



Camp Ramah in the Berkshires Yedid Nefesh Yoetz/et (Advisor) - Mental Health Professional

This role is a seasonal summer full-time non-exempt position, with part-time hours before summer session begins. The Yedid Nefesh Yoetz/et reports to the Director of Camper Care.

Specific Responsibilities of the Yedid Nefesh Yoetz/et (Advisor) include, but are not limited to:

During the Summer:

- Providing multilayered care and support for our various camp constituents including campers, staff, and unit heads.*
- Supporting the social and emotional well-being of those campers and counselors in assigned edot (units).*
- Assisting our campers with supervising birthday calls home, bar/bat mitzvah lessons with their synagogue or school, and remote therapy sessions.*
- Serving as a resource to campers throughout the summer in facing mental, emotional and social health challenges, and creating environments where campers can thrive.*
- Managing information about camper needs, and communicating those to staff, as well as documenting communication and plans within CRB's systems.*
- Play a role in the implementation of staff training and ongoing staff learning related to mental, emotional, social, and spiritual health (MESSH);
- Creating and implementing programming for small groups of campers focused on wellness and social-emotional learning.
- Commit to tracking MESSH-related interactions throughout the summer, submitting reports regularly as part of our camp's Yedid Nefesh program participation (in compliance with grant funding requirements)
- Can commit to spending eight weeks at camp, taking initiative, working collaboratively, and are passionate about Jewish camping.*

During the Year:

- Participate in Foundation for Jewish Camp's Community of Practice as part of our camp's place in the [Yedid Nefesh program](#), including two or three virtual gatherings and one in-person gathering per year with other Jewish camp mental health professionals.
- Commit to regular online reporting.
- Assist the Director of Camper Care in June with administrative preparations for camp.
- Additional responsibilities as required.

*Also a general Yoetz/et responsibility in summer.



Key Qualifications:

- Graduate-level or higher degree in a mental health field. Including, but not limited to: social work, mental health counseling, psychology, youth psychiatry, family therapy, etc.
- 3-5 years of post-graduate work experience in a related field.
- Prior camp experience in working with young children is preferred
 - Exceptional skill and capacity for engagement and relationship building with both children and their parents.
- Proven ability to plan, originate, and organize programs.
- Proven ability to provide emotional support to a wide range of ages.
- Strong understanding of, and a willingness to be creative with, strategies to ensure campers of varying needs can be part of a mainstreamed program.
- Be a leader, self-starter, and strong collaborator.
- Ability to accept guidance, constructive feedback, and support from teammates.

The ideal candidate is interested in being in this role for at least 3 years while our camp participates in the Yedid Nefesh program. This relationship will be reviewed on a yearly basis during that time, with the hope that the relationship can continue beyond the 3 year grant program period.

We are looking for new team members with integrity, patience, adaptability, sense of humor, enthusiasm, and a commitment to our camp's mission. Please note: all positions include an opportunity for camp tuition discount.

TO APPLY

Please email ateitelbaum@ramahberkshires.org with "Ramah Berkshires Hiring – [Role of Interest]" in the Subject Line and include:

- A brief introduction telling us about your experience and interest in Camp Ramah and the specific position (3 paragraphs maximum)
- A resume detailing each position you have held, education and licensing when applicable

Camp Ramah in the Berkshires is a vibrant summer camp community, where children grow in a beautiful and safe setting, surrounded by life-long friends and nurtured by spirited role models. From sports to the arts and from swimming to outdoor adventure, Camp is infused with the best of the tradition and values of Conservative Judaism: love of mitzvot, Hebrew language, and the land and people of Israel; commitment to inclusion and Tikkun Olam; and the joy of learning and prayer. Ramah is a transformative Jewish experience for its campers, staff, families and the communities of the New York metropolitan area, and a place where Judaism is lived, Shabbat is cherished and every moment is elevated.

Ramah Berkshires is located in Wingdale, NY (Dutchess County), on a 200-acre property with a beautiful lake. Each summer, Camp Ramah in the Berkshires provides more than 800 children with a transformative Jewish summer camp experience.