Ramah Service Corps Fellows
2018-2019

**Jordyn Cranis** studies Biopsychology, Cognition and Neuroscience at the University of Michigan. This is her 3rd year working as a Metro Detroit Ramah Fellow, and she has attended Camp Ramah for 11 years.

**Emily Farbman** is a returning Ramah Service Corps Fellow in the Boston area. She has been at Ramah New England for 12 years, as a camper, counselor, and Rosh Edah (unit head). Emily is a senior at Brandeis University studying Neuroscience and Biology, and she plans to go to medical school. When she is not studying, Emily enjoys running, baking, and talking with camp friends.

**Ryan Fleischer** is currently a junior at the University of Colorado Boulder studying biochemistry with a certificate in public health on the pre-med track. Starting in 2010, he started going to Ramah in the Rockies as a camper and has been on staff for the past three years. Ryan was born and raised in Colorado and loves to get outside and go snowboarding or mountain biking.

**Ari Friedman** grew up in New York attending Camp Ramah in the Berkshires as a camper and Ramah Day Camp in Nyack as a camper and staff member. Recently, Ari began spending his summers at Ramah Galim as a lifeguard. After two summers at Galim, he joined the year-round team and now works with Ramah throughout the year.

**Annie Glasser** works year round for Camp Ramah in Wisconsin, working in marketing and communications, and helping new and veteran campers find their way (back) to camp. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a B.A. in Political Science and Certificate in Human Rights Studies. She is also an alumna of Tichon Ramah Yerushalayim. Before joining Ramah in Wisconsin, Annie worked in Connecticut as the Youth Director at the Conservative Synagogue and in New York as a consultant for Religions for Peace, a United Nations forum enhancing understanding and collaboration among and between the world’s religious communities.

**Matthew Goldstein** studies at the University of Michigan. He grew up on the Upper West Side of Manhattan and attended the Abraham Joshua Heschel School. He has spent his summers at Camp Ramah in Canada and Ramah Nyack as a camper and counselor. As a counselor, his duties included engaging campers through planned Jewish programming and creating a nurturing and supportive summer experience.

**Dahlia Katz** is a sophomore at the University of Michigan studying Economics. She lives in Memphis, Tennessee but is originally from Potomac, Maryland. Dahlia spent eight incredible summers as a camper at Camp Ramah in New England and just finished her second summer as a staff member.

**Pamela Kekst** has been a Ramahnik since 2007, growing up at Ramah Canada and spending the past four summers working at Ramah Nyack. Pamela studied Psychology and Jewish Studies at the University of
Maryland and was a Fellow on the Nachshon Project. When Pamela isn’t talking about how much she loves camp, she enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with friends and family.

Yael Kornfeld is a lifelong Ramah Californian, having been a camper, counselor, and rosh edah. Yael is originally from Denver, Colorado. She graduated from the University of Michigan with her BA in organizational studies, and spent five months this past year traveling in South America.

Yali Lowenberg is a graduate of Towson University where she earned her degree in Early Childhood Education. Yali now teaches first grade at Krieger Schechter Day School in Baltimore, MD. Yali spends her summers working at Ramah Poconos in the Tikvah program. In addition to teaching during the year, Yali loves to bring Ramah style programming to the Schechter and greater Baltimore communities.

David Mendelowitz works part-time year-round at Ramah Sports Academy, involved in recruitment, engagement, and developing the athletic program. Before working at Ramah, David was the Boys Varsity Basketball Coach at the Solomon Schechter School of Long Island. In addition to basketball, he has been coaching soccer since 2009 with Pro Soccer Kids. David spent five years on staff at Camp Monroe, most recently as assistant athletic director. He currently lives in Merrick, NY.

Lexi Michaels is a junior at the University of Michigan from West Bloomfield, MI. She is studying in the School of Education, majoring in English with a focus in secondary education. Lexi spent 9 years as a camper at Camp Ramah in Canada, went on Ramah seminar in Israel/Poland, and has been a counselor for the past 3 summers.

Leora Mietkiewicz is a longtime Canada Ramahnik, having spent time as a camper, counselor and rosh edah. A graduate of McGill University, Leora has worked on the staff of Nativ and as program coordinator at Ramah Canada.

Yael Moskowitz is a junior at the University of Michigan. She grew up in Palo Alto, California and attended Camp Ramah in Ojai. This past summer, she spent a few months volunteering as a chovesh with Magen David Adom in Israel and then returned to camp for her fourth summer on staff, to work in the Marp (infirmary).

Gaby Natelson has worked on staff for seven years at Camp Ramah in Ojai, California; four as a counselor and three as a rosh edah. Originally from Orange County, California, Gaby graduated from the University of Washington in Seattle with a BA in communications and Minor in Jewish studies. Gaby works with Ramah California year-round doing recruitment and engagement work.

Camila Resnick is originally from Argentina but has lived in México for the past 15 years. She is finishing a degree in business, and loves to work with children in the Jewish community. This is her 4th year working with the Bet-El Masorti community in Mexico City organizing youth activities.
Noa Rose is a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison studying Neurobiology with a certificate in Jewish Studies. She spent 8 summers at Camp Ramah in Wisconsin as a camper and a staff member. She is a returning RSC Fellow at Beth Israel Center in Madison, WI.

Daniel Rosenbaum is a senior at the University of Michigan studying Sport Management. He attended Camp Ramah in the Berkshires from 2006 to 2013, participated in Ramah Israel Seminar in 2014, and returned to camp for two summers to work as a counselor, working with Cochavim, Nitzanim, and Tzeirim.

