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Dear Ramah Families,

Just a couple of weeks ago, we concluded a successful and meaningful Passover Camp and welcomed **over 350 participants** for our Passover Community Day. We feel incredibly lucky to be able to create "camps within camp," which allow Ramahniks of all ages from adults and toddlers to grandparents, kids, and teens, an opportunity to experience the magic of Ramah.

I'm writing this letter from a short trip to Israel. I arrived on Yom Hazikaron (Remembrance Day) and had the opportunity to witness what I think of as a quintessential Israeli and Jewish moment. The *ruach ojo, tekes ma'avar*, the ceremony marking the transition from the weight of memory and loss into the celebration of a Jewish state with Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day.

This year, that transition felt especially poignant. In the midst of a fragile ceasefire - where routines have resumed but uncertainty remains - after two years marked by pain and loss, there was a collective moment to breathe, to hold both grief and gratitude, and to celebrate.

As we plan for this summer, we are aware that **it will be the first summer in three years that we can gather in our "giant Jewish playground" and fully express joy,** without the same immediate fear for our brothers and sisters in crisis. And yet, the celebration is never complete. There is still pain and moments when being Jewish feels tested and when brokenness remains present in our world.

That is why this summer at Camp Ramah matters so deeply; it is our antidote to living in complicated times. **Across our camp in Ojai and our day camp in Los Angeles, nearly 2,000 Jewish souls will come together** to experience joy, celebrate traditions, wrestle with big ideas, and begin to shape their own WHY. There is nothing more lasting than that kind of lived, joyful Jewish connection.

At camp, we unplug from screens and plug into connection. We live in nature, sing our hearts out, and show up each day with *ruach (spirit)*!

Now that Passover has concluded, we've begun the annual counting of the Omer. In my home, we're also counting down the days until camp. While we look forward to being together again soon, my wish is that we make each of these days count as well.

Kol tuv,
Ariella

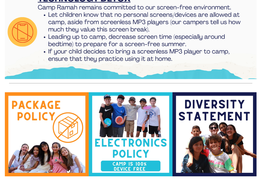






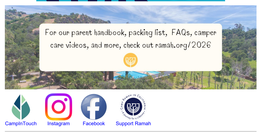












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