

We were honored to have campers and staff in the room spanning all eight decades of Ramah Wisconsin! Representatives of national foundations, local institutions, Ramahniks of all varieties, and supporters of Ramah Wisconsin traveled from Israel and across North America to honor Rabbi Soloff and celebrate Ramah.

Proceeds of the event will benefit **The Rabbi David and Emily Soloff Scholarship Endowment**, a lasting legacy enabling more children and families to experience the transformative impact of Ramah. Support for this event currently exceeds \$500,000!

You can design a Rabbi Soloff tribute brick, make a donation, and view event photos and videos at www.RabbiSoloffTribute.com



Current and past camp presidents (from left) – Jon Sherman, Arnie Harris, Jeff Kopin, Mort Steinberg, Alan Silberman



Rabbi David and Emily Soloff and their daughters from left - Meira, Elesheva and Yedida.



Camp-style musical number performed by (from left) Lori Stark, Jacob Cytryn and Adina Allen. Jon Adam Ross (aka JAR) served as host



The evening ended with Himnon Ramah, the camp song

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"Tonight I appreciate your words of thanks, and I want us all to leave this evening with a renewed commitment to the mission of Ramah Wisconsin. Let's commit to reach a new generation of families and continue to evolve to serve our community. Let's strengthen our efforts to build Jewish lives and Jewish leaders by ensuring that more children and families can experience the transformative impact of Ramah." — Rabbi David Soloff





Rabbi Burt Cohen (Director 1960-74) and Foundation of Jewish Camp CEO Jeremy Fingerman (Nivo 77) with Rabbi Soloff



Omer Matalon thanked Rabbi Soloff on behalf of Tikvah alumni





Event chairs Susan (far left) and Marc Sacks (far right) with Emily Soloff, Beth Kopin and Jon Adam Ross (JAR)



(from left) Daniel Kanter, Yael Bettenhausen, and Rabbi Josh Warshawsky performed original music





Green screen fun with Minda & Rabbi Ronnie Garr and Nivo 79



National Ramah Director Rabbi Mitch Cohen and National Associate Director Amy Skopp Cooper presented Rabbi Soloff with the Pras Ramah, the highest Ramah award



Former National Ramah Director Rabbi Shelly Dorph shared a "Soloff Story"

# Remarks made at A Night to Honor Rabbi David Soloff - May 5, 2019



By David Kushnir, President-Elect, and Jacob Cytryn, Executive Director

David Kushnir: I have to say it is intimidating standing up here right now, as the President-Elect of Camp Ramah in Wisconsin, following five camp presidents and 44 years of senior professional leadership. Intimidating and inspiring. Tonight is a celebration of Rabbi Soloff's legacy and a tribute to everything he has done for our institution as well as the worlds of Jewish camp, Jewish education, and the Conservative Movement. It is also a pivot towards the future – מדור לדור (from generation to generation) and, as Rabbi Soloff just said, מחיל לחיל (from strength).

Jacob Cytryn: Assuming the role of Executive Director in fall 2018 represented a personal and institutional transition that, thanks to Rabbi Soloff's leadership, is both really easy and really difficult. Easy because of the strong position which Rabbi Soloff has gifted us and difficult because enhancing that position now rests on the shoulders of a new generation.

**DK:** In many ways, Camp Ramah in Wisconsin is far different in 2019 than it was in 1975. Today we operate in a fundamentally different environment than the one Irv Robbin, Bert Weinstein, Lou Winer – all of blessed memory – and others could have envisioned for the end of Rabbi David Soloff's leadership when they hired him. Our special needs and inclusion programs remain leaders in the field; Ramah Day Camp has grown to stand on its own merits and provide an initial pathway towards a lifetime of Ramah; our development efforts in alumni engagement and fundraising are a model that many of our colleagues turn to throughout the Jewish camping field.

JC: And yet, in so many crucial ways, our beloved camp is still the same. Our commitment to partnering with visionary lay leadership remains unchanged, as does our fundamental shared mission with the Conservative synagogues in our region. Our campers' summers are permeated by a Judaism that comes alive in original artwork, joyous singing and dancing, and animated intellectual discourse. As always, our kids come to camp to have fun, and they get so much more. They develop friendships that last a lifetime. They meet role models in our staff who remain exemplars for them decades into the future. They develop a deep and abiding love for Jews and for Judaism and for all they contain, a mature love that is neither fleeting nor superficial. They become great people, and so many of them point to their time at Ramah as crucial in making them who they are today.

