



Rabbi Mitchell Cohen
National Ramah Commission
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Dear Mitch:

It is a great pleasure for me to write these words of appreciation on the occasion of your retirement from the post of National Ramah Director. It is a pleasure because I saw your growth from a student in the JTS Rabbinical School, to Director of Camp Ramah in Canada, to overall director of the Ramah Camps and Israel Programs.

But of course, it was your significant achievements as leader of Ramah in recent years that have given me the most satisfaction. You readily took up the challenge to build upon the achievements of earlier lay leaders and professionals such as myself to reshape the Ramah Movement to meet the needs of Conservative Judaism in the 21st century.

As one of your predecessors as NRC Director, I thank you for adding to our legacy. While I wish you a rewarding retirement among family and friends, I have no doubt that you will find ways to add luster to your significant achievements.

Your colleague, friend, and admirer,

Rabbi Burton Cohen
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National Ramah Director 1975-1989
Director Camp Ramah in Wisconsin 1960-1974
Director Camp Ramah in the Berkshires 1977