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# CAMP GAN ISRAEL

*Parents Handbook and Information Kit*

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*Dear Parents,*

Welcome to the 22nd season of Camp Gan Israel of SCV. Whether this is your first summer with us or you have a returning camper, I am delighted that you are joining us and I am certain that your child(ren) will have a wonderful camp experience. The counselors and staff at Camp Gan Israel are eager to greet your child(ren) with new and exciting programs.

At Camp Gan Israel your child(ren) will have the opportunity to bond with other kids of the same age in a 'bunk' setting. During bunk time campers' days are filled with activities, games, song, laughter and lots of camp spirit. A busy and well rounded schedule of instruction, fun and exciting trips await your child(ren). Our counselors are wonderful role models and create meaningful and loving friendships that last a lifetime.

This booklet will provide you with all the necessary information regarding camp. If you need any more information or have questions, please feel free to call: 661-644-5734.

I am looking forward to another amazing summer!

Warmest regards,

Frumi Marozov – Camp Director

## **DATES AND TIMES**

Camp begins on Monday, July 1, and runs through Friday, July 26. Camp will be located at the Chabad center. 24729 Valley St. Newhall

Camp runs Monday thru Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. For those signed up for aftercare, pickup is 4:00pm. Please be sure to drop off your children on time as on some days we will be leaving camp grounds right away. Be prompt in picking up your child(ren).

## **FEES**

**Full summer:** \$1200

**1 Week session (5 days):** \$330

**1 Week session (M,W,F):** \$250

Lunch \$20 per week \$80 for the full summer

Tuition fees cover all activities and trips. One camp T- shirt will be given to every camper on the first day of camp. Additional T- shirts can be purchased for \$15 each.

## **DRESS CODE**

For safety, children must wear appropriate shoes. No slides or flip-flops allowed. Croc-style shoes are not appropriate for athletic activities.

The wearing of the camp T-shirt is mandatory on Trip Days.

Clothes should be comfortable, washable and appropriate for camp activities.

## **OUR STAFF**

### **OUR DIRECTOR:** Frumi Marozov

Frumi has been in education for the past 30 years. She has taught both elementary and pre-school. She also directed summer camps in New York and Switzerland. She is currently co-director of Chabad of SCV and directs the Chabad of SCV Hebrew School.

### **OUR STAFF:** The secret to our success

Gan Israel prides itself on its exceptional staff members, chosen for their personal warmth, sensitivity, and care for each child. Counselors have camping experience and some are trained in first aid and CPR. The camp maintains a low staff camper ratio.

### **TIPPING OF COUNSELORS**

As with all camps, we can't deliver quality programming without quality staff and this coming year's complement of counselors are really phenomenal. They are enthusiastic, motivated and committed to making your child(ren)'s summer experience a memorable one. In addition to some local recruits, we also have a number of counselors who will be traveling from as far away as NY. These young women will do an exceptional job and your child(ren) will reap the benefits of their hard work. To this end, it would be a welcomed gesture to show them your appreciation.

### **COMMUNICATION AND PARENT'S PARTICIPATION**

We believe very strongly that open communication between camp and home is in the best interest of the children, staff and parents. Our staff is always accessible; however, arrival and pick-up times are not the most convenient times to talk. If you should need to speak with your child's counselor, we ask that you leave a message or a note and that counselor will get back to you quickly.

If you have any concerns or questions you may always contact the Camp Director, Frumi Marozov 661-644-5734 (cell). Or Rabbi Marozov 661-644-5735

## **FAMILY PROGRAMMING**

Please hold the following date for family programs:

### **Camp Family Shabbat Dinner**

*Friday, July 19. 6:30pm*

### **GOOD NIGHT GAN IZZY**

This unique program is designed to show your child(ren) bedtime the “Gan Izzy” way. Your child may choose one night during the summer to have his/her counselor visit his/her home during bedtime. For twenty minutes, the counselors will read, sing, and play with your child in a completely relaxed, safe environment. Your child can show his/her counselor around his/her home or bedroom, and when the evening is over, your child(ren) will be left with a complementary souvenir Shema chart. This program is completely optional.

**Camp Gan Israel** was created to provide children with a comprehensive and meaningful summer program, while fostering growth individually and socially, in a Jewish atmosphere. The daily schedule includes an exciting mix of sports, field trips, special courses and activities, designed to be educational, fun and conducive to building character and nurturing friendships

## **WEEKLY SPECIAL ENTERTAINERS**

All campers will participate in the weekly (Monday) entertainers.

Entertainers will include a Circus act, Ceramic art, Foam party and a Chocolate factory.

## **Water days**

On water days, if possible, please have your children wear their swimwear under their clothes and bring a towel in a tote or plastic bag. Please have all bathing suits and towels marked with permanent ink or labels.

