

CARMEL 1 SECOND SESSION STAFF



Ayala Lamdan
(she/her)
Omanut Specialty
Counselor
Ramat Gan, Israel

I am 21 years old and I live and breathe art. I've been painting and drawing for my whole life. I grew up around very religious people and learned a lot about Judaism. I also learned that I want to focus on my art and live with people that respect and support it. This has led me to meet a variety of people from every corner of Israel, and led me to take great interest in this program.



Zoe Raffills
(she/her)
Adventure
Specialty Counselor
Wanaka, New
Zealand

Kia Ora! I'm super lucky to have grown up in beautiful Wanaka, New Zealand, where I'm surrounded by amazing outdoor activities like skiing, climbing, and hiking. During the year, I love to challenge myself through sports like climbing and skiing, as well as creative pursuits like digital design and drama. Last year, I was a house leader at Mount Aspiring College, where I co-led a quarter of the school—organising in-school challenges and activities and supporting new students as they settled in and throughout the year. I've also been babysitting for the past four years, currently I'm working as a housekeeper, and I also hold a Level 2 First Aid certificate and a Level 1 Ski Instructor qualification. I'm an outgoing and creative person who loves encouraging others and helping them tackle challenges. I'm super excited to bring my energy, leadership, and love for the outdoors to camp this summer!



**Raya
Sapherstein**
she/her
Cabin Counselor
Livingston, NJ

Hi! I'm Raya (rhymes with papaya), and I'm from Livingston, New Jersey. This is my 10th summer at camp and my first year on staff as a cabin counselor, and I could not be more excited! In my free time, I enjoy performing and listening to music, volunteering in my local Jewish community, spending time with family and friends, and talking about camp! Some of my favorite camp activities include stargazing, the Zimriah during Maccabiah (Color War), and song session! I am an incoming freshman at Cornell University and plan to major in government and can't wait to get involved in Hillel there! I am so excited to meet everyone... THINK CAMP!



Sarah Sklar
she/her
Cabin Counselor
Philadelphia, PA

Hi!! I'm Sarah Sklar! This will be my 9th summer at camp! Last year I was a CIT, and this is my first year on staff. I am from Philadelphia, PA, and just graduated from AIM Academy. My favorite camp activities are Omanut, Shira, making friendship bracelets, and Shabbat. I am so excited for this summer!!!

CARMEL 2 SECOND SESSION STAFF



**Ethan Fastag
Rosenfield**
he/him
Cabin Counselor
Hopewell, NJ

Hi! I'm Ethan! I'm from Central NJ (which exists)! I LOVE singing, theater, piano, and horseback riding. I also love to read biographies and fantasy novels. I work as a ticket scanner for The Princeton Symphony Orchestra. I will be going to Muhlenberg College to study music. I've been at camp since K'Far Noar (this is my 4th year). This is my first year as a counselor. I was a counselor in training last year, and had an amazing time!!! I CANNOT wait to be a counselor this year! I can't wait to be with so many fun people! My favorite camp activities are Maccabiah, Shabbat, swimming, evening programs, and so much more!



Oskar Filippo
he/him
Waterfront Specialty
Counselor
Lancaster, PA

Hey! My name is Oskar and this is my first summer at camp! I am a rising college freshman going into music education at Temple University and have played the violin for 10 years. I am a big fan of musical theater and movies - everything from *LEGO Batman* to *Fiddler on the Roof*, and most things in between. I resonate most with Alan from *Barbie* and Princess Buttercup from *The Princess Bride*. I can't wait for a great summer and to catch you all by the pool!



Eitan Schwartz
he/him
Cabin Counselor
Pittsburgh, PA

I'm excited to be returning for my 10th official summer at Camp Harlam, and 15th with the inclusion of my years in Camp K'ton. I am from Pittsburgh, PA, and plan on attending college at Virginia Tech in the fall. In my free time, I love reading comics, playing video games, and listening to music. I also love performing, and regularly sing both by myself and in a choir as well as participating in my school musical. At home, I regularly volunteer through my high school's music department and in opportunities provided by my synagogue and NFTY. I will be working as a cabin counselor and am excited to help my campers have a summer as life-changing and memorable as all of mine at Harlam always were.



Kyle Treseder
he/him
Drama Specialist
Llanelli, Wales

Hi! I'm Kyle, I'm from Wales, and I can't wait to return to Harlam this year as a drama counselor again! When I'm not at camp, I work as a support worker for children with special needs and learning difficulties, as well as working in children's entertainment, running parties. When I'm not working, I take part in amateur musicals and plays, and volunteer at a children's musical theatre group. I can't wait to be back at camp and to give the kids the best summer ever!

