

PARENT HANDBOOK

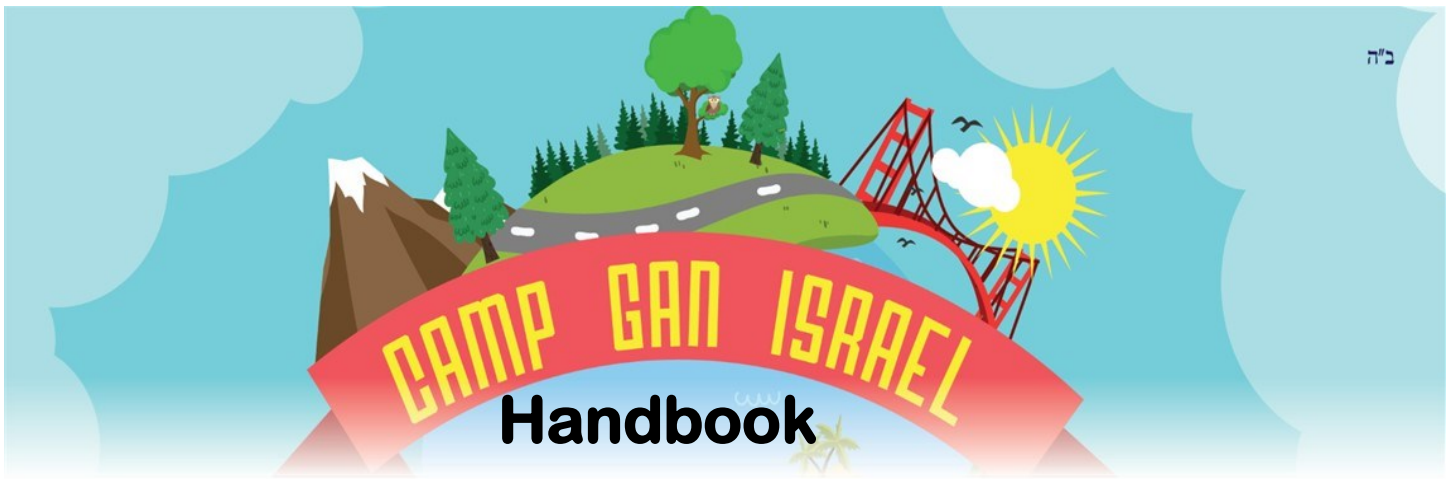


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SUMMER CAMP

WEST HARTFORD



Essential Information

Camp Site:

Solomon Schechter
26 Buena Vista Road
West Hartford, CT 06107

Camp Director: Rabbi Mendel Barrocas

Camp Administration Office:

Chabad House
2352 Albany Avenue
West Hartford, CT. 06117
860-232-1116
412-304-6377

Website: www.ganizzy.net

DATES & TIMES

First day of camp: **Monday, June 26th**

Last day of camp: **Friday, August 4th**

Camp day begins at 9:00 am (drop-off NO earlier than 8:50 am)

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

Pickup no later than 3:45 p.m. Anyone not picked up by 3:45 p.m. will be brought to after-care.

Extended day, Options: (Please speak to Rabbi Barrocas)

Mornings 8:00-8:45 a.m.

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Covid Safety:

As Covid is ever evolving, we are following the CDC and OEC guidelines. There will be no need to wear a mask when we are outdoors. It will be optional for campers and staff to wear a mask indoors. If a child or staff member is diagnosed with Covid, they will be required to stay home and quarantine for 5 days, and may return to camp with a negative test. Similarly if a child or staff member is directly exposed to covid, they may return to camp with a negative test.

What to bring to camp:

Daily - Grand Gan & Arts and Nature:

- *Water Bottle
- *Kosher Parve snacks
- *Sunscreen
- *Bathing suit & cap
- *Swim cover-up
- *Water shoes
- *Towel

Additional Arts and Nature:

- *Change of clothing
- *Nap time supplies
- *Diapers and wipes

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

Non-swimmers must bring a life-vest

Trip days: Camp T-shirt and hat

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TRANSPORTATION PROCEDURE

Drop-Off:

Grand Gan: Please drive to the main entrance of the building and your child will be checked in by the head counselor. Please wait in the drop off line till your child is checked in.

Arts & Nature: Please bring your children to their classroom.

Pickup:

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 a pre-authorization form has been filled out and you have confirmed it with the Camp Director. Please do not leave your vehicle unattended.

Arts & Nature: You may park and wait in carpool line for a staff member to assist you, or come inside.

Early Pick-Up: Parents who wish to have their child released during camp 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: No visitors are allowed in the building.

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 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.

Trips and Waivers: All forms must be submitted before your child begins camp.

Medication: If your child needs to take a scheduled medication during the day, contact the camp director to make arrangements.

Medical Policy: If your child has a fever, you will be contacted to pick him/her up. Anyone with a fever over 100 degrees will not be permitted to attend camp. 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, and educational programs. The daily schedule includes a combination of sports, swimming, educational activities, and arts & nature projects. Each morning, campers engage in learning, sports and recreation, and other fun group activities.

We will be hosting a variety of in house entertainment including:

- *Special shows by Dr. Shnitzel, Parrot Show, Inventor Mentor, and Magic by Steve.
- *BAM, Game room, Arcade room, STEM room,
- *Water fun including a giant slip 'n slide, inflatables, foam machine, and more.
- *Sports, Socceropolis, Tennis (older bunks).
- *Daily Tefilah and Jewish study, weekly class with Rabbi Barrocas and Shabbat Bash.

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A general calendar that provides a glimpse of all the exciting activities we have planned for your children will be sent out separately. Please note that there might be changes.

Please follow and like our Facebook and Instagram page, www.Facebook.com/Ganizzykids, where photos will be uploaded throughout the summer.

Camp T-Shirts: A Camp Gan Izzy 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 \$15.

Swimming: Camp Gan Israel is committed to providing a top quality swim program for your child. Every day your child needs the following supplies: a swimsuit, towel, water bottle (see pool rules below) in a tote or plastic bag. Please have all items marked with permanent ink or labels.

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WEEKLY MENU

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Pizza bagels & salad	Hamburgers, fries and veggies	Macaroni & cheese, veggies	Cheese, tuna sandwiches & veggies	Pancakes, veggies, tater tots
Week 2	Pizza bagels & Salad	Hamburgers, fries and veggies	Macaroni & cheese, veggies	Cheese, tuna sandwiches & veggies	Pancakes, veggies, tater tots
Week 3	Pizza bagels & salad	Hamburgers, fries and veggies	Macaroni & cheese, veggies	Cheese, tuna sandwiches & veggies	Pancakes, veggies, tater tots
Week 4	Pizza bagels & salad	Hamburgers, fries and veggies	Macaroni & cheese, veggies	Cheese, tuna sandwiches & veggies	Pancakes, veggies, tater tots
Week 5	Pizza bagels & salad	Fish stick, fries and veggies	Macaroni & cheese, veggies	Cheese, tuna sandwiches & veggies	Pancakes, veggies, tater tots
Week 6	Pizza bagels & salad	Hamburgers, fries and veggies	Macaroni & cheese, veggies	Cheese, tuna sandwiches & veggies	Pancakes, veggies, tater tots

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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.

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, 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, and life vest for non-swimmers, should be sent every day, with kosher parve snacks. 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.

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