



### Why Camp?

I am the product of many Jewish programs: day school, youth group, Israel trips. But when asked what program would have the greatest impact on a young Jew's life, the answer is always summer camp. Without a doubt, my years at camp inspired my love for Jewish learning and living that has shaped me to this day. My goal is to give back to camps what they gave to me, to inspire the next generation of campers to find their own Jewish voices. Below are a few sample programs to give you an idea of what I can bring to your camp. In addition, I am always excited to work on wholly original programming to fit your needs!

### Bio

Through music, song-leading, experiential education, and spirited prayer leading, Eliana Light empowers students of all ages to make Judaism their own. She has put out two albums of original Jewish music, worked with innovative organizations like Bible Raps and G-dCast, and taught all over the country. This spring, Eliana will receive her masters in Jewish Experiential Education from the Jewish Theological Seminary. She is currently the Director of Music Education at Park Avenue Synagogue.

### Contact

732-685-2219

[elianalight@me.com](mailto:elianalight@me.com)

[www.elianalight.com](http://www.elianalight.com)

## Sample Programs

### Arts

#### **Israeli Dance: A tour through time**

Time: 45 minutes-1.5 hours

Age: 4-8th grade

Group: 5-20 campers with (even minimal) dance experience

Israeli folk dance has been a part of Israeli culture from the very beginning. Learn about the history and evolution of the state of Israel through dance. We'll start with the foundational steps, moving to the circle dances of the pioneers, funky dances of hope from the 70s, and then modern Israeli dances with mizrachi and hip-hop elements.

Other dance options: Choreographing an Israeli dance together, learning a dance for a Shabbat celebration

#### **Bible Raps Workshop**

Time: 45 minutes-1.5 hours

Age: 4th-10th grade (but grouped by grade)

Group: 5-20 campers

Bring Torah to life by creating your own Bible Raps! In this session, learn some text, learn how to rap, and record or share your creation. Thousands of campers all over the country have had the Bible Raps experience, and now it's your turn!

Other Bible Raps options: Hip-Hop minyan, making a music video, learning/performing Bible Raps songs

#### **Sing Along with the Gan!**

Time: 30-45 minutes

Age: Preschool-2nd grade

Group: 5-30 campers

Dance, clap, and sing along at music time for staff children and other young ones at camp. Favorite themes include Shabbat, animals, summer, and Torah, but customization is encouraged!

### Experiential Education

#### **Blessings 101**

Time: 45 minutes-1 hour

Age: 3rd-5th grade

Group: 10-50 campers

What are blessings? What do they do for us? And why should we aim to say 100 every day? Through music, drama, movement, art, and text, we'll explore the blessing formula, why and how to start our morning with blessings, and how to write our own blessings.

### **God is Just a Word**

Time: 45 minutes-1 hour

Age: 6th-11th grade

Group: 10-30 campers

What do we mean when we say "God?" From Torah stories to prayers, to our own spiritual experiences, God is all around us. Together, through music, discussion, and text, we'll unpack the idea of God, delve into the many names of God (over 100!) and discover what God can be for each of us.

Other education options: Experiential programs built around the content of your choice!

### Prayer

#### **Pray Ball! The Baseball Minyan**

Time: 45 minutes-1 hour

Age: 4th-8th grade

Group: Part of a regular morning service

What does baseball have to do with prayer? Actually, a lot! Learn about the morning service, and prayer itself, through the lens of our national pastime, no sports skills required! The baseball minyan can be done in and around a full weekday Shacharit service.

#### **Let's Move! Why Movement Matters in Prayer**

Time: 45 minutes-1 hour

Age: 4th-8th grade

Group: Part of morning, afternoon, or evening services

Our prayers are filled with choreography: sitting, bowing, stretching, lifting... How can movement enhance our prayer experience? From stretching with birkot hashachar, to why bowing matters at barchu, from interpreting the Shema with our bodies, to the Amidah aerobics, this creative service will let our bodies teach us more about prayer.

Other prayer options: Musical t'fillah, meditation and chanting, prayer programs training for counselors