

# STAFF BIOS: OLIM



## Unit Head



### Leila Raymond

Hi! My name is Leila Raymond. I live in New Orleans, LA and I grew up in Minnesota. I moved to New Orleans after college to participate in a Jewish Service Corp year. This past year I have worked as a Teen and Youth Educator at Touro Synagogue in New Orleans, LA. This is my first summer at Jacobs Camp! I grew up going to Jewish summer camps and I am so excited for my first summer at Jacobs!

## Counselors



### Arantza Altamirano

My name is Arantza Altamirano! I am 21 years old and a law student. I am excited to be a counselor at Jacobs Camp this year and work at the ropes course. I was at a summer camp last summer, and had so much fun. I have been a Girl Scout at home since I was 8 years old, and I love every outdoor activity. I love how we can connect with nature and I hope to help my campers experience that magic too!



### Billy Braunig

Hey! My name is Billy Braunig and I am a rising senior at the Willow High School in New Orleans! I enjoy fishing, adventure and swimming in the lake! I am so excited for this session and I can't wait to meet everybody!

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## Olivia Brunner

Hi! My name is Olivia Brunner, and I am from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. I just graduated high school and plan to study nursing in the fall at Southeastern University. Last summer, I participated in the Solelim program and I'm so excited to be back as a counselor this year. This will be my 7th year at camp. I can't wait to see everybody and have the best summer!



## Lily Elichman

Hi, my name is Lily. I'm from New Orleans and I have been going to camp for 6 years. My favorite part of camp is the blob and hanging out with my friends! This year I am a Soleim and am so excited to be a counselor for the first time for second session!



## Noah Finkelman

Hi, my name is Noah Finkelman. This is my 6th year at camp. This year I am a Soleim and I am so excited to be a counselor for my first year! I live in Baton Rouge. I'm a lifeguard at home and I love outdoors.



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## Sarah Kaplan

Hey, I'm Sarah! I'm from Baton Rouge and a rising senior in high school. I've been coming to camp for 10 years, and it's become a huge part of who I am. I love anything that gets me outside—whether it's active, relaxing, or just enjoying the moment. Each summer brings new memories, friendships, and experiences I'll never forget. Camp truly feels like home.



## Lauren Kaplan

Hi, my name is Lauren Kaplan! I live in Baton Rouge Louisiana! Back home I teach Sunday school and work at a coffee shop! I grew up coming to Jacobs Camp every summer, and this is my 10th summer here! I can't wait for a great summer!



## Mica Karotkin

Hey y'all! I'm from Falls Church VA, and during the year I love to stay active with gymnastics and track. I am so excited to be a Solelim this summer, and it's going to be my 11th summer at camp! Camp has always been my favorite place, and I can't wait to be back with all the energy, fun, and friends. I've made some of my best memories at camp over the years. I can't wait to see everyone and I hope to make this summer the best one yet.

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## Elena Kimm

I'm Elena, and I'm from the UK and currently attend university in the city of Coventry. During the year, I'm a full time student studying Disaster and Emergency Management. This is my first year at Jacobs Camp, and my first time in the US! I am especially interested in STEM, cross-stitch, and cooking. I have also volunteered and worked within elementary schools and nurseries.



## Ally Lapidus

Hi, my name is Ally Lapidus and I'm from Huntsville, Alabama! I am an upcoming senior at Huntsville High School. I have been going to camp since Kochavim, minus one summer. I love to volunteer at Camp Dreamstreet every summer (the best week ever) and help out around my hometown during the school year doing volunteer activities, such as packing lunch bags for kids in our community.



## Sophia Miner

Hi, my name is Sophia Miner and this is my 10th summer at Jacob's Camp! I am from Montgomery Alabama and I am so excited to be a counselor for the first time! I love playing sports, swimming, and reading.

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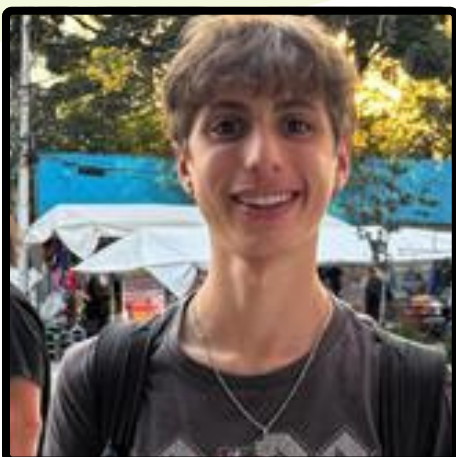
## Paulina Mota

Hi, I'm Paulina! I'm so excited to be at Jacobs Camp this summer! During the year, I study Chemical Engineering at University. I'm so excited to have so much fun with my campers this summer. I can't wait to meet them, and to teach them new things and help them make new friends!



## Hugh Parker

Hi, I'm Hugh from Memphis, Tennessee! I just graduated high school, and I'm going to Washington DC to study at George Washington University next year. This will be my twelfth summer at camp, and my second on staff. I volunteer at my temple's religious school every Sunday. In my free time, I love playing sports, especially soccer and lacrosse, hanging out, and meeting new people.



## Simon Promoslovsky

My name is Simon Promoslovsky. I am from New Orleans. I've been going to camp since I was 7 years old. I also do dream street and my role this year at camp will be solelim. I'm looking forward to camp.



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## Facundo Ramirez

Hi, I'm Facundo, and I had such an amazing summer at Jacobs Camp last year that I knew I had to come back! During the year, I study Textile Design in University. My favorite part of camp is meeting my campers and making sure they make new friends and have an incredible experience.



## Charlie Sanchez

Hi! My name is Carlos, but everyone calls me Charlie. I'm a university student for most of the year, and I also enjoy participating in animal vaccination campaigns, working as a swimming instructor, practicing many sports, and listening to music. This summer, I will be working as a lifeguard and camp counselor at Jacobs Camp. It will be my third camp experience around the world, and I'm very excited to be part of this amazing journey.



## Pamela Serrato

Hello! I am from Colombia. My name is Pamela Serrato, and I am 19 years old. I am studying for a Bachelor's Degree in foreign languages with an emphasis in English. I am in my seventh semester, and I am doing my first teaching practicum in primary school. I am eager to have a wonderful experience with you all.

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## Emily Mateo Sherfield



Hi! I'm Emily—I'm 19, I'm from Houston TX in college studying nursing, and super excited to spend the summer at camp! This is my first summer. I've always loved working with kids (probably why I want to be a pediatric nurse someday), and I'm a big fan of silly games, friendship bracelets, and epic snack breaks. When I'm not studying or playing with my cats, you can find me outside, soaking up sunshine and pretending I'm good at hiking. I also LOVE to go rock climbing. I'm all about good vibes, teamwork, and making sure everyone feels included and has fun. Can't wait to meet all the amazing campers and make some awesome memories together!