CARMEL 3 SECOND SESSION STAFF



Zoe Babione
she/her
Cabin Counselor
Lancaster, PA

Hello!! My name is Zoe Babione, I'm from Lancaster, PA, and this will be my 11th summer at Harlam and first year on staff. I'll be an Avodah staff member and I couldn't be more excited! In my free time, I enjoy reading, playing pickleball, and listening to music. At camp, you can find me hanging around the Z-pool, pagoda hopping, enjoying cookout lunch, or losing my voice during Shabbat song session!! Next fall, I'll be a freshman at The Ohio State University majoring in Jewish Studies with a minor in Nonprofit Management. I'm looking forward to a GREAT summer and I can't wait to meet everyone!!



Teagan Carmichael
she/her
Teva Specialty
Counselor
Glasgow, Scotland

I'm a Teva specialty counselor this year at camp! My favourite things to do are dance and crafts :) This is my first year at camp and I'm so excited to meet everyone!



Nazira Gutierrez Del Maestro
she/her
Communications
Specialty Counselor San
Juan de Miraflores, Peru

Hello! My name is Nazira, I'm 22 years old, and I'm from Peru! My hobbies are reading books, singing, and taking photos. I graduated from advertising and digital media last year and right now I'm currently working as an acting teacher with kindergarten kids. This year, I will be working as a camp photographe, and I'm really excited about meeting all the kids and making their time in the camp enjoyable and memorable.



Karolina Krupa
she/her
Teaching Kitchen
Specialty Counselor
Lubartów, Poland

I'm from Poland and have been living in Warsaw for the past few years. I graduated in American Studies and Journalism and worked as a live reporter for national TV, where I created original reports and directed a show about antiques. I'm passionate about theatre, music, film, and U.S. culture. This is my second year at camp—last time I was part of the office staff, and this year I'll be a teaching kitchen specialty counselor. Camp has taught me teamwork and how to face challenges far from home. I'm excited to help campers grow through fun kitchen activities while also supporting their communication and collaboration skills.



Lola Rosenblum
she/her
Cabin Counselor
Verona, NJ

Hello! My name is Lola, and I am from Verona, New Jersey! This is my 7th summer at camp and my first as a cabin counselor! Some of my hobbies include reading, spending time with my dog Rosie, and listening to music (especially Taylor Swift!). At camp, my favorite activities are making friendship bracelets, spending time by the pool, Shabbat song session, and making new friends! In the fall, I will be starting my freshman year at Tufts University where I plan on studying political science. Can't wait for the best summer ever!!!

CARMEL 4 SECOND SESSION STAFF



Chase Behrend
he/him
Cabin Counselor
Newtown, PA

What's up! My name is Chase Behrend and I am from Newtown, Pennsylvania. This summer will be my 8th summer and I will be working as a cabin counselor. My favorite camp activities in no particular order are: song session, color war, frolicking, and vibing with my closest friends. Outside of camp I work as a teaching assistant at my local synagogue as well as being a member on my youth group board. I love sports (GO BIRDS!), having a good laugh, and spending quality time with family including my dogs. I can already sense how magical this summer is going to be and I can't wait to welcome you all home!



Noah Kales
he/him
Cabin Counselor
Falls Church, VA

Hello everyone! I'm Noah and I'll be one of your cabin counselors this summer. This will be my second summer on staff and my tenth summer at Harlam overall, stretching back to when I was a Carmel camper in 2015. I am from northern Virginia, but am currently studying at Oberlin College, where I am an undecided major (but it will be some combination of Psychology, Political Science, and Cinema Studies). At Oberlin, I'm a member of both Hillel and OC Democrats. My various interests and hobbies include history/politics, movies and TV, board games, crossword puzzles, and keeping up with current events. I can't wait to have an amazing summer!



Jacob Schorr
he/him
Archery Specialty
Counselor
Emmaus, PA

My name is Jacob Schorr. I'm from Emmaus, Pennsylvania. I will be a freshman at SUNY Binghamton's College of Arts and Sciences. My role at camp is the archery specialist. I will be spending most of my days this summer at the archery range, teaching campers the basics of archery and ensuring they're safe whilst using the gear. When I'm not at camp, I spend my time playing video games, reading, snowboarding, watching TV and movies, listening to music, working out, drawing, doing archery, and practicing karate. This will be my 10th summer at camp. I'm excited to get to know my campers and be supportive in the way my counselors were for me as a camper.