**DK:** So – what does it mean to go from strength to strength? It means to double down on who we are while staying vibrant and flexible to meet the needs of new generations of camper families. It means reaping the benefits of the trees previous generations of leaders planted for us while planting our own seeds to be harvested years from now.

JC: It means learning from the past and experimenting for the future, knowing that it is the way visionaries make decisions – thoughtfully, intentionally, bravely – that lead the way forward, and not the content of the decisions themselves.

**DK:** I became a Ramahnik in 1984 after meeting Rabbi Soloff at a local parlor meeting and continued at camp through three summers on staff in 1992. When I started my professional career, I got involved as a volunteer, eventually becoming Chair of the Ramah Day Camp and then as Finance Chair.

JC: I remember Rabbi Soloff shaking my hand as I got off a bus from O'Hare airport on June 24, 1992. Each of the last twenty-seven summers – save one on Ramah Seminar in Israel – I have spent in Conover, Wisconsin, my home and educational playground.

DK: We have learned from generations of lay leaders and, most of all, from the mentoring and guidance of Rabbi David Soloff.

JC: And we are ready at this moment of inflection to take on the responsibility for the amazing next steps in the life of our cherished organization. Thank you to so many for getting us to '', now it's our job, together with so many of you, to maintain it. מחיל לחיל
– from strength to strength.

### From Jonathan Sherman, President





Wisconsin Ramahniks on the 2019 Ramah Israel Bike Ride & Hike

Fran and Jon Sherman

Just before Pesach, Fran and I joined more than 100 bikers and hikers from across North America and Israel for the Ramah Israel Bike Ride and Hiking Trip, a week-long journey through southern Israel to raise funds for our Tikvah programs. It was a fantastic week that began with a reception in Jerusalem celebrating 50 years of Tikvah. The next day, we began our journey from Kibbutz Mashabei Sadeh, near Beersheva, south through the Negev. Six days later, we rode triumphantly into Eilat and dipped our toes in the sea.

We experienced the beauty of southern Israel in a way we could not have imagined. As we recalled the exodus of an earlier group of Jews from Egypt, we rode our bikes along the Egyptian border one day, and along the Jordanian border the next. We went on a thrilling descent into Makhtesh Ramon —Ramon Crater, one of the most amazing sights in all of Israel—and enjoyed the serene beauty of the Arava. On Shabbat, we davened, rested, and listened to the parents of Tikvah participants describe the irreplaceable role that Tikvah has played in their children's lives. One of those children joined us on the biking trip.

The trip was a huge financial success, raising more than \$500,000 for Tikvah programs at our camps. But more important was the sense of community we enjoyed, and a profound appreciation for both the beauty of Israel and the centrality of Tikvah in the mission of Ramah. Another trip to a different part of Israel is being planned for the spring of 2021. Mark your calendars!

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This will be my last opportunity to write to you as president of Camp Ramah. In the fall, David Kushnir will take over as president. A former camper (Nivonim 1988) and staff member, David chaired our day camp and finance committees and served for the past year as vice president. He has the experience and judgment to guide us into the future, and I look forward to our camps' continued success under his leadership.

Serving as president has been a tremendous honor. I have had the good fortune to work with exceptional professionals whose dedication is inspiring. Executive Director Jacob Cytryn continues to build on the historical foundations of Camp Ramah in Wisconsin and will bring thoughtful and innovative programs to our camps. For 19 summers, Lori Stark has infused our day camp with warmth and enthusiasm. Rabbi David Soloff, who has been at the heart of our community for more than 40 years, will continue to be a mentor, teacher, and friend.

Our success would not be possible without the active participation of our lay leaders. More than 60 volunteers throughout the Midwest and beyond serve on camp committees. They help oversee our budget, fundraising, site improvements, inclusion programs, medical issues, and other vital areas. The success of our camps is due in no small measure to our professional-lay partnership.

