

# ***Ramah Service Corps Fellowship***

## **Ramah Service Corps Fellows 2016-17**

### **ALLISON AARON**

Allison Aaron graduated from Bucknell University in May 2016 with a BA in Vocal Performance and Psychology. At Bucknell, Allison was a member of the Bucknell Opera Theater, president of her a cappella group, and a member of the choir. She now works in Nashville as a research analyst in the Music Cognition Lab at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Allison also teaches tefillot, music, and the Etgar Yesodi curriculum at Beit Miriam Religious School of West End Synagogue. She worked at Ramah Day Camp in Philadelphia for two summers as the Shirah and Drama Specialist, and the music of Ramah holds a special place in her heart. Allison is so excited to add to her connection to Ramah in her new role as a Ramah Service Corps Fellow!

### **SARAH DAVIS**

Sarah Davis is a senior at the University of Rochester studying Brain & Cognitive Sciences and Psychology. She is president of the University of Rochester Ballet Performance Group and is a researcher in the Rochester Kinder Lab. Sarah spent eight summers as a camper at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires. This past summer was her fourth as a staff member at Ramah Berkshires, and her first as a rosh edah. With thirteen years of Ramah memories, Sarah is excited to return as a Service Corps Fellow and share her love of Ramah with the Rochester community!

### **SERENA DEUTCH**

Serena Deutch is from sunny south Florida and is now a junior at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. She has been hooked on Ramah ever since she went to family camp at Ramah Darom when she was seven years old. Serena went on to spend eight summers as a camper and two summers as a counselor. She teaches religious school in Nashville and serves on the Vanderbilt Hillel and Challah for Hunger executive boards. A returning Service Corps Fellow, Serena can't wait to continue fostering a love of Ramah among Nashville families!

### **ZACH GOLDBERG**

Zach Goldberg is an educator, farmer, and community organizer in Boulder, Colorado. He holds a BS from the McGill School of Environment. An early visit to an urban farm in his hometown of Philadelphia spurred his passion for farming and environmental science. He has since worked on groundbreaking food system projects around the world including in New York, Israel, Montreal, and Barbados. Zach joined the Ramah Rockies family this past summer and is thrilled to continue his work with Ramah. He is excited to work in Boulder this winter, running fun and meaningful programming at Congregation Bonai Shalom through Hazon's JOFEE Fellowship!

**JACOB KAPLAN-LIPKIN**

Jacob Kaplan-Lipkin is a sophomore at Stanford University, where he is planning to double major in Classics and Symbolic Systems. Jacob is active in the Stanford Jewish community, where he serves on the boards of the Jewish Student Association, the Stanford Israel Association, and the Stanford Hillel. This past summer, Jacob was proud to be a part of Ramah Galim's inaugural summer; he worked as an ocean exploration specialist and Bogrim counselor. A Bay Area native, Jacob enjoys ultimate Frisbee and Marvel comics, and plans to attend rabbinical school after college. He is so excited to share his love of Ramah with the Bay Area community.

**MAYA KOVEN**

Maya Koven was born in Toronto, Ontario and now lives in Buffalo, New York. She is a freshman at the University of Rochester. Maya went to Camp Ramah in Canada for nine summers, attended Ramah Israel Seminar, and served on staff. She is looking forward to sharing the magic of Camp Ramah with the Jewish community of Rochester!

**AILY LEIBTAG**

Aily Leibtag is the year-round program director at Camp Ramah in Canada. She has a BA from McGill University and is passionate about Jewish programming and experiential Jewish education. Aily spent four years serving as the youth director at Beth Tzedec Congregation in Toronto, where she worked with youth, families, and young professionals. She is from Dundas, Ontario, and has always been grateful to her parents for putting her on the bus to Camp Ramah. Aily enjoys cooking and being outdoors, and she challenges anyone to a diving competition at the agam!

