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He is the author of three books that are used throughout the Ramah network of Jewish summer camps: *Mikraot Ramah*, a commentary on the summertime Torah portions, *Dim'ot Ramah*, a commentary on Lamentations that is read on the fast day of Tisha b'Av, and a commentary for younger campers entitled *Torat Ramah*. He is also the developer of several apps for the iPhone and iPad, including two that help users how to read Torah and Haftarah readings.

Rabbi Garfinkel and his wife, Naomi Lasky, are the proud parents of their twins, Sari and Josh.