

Affiliated with the National Ramah Commission and under the educational auspices of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies at American Jewish University, Camp Ramah in California works in partnership with institutions of the Conservative movement in the Western United States.

## PARENT'S AGREEMENT AND MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION

\_\_\_\_\_ *Camper's name*

***Please read carefully and sign below.***

I/We hereby apply for the enrollment of my son/daughter for the 2010 season at Camp Ramah in California. By submitting an application on behalf of a child, each parent and/or guardian signing the application accepts and agrees to comply with all camp rules and regulations, including camp cancellation policy displayed below.

1. I/We certify that the information on this application is both true and accurate and that no health or medical information is left out that would help Ramah understand or work with my child. I/We understand that inaccurate or misleading information may void my child's enrollment and forfeit the space reserved in camp.
2. Each application received by Camp Ramah is subject to approval by the Camp Director or Executive Director.
3. **Space in camp cannot be guaranteed until full payment is received.** Full payment is due by March 2, 2010. A late fee of \$50.00 will be charged for any unpaid balance after March 31, 2010 and balances unpaid after April 30, 2010 will be charged a \$75.00 late fee. After May 3, 2010, if the balance is not paid in full or arrangements for the balance have not been made with the camp's Business office, my camper's space may be forfeited (at the discretion of camp management) and the cancellation policy will be enforced.
4. I/We understand that all changes or **cancellations must be in writing** from parents/guardians and that the deposit is refundable **before June 1st only**, less the following, **NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-TRANSFERABLE** Administrative fee. **To submit a cancellations please go to our website.**
5. I/we have included a deposit or full payment with this application. If less than a complete deposit accompanies this application, I/we have called the Camp Ramah office and made special arrangements.

### Cancellation Policy

Sessions	September 2009–March 1, 2010 (Non-refundable, non-transferable Administrative Fee)	After March 1-June 1, 2010 (Non-refundable, non-transferable Administrative Fee)	After June 1, 2010
Session 1 or 2	\$250	\$600	No Refund
Full Session	\$500	\$1200	No Refund
Gesher-2 Wks	\$75	\$300	No Refund

6. I/We understand that Camp Ramah is **not responsible** for my child's personal property. Camp Ramah will provide a list of needed items prior to the opening of camp. Camp Ramah **strongly** recommends that campers do **not** bring valuable items such as iPods (MP3 players), expensive cameras, musical instruments, jewelry, or fancy clothing to camp. Camp Ramah suggests that parents purchase insurance either through a personal effects insurance policy or additions to home owner's policy to insure a camper's personal belongings.
7. I/We authorize the use of still or video photos and audio recordings of my child for Camp Ramah in California publicity purposes.
8. In case of public health or medical emergencies, I/We hereby give permission to the physician selected by the Camp Director or designate to secure proper treatment for my child, which may mean hospitalizing, ordering injections, anesthesia, or surgery for my child as named above.
9. I/We understand that camp's insurance does not serve in any instance as primary coverage for my child. In the absence of insurance, I/We agree to reimburse camp for all out of pocket medical expenses & prescription medications paid to providers on my child's behalf.
10. I/we authorize any physician, health care professional, hospital, clinic, laboratory, pharmacy, health plan, or other health care provider that provides treatment or services to or on behalf of my child to disclose that child's entire medical record and any other protected health information concerning that person to Camp Ramah and its agents, employees or representatives. By signing below, I terminate any agreements I have made with health care providers to restrict protected health information of my child and I instruct those health care providers to release and disclose the entire medical record of my child without restriction.
11. The Camp Director reserves the right to dismiss a camper whose physical condition, mental condition, behavior, personal conduct, or influence on other campers is deemed detrimental to the camp atmosphere. Should my child be dismissed, the deposit and/or unused camp fees will NOT be refunded.
12. I/We understand that part of the camping experience involves activities, group living arrangements and interactions that may be new to my child. These things come with certain risks and uncertainties beyond what my child may be used to dealing with at home. I/We am aware of these risks, and I/We assume them on behalf of my child. I/We realize that no environment is risk-free. I/We have instructed my child on the importance of abiding by the camp's rules. My child and I/We both agree that he/she is familiar with these rules and will obey them.
13. I give permission for my child to participate in camp activities outside Camp Ramah's grounds as planned by the staff and as approved by Camp Ramah.

**Must have signature of both parents who are divorced with Joint custody before application will be processed.**

**Please sign this completed application and mail with payment to the Ramah office for processing. Applications without complete information including payment or payment arrangements will not be processed.**

X \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF PARENT 1 OR GUARDIAN

\_\_\_\_\_ DATE

X \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF PARENT 2 OR GUARDIAN

\_\_\_\_\_ DATE

X \_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT NAME

X \_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT NAME