**ARIELLA LIEBMAN**

Ariella Liebman is a sophomore at Northeastern University, where she majors in Physics and Civil Engineering. She is passionate about the arts, enjoys dancing, and Jewish a cappella. In addition to her science focus, Ariella is interested in the intersection of sociology and the Jewish world. Ariella has spent a large part of her life at Camp Ramah in New England as a camper and staff member. She is thrilled to continue her work with Ramah as a Service Corps Fellow and spread her love of Ramah to others!

**YALI LOWENBERG**

Yael Lowenberg (Yali) is a senior at Towson University, where she studies Early Childhood Education. She also serves as the Kadima Youth Advisor and teacher at Chizuk Amuno's Rosenbloom Religious School, where she loves to teach Ramah rikud. A longtime Ramahnik at Camp Ramah in the Poconos, Yali spent her third summer on staff working with Yedidim, Poconos' new edah for campers with disabilities. She is so excited to bring more Ramah presence to the Baltimore area.

### **AMANDA PHILIPS**

Amanda Phillips moved to New York after graduating from Indiana University (Go Hoosiers!). She is currently pursuing a MA in Jewish Education from the Davidson School at The Jewish Theological Seminary. Over the past year and a half, she has been teaching religious school at Sutton Place Synagogue, staffing Birthright Israel trips, and leading youth programs at synagogues across the New York area. Amanda credits her decision to enter the Jewish professional world to her many years as a camper and staff member at Ramah Darom. She is thrilled to be a Ramah Service Corps Fellow and cannot wait to transmit the magic of camp throughout the Sutton Place Synagogue community!

### **JENNY POSNAN**

Jenny Posnan, a native of Elkins Park, Pennsylvania credits Ramah as an integral part of her life and Jewish identity. She spent many summers as a camper at Camp Ramah in the Poconos and the Ramah Day Camp in Philadelphia, where she now spends her summers as a rosh edah. A graduate of West Chester University of Pennsylvania, Jenny holds a degree and teaching certification in Elementary Education. After graduation, she was privileged to spend a year in Israel teaching English in Netanya through the Israel Teaching Fellows program. Jenny currently works as a teacher at the Perelman Jewish Day School. She is thrilled to be working as a Ramah Service Corps Fellow and helping share her love of Judaism and Ramah!

### **JOSH SATOK**

Josh Satok is a graduate student in the Hornstein Program at Brandeis University, studying for an MBA in Nonprofit Management and an MA in Jewish Professional Leadership. He is also a Wexner Fellow/Davidson Scholar. Originally from Toronto, Ontario, Josh is a graduate of Yale University, where he concentrated in Religious Studies. He grew up attending Camp Nova Scotia and spent many summers working at Camp Kadimah. He joined the Ramah community in 2015, when he worked at Camp Ramah in Canada as Program Director. There's nothing Josh loves more than Jewish camp, especially Camp Ramah!

### **LEAH SCHATZ**

Leah Schatz is a senior at the University of Maryland, where she studies Elementary Education. Originally from suburban Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, she has spent seven summers as a camper and four as a counselor at Camp Ramah in the Poconos. Leah is so excited to bring her love of camp and Jewish education to programming year round! In her free time, you can find Leah Israeli dancing or singing Jewish a cappella with Kol Sasson.

### **GUY SHAHAR**

Guy Shahar from Reut, Israel has spent the past five summers working at Ramah Day Camp in Nyack and was one of the founding staff members of the Sha'ar Hebrew Immersion program. He holds a degree in Psychology, Sociology, & Human Resources. Guy is spending this year in New York City as a shaliach working on expanding Sha'ar Hebrew programming at Ramah Nyack and teaching at the Park Avenue Synagogue. He enjoys playing games with his nieces and nephews, spending time with friends, and volunteering with special needs children. Guy is thrilled to be in New York City working with Ramah!

**IANNE SHERRY**

Ianne Sherry is a sophomore at Brandeis University, majoring in Education and minoring in Economics. Originally from northern Virginia, Ianne has been part of the Ramah family since her early days as a camper at Camp Ramah in New England. She spent her sophomore year of high school in Israel attending Tichon Ramah Yerushalayim (TRY), which proved to be a transformative experience. Ianne has served as a staff member at Ramah New England for the past two summers and is excited to share her love of Ramah with the Boston area!

