

DEPARTMENT LEADERS

Hannah Ableman (she/her) - Arts Supervisor - McLean, VA

Hi! I'm Hannah and this summer I will be one of the Arts department supervisors. I recently completed my graduate school certification in Teaching Theater Pre-K-12 and am an aspiring preschool/theater teacher. I specialize in acting, improv, and dance, but I'm a huge fan of all kinds of art. I am so excited to be back at Harlam for my 17th summer. I'm especially looking forward to the play both sessions, the Rikkudiah, and seeing all my friends and campers.

Stacey Alboum (she/her) - Health Center Manager - Hamilton, NJ

I am so excited for my 15th summer at camp! I was a camper, counselor, unit head, and then returned to camp when my children started going to Harlam. This is my fourth summer as the Health Center Admin and I love it more and more each summer. I am a special education teacher in Manalapan, NJ. I live in Hamilton, NJ, with my husband Scott and our four children. I love being back at Camp Harlam since it feels like home.

Josh Bomze (he/him) - Operations Supervisor - Cherry Hill, NJ

Grew up in Cherry Hill, NJ....currently happily married and still live in Cherry Hill! Went to Arizona State University and have spent the last 25 years teaching middle school in South Jersey. Grew up at Camp Harlam- camper, counselor, Unit Head, Department head, Assistant Director. This summer I have a daughter in the Gesher Program.

Yael Eads (she/her) - Jewish Life Supervisor - Pittsburgh, PA

I'm Yael, Youth Director and B'Mitzvah coordinator at Rodef Shalom Congregation in Pittsburgh, PA. I've worked there for 18 years now in a number of different capacities. When I'm not at work, I love spending time with my family, listening to audio books, and walking the forest trails with my dog, Lady. I love to travel and always have my next vacation booked... sometimes even before I've finished the current one :)

Tomer Engel (he/him) - Waterfront Supervisor - Maalot, Israel

This summer will be my fourth summer at camp. I will be the Waterfront supervisor. I really like traveling and nature, as well as extreme activities like skydiving and diving. I'm also trained in martial arts.

Matt Hersh (he/him) - PROPS and Rishonim Supervisor - Marlton, NJ

Hi everyone! I'm Matt but everyone at camp calls me Merish. This will be my 11th summer at camp and I am very excited to be back! This summer I will be the Program Resources, Operations, & Purchases Supervisor for first session. For second session, I will be the Rishonim unit head. I am very excited to help our intro program campers have an amazing summer and introduce them to camp! I graduated from Delaware Valley University in 2024 with a degree in small animal science and will be starting veterinary school at Long Island University in August. I am super excited to start this next chapter of my life and am thrilled that I am able to spend the summer at Harlam first. I am looking forward to meeting everyone!

Emmett Joseph (he/him) - Communications Supervisor - Chicago, IL

I was raised in a Reform Jewish community north of Chicago and went to the University of Redlands Johnston Center for integrative studies, where I received a BA in American Voice and Meaning. I then spent almost 15 years living in Chicago making music, taking pictures, working in nonprofits, and thinking a lot about how to make the world better and more equitable for everyone. I love music, storytelling, art, kindness, silliness, and adventure.

Blake Levy (he/him) - Adventure Assistant Supervisor - Owings Mills, MD

Hello! My name is Blake and this is my 11th summer at camp. This summer I will be working as the Adventure assistant supervisor. During the year, I'm a student at American University in Washington DC. Some of my hobbies are playing golf, rock climbing, and watching movies.

Shmoo Lynn (he/him) - Operations Assistant Supervisor - Morristown, NJ

I'm a student at CCM in Randolph, NJ. I'm a freelance audio engineer, songleader and musician. I teach music and Judaics in two different temples in NJ. I like to watch TV and listen to music. I'm excited for camp!

Hannah Mitchell (she/her) - Arts Supervisor - Nottingham, England

This is my 4th summer at camp. My role this year is Arts Supervisor. I am really excited this summer to be back at camp, and especially for song session!

Betsy New-Schneider (she/her) - Programming Supervisor - New York, NY

I am a lifelong URJ camper, counselor, unit head and parent of a camper. I grew up in NYC and attended Camp Eisner and Kutz Camp. I was very active in NFTY and, when on national board, worked as staff at Camp Kutz. In 1998, I worked the inaugural summer of URJ Camp Newman where I was a counselor, unit head and CIT director for 4 summers. I moved to Washington, DC and became an elementary school teacher where I taught in Fairfax for 12 years and Montgomery County now for 13 years. I am the proud parent of Mia (Camp Harlam camper), Noah and Benjamin and the lucky wife of Daniel.

Brent Novey (he/him) - Staff Engagement Supervisor - New York, NY

Hi there! I'm Brent Novey and I live in New York City. During the year, I work at Foundation for Jewish Camp on their staff initiatives. Originally from Midlothian, VA, I graduated from Virginia Tech in 2023. I've spent the last 12 summers at Harlam as a camper, counselor, and unit head. This summer, I'll be the Staff Engagement Supervisor. In addition to camp, I love watching Marvel movies, rooting for the Phillies and 76ers, laughing with camp friends, and spending time with my niece and nephews. I'm thrilled for another summer of supporting campers and staff!

Ido Ovady (he/him) - Athletics Assistant Supervisor - Shoham, Israel

Hi! My name is Ido Ovady and I'll be the Athletics assistant supervisor. This will be my third summer at Camp Harlam. I love basketball and hiking. Can't wait to be back home!

Sophie Rosenberg (she/her) - Adventure Supervisor - Baltimore, MD

Hello! I am originally from Baltimore, MD, but I have spent the past 4 years in Ithaca, NY at Cornell University pursuing a degree in civil engineering. After the summer, is over I will be starting a position in construction management in DC. When I'm not studying, I love rock climbing, listening to music, welding, and my plants. My favorite part of camp is Adventure (especially the Tower) so I am so excited to be back for my 12th summer as one of the Adventure Supervisors!

Jacob Shinder (he/him) - Assistant Jewish Life Supervisor - Closter, NJ

I'm from Closter, NJ, and I'm studying religion and vocal music performance at the University of Pittsburgh. I love singing with the Pitt Men's Glee Club and playing trumpet for the marching band. I'm president of a club that puts on recitals monthly at local retirement homes. This summer, I will serve as the Jewish Life Assistant Supervisor and will oversee religious and musical experiences. This is my third summer, and I can't wait to share my passion for J-Life and maybe do another stream hike.

Max Stone (he/him) - Athletics Supervisor - Palmetto Bay, FL

Hi I'm Max Stone and I'm the Athletics Supervisor this summer! So excited to be back at camp for my 12th summer and my 4th on staff. I just graduated from Indiana University and was studying Sports Marketing and Management. Cannot be more excited to be back this summer and joining the athletics crew! Win Everywhere!!!

Rachel Wasserman (she/her) - Adventure Supervisor - Sinking Spring, PA

Hi! My name is Rachel, I'm from Sinking Spring, PA, and I'm one of the Adventure supervisors for this summer! I'm in college, majoring in forensic science. I work as a Sunday school teacher at my synagogue, currently teaching 2nd and 3rd graders, as well as working backstage/as a stage manager for my school's theatre program. It is my 12th summer at camp, and I am looking forward to being a supervisor for the Adventure team and making sure everyone can enjoy all of the Adventure elements!

Dena Magid (she/her) - Special Projects Supervisor - Phoenix, AZ

Jacob Wesoky (he/him) - Teva Supervisor - Sterling, VA