



CAMP GAN ISRAEL

Handbook

Essential Information

Camp Site:

Solomon Schechter
26 Buena Vista Road
West Hartford, CT 06107

Camp Administration Office:

Chabad House
2352 Albany Avenue
West Hartford, CT. 06117
860-232-1116

Website: www.ganizzy.net

Email: staff@ganizzy.net

DATES & TIMES

First day of camp: **Monday, June 24th**

Last day of camp: **Friday, August 2nd**

Camp day begins at 9:00 am (drop-off NO earlier than **8:45 am**)

Camp day ends: 1:00 pm (Arts & Nature 1/2 day) and
3:45 pm (Arts & Nature full day, Grand Gan & Pioneers)

Pickup no later than 4:00 p.m. Anyone not picked up by 4:00 p.m. will be brought to after-care.

Extended day (sign-up required) 8:00 a.m.
4:00-5:30 p.m.

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NAME	TIMES TO CALL	PHONE	EMAIL
DIRECTOR:			
RABBI YEHUDA MATUSOF	9:00-10:00 A.M. 2:15 –3:00 P.M. 8:30-9:30 p.m.	347-267-8099	Yehuda@chabadhartford.com
OFFICE MANAGER:			
MIRIAM GOPIN	10:00-3:00 P.M.	860-232-1116	miriamgopin@yahoo.com
FIRST AID :			
KIM BRANDMEYER	9:00-4:00 P.M.	860-601-3908	kbrandmeyer73@gmail.com
ARTS & NATURE:			
CHAYA MATUSOF	10:00-11:00 A.M. 1:30-2:30 P.M.	347-628-1373	Chaya@ganizzy.net

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Please be sure that your child has the following items with them, clearly labeled with their name:

Daily: water bottle/sunscreen, bathing suit & cap, towel, water shoes & swim cover-up, kosher parve snacks

Arts & Nature: Change of clothing., in addition to the above. Where necessary, diapers, wipes, and hat.

Alef and **Bet** should come dressed in their bathing suits, except on trip days.

Gimmel: Children must wear a life-vest during swimming.

Art days: Smock or old shirt for art projects

Trip days: Camp t-shirt and hat

TRANSPORTATION PROCEDURE

Drop-Off:

Grand Gan and Pioneers: Please drive to the main entrance of the building and bring your child to their counselor in the playground.

Arts & Nature: Please bring your children to their classroom

Pickup:

Main Camp. Please wait in your car in line, for a counselor to help your child to the vehicle. Your child will only be given to a parent/guardian, unless special arrangements are made with the Camp Director or Camp Assistant Director. Please do not leave your vehicle unattended. If you need to enter the building, please call ahead, park in the designated parking area, and then walk your child inside.

Arts & Nature: You may park and pick up your child from his/her classroom, or wait in carpool line.

Early Pick-Up: Parents who wish to have their child released during camp to **anyone other than themselves** must make prior arrangements with the Camp Director.

Pre-care & After-care You may register for pre- or after-care on our website, and this must be done at least **24 hours in advance**. Children participating in pre-care may be dropped off at 8:00 am at camp, where counselors will supervise the children. Those in after-care, may be picked up from 4:15 until 5:30 pm. The charge for extended care is \$8.00 per session.

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HEALTH & SAFETY

Camp Gan Israel is fully licensed as a youth camp by the State of Connecticut Department of Health. Certified lifeguards (in addition to counselors), supervise swimming.

On trips we have a head count system, and use only licensed school buses. Every child must wear a camp t-shirt and will receive a band with camp's info to wear during the trip.

In case of a medical emergency, G-d forbid, parents or guardians (as well as the doctor listed on the child's form) will be contacted immediately.

Visitors: For security, camp's front doors will be open **only** during pick-up and drop-off, and will be **closed** at other times. All visitors, including parents and other family members, must check in at the camp on-site office with Kim.

Electronic games, cell phones, or other computerized devices are **not allowed** at camp. Do not allow your child to bring any dangerous objects or valuables to camp, as we will not be held responsible for any lost or stolen items. Always check with Kim for lost and found.

Kim Brandmeyer is our first aid director. She is certified in the administration of first aid by the Red Cross and has CPR certification. In addition, several of our staff members have these qualifications as well. Please be aware of the following State regulations:

Medical Form: All health forms **MUST** be signed by a physician and a parent or guardian, and **MUST** be on record with camp administration **before** your child begins camp.

Medication: We are not permitted to administer any medication at camp during the day. If your child must take a scheduled medication during the day, you must speak with the camp director to make arrangements.