I will be forever grateful to my incredibly talented wife Fran and our children, Debbie, Oren, Leora, and Paul. They encouraged me to take on this role and provided loving support along the way.

Ramah is a special community. It is a place where campers and staff return year after year to renew friendships, live meaningful Jewish lives, build strong connections to Israel, learn, play, and grow. I am filled with gratitude for the experience of the past few years and look forward to watching camp flourish in the years to come.

## Family Camp - August 7-11, 2019



Limited spots are available for Family Camp 2019 and registrations are being accepted on a first-come, first-served bases. This is your chance to participate in fun-filled camp activities led by our fabulous Ramah Wisconsin staff. It's a great opportunity to share a totally fun vacation with your family.

For info on Family Camp go to www.ramahwisconsin.com or contact Robin at Rrubenstein@ramahwisconsin.com or at 312-690-8305.

### An Amazing Tikvah-Atzmayim Shabbaton

by Dotan Appelbaum



On Martin Luther King weekend, over 40 Tikvah campers, Atzmayim participants, alumni and staff traveled by plane or car to Camp Ramah's Tikvah/Atzmayim Shabbaton. Hosted by North Suburban Synagogue Beth El in Highland Park, Illinois, the Shabbaton was equal parts reunion for current campers, alumni, and staff; Ramah Shabbat experience rivaling those of the summer; and weekend of meaningful conversation and programming.

The theme of the Shabbaton was 'Love Thy Neighbor-No Exceptions'. The weekend was filled with programs in which participants discussed the meaning of loving one's neighbor and learned about the importance of acting with respect and

understanding to those around you. One highlight was a program in which alumni got to share their experiences after their summers at Ramah concluded with current Tikvah campers and Atzmayim participants. Staff moderators asked alumni questions about their greatest lessons learned at Ramah, their current involvement in Jewish community life, challenges and accomplishments in the working world, realities of independent living, and advice for current Tikvah campers.

One alumna, Jillian Bockenek, spoke about her experience finding jobs in which she gets to do what she loves:

"I have 3 jobs. On Sundays I am a teacher's assistant for kindergartners at my Temple's religious school. On Mondays and Fridays I work at InReach which is a facility for children and adults. They provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities like day programs, support, workers, and supported housing. I am an office assistant and receptionist.

My newest job is with InReach Troupe 801. I'm a professional puppeteer! It's called "Barnyard News." The troupe of 4 people takes the show to schools and children's museums. The kids, ages 3-8, learn about differences. We are all special in our own way. I do 5 different puppets. I love performing and making kids laugh."

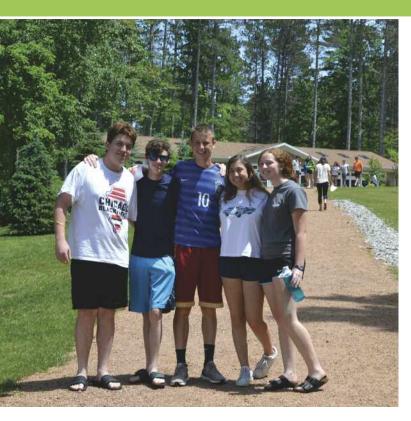
After Shabbat ended, all forty Shabbaton participants had a blast during a trip to a nearby indoor trampoline park. On Sunday morning there was already talk of the next Shabbaton. The emotional goodbye hugs and wide smiles showed a renewed love of one's neighbors and marked a successful Shabbaton.





Alumni of Tikvah and Atzmayim paid tribute to Dr. Margaret Silberman last fall and thanked her for 20 years of dedicated leadership as Chair and Consultant for our Special Needs Programs. Former and current Tikvah directors Rose Sharon (shown left at center) and Ralph Schwartz joined the festivities. The current Chair of the Tikvah Subcommittee is Erica Schwab and Dr. Sara Hoffenberg serves as Tikvah Consultant.

# Update on the Givah Campaign October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2020



In celebration of the 70th season of Camp Ramah in Wisconsin and the 18th season of Ramah Day Camp, in 2015 we launched **The Givah Campaign**, a five-year comprehensive effort supporting:

Capital Projects and Program Initiatives – including construction of the new Nivonim campus ("the Givah") at Camp Ramah in Wisconsin in 2017 and campus improvements at Ramah Day Camp.

