

ב"ה Camp Gan Israel of Beachwood



PERKS

Curbside Drop off/Pick up
Low Staff/Camper Ratio
Hot Lunch Option
Payment plans
Multi-week & Sibling Discounts

AGES

Campers: Entering K-5th Grades
CIT's: Entering 6th and 7th Grades
Junior Staff: Entering 8th and 9th Grades
Staff Opportunities: High School & College

REGISTER

by 1/7 to receive an extra CGI T-shirt!
by 2/15 for Early Registration Pricing
by 5/1 for Standard Camp Pricing
after 5/1 additional fees apply

SUMMER

2019



בס"ד

Welcome to
CAMP GAN ISRAEL
OF BEACHWOOD

Summer 2019/5779 Handbook



From the Directors

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Dear Parents and Campers,

Welcome to Summer 5779!

With much gratitude and thanks to Hashem, Camp Gan Israel in Beachwood is entering its 12th year of providing a wholesome Jewish Day Camp option in Beachwood. Thank you Parents for trusting us to give your children the best Jewish Camp Experience. Thank you campers for coming back to camp each summer and telling your friends to join you!

The Lubavitcher Rebbe, who founded the international organization of Camp Gan Israel, said, "Summer is an opportune time for Jewish Education... In camp, when all activities are in a relaxed and pleasurable