

Individual Ramah camps serve different age groups and different populations of campers with special needs. Some camps offer programs to serve campers with various levels of cognitive delay; others offer programs for campers with autism spectrum disorders, including Asperger's Syndrome. Several Ramah camps also offer post-high school vocational programs that are designed to maximize independent functioning within a supervised setting or a college campus. Regardless of their geographic location, families are directed to the regional Ramah camp that best suits their child's needs.

Ramah Camps with Programs for Children, Teens, and Young Adults with Special Needs

- Ramah Berkshires (Wingdale, NY)
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- Ramah Darom (Clayton, GA)
- Ramah New England (Palmer, MA)
- Ramah Outdoor Adventure (Deckers, CO)
- Ramah Poconos (Lakewood, PA)
- Ramah Wisconsin (Conover, WI)
- Chicagoland Ramah Day Camp (Wheeling, IL)



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Camp Ramah in the Poconos

**Tikvah, Breira B'Ramah,
and Camp Yofi:
Ramah Programs for
Children, Teens,
and Young Adults
with Special Needs**



מחנות רמה
Ramah
Camping Movement

Since the first Tikvah program was established in 1970, the Ramah Camping Movement has been committed to providing a Jewish camping experience for children with a wide range of special needs, with the goal of enhancing Jewish identity and teaching Jewish values in a supportive, inclusive, fun environment. At Ramah, campers with special needs have many opportunities to connect and participate in activities with campers throughout the camp. These interactions provide an exceptional benefit to everyone at Ramah by fostering in our campers a heightened sensitivity toward people different than themselves.



Ramah New England



Camp Ramah in California (Ojai, CA)

The **Tikvah Program** serves Jews ages 10-23 with learning, emotional, and developmental disabilities.

The **Amitzim** edah is for campers ages 10-17 and consists of two four-week sessions. Amitzim-ers participate in all camp activities and are included with their typical peers throughout the day. Program goals include teaching independent living skills and modeling appropriate peer relationships.

Ezra is a vocational training program for young adults ages 18-23. Participants are staff at camp and receive job training experience in a number of service areas throughout camp. Program goals include preparing young adults for independent living and teaching them employment-related skills. Camp provides an ideal setting for Ezra participants to grow and thrive with peers under adult supervision in a Jewish setting.

Camp Ohr Lanu is a week-long camp for families who have children with special needs. Families come to camp to experience support from other families, get respite, and learn, all while taking advantage of everything Ramah has to offer, including swimming, hiking, sports, and climbing.

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Camp Ramah Darom (Clayton, GA)

Camp Yofi is a nationally acclaimed, one-of-a-kind program for Jewish families with children with autism spectrum disorder between the ages of 6 and 13. Single parents, grandparents, and siblings are invited to attend, and all Jewish families are welcome. The program is held at Ramah Darom's Kaplan Mitchell Retreat & Conference Center, a 122-acre facility in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

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Ramah Darom



Ramah Wisconsin

Camp Ramah in Wisconsin (Conover, WI)

The **Tikvah Program** provides a blend of individualized support and integration into the regular camp program for 11- to 18-year-olds with learning and social difficulties, including Asperger's Syndrome. Tikvah operates as a division within the regular camp structure. Tikvah camper cabins are attached to cabins of typically-developing campers.

Atzmayim, the Tikvah Vocational Program, is designed to strengthen social and vocational skills for high school graduates ages 18-21. It is intended to assist in transitioning to an independent living environment and blends vocational skill training and work experience with Jewish communal living. Work assignments are typically in local community businesses.

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Camp Ramah in the Poconos (Lakewood, PA)

The **Tikvah Family Camp** is a five-day overnight program for families with children ages 4-13 with developmental disorders and/or social learning disorders. This program incorporates Jewish learning, recreation, spiritual reflection, and fun in the beautiful natural environment of Ramah Poconos.

For additional information: 215.885.8556
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Chicagoland Ramah Day Camp (Wheeling, IL)

Ramah provides a day camp experience for children ages 5-11, in partnership with **Keshet**, a Chicago-area program for Jewish children with special needs.

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Camp Ramah in New England (Palmer, MA)

The **Tikvah Program** has four components.

Amitzim is an eight-week overnight camping program serving 13- to 18-year-olds with mild to moderate intellectual and developmental disabilities, autism and autism spectrum disorders, and neurological impairments. Amitzim campers live in accessible bunks with specially trained counselors and participate in an extensive camping program.

Tochnit HaAvodah is a vocational education program for select graduates of our camping program, approximately ages 18-22. The Voc Ed participants live in a group home environment with two to three advisors. The **Post Voc Ed** program offers summer employment to a select group of Voc Ed graduates. The program also offers recreation and Jewish learning.

The **Inclusion** program is for a carefully selected group of younger campers with special needs, including physical challenges, who live in and participate in the daily activities of a typical bunk. Inclusion campers receive additional support and participate in the full range of camp activities.

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Camp Ramah in Canada (Utterson, ON)

The **Tikvah Program** is a six-week program for teens with developmental disabilities, ages 12-21. The program provides recreational, social, and educational experiences for campers. Campers in the Tikvah program enjoy swimming, hiking, sports, and arts and crafts, and also attend daily services, study Hebrew, and learn Jewish customs. Each camper is integrated into the ongoing activities of the camp according to his or her abilities. The program includes a vocational education component for young adults ages 18-21.

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Ramah Canada



Ramah Outdoor Adventure

Ramah Outdoor Adventure (Deckers, CO)

The **Tikvah Program** is a two- to four-week program serving adolescents ages 11-15 with mild to moderate intellectual and developmental disabilities, including Asperger's Syndrome and other autism spectrum disorders. Tikvah campers participate in the many activities that Ramah Outdoor Adventure offers, such as horseback riding, Jewish learning, rock climbing, wilderness survival, arts and crafts, agriculture, sports, aerobics, and mining. While their schedule is slightly modified, Tikvah campers participate with their typically-developing peers in elements of the camp program, such as meals, evening programs, and Shabbat services. Individual campers are integrated into other activities in camp according to their abilities.

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Camp Ramah in the Berkshires (Wingdale, NY)

Breira B'Ramah is a four-week inclusion program for children with learning and social challenges. This program is designed for campers entering fourth through eighth grades. Breira campers live in bunks with typical campers and are integrated into the regular Ramah day, guided by dedicated, trained staff. Breira campers receive ongoing social skills guidance, support for achieving attainable goals, and the tools necessary to strengthen their Jewish identity.

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