## MEDICATION

All medication to be administered during camp hours must be clearly marked with camper's name. A separate note containing dosage instruction and parent's signature must be sent as well. Please discuss details with the counselor and director.

## LUNCH AND SNACKS & Menu

We are offering optional hot lunches for \$20 per week. Every lunch includes a fruit/vegetable and drink. Campers who are not signed up for hot lunches should bring a dairy or pareve (no meat) lunch. On Wednesdays, we will be serving pizza lunch at no extra fee. On trip days, lunches should be brought in disposable bags and containers only. Morning snacks will be provided. This includes crackers, fruit, pretzels and juice. Water will be available to campers at all times.

### 2024 LUNCH MENU

Cost: \$20 per week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<input type="checkbox"/> July 1 Hot Dogs, Fries, corn	<input type="checkbox"/> July 2 Choice of Sandwich	<input type="checkbox"/> July 3 Pizza Day!	<input type="checkbox"/> July 4 No Camp	<input type="checkbox"/> July 5 Fish Sticks and Potatoes
<input type="checkbox"/> June 8 Hot Dogs, Fries, corn	<input type="checkbox"/> July 9 Fish Sticks and Potatoes	<input type="checkbox"/> July 10 Pizza Day!	<input type="checkbox"/> July 11 Choice of sandwich	<input type="checkbox"/> July 12 Baked Ziti and Salad
<input type="checkbox"/> July 15 Hot Dogs, Fries, corn	<input type="checkbox"/> July 16 Choice of Sandwich	<input type="checkbox"/> July 17 Baked Ziti and Baby Carrots	<input type="checkbox"/> July 18 Pizza Day!	<input type="checkbox"/> July 19 Fish Sticks and Potatoes
<input type="checkbox"/> July 22 Hot dogs, fries corn	<input type="checkbox"/> July 23 Choice of Sandwich	<input type="checkbox"/> July 24 Pizza Day!	<input type="checkbox"/> July 25 Choice of Sandwich	<input type="checkbox"/> July 26 Baked Ziti and Salad

Wednesdays July 3, 10, and 24 the entire camp receives Kosher Pizza!

July 18 camp will be going to Brami's Pizza (before Ice Skating) and campers will make their own Pizza!

## **GENERAL CAMP POLICY**

### **Pick up and Drop off**

Dropoff begins at 8:45. There will be a drive through for parents to pick up and drop off children. A counselor will be at the car to take your child in. If for any reason you need to come in, Please park your car on the street so it doesn't disturb the carpool lane.

### **SIGN IN/SIGN OUT**

Every camper must be signed in and out daily.

### **CAMPER RELEASE**

Parents wishing to have their child released during camp to anyone other than themselves or their designate must make prior arrangements with the Camp Director.

### **PERSONAL PROPERTY**

1. Camp does not take the responsibility for any personal items brought to camp
2. Personal sports equipment such as bats, hockey sticks sports balls, etc. will be stored by the counselor and used under staff supervision.
3. ABSOLUTELY NO illegal substance or weapon of any kind will be allowed on campgrounds.
4. Smart phones are not allowed in camp. If you need to reach your child during camp hours, you could call one of the directors.



## REQUENTLY ASKED Questions

### **1) Must campers wear a camp shirt every day?**

No. We require that all campers wear a Camp Gan Israel T-shirt on Trip Days.

### **2) How does my camper find lost items?**

Please mark all belongings with your camper's name and group. This is very important since shirts, water bottles, caps etc. are identical and individual items are difficult to identify without a label. Lost & Found items are available each day at pickup. Please contact us in writing or by phone regarding specific items.

### **3) How does the transportation system work?**

Camp Gan Israel uses a modern fleet of School buses for trips. We transport the campers to the pool in vans. We are always looking for parent volunteers to help carpool to Newhall pool. It's under 1 mile from camp. Campers must remain seated at all times. Camp has booster seats. If you have a particular one you want us to use, you can leave it at dropoff and take it at pickup.

### **4) How do I arrange to pick up my camper during the camp day?**

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. Please note that no camper will be released to ANYONE without parental permission.

### **5) What if my child does not want to participate in a particular activity?**

No camper is required 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.

### **6) Can my camper bring precious items to camp?**

We do not permit your camper to bring jewelry, radios, expensive toys, smart phones etc. to camp. Camp Gan Israel supplies everything campers may need for the day..

### **7) What does my camper need to bring each day?**

Campers will need to bring a lunch every day if they are not signed up for hot lunch, excluding Wednesday. They will need a bathing suit and towel on water days. We supply all sports and safety equipment. Counselors will apply sunscreen upon request.

### **8) How can I speak with a Camp Director?**

The director is available to answer your questions, discuss your concerns, etc. most evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (except Fridays) at (661) 644-5734. Please feel free to call during these times or leave a message at the camp office during the camp day.