

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS SHA'AR HEBREW LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM

Q: What is Sha'ar?

A: Sha'ar is a Hebrew language immersion program at Ramah Day Camp in Nyack. Sha'ar groups will be embedded in four divisions, Kochavim (entering kindergarten), Shorashim (entering first grade), Nitzanim (entering second grade), Solelim (entering third grade), and Tzeirim (entering fourth grade). All aspects of the camp day will be conducted in Hebrew, giving the children an opportunity to gain proficiency as they participate in the myriad activities--swim, sports, arts and crafts, and more--that make the camp day so magical!

Q: Can my child attend for one session only?

A: In order to get the most from this immersive Hebrew experience, children must attend for the full camp season. Please call our office to discuss your specific situation further.

Q: My child doesn't know any Hebrew. Can s/he participate?

A: The program will include children at all ability levels. Your child can be a Sha'ar camper whether s/he knows only a word or two or s/he has already been in a Hebrew nursery, kindergarten, or elementary school environment.

Q: How will you determine who can participate?

A: A lottery will be used to determine participation in Sha'ar. All potential participants must be registered by Friday, November 18 to be included in the lottery. We will generate a list of Sha'ar campers and a wait list, and get back to you by December 16.

Q: Can I still make a group placement request?

A: Unfortunately, we cannot honor bunking requests as participation will be determined by lottery.

Q: Is there an additional fee for participating in Sha'ar?

A: There is an additional tuition fee of \$500 per camper, which will cover the costs of materials and professional staff.

Q: What does Sha'ar mean?

A: The word Sha'ar serves as an acronym for the Hebrew words "Sfat Ivrit b'Ramah" (Hebrew language at Ramah) and means "gate" or "portal." Talented Israeli and American counselors will be leading the way as these campers go forth--playing, running, singing, sliding, and scoring, hakol b'ivrit (all in Hebrew)!

Q: I still have some questions. How can I find out more?

A: We suggest that you register your child if you think that s/he is likely to attend, as space is limited. If you have any pressing concerns or questions, you may call the Ramah Day Camp in Nyack office at (212) 678-8884.