**ZACH SMITH**

Zachary Smith is a returning Service Corps Fellow from Boca Raton, Florida. He attends Palm Beach State College and also serves as Youth Director at B'nai Torah in Boca Raton. Zachary has been both a camper and staff member at Ramah Darom. Ramah was such an amazing experience for Zach because of the morals and values instilled in him at camp.

**MARNIE WACHS**

Marnie Wachs teaches fourth grade at a charter school in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She is a recent graduate of the University of Michigan, where she majored in Education. Marnie is currently pursuing her MEd at Temple University. A long time Ramahnik from Camp Ramah in the Poconos, Marnie has been a camper, counselor, and rosh edah. Most recently, Marnie worked as the camp's Communications Coordinator. She loves camp and can't stop coming back.

**AARON WALINSKY**

Aaron Walinsky teaches second grade at Krieger Schechter Day School in Baltimore, Maryland. He is a graduate of Temple University, where he studied Early Childhood Education. Aaron has been a Ramahnik since he was three years old. Aaron is thrilled to be a Service Corps Fellow, which gives him the opportunity to pass Ramah on to others.

**JONATHAN WEINREICH**

Jonathan Weinreich is excited to return as a Ramah Service Corps Fellow this year. A graduate of Johns Hopkins University with a degree in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, he currently works in product development at Enzo Life Sciences in New York. As a longtime camper and staff member at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires, he can't wait to be able to use his experiences to create year-round Ramah programming.

**HANNAH WEISMAN**

Hannah Weisman lives and breathes Ramah. Before she became a counselor at Camp Ramah in New England, Hannah was a camper there for six summers and a participant on Ramah Israel and Poland Seminar. Hannah is originally from Gaithersburg, Maryland and attends the University of Maryland, where she studies Neurobiology, Physiology, Psychology, and Double Bass Performance. She is also a member of Avirah, UMD's Israeli Dance Troupe! Hannah is ecstatic to be working as a Service Corps Fellow and can't wait to spread the magic of Ramah in the coming year.

**ANDY WEISSFELD**

Andy Weissfeld, a Pittsburgh native, is a senior studying Sociology and Jewish Studies at the University of Maryland. As an alum of the Nativ College Leadership program and Camp Ramah in Canada, Andy has deep roots in the world of Conservative Judaism. He has served as a staff member at Ramah Day Camp in Nyack and this past summer, he was a rosh edah at Camp Ramah in New England. Andy is currently the Youth Programming Associate at Congregation Ohr Kodesh in Chevy Chase, Maryland. He enjoys golfing, biking, and is an avid fan of *Star Wars*.

**SARA WINOGRAD**

Sara Winograd is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis with degrees in Jewish Studies and Psychology. For her work developing Jewish engagement events on campus, Sara received the Hazon Award for improving Jewish life. She has worked in a variety of roles at Ramah Day Camp in Nyack for the past six summers, including rosh edah of Nitzanim (entering 2nd graders). In addition to her role as a Ramah Service Corps Fellow, Sara is currently the Office and Recruitment Manager for Ramah Nyack.

**HELAINA ZAHN**

Helaina Zahn is a Health Information Management major at Temple University in Philadelphia. She has been a counselor at Camp Ramah in the Poconos for the past four summers; this summer she worked with campers going into the 2nd and 3rd grades. Helaina is an alumna of Young Judea Year Course and hopes to one day manage a medical facility. She is looking forward to spending this upcoming year sharing Ramah with the children of Allentown, Pennsylvania!

**MEGAN ZIMMER**

Megan Zimmer is a recent graduate of Indiana University, where she majored in Youth Development and Jewish Studies. She currently lives in Chicago, where she serves as the K-5 Youth Advisor at Anshe Emet Synagogue. A longtime member of the Ramah Darom community, Megan spent many years in Clayton, Georgia as a camper and counselor. She is excited to bring her Ramah experience to the Anshe Emet community.