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Dear Friends,

It is pure delight to honor two signal miracles in our midst – the 75th anniversary of Camp Ramah and the stellar leadership of Rabbi Mitch Cohen as the Director of the National Ramah Commission.

Camp Ramah is a miracle evident in the thousands of campers, past and present, whose Jewish souls were elevated and strengthened with what they experienced at Camp. Lifelong connection to Israel, song, prayer, friendship, mitzvot, wisdom, and faith are all abundantly in evidence at each of the Camps Ramah, transforming the Jewish future one camper at a time.

Such transformation doesn't just happen. The extraordinary team of all the employees, educators, staff, and volunteers each deserve celebration, and their efforts have been heightened and coordinated by Rabbi Mitch Cohen's vision and tireless goodness for over two decades. (And let me note, on a personal level, that I knew him in rabbinical school as a classmate, and even then, he was a leader of extraordinary promise). Ramah is different, and better, because of Mitch.

All of us at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies at American Jewish University join in celebrating and honoring our dear friend, Mitch Cohen, and offer prayers of deepest gratitude for the miracle that is Camp Ramah!

בברכת שלום!

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