

Camp Ramah in Northern California

Virtual Harga'ah Program





”At Camp
Ramah, we have one goal –
to build here, a holy community.”

— Himnon Ramah Galim

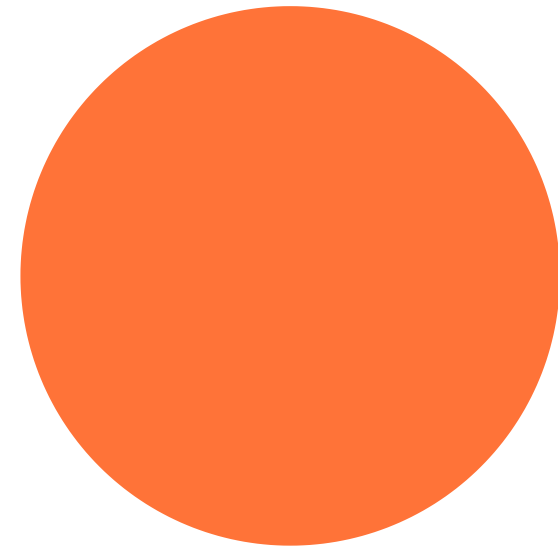


Project Description

What is virtual harga'ah?

In partnership with our region's New Frontier USY Chapter, we created virtual Harga'ah, a mentorship program that connected campers to mentors of their choosing (congregational rabbis, camp staff, and youth advisors)

During 24, 20-minute Facebook & Youtube sessions streamed live Monday-Thursday, campers and mentors engaged in meaningful conversation and ritual that reflected Jewish values, culture, and learning – all while having fun!





The Purpose of Virtual Harga'ah

Maintain Cherished Camp Traditions

An opportunity to move our in-person and beloved Harga'ah bedtime ritual of conversations, storytelling, music, etc. to a virtual, yet equally meaningful experience

Invigorate Relationships to Support our Community Through Challenge

An opportunity to introduce and nurture concepts of resiliency as we guided our camp community through the challenges of COVID and the loss of a traditional summer camp experience, while also preparing campers for the challenges that life will inevitably bring their way

Project Goals

Mentorship

Promote mentorship relationships as a catalyst for leadership development, formal & informal Jewish education, skill building and MESH for our teens

Leadership

Engage with our teen leadership group of 10th and 11th graders and USY Regional Board Members, who shared their ideas and helped to shape and develop the program

Partnership

Blend our virtual camp offerings with USY's social and educational engagement programs in order to build on and strengthen existing teen relationships and community partnerships

Project Impact

Our teens realized their mentors **cared** about them, **made themselves available** to them, and that they **treasured having one-on-one conversations** with them

Our Teens

“During a time like this, mentors are especially vital because there is so much uncertainty around us and hearing another person’s perspective helps us understand things in a different way and lightens what can otherwise be a scary situation.”

Our Mentors


“How beautiful to have the ‘tides’ turned and be engaged and welcomed into the Camp experience by one of my own students. Ramah is truly building our leaders for the next generation. Even when you can’t be at Chof Hayam, the beach, you can always be sure that the Ramah spirit is close by, on the minds and in the hearts of our community members, young and old.”





Rabbi Sarah

Sarit Greenwood

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What's Next?

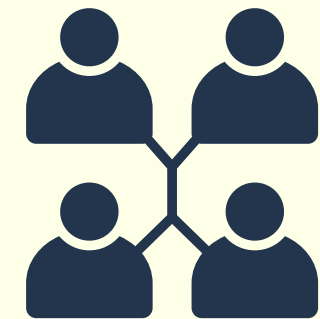
Taking what we've learned from Harga'ah into year-round programming



Meaningful
Engagement



Mentorship



Connection

"For me camp is now home, both in the physical and spiritual sense"