The Annual Fund – for need-based scholarships and acrossthe-board tuition subsidies received by all camper families. Annual Fund also includes special needs and inclusion programming. Endowments – the Rabbi David and Emily Soloff Scholarship Endowment is one of the 70 named endowments that make up the Camp Ramah in Wisconsin Endowment Corporation. These endowments ensure that sufficient scholarship and operational funds will be available in perpetuity.

The goal of the Givah Campaign is to raise a total of \$9 million over five years. As described above - this is a comprehensive campaign that includes all the fundraising needs for both camps over this period.

In the fourth year of the campaign, we are proud to announce that \$7.9 million towards the total campaign goal of \$9 million has been raised.





### **New Arts and Outdoor Performance Center!**



### **New for 2020!**

With the support of a challenge grant from a major national foundation, the current facility focus of the Givah Campaign is the construction of a new **Arts and Outdoor Performance Center** at Camp Ramah in Wisconsin. Construction will begin in August 2019 and the building will be ready for the 2020 season.

As seen in the architectural rendering, the new facility will be built on the site of the current Omanut/Nagarut building (Arts/Woodworking), which was constructed in 1982. The new Arts and Outdoor Performance Center will support many more opportunities for artistic expression and connection to Jewish identity through the arts.

The Givah Campaign website describes the dedication opportunities that are still available. Go to **GivahCampaign.org** for more info - you can even leave a lasting impression by purchasing a personalized brick or paver on the path leading up to the new Nivonim campus.

# We gratefully acknowledge these generous donors who have made lead gifts to dedicate aspects of this new facility:

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# Ramah





Reshet Ramah, the alumni network of the Ramah Camping Movement, sponsored a young alumni Hanukkah party at Base Hillel in the Loop and oMOMnut, a Ramah Moms night of crafts in Highland Park, Illinois.



Campers and their families had a great time at the **Des Moines Shabbaton** in February



Our **2019 Mishlachat** gathered at Kibbutz Shefayim in March with Adina Allen to learn all about life on the kikar



Ramah Wisconsin representatives enjoyed the **Weinstein Institute**, the National Ramah Leadership Institute held in January in Ojai, California



Engagement Coordinator Annie Glasser led camp-style learning in JLab at Am Yisrael Congregation's School of Jewish Studies in Northfield, Illinois. This innovative program was underwritten by a **#Partnership** grant from the Legacy Heritage Foundation.



The Ramah Wisconsin delegation joined educators, songleaders and clergy for the energizing **Songleader Boot Camp** 2019 in St. Louis in February



Our 2019 cohort of **Amitei Ramah Teen Fellows** participated in leadership training and community service opportunities

# Happenings

### Register for these reunions at RamahWisconsin.com:

13th Reunion of Nivonim 2006 on June 21-23 25th Reunion of Nivonim 1994 on July 18-21 50th Reunion of Nivonim 1969 on August 2-4





Congratulations to the first cohort of the **Ramah Leadership Initiative** (**RLI**) on the successful completion of their first of a two year program developing the next generation of Ramah lay leadership. RLI is a new leadership initiative to expand engagement with Ramah alumni in their mid-20's and 30's.

Cohort I members include (with Nivo years): Laura Elkayam (2001), Dr. Avram Fraint (2000), Jeremy Frankenthal (2006), Jackie (Wolff) Friedman (2005), Lauren (Vandersluis) Kaplan (2005), Debbie (Kaplan) Mnookin (2000), Bruce Ratain (2005), Tracey Rubinoff (2006), Adam Seidenberg (2009), Dani (Wolf) Weiss (2008), Daniel Weiss (2007), and Jonathan Zimbler (2000).

Camp Ramah in Wisconsin is launching RLI Cohort II in Chicago this summer, and Cohort III in New York later this year. Are you interested in developing your professional contacts and business networks? Looking for a way to give back to camp and build experience serving on a community board? Were you in Nivo 2001-2011? Then this is the program for you!

