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February is Jewish Disability Month...

Children 12 to 17 throughout the Southeast diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) now have a special Jewish summer camp with a supportive environment that encourages social interaction and personal growth.

Beginning this summer, Camp Ramah Darom will offer a new Tikvah program with two four-week summer experiences designed specifically for ASD campers.

Camp Ramah Darom's Tikvah Program will be the first program in the Southeast focused on providing a traditional, immersive, Jewish summer camping experience to teenagers with autism spectrum disorder. The program will be fully integrated into a community that is steeped in Jewish celebration, learning, and ritual.

With the new program, Ramah Darom will build upon expertise gained during 10 years of operating its nationally recognized Camp Yofi—a five-day camp for families of children with ASD. Ramah Darom also is expanding the reach of the National Ramah Tikvah Network of programs that serve Jewish children, teens, and young adults with a variety of disabilities.

Applications are being accepted now for Ramah Darom's Tikvah program. To learn more, visit www.campramahdarom.org.