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# Parent Information Book

**Camp Gan Israel** of Valencia



*"A summer of fun and Jewish life"*

Summer 2025

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### Welcome

Dear parents,

It is with great excitement that we approach our 20th summer at Camp Gan Israel of Valencia. We look forward to providing you and your family with an enriching Jewish summer experience full of fun times, new friends and great memories. Our staff is eager to get to know your child and give them a summer experience of a lifetime!

What makes our program unique is our focus on campers as individuals and our commitment to providing each one of them with a nurturing experience. We design our program to provide for your child's social, emotional and cultural well-being. With themes relating to their Jewish identity and by infusing the daily schedule with activities, arts and crafts, songs, and stories, their experience becomes interactive and meaningful. It's a place where Judaism comes alive in a fun way.

Our staff here at Camp Gan Israel are dedicated to giving each child an unforgettable experience. Your child will grow and form special relationships with friends and role models to cherish for a lifetime. Every decision that is made in the planning and operation of camp is always made with a focus on safety.

Please review this handbook to familiarize yourself with camp procedures and policies. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Frumi Marozov

661-644-5734

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### Dates & Times

Camp runs from June 30 - July 25

**Regular Camp Hours** 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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### Drop Off

Morning drop off is from **8:50am - 9:05am**. Your child's attendance will be marked as soon as they arrive. We ask you not to drop your child off earlier than 8:50am

Please drive slowly in the parking lot as there may be children present. Please pull up to the entrance and a counselor will escort your child inside. You may choose to park on the street and walk your child in as well.

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### Pick Up

End of the day pick up is at **3:00pm**. Please pull up to the entrance and a counselor will escort your child to your car. You may choose to park on the street and pick up your child as well. Please inform us in advance if you plan to send someone else, such as a friend or relative (that we may not recognize) to pick up your child.

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, pickup will be from the Newhall Pool at 24907 Newhall Ave. Newhall

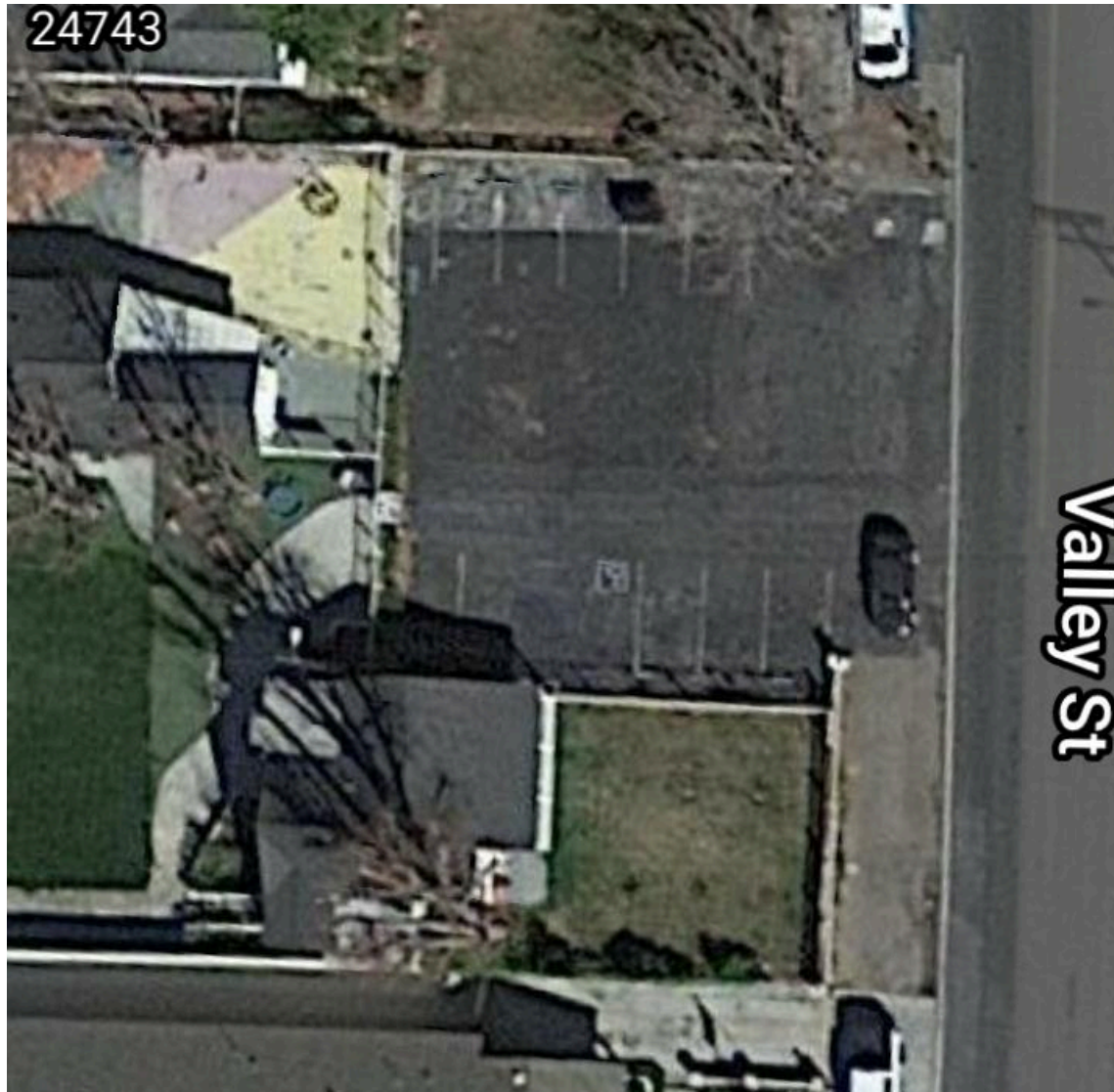
*We ask that you make an effort to be on time for both drop off and pick up to help us ensure that our planned schedule runs smooth. Please contact us if you anticipate being late.*

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### Safety & Security

At Camp Gan Israel, your child's safety is our number one priority. Our campus will be enclosed with a fence and the doors to the property will remain locked with limited access. Attendance will be taken in the morning and every camper will be accounted for. Please contact us in advance if you anticipate your child being late. Campers will be under their counselor's supervision at all times. We are also in constant contact with our security team here at Chabad and the local police department to be aware of the latest needed measures and updates.