If you are interested in serving as a member of a future cohort, or know someone who might, please contact Sam Caplan, 312-690-8332 or scaplan@ramahwisconsin.com Additional information on RLI can be found at www.RamahWisconsin.com/RLI

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Once again the **my.ramahwisconsin.com** peer-to-peer platform helped make the November **Alumni Scholarship Phonathon** a big success. Volunteers in Chicago and the Twin Cities raised nearly \$75,000 for camper scholarships! Kol HaKavod to the members of Nivonim 1994-2011 who made calls and Todah Rabbah to everyone who contributed generously to help more children have a Ramah experience this summer.

My.ramahwisconsin.com makes it easy for anyone to support Ramah. Check out the July **Madison to Ramah Scholarship Bike Ride** at https://bike2camp2019.ramahwisconsin.com/

So what can **YOU** do? Are you running a marathon? Marking a special birthday or anniversary? Make it an occasion to support Ramah!

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Join our Round-Up for Ramah program to donate the change from your credit and debit card purchases. Your small change can have a big impact! For more information visit ramahwisconsin.com/roundups

For more info on any of these opportunities, please contact Sam Caplan, Chief Development Officer, at scaplan@ramahwisconsin.com or 312-690-8332.



Zicky and Moshe had teamed up for a full court press. "Listen, Barry," they badgered me one Shabbat evening: "You're graduating soon from the Seminary, right? Headed to a congregation, right? Wisconsin Ramah is the movement's crown jewel, right? Then, how can you NOT spend a summer there on staff!"

I had grown up in the Zionist youth movement, and had worked most every summer at one of that era's Young Judaea camps. But the logic of my two JTS mates was irrefutable. They arranged an interview with Rabbi Cohen [he would become "Burt" only months later], and apparently it went well enough. I was invited onto the staff, alongside many other fellow JTS friends, and with one of my favorite professors, Rabbi Francus, as well.

Weeks before camp was to open, Burt phoned from Chicago. "We've got a slight problem. A good one. More registration for the *Machon* than projected! It would be good to add some experienced staff support. I've got just the person to be *S'ganit Rosh*. Her name is Phyllis Weinstein. She was a counselor last summer, but had planned to work at her synagogue's day camp this year. The congregation is building a new campus, and had to cancel. She's thinking of returning."

This coming fall, Phyllis and I will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary. And one of the ways we intend to thank Burt Cohen and Ramah for arranging our *shidduch* is by making a legacy gift. This past fall, when we were with Chicago family for Thanksgiving, *HaRav* Soloff and I had a chance to speak. It was a gratifying meeting, hearing about the prodigious plans camp leadership has developed, including the crucial role envisioned for the camp's endowment.

David's words about the consequence of endowed giving sparked a memory of my days at the Adath. So much so that when I returned to the Twin Cities, I set about learning what had happened to the gift of Leon Finkelstein.

I had met Leon when serving as the rabbi at the synagogue. Leon and his sister Ida had been raised in an upper middle-class Jewish household in Hamburg, Germany. As hatred took over their 1930's homeland, their parents sought refuge for their children. Brother and sister were among the 17,000 refugees safely ferried to Shanghai. After the war, they made their way to Minnesota.

"My sister died shortly before you came to the synagogue," Leon told me one afternoon. "And now, I fear for what will happen to my life's savings after I am gone. Will you be the



Hanhalah 1968:

Standing from left – Rabbi Barry Cytron, Rabbi Mike Menitoff, Mort Steinberg, Rabbi Moshe Rothblum, David Weber, Rabbi Yosi Gordon. Seated from left – Rabbi Zicky Bonder, Phyllis Weinstein Cytron, Rabbi Burt Cohen, Phyllis Hofman Waldmann, Rabbi Denny Wolff

executor of our estate?" After Leon's death, a congregant lawyer friend and I packed up his possessions, and discharged the directions of his will. Some modest amounts were allocated to local social service agencies. The rest went to the University of Minnesota, directed to scholarships for recent arrivals to these shores.

My curiosity unexpectedly awakened by that conversation in Chicago, I called the U's advancement office. Recounting my connection to Leon, I inquired if they could share the chronicle of his bequest.

Through astute investments, that fund has more than doubled, the planning officer disclosed, while simultaneously distributing some 80 scholarships to first generation college students. Her words bowled me over. The trust Leon vested in the University had been honored; students had been, and will continue to be supported, beyond measure; and a precious family name has been kept alive.