Asher Weston
he/him
Woodshop Specialty
Counselor
San Francisco, CA

Hello! My name is Asher, and I'm super excited to teach woodworking at Camp Harlam this summer! I'm from San Francisco, and this will be my first year at Harlam—I met a group of current counselors at a youth group event earlier this year, and they had such an awesome group culture that I decided to work here over the summer. I'm going to be starting at Saint John's College in Santa Fe next school year, where I will be studying philosophy, Ancient Greek, and classical literature. I love to cook, swim, write, work out, and listen to music. I have prior experience in working with kids through my volunteer work at my synagogue's Sunday school. Some of my most formative experiences occurred at Jewish camps when I was a kid, and so I'm really excited to help contribute to giving other people the same wonderful memories that I got to have.

CARMEL 6 SECOND SESSION STAFF



Harrison Calise
he/him
Cabin Counselor
Maple Glen, PA

Hi, my name is Harrison. I am 19 years old and a rising sophomore at Temple University (go Owls!). I am a long time camper, CIT and now second-year counselor at Camp Harlam. I love everything about camp...from playing basketball to swimming in the lake and competing in the Maccabiah games. I am excited for a summer at camp, can't wait to meet everyone!



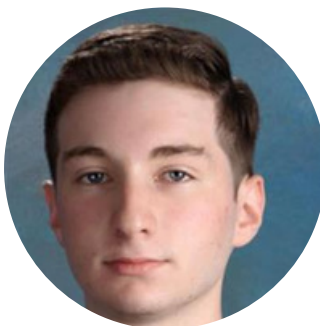
Ezra Kelley
he/him
Omanut Specialty
Counselor
Pittsburgh, PA

Hi! My name is Ezra, and I'm from Pittsburgh, PA. I'm a student at Michigan State, and I love listening to music and creating art. This summer, I'll be working as an Arts Specialist Counselor, and I can't wait to meet your kids and be part of their camp journey. It's my 9th summer at camp, and I'm especially excited to see the kids grow, learn, and have fun through art. I'm so looking forward to an amazing summer together!



Isaac Medford
he/him
Mountain Biking
Specialty Counselor
Lynnfield, MA

I am from Massachusetts. During the year, I like to camp, play sports, and hang out with friends. This summer I will be one of the mountain biking specialty counselors. This will be my 8th year at camp. I am so excited to spend time with my campers and participate in all of the camp activities.



Elishai Robinson
he/him
Cabin Counselor
Wilmington, DE

Hi! I'm Elishai Robinson, from Wilmington, Delaware, and I'm excited to be back as a cabin counselor this summer. I spend my free time working at my synagogue teaching Hebrew to elementary and middle schoolers; and as the co-president of our synagogue's NFTY chapter, reviving the youth group and remodeling the youth lounge, creating a safe and welcoming space. This will be my tenth summer at camp. Last year I was a Carmel cabin CIT(counselor in training), and I love building relationships with each camper and watching them grow and enjoy their summer. During the school year I captain my school's mock trial team and play on its tennis team; next year I will go to college for pre-law. When I'm not at school I spend my time following sports, reading, listening to music, and spending time outdoors.

CARMEL UNIT LEADERSHIP



Anna Mein
she/her
Supervisor
Falkirk, Scotland

Hi, my name is Anna, and I am from Falkirk, Scotland. I have spent the past four summers working at Harlam and have loved every minute. At camp, I have previously been the Waterfront Supervisor, and I am super excited to be taking on a new role as the Carmel Unit Head. Outside of camp, I am studying to become a primary teacher. I have also been working with Camp America, interviewing new international staff and helping them experience camp. I can't wait for a great summer with you all!



**Maxwell "Shifty"
Levine**
he/him
Assistant Supervisor
Rockville, MD

YO! My name is Max (a.k.a. Shifty at Harlam), and I am so pumped to be the Carmel Assistant Unit Head this summer! This will be my 12th summer at camp-- it feels like just yesterday I was in Carmel myself, tearing up my knuckles in the gaga pit. Currently, I am going into my senior year at the University of Vermont, finishing my degree in Secondary Education with an English concentration! I love everything outdoors, reading, being Jewish, and the New York Giants (and a lot more stuff that won't fit in this bio!). I am super excited to be with campers who are coming to Harlam for the first time! I love camp (if you could not tell), and I am going to try my absolute hardest to show how awesome it is to all campers, but especially my awesome Carmelians!!