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### Food and Snack

For your convenience, we will be providing optional lunch (for \$20/week. Our menu consists of kosher fresh and hearty meals. Should you choose to send your child along with their own lunch, please ensure that you include dairy or parve (non-meat) food only. Please note that we will be unable to reheat or cook any outside food that is brought to camp.

We will be providing morning and afternoon snacks for all campers. Please let us know if your child has any food allergies.

We will have water coolers available throughout our campus. Campers will be encouraged to hydrate often, especially during outdoor sports and activities. Please send your child with a reusable water bottle marked with their name.

#### **The lunch menu will be as follows:**

Mondays : baked ziti	Tuesdays(trip) :choice of sandwich
Wednesdays : pizza	Thursdays (trip): choice of Sandwich
Fridays: Hot dogs and fries	

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### What to Bring to Camp

- **Camp T-shirts**

Camp T-shirts *must* be worn on Tuesdays and Thursdays (trip days) and on photo day. Every camper will receive one camp T-shirt on the first day of camp. Should a camper forget their camp T-shirt or would like additional ones, they will be available at the camp office for purchase for \$10.00.

- **Water Bottles**

Please bring a reusable water bottle daily, marked clearly with the camper's name. We'll have cold water for them to fill up with. Campers will be encouraged to hydrate often.

- **Sunscreen**

Please apply sunscreen each morning before camp. If you would like your child to re-apply lotion during the day, please send them with spray sunscreen labeled with their name. We will also ensure that there are shady, sun-protected areas during outside activities. Our facility will be air conditioned.

- **Cap / Hat**

To protect campers from the sun.

- **Shoes**

We highly recommend that campers come with closed toe shoes. Sandals and flip-flops are not recommended as it makes sports and activities difficult.

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### What Not to Bring to Camp

Cell phones and electronic devices are *not* permitted to be used during camp hours. We ask you to please not to send your child to camp with a cell phone. Cell phones tend to detract from group activities and the camp spirit. If your child *needs* access to a phone or other device during camp hours, please call us *before* camp to discuss.

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Camp Gan Israel cannot take responsibility for toys, jewelry, sports equipment, or other valuables that are lost or broken during camp hours.

Dangerous items, including (but not limited to) weapons, alcohol, and drugs are not permitted on campus and will be confiscated without financial reimbursement.

### **Anti-bullying Policy**

At Camp Gan Israel bullying is inexcusable, and we have a firm policy against any type of bullying. Our Camp philosophy is based on our mission statement which ensures that every camper has the opportunity to experience camp in a safe and fun environment. We work together as a team to ensure that campers gain self-confidence, make new friends, and go home with great memories.

Our leadership addresses all incidents of bullying seriously and our staff are trained to promote communication with their supervisors and their campers so both staff and campers will be comfortable alerting us of any problems during their camp experience. Every camper has the right to expect to have the best possible experience at camp, and by working together as a team to identify and manage bullying, we can help ensure that all campers and staff have a great summer at Camp Gan Israel.

A camper who persistently bullies may be suspended or expelled without a refund.

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### **Lost & Found**

We encourage you to mark items your child brings to camp with his/her name. Shirts, backpacks, etc. can seem identical and individual items are difficult to identify without a label. Lost & Found items will be available at the camp office. Please contact us regarding specific items and we'll do our best to help you locate them.

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### **Trip Transportation**

We use professional, licensed and insured bus companies for all of our trips. For transportation to the pool we use vans and cars. While safety is our number 1 priority, we have a limited supply of booster seats. If you would like your child to have a car seat/child restraint system, we encourage you to send it with them in the morning at the start of camp. Alternatively, you may store it at camp.

### **Special Events**

Camp Gan Israel is a family affair, and we'd like you to feel a part of it! There will be several family events through the summer, please look out for our communication with the details.

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>JUNE 30</b> Sport SURPRISE! Swimming	<b>JULY 1</b> DEI TOWN WATERPARK Swimming	<b>2</b> ELECTIVES FAIR Swimming	<b>3</b> SLOOMOO INSTITUTE	<b>4</b> INDEPENDENCE DAY NO CAMP
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>7</b> Sport SUBZERO Swimming	<b>8</b> PIZZA MAKING BOWLING	<b>9</b> ELECTIVES FAIR Swimming	<b>10</b> Laser Tag EXTREME	<b>11</b> DISCO SMORES Swimming
<b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>14</b> Sport Bubble Show Swimming	<b>15</b> The Wall Trampoline Park	<b>16</b> ELECTIVES FAIR Swimming	<b>17</b> CAMP Gan Israel Swimming	<b>18</b> DISCO CHOC-CHIP CHALLAH under THE STARS Swimming
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>21</b> Sport MAGIC SHOW Swimming	<b>22</b> Six Flags MAGIC MOUNTAIN	<b>23</b> ELECTIVES FAIR Swimming	<b>24</b> CALIFORNIA SCIENCE CENTER IMAX 3D	<b>25</b> CAMP CARNIVAL Goodbye! CGI

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