

YOATZIM (PARENT LIAISONS) 2024

Yoatzim (parent liaisons/advisors) comprise camper care team, overseen by our Camp Director, Rachael Abrams, LCSW-C. During the summer, the Yoetz/et is your primary contact person to ask questions and discuss any concerns regarding your child.

To speak to your child's Yoetz/et, please call 570.798.2504. Yoatzim spend much of their days working directly with campers and counselors. Aside from emergencies, please allow 24-36 hours for returned calls. The Yoetz/et will contact families of all first time campers during the first few days of camp to report on their child's adjustment. Please note: unless it is an emergency, campers do not speak to their parents on the phone.

If you need to contact camp regarding a necessary item (please review our [package policy here](#)) that your child forgot/needs replacing, email your child's Yoetz/et. Phone calls should ALWAYS be used to address camper concerns and behaviors. The most timely way to reach your child's Yoetz/et is by calling camp. (These email addresses are only accessed during the camp season and Taste of Ramah is only accessed the weekend before and through Taste of Ramah. Please be in touch with Rachael Abrams with camper care concerns prior to the first day of camp.) More information can be found in our [handbook](#).

Yedidim/Tochnit Avodah..... OrleeK@ramahpoconos.org
Notzitzim (current 3rd & 4th grade) NotzitzimYoatzim@gmail.com
Tze'erim (current 5th grade) TzeerimYoatzim@gmail.com
Halutzim (current 6th grade) HalutzimYoatzim@gmail.com
Bogrim (current 7th grade) BogrimYoatzim@gmail.com
Machon (current 8th grade) MachonYoatzim@gmail.com
Shoafim (current 9th grade) ShoafimYoatzim@gmail.com
Gesher (current 10th grade) GesherYoatzim@gmail.com
Taste of Ramah..... tasteoframah@gmail.com

EDAH	Yoetzet 1st Month	Yoetzet 2nd Month
Yedidim	Orlee Krass	
Notzitzim (Aleph and Bet)	Sara Kreisman	
Tze'erim	Yali Walinsky	
Halutzim	Aaron Besser	
Bogrim	Leah Schatz	
Machon	Carly Friedman	Julie Berger
Shoafim	Dafna Levine Manor	
Gesher	Yali Walinsky	
Taste of Ramah	Eliana Seltzer	

2024 Camper Care/Yeutz Team



Aaron Besser | Halutzim [Full Summer]

(Aaron?) Besser is thrilled to join tzevet yeutz this kayitz! He began at Ramah Poconos as a chanich in Tze'erim in 2005 (Gesher 2010). Since 2012, he has served on tzevet in a variety of roles, including as a madrich and Rosh Edah. Besser lives in Washington, DC and works as a social studies teacher. When not telling all of his friends why camp is THE BEST THING EVER, Besser also plays and coaches ultimate frisbee and loves to play Dungeons and Dragons. Camp has always been Besser's second home, and he can't wait for the rewards of supporting chanichim and tzevet in this new role.



Julie Berger | Machon [2nd Session]

Julie is thrilled to return to the *yoetzet* team. This will be her 13th year on *tzevet*, having previously been a counselor, Rosh Edah, Kav Reches staff, and other assorted roles (and proud member of Gesher 2000). She lives in Philadelphia and works at Penn's Graduate School of Education, focusing on engagement with local public schools. She is also a Ramah Day Camp parent.



Carly Friedman | Machon [1st Session]

Carly is very excited to join the Camp Ramah family this *kayitz*. Carly has many years of experience working at Jewish day camps in South Jersey, but this will be her first summer at Ramah! She married into a huge Ramah family and is excited to finally get her own turn to experience the magic of a summer at Ramah. During the year, she works as a high school guidance counselor at Cherry Hill High School East.



Orlee Krass | Yedidim [Full Summer]

Orlee grew up at Ramah Nyack, going from camper to counselor to Rosh Edah, and is committed to creating and implementing opportunities for all children to participate in the Ramah camping movement. As Tikvah Director since 2016, Orlee oversees the Yedidim and Tochnit Avodah programs and previously served as the Tikvah Network Coordinator for the National Ramah Commission. Orlee lives in New City, New York, with her family.



Sara Kreisman | Notzitzim Aleph and Bet [Full Summer]

Sara is a lifelong Ramahnik, having grown up at camp as a camper in the '80s and '90s. This will be her 12th summer on *tzevet* and 3rd as *yoetzet*. Sara lives in Cherry Hill, NJ, with her husband, 4 kids, and Yorkipoo. She has her own editorial firm, has been an educator at Temple Beth Sholom for 18 years, and works at Kellman Brown Academy as an instructional aide and social support person. Camp is truly her home away from home and she can't wait to help kids make their own memories here.

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Dafna Levine Manor | Shoafim [Full Summer]

Dafna is thrilled to be back at camp for her 7th summer as a yoetzet. She initially came to camp as a Gesher counselor in 1995. Dafna has worked in the health, wellness, and fitness industries for 3 decades, promoting individual, organization, and community well-being. As a health and well-being coach for adults and youth, she works with clients seeking deliberate and lasting changes that align with their values, promote health, and improve their quality of life. She lives in Israel with her husband and two sons, who are campers.



Leah Schatz | Bogrim [Full Summer]

Leah is elated to be returning to camp for her 12th summer on staff and her second summer as a yoetzet! A long-time Rosh Edah and former member of the year-round team, her favorite camp activities include Rikkud (Israeli dance), Kabbalat Shabbat, camp plays, and getting to support chanichim (campers) and tzevet (staff) as they create their own amazing camp memories. Leah works at Penn's Graduate School of Education coordinating a tutoring program at a local elementary and middle school.



Eliana Seltzer | Taste of Ramah

Eliana is so excited to return to Ramah for this kayitz to be back working in her favorite place. Eliana grew up at Poconos as a camper and then worked as a Madrichah, Rosh Edah and Yoetzet, and Eliana met her husband at camp as well. Eliana is the Judaic Studies Department Chair at Kellman Brown Academy and teaches 5th-8th grade. Eliana loves working with kids and parents, and believes deeply in the power of Ramah and Jewish experiential education.



Yali Walinsky | Tze'erim, Gesher [Full Summer]

Yali Walinsky is so excited to be returning to camp this summer for her 12th summer on staff and 4th as a Yoetzet. Yali is from Baltimore, MD and during the year, she teaches Hebrew and Judaics at Krieger Schechter Day School. Yali earned her B.S. from Towson University in Early Childhood Education, her M.A. from JTS in Jewish Educational Leadership, and most recently completed her Advanced Graduate Certificate in Disability Studies. Yali is passionate about helping campers and staff alike have the best summer they can. Camp is truly a family affair for Yali, as she spends her summers with her husband, Wali (Rosh Sport), and her in-laws as well as so many friends who have become like family over the years.