In an era requiring ever increasing private resources to sustain superior education and vibrant communal life, the legacy fund at Camp Ramah, as those at so many of our colleges and universities, has an ever increasingly central role. Leon's story brought that to life for Phyllis and me in a way we might never have imagined. It's an honor to join so many alumni, colleagues and fellow supporters in this important work at *Machaneh Ramah*.

— Rabbi Barry Cytron

Zicky was Rabbi Isaac Bonder, z"l, for whom *Ohel Yitzchak* is named. Moshe is, of course, Rabbi Moshe Rothblum, the renowned *Rosh Drama* at camp.

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Please mail to Camp Ramah in Wisconsin Legacy Society, 67 E. Madison Street, Suite 1905, Chicago, IL 60603 or email to LHoffenberg@ramahwisconsin.com.

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### From Lori Stark, Director



Earlier this spring I shared the news with the Ramah Day Camp community that I will be stepping down from my position as Director of Ramah Day Camp as of August 31, 2019. Between now and then I am excited and energized to make this summer the best one yet at Ramah Day Camp!

My Ramah journey began at Camp Ramah in New England as a camper. When I became director of Ramah Day Camp in 2000, I felt blessed to be a part of this new and exciting Jewish educational experience. In the past two decades it has been a privilege to partner with five dedicated chairs of the Ramah Day Camp Advisory Committee - Rabbi Betsy Forester, Lisa Tenzer, David Kushnir, David Smith and Karen Ebroon - and tremendously rewarding to see the camp grow and flourish. My life has been enriched by working with dedicated synagogue colleagues, incredible Ramah professionals and talented counselors and specialists. I want to give a special shout out to Mike Hoffenberg, Benji Bearman and Scott Topal, who supported me all along the way with a myriad of logistics and behind the scene details it takes to run the camp. Most meaningful of all has been getting to know so many wonderful families and seeing young children and college students come together every summer to form a caring, supportive and fun Jewish community.

As I reflect on my years with Ramah, I recall my first encounter with Rabbi Soloff. My husband, David Shapiro, was one of the camp doctors. We had three young children at the time. After a big rainstorm a puddle the size of a small lake formed outside of the Rishonim cabin, and dozens of campers raced over and started splashing around. This looked like great fun so I quickly put my kids in bathing suits and we headed over to join the excitement. Campers shouted with delight as they splashed one another until somebody shouted, "Rabbi Soloff!" In a matter of seconds campers dashed out of the water like a gaggle of



geese taking flight. Little did I know then that I would spend much of my professional career being guided by that mythical man; the man who never sleeps, who has eyes behind his head, who silences a beit am filled with people by raising his hand into the air and waiting patiently, who loves Zelda's poem "Every Person has a Name," who prefers a meeting to a phone call, who believes in partnership and collaboration with synagogues and other Jewish camps, who knows how to create buy in and cultivate a strong lay leadership, who encourages Jewish learning, and pushes people to come up with ideas of their own and then run with them. What a privilege it has been to work with such a giant.

I'm excited about the prospects of the next chapter in my life and wish Executive Director Jacob Cytryn tremendous success as he continues to lead our beloved Ramah camps – from strength to strength.

With thanks and appreciation,

Lori

Ramah Day Camp is a warm and nurturing environment where kids come to make great friends, grow socially, learn Jewish values and most importantly - to have fun! Campers entering kindergarten through sixth grade enjoy sports, swimming, music, cookouts, arts & crafts and so much more!

Chicago area campers entering grades 3-6 can experience both Ramah Day Camp and Camp Ramah in Wisconsin in one summer at special rates! **Ruach Ramah** offers entering 3rd graders a 5-day taste of the overnight camp experience. **Kochavim** offers entering 4th graders the opportunity to spend twelve action-packed days at Camp Ramah in Wisconsin and the rest of the summer at Ramah Day Camp. Two sessions are available. **Garinim** (for entering 5th graders) and **Halutzim** (for entering 6th graders) offer four weeks at Ramah Day Camp and four weeks at Camp Ramah in Wisconsin.

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