

2017-18 Ramah Service Corps Fellows

Serena Deutch is from Boca Raton, FL. She spent eight years as a camper at Ramah Darom, two summers on staff, and one summer on Ramah Seminar in Israel. Serena is excited for her third year as the Ramah Service Corps Fellow West End Synagogue in Nashville, Tennessee. She is a senior at Vanderbilt University studying human and organizational development. She is excited to once again bring her Ramah enthusiasm to the Music City!

Emily Farbman is excited to return as a 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's not studying, Emily enjoys running, baking, and talking with camp friends!

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.

Hannah Glickman is a 3rd year special education teacher at Bonnabel High School in Kenner, Louisiana. She attended Camp Ramah in New England as a camper for 7 years, and returned as a madricha (counselor) for three years, a Rosh Edah (division head) for two years, and most recently worked on programming staff. She is so excited to be a Ramah Service Corps Fellow for the 3rd time, and to bring the magic of Ramah to the New Orleans community! Outside of teaching and camp, Hannah runs half marathons (she's currently in training for her sixth!), bakes, reads, and listens to podcasts.

Sarah Leider has spent 13 summers at Ramah California in Ojai. The last two summers she has been the Rosh Edah (division head) for Amitzim, part of Ojai's Tikvah (special needs) program. The Tikvah program and Ramah as a whole have had an incredible impact on Sarah's development as a Jewish adult, and she is endlessly grateful to all of the role models, friends, and mentors she has met through Ramah. Sarah graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in Psychology and a minor in Spanish. She will start medical school next fall.

Yael Lowenberg (Yali) is a recent graduate of Towson University, where she studied Early Childhood Education. A longtime Ramahnik at Camp Ramah in the Poconos, Yali spent three years on staff, including a summer working with Yedidim, Poconos' new edah for campers with disabilities. She is so excited to return as a Service Corps Fellow and bring more Ramah presence to the Baltimore area.

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Ellie Mendelson is a second year student at Brandeis University, where she is currently studying Biology. Ellie attended Camp Ramah in New England for 9 summers, and then returned to camp as a staff member for two years. Besides loving camp and all things Ramah, Ellie enjoys creating art and being active!

Jesse Nagelberg was born and raised in East Brunswick, NJ. A graduate of the University of Houston, he graduated in 2016 with a BA in Hotel and Restaurant Management & Operations. Jesse is currently a rabbinical student in his first year at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Jesse's love for Ramah started at 18 years old when he worked at Ramah Day Camp in Nyack for what he thought would be a single summer. Six years later, he is about to start his seventh summer at Ramah working in the administration, coordinating camp logistics, and working on guest relations and hospitality initiatives.

Susan Palefsky is a sophomore in the Barnard/List Double Degree Program. She grew up attending Ramah in the Berkshires as a camper, and has spent the past four summers on staff at Ramah Nyack working with middle-schoolers. Susan is planning the Ramah children's track at the Limmud NY conference. She enjoys spending time at Hillel, working on List College Student Council, and programming at the Columbia Radio Station, WKCR. Susan loves to read, cook, and spend time with friends and family.

Arie Pollock is a graduating senior at UC Berkeley studying English, Psychology, and Disability Studies. She is so excited to be a Ramah Service Fellow. Ramah has played a huge role in her life and it's really special to be able to bring that to others. Arie grew up going to Camp Ramah in California and worked there for four summers as a madricha; last summer she served as a Rosh Edah. Arie looks forward to bringing Ramah to the Bay area community.

Noa Rose is a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin-Madison studying Neurobiology. She also works as a research assistant at the Harlow Lab for Biological Psychology, serves as the President of Badgers for Israel, and volunteers at the UW American Children's and Family Hospital. She hopes to attend medical school after graduation. Noa is very excited to be a member of the Ramah Service Corps!

Allie Rosen is pursuing a Master's in occupational therapy at University of Illinois at Chicago. She grew up in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and attended Indiana University as an undergraduate. Allie was a camper at Camp Ramah in Wisconsin for 6 summers and on staff for 5 summers. She loves being a part of the Ramah community, and is excited share Ramah with others.

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Liat Rosov is from Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and a sophomore at Temple University. Last year she went on Kivunim, a gap year program that focuses on coexistence and the Jewish Diaspora. She has spent 6 years as a camper at Ramah Poconos, and two summers on staff. Ramah is family, friends, and home and has been a profound influence on her identity.

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 a Master's in social work.

Andy Weissfeld grew up in Pittsburgh, PA and now lives in Bethesda, MD. He graduated with a degree in Jewish Studies & Sociology from University of Maryland in May 2017. He currently works full time at Ohr Kodesh Congregation as the Ner Tamid Fellow and will attend Rabbinical school at the Jewish Theological Seminary starting in Fall 2018. He has served as a Rosh Edah for the past 2 summers at Camp Ramah in New England. Andy enjoys Star Wars, baseball, and biking.

Megan Zimmer lives in Chicago, IL and works at Anshe Emet Synagogue, where she is happy to work with families and kids of all ages! She was a camper and counselor at Ramah Darom for many years and loves the opportunity to become part of the Ramah Wisconsin community. Ramah has always played a huge role in Megan's life and she cannot wait to share her love of camp with more kids and families!

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