Medical Policy: If your child has a fever, you will be contacted to pick them up. Scrapes and abrasions will be cleansed with soap and water and covered with a band aid. Ice will be applied if necessary. In the unlikely event of an emergency, parents/guardians will be notified immediately and the child will be taken to the nearest hospital. If the parents/guardians cannot be reached, the emergency contact will be notified.

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PROGRAMMING

Camp Gan Israel aims to expose children to a wide variety of activities, trips, and educational programs. The daily schedule includes a combination of sports, swimming, trips, educational activities, and arts & nature projects.

Our trip days are Thursdays (subject to change). Each morning, campers engage in learning, sports and recreation, and other fun group activities.

A general calendar that provides a glimpse of all the exciting activities we have planned for your children will be sent out separately, including the schedule for swimming. Please note that there might be changes. Please like our Facebook page, www.Facebook.com/Ganizzykids, where photos will be uploaded throughout the summer.

Permission Slips: The State of Connecticut requires that all campers have permission slips signed by the parent, on file, before they can go on a field trip. You will be sent a list of trips for your child's division, which you must sign and return to us.

Camp T-Shirts: A T-shirt is included with registration. All campers are required to wear their camp t-shirts on trip days. It is an effective safety measure, as it distinguishes our campers and staff from all others. Additional or replacement T-shirts can be purchased any day at camp for \$5.

SWIMMING

Camp Gan Israel is committed to providing a top quality swim program for your child. This year we are using the facilities at Cornerstone Aquatics Center. The pool is always fully staffed with additional counselors and lifeguards. There will be instruction included in the swim program.

Swim Supplies: On all days, please send a swimsuit, towel, water bottle (see pool rules below) in a tote or plastic bag with your child. Please have all items marked with permanent ink or labels. We take safety very seriously, so please review the following CT State Law rules with your children before the beginning of camp:

Any person having a skin disease, sore or inflamed eyes, cold, nasal or ear discharge, communicable disease, or who is wearing any kind of bandage, will not be permitted in the pool.

Spitting, blowing the nose, and urinating in the pool are prohibited.

Running, boisterous, or rough play (except supervised water sports) is prohibited.

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SAMPLE WEEKLY MENU

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Pizza bagels & salad	Hotdogs, fries and veggies	Macaroni & cheese & veggies	Cheese, or tuna sandwiches & fresh veggies	Pancakes/eggs & fresh veggies, tater tots
Week 2	Pizza bagels & Salad	Hotdogs, fries and veggies	Macaroni & cheese, veggies	Cheese, tuna sandwiches & fresh veggies	Pancakes/eggs & fresh veggies, tater tots
Week 3	Pizza bagels & salad	Hotdogs, fries and veggies	Macaroni & cheese, veggies	Cheese, tuna sandwiches & veggies	Pancakes/eggs & fresh veggies, tater tots
Week 4	Pizza bagels & salad	Hotdogs, fries and veggies	Macaroni & cheese, veggies	Cheese, tuna sandwiches & veggies	Pancakes/eggs & fresh veggies,
Week 5	Pizza bagels & salad	Hotdogs, fries and veggies	Macaroni & cheese, veggies	Cheese, tuna sandwiches & veggies	Pancakes/eggs & fresh veggies,
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: *How does my camper find lost items?*

A: Please mark all belongings with your camper's name and group. Lost & Found items are available each day in the lobby. Please feel free to contact Kim regarding specific items.

Q: *How do I arrange to pick up my camper during the camp day?*

A: If you have to pick up your camper during the day, please notify our office. Once we are aware of your arrival time, we can arrange to have your camper ready for you. We cannot release campers without permission from a parent/guardian.

Q: *What if my child does not want to participate in a particular activity?*

A: No camper is forced to participate in any activity. However, we do urge campers to try all activities and take advantage of the complete program offered at Camp Gan Israel. We appreciate parental input and *feedback on this matter.*

Q: *What does my camper need each day?*

A: Campers should have a labeled change of clothing, art smock, water bottle, sunscreen and gym shoes at the camp at all times. Camp t shirts should be worn for trip days. A bathing suit, towel, and bathing cap should be sent every day. We supply all sports and safety equipment such as tennis racquets, baseball mitts, mouth guards, shin guards etc.

Q: *Can my camper bring precious items to camp?*

A: Campers should not bring jewelry, cell phones, I-pads, radios, expensive or dangerous objects to camp.

Q: *How can I speak with my child's counselor?*

A: A call to the camp office will answer most questions. Since counselors are constantly supervising groups and activities, messages will be taken at the camp office. Please leave your name and evening phone number and the counselor will return your call as soon as possible. Alternately, you may call during the hours listed for the appropriate staff member at the beginning of the handbook, or email.

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