

The only thing missing from

**CAMP HARLAM**



is... *YOU!!*

**HARLAM**  
A UBI CAMP

# A note from our **DIRECTOR**

Welcome Home!

There's nothing like spending a summer at Camp Harlam, and I look forward to introducing your family to our fun, caring, and inclusive Jewish community. At Harlam, campers experience a summer full of relationship building, diverse and dynamic programs, new challenges, and joyful Judaism!


Harlam is a place where campers can truly be themselves - free from phones and other distractions - and where lifelong friendships are made. Through new and innovative programs and long-established traditions, campers have the opportunity to take risks and immerse themselves in the full Harlam experience. They will find comfort in doing what they love most and gain courage while trying new activities.

As Camp Director, and a Harlam alumnus, I can tell you first-hand that when a child goes away to camp, the entire family grows from the experience and becomes part of the Harlam family. For close to 70 years, Camp Harlam has been a summer home for generations of campers. We pride ourselves in working with families to determine if Harlam is the right fit and if so, setting everyone up for success!

Thank you and Think Camp! *Lisa*



## Take it from us!



“Henry’s summer at Harlam was truly transformative! He arrived feeling shy and unsure, but the welcoming atmosphere quickly drew him in. The infectious enthusiasm of the counselors created a space where everyone felt seen and valued. Henry discovered he was funny and capable of connecting with others to create new bonds. Our son blossomed into a more confident, outgoing kid with friends and memories that will last a lifetime!”

CAMP PARENT

“Everybody has a place here and that’s what makes it so special.”

CHAVURAH CAMPER, AGE 15

“I love how camp has such a variety of things to do that you could never get bored.”

KINERET CAMPER, AGE 11

“Camp just teaches you so much about what being Jewish really means.”

GALIL CAMPER, AGE 13



# CAMP HARLAM 101

Nestled in the Pocono Mountains, Harlam maintains an impressive and expansive 400-acre facility. With over 100 activities to choose from, campers can explore their passions and develop new skills. Whether they enjoy athletics, the arts, nature, water activities, or outdoor adventures, there is something for everyone.

Harlam is grounded in Reform Jewish traditions and values. Campers are nurtured and encouraged to be their best selves through a focus on *Middot* (character traits). At Harlam, we live in Jewish space and Jewish time and find joy in learning, ritual, music, and worship.

Throughout the summer, campers look forward to special events:

- Out-of-camp trips
- Artists-in-residence
- All-camp carnivals
- Our popular 3-day *Maccabiah* (color war)
- Unique activities designed for each age group



**HIKE. SWIM. CLIMB. COOK. PLAY. SING. BIKE.**

**There's so much to do that you'll never want to leave!**

# HARLAM'S *Amazing* STAFF



## *Professional Staff*

Our year-round staff who manage all aspects of camp, including program, operations, and communications!



## *Cabin Counselors*

Cabin Counselors remain with their bunk group throughout the camp day!



## *Leadership Team*

Our supervisory staff help ensure everyone is safe, having fun, and supported while at camp!



## *Specialty Counselors*

Sports, arts, waterfront, and outdoor adventure - get ready to learn something new from our talented specialty staff!



## *Camper Care Team*

Professionals who provide support for you and your camper to set everyone up for success!



## *J-Life Team*

Faculty and staff from URJ congregations bring our Jewish values and traditions to life at camp every day!



## *Gesher (Counselors in Training)*

Young leaders and role models learning skills and gaining practical experience to be future camp counselors!

All staff members are subject to a thorough background check and interview process before being hired. Our staff receive extensive training in health and safety, child development, facilitating engaging programming, and building supportive and positive group experiences. These individuals are exemplary role models for your children, coming from around the world to provide a safe and caring environment for them to have the best summer ever!

# A day in the life at **HARLAM**



## Sample Schedule:

- 8:00 AM** Breakfast +  
S'morning  
Camp Harlam  
(camp morning  
assembly)
- 8:45 AM** *Nikayon*/Cabin Clean-Up
- 9:30 AM** Activity 1 - Arts Elective +  
Morning Nosh (snack)
- 10:30 AM** Activity 2 - Instructional Swim
- 11:30 AM** Lunch
- 12:30 PM** *Menuchah*/Rest Time
- 1:30 PM** Activity 3 - Sports Elective
- 2:30 PM** Activity 4 - Ropes Course + Afternoon Snack
- 3:30 PM** Activity 5 - Free Swim
- 4:30 PM** Shower Time + Evening Prep
- 6:30 PM** Dinner
- 7:30 PM** Evening Activity + Milk &  
Cookies/*Siyyum L'yom*  
(nighttime ritual)

While the structure  
of each day at camp  
is the same, every  
day's activities are  
a little different!





# An Open & Safe Community



Harlam is committed to being an inclusive environment where everyone is welcome and can be the best and truest version of themselves. We are a community made up of individuals of all types of backgrounds, beliefs, shapes, and sizes. At Harlam, our Open & Safe commitment ensures that we welcome and value everyone.

Our leadership and staff receive ongoing training to help develop strategies to establish the most inclusive environment. We support our camp community with ADA-accessible cabins, gender-neutral restrooms, and a professional Camper Care team.

**Camper Care Team** - The care of our campers is our most significant priority. Our Camper Care team consists of adult professionals with training and experience in a field related to social work, counseling, or child development. They utilize their skills and expertise to work with our staff to support the Mental, Emotional, Social and Spiritual Health (MESSH) needs of campers and ensure all campers have a successful and fun summer experience.

**RUACH Team** - Our RUACH Team receives Youth Mental Health First Aid training to help support children who require an additional layer of support. These counselors work directly with campers to establish a culture of acceptance and inclusion, and have an elevated ability to manage mental health challenges.

**Chill Zone** - The Chill Zone is an accommodation offered to campers who need a place to regulate their emotions in what often is a very stimulating environment. Opportunities to relax and refocus are provided through multi-sensory tools and experiences.

**Avodah** - Avodah is a vocational education program for young adults with developmental disabilities who are embedded in camp life. They contribute to the day-to-day running of camp, gain work and life skills, and forge connections with community members.

**Affinity Groups** - JOC (Jews of Color) and GSA (Gender Sexuality Alliance) meet weekly to bring campers together under the bond of shared lived experiences, led by qualified staff members.





# Why HARLAM?



**1** *Judaism is joyful*  
We provide a variety of meaningful and fun Jewish experiences.



**2** *So. Many. Activities.*  
Campers have a balanced schedule to ensure they get to do the things they love and may already be good at, while also challenging themselves and trying new things.

**97% feel camp has a positive impact on their Jewish identity**

**3** *We're screen free*  
Campers unplug from technology and connect with each other.

**100% of families rated camp as a place they are proud to be Jewish**

**4** *We partner to make it affordable*  
Grants and scholarships are available to make camp possible for every camper.

**5** *You can try it out*  
We offer lots of ways to try camp and build confidence and readiness for a future summer.





Experience  
**HARLAM** this summer!

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our video!



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