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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
TI = Temple Israel TBE = Temple Beth El JCC = Jewish Community Center CH = Chabad House SP = Shalom Park Fed = Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte CJP = Charlotte Jewish Preschool CHS = Con. Hebrew High				Prayerbook Hebrew B 6:15 pm JCC Prayerbook Hebrew C 7:15 pm JCC Prayerbook Hebrew A 8:15 pm JCC	TI Services-6:15 pm- Dinner TBE Services 7:30 pm	JCC Singles Bowling 8:00 pm
	4 TI Board Meeting 7:45 pm / Adv. Hebrew 7:00 pm JCC Beginners Hebrew 8:00 pm JCC Congregational Photo Session 3-9:30 pm - TBE JCC Seniors Trip	5 TI Social Action Committee Mtg. 7:30 pm TI Choir Rehearsal 7:45 pm Congregational Photo Session 3-9:30 pm - TBE	6 Congregational Photo Session 3-9:30 pm - TBE	7 TI Mom 'n' Me 8:00 am Prayerbook Hebrew B, C, A - JCC JFS Board Meeting 7:45 pm Congregational Photo Session 3-9:30 pm - TBE	8 TI Services 6:15 pm TBE Services 7:30 pm DEADLINE FOR SEPT. CJN Last day of JCC Summer Camp	9 TI Sisterhood Chinese Auction 9:00 pm 96 Maccabi Games Sendoff 7:00 pm JCC
JCC J.A.M.S. Day at the Park - Latta Plantation 9:00 am	11 Advanced Hebrew Beginners Hebrew JCC Seniors Trip	12 TI Choir Rehearsal 7:45 pm JCC Cancer Camp 8:30 am - 4:00 pm CJN Executive Board Mtg. 7:30	13 JCC Cancer Camp 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	14 Charlotte Yiddish Institute at Wildacres JCC Cancer Camp 8:30 am - 4:00 pm Prayerbook Hebrew B, C, A JCC Singles - Comedy Zone night 7:30 pm	15 Charlotte Yiddish Institute at Wildacres TI Family Shabbat Services 6:00 & Dinner 7:00 pm TBE Services 7:30 pm JCC Cancer Camp 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	16 Charlotte Yiddish Institute at Wildacres Bar Mitzvah TI Matthew Manes
Charlotte Yiddish Institute Wildacres TI Hebrew Schl. Teachers Worksh. Project Talmud - CH Shalom Y'all Reception 2:00 pm- JCC	18 JCC Afterschool Program JCC Management Comm. Mtg. First Day of Public School JCC Seniors Trip	19 TI Choir Rehearsal 7:45 pm JCC Afterschool Program Fed. Executive Board Mtg. 6:30 pm - Fed. CJP Preschool Board Mtg. 7:30 pm -JCC	20 TI video on TV Cable 16 at 5 pm & 10 pm JCC Afterschool Program JCC Executive Comm. Mtg. 6:00 pm JCC Brd. Dir. 8:00 pm JCC Singles Happy Hour 6:30 pm	21 TI video on TV Cable 16 at 8 pm JCC Afterschool Program Prayerbook Hebrew B, C, A	22 JCC Afterschool Program TI Services 8:00 pm TBE Services 7:30 pm	23 Bar Mitzvah TI Chad Jaben JCC Family Fun Night Poolside 6:00 - 10:00 pm JCC J.A.M.S. Dinner at Valentino's 7:00 pm
JCC Membership Open House JCC End of Year Picnic 11:00 am - 12:30 pm JCC Community Blood Drive 10 am- 3 pm - Shalom Park	25 TI Book Club 7:45 pm Jewish Day Sch classes start / Chal Group 9:30 am /JCC Afterschool Prog. / JFGC Board of Dir. 7:45 pm / CHS Adv. Brd. Mtg. 8 pm Seniors Yiddish Film 10:30 am JCC	26 TI Sisterhood Board Meeting 9:30 am TI Executive Comm. Mtg. 6:30 pm TI Choir Rehearsal 7:45 pm JCC Afterschool Program	27 JCC Afterschool Program CHS Staff Meeting 7:30 pm - JCC	28 JCC Afterschool Preschool Parent Orientation 5:30 - 9:00 pm Prayerbook Hebrew B, C, A	29 JCC All Day at the J 7:30 am - 6:00 pm JCC Afterschool Program TBE Wildacres '96 Family Retreat begins TBE Services 7:30 pm TI Services 8:00 pm	30 Bar Mitzvah TI Matthew Gordan

Note: Jewish Preschool starts September 4

Yiddish Vinkl starts in September

Ramah Darom . . . Im Tirzu

— Doris H. Goldstein

How often have we heard these famous words of Theodore Herzl, "If you will it, it is not a dream," quoted at Jewish events? It was heard once again on Memorial Day, May 27, 1996, in an unlikely setting, the lush rolling countryside of Rabun County, Georgia, just a few miles from the North Carolina state line.

Rabbi Shalom Lewis of Congregation Etz Chaim in Marietta, along with 24 rabbis from throughout the South, led 700 Southern Jews in the chanting of Hallel and the Sh'checheyanu as Ramah Darom was dedicated.

Ramah Darom is the newest Jewish camp to be built in several years and the first Ramah camp to be built in the South. When the first campers inaugurate Ramah Darom in the summer of 1997, Ramah will mark its 50th anniversary. Camp Ramah was founded by the Conservative Movement in 1947 and now sponsors programs throughout the United States,

Canada, Israel and Russia.

In keeping with the Ramah tradition, Ramah Darom will serve not only as a summer camp for children, but will also function as a teacher's institute and will ultimately serve as a year-round, kosher retreat facility suitable for use by members of all Jewish communities in the South. It will be a perfect site for inspiration and Jewish renewal.

The hallmarks of any summer camping experience include fun, new experiences, forming friendships and learning to live within the camp community framework. Ramah embodies all of these and more. The Ramah experience incorporates Judaism into a 24-hour agenda including prayer, study, use of modern Hebrew and living in a community guided by Jewish thought and values.

In the late 1950's, Sol Singer and other Southern Jews petitioned the National Ramah Commission to open a camp in the

South. The response was that neither the population of the area nor the finances of the Commission warranted such an effort. As a result, children from the South attended Ramah camps in Wisconsin and the Northeast. Due to both distance and expense, the numbers of Southern Jewish children reaping the benefits of the Ramah experience were limited.

Now, forty years later, the dream of one generation has been brought to fruition by the next. Under the leadership of Ramah alumnus Eric Singer, son of Sol and Ruth Singer, the dream of Ramah Darom has become a reality. With the cooperation of leaders from throughout the South, and the combined efforts of volunteers from the Jewish Theological Seminary, United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, the Rabbinical Assembly and the National Ramah Commission,



Dedication of Ramah Darom.

Ramah Darom committees in both large and small communities were mobilized to raise the funds needed to purchase the site. A 122-acre tract of the most beautiful and inspiring countryside near Clayton, Georgia is now the magnificent home of Ramah Darom. To date, \$3.5 million of the initial

goal of \$5 million has been raised.

For information about Ramah Darom, contact Lynda Walker by phone at (404) 843-0823, by fax at (404) 843-0459 or by E-mail at ramahdr@mindspring.com.

Im tirzu ayn zoah gadah . . . if you will it . . .

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