Sammy Rosenbaum is a songwriter, musician, and community builder. In between concerts, artist-in-residencies, writing, and recording, Sammy is a student at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies. Sammy has released two records entitled "We Are The Ones" and "Lift" - songs for lifting the soul into Shabbat. Sammy has performed and taught his music in over 50 communities around the world. He has performed at SXSW, Treefort Music Festival, The Atlanta Jewish Music Festival, The March of the Living in Poland and more. Sammy has been on the summer staff of Ramah Darom and has been working on RSC projects in the Atlanta area.

Jenna Roth recently graduated from Muhlenberg College where she had the opportunity to be a Ramah College Network Fellow. Jenna studied at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem as a Nachshon Project Fellow. Jenna has been a proud member of Camp Ramah in Nyack for seven years and most recently served as a Rosh Edah before joining the year-round team.

Leah Schatz is an alumna of Ramah Day Camp in Philadelphia and Camp Ramah in the Poconos. A proud member of Gesher 2011, Leah worked as a madrichah (counselor) for four years and a Rosh Edah (Division Head) for two. After graduating from the University of Maryland with a degree in Elementary Education in 2017, she has spent time teaching throughout the Jewish community of Philadelphia at Har Zion Temple and Beth Am Israel, and now works year round with Ramah Poconos.

Paul Schmitz is a business student at the University of Michigan. He grew up in Farmington Hills, Michigan and went to Hillel Day School and the Frankel Jewish Academy. Paul attended Ramah Canada for eight incredible summers and this was his third year as a Ramah Service Corps Fellow.

Ianne Sherry originally from Northern Virginia, is a senior at Brandeis University. She is majoring in Education Studies and double minoring in Judaic Studies and Economics. Last semester Ianne studied abroad at Hebrew University in Jerusalem as a Nachshon Project fellow. Ianne was a camper at Camp Ramah in New England for seven summers and loved it so much that she returned as a counselor for three summers and as a rosh edah this past summer. Ianne is excited to share the magic of Ramah with the community!

Maxine Tannenbaum is studying Psychology at the University of Michigan. She hopes to get a masters degree in Occupational Therapy after graduation. Originally from Long Island, New York, Maxine attended Schechter Long Island. She has been a counselor at Ramah Day Camp in Nyack for four summers.
Aaron Walinsky has been going to Ramah since he was 4 years old, when his mom was Rosh Omanut. He keeps coming back to Ramah, and has played many roles at camp as a result. He is so excited to bring his love of Ramah to the Baltimore area. Aaron is a 2nd grade general studies teacher at a Jewish day school in Baltimore and is working towards an MSW.

Hannah Weisman is excited to return for the 2018-2019 year as the Ramah Service Corps Fellow for Shaare Torah Congregation in Gaithersburg, MD. She has spent her past 10 summers at Camp Ramah New England and is counting down the days until next kayitz (summer). Hannah is currently a junior at University of Maryland studying Educational Neuroscience and Double Bass Performance. At UMD, she is a senior research assistant in a flu research clinic, the artistic director of Avirah (UMD’s Israeli Dance troupe), and is in the process of designing an original neuroscientific study of attention in working memory for her senior thesis.

Hindy Finman grew up in Detroit, MI, has spent six summers as a staff member at various Ramah camps, helped launch BaMidbar Wilderness Therapy, and was a founding resident of the Boulder Moishe House. During her college career at Temple University, Hindy studied Criminal Justice and focused on understanding how the Juvenile Justice system was established and how it relates to American youth in the 21st century.

Julia Ordog, a Rhode Island native, has been living in Frisco for the last two years after graduating from Vanderbilt University. She works as a ski instructor and adventure photographer.

Zach Sapinsley is an outdoor enthusiast, lover of health and medicine, and tells too many dad jokes. Zach is a 27 year-old Chicagoan who moved out to Colorado two years ago to get closer to the mountains and build Jewish community in Boulder. He is so excited for an amazing season and to bring young Jews in Colorado together for spirituality, community, and of course some great food.

Ellie Wachtel, a DC-area native, moved to Summit County after graduating from Williams College. She works for a planning and environmental consulting firm, and also conducts research on a synagogue built in 1883 in Leadville, CO. She is excited to help create a welcoming community for young Jews living in or around the mountains.

Elana Tennenbaum is excited to continue in her role as the Chicago Reshet Coordinator after spending many summers as a camper and staff member at Ramah Wisconsin and now a Ramah parent! When she is not planning events for young Ramah alumni, Elana works part-time in fundraising for various Jewish organizations.

Michele Hasit is excited to continue in her role as the Philadelphia Reshet Coordinator, in addition to her full-time position as Communications Director for Camp Ramah in the Poconos.

Sydney Kaufman continues in her role as the New York City Reshet Coordinator. A Cleveland native and long-time Camp Ramah in Canada camper and staff member, Sydney works as a dietician at a hospital.
Naomi Gutstein has been enjoying her new role as the San Francisco Reshet Coordinator. A New York native and long-time Camp Ramah in the Berkshires camper and staff member, Naomi has been working at YouTube and living in the San Francisco Bay Area since she graduated from college.

Shira Wasser started a Reshet “chapter” in Jerusalem in 2018. Originally from Florida, Shira is working toward a Master’s Degree at Hebrew University. She was a camper and staff member at Ramah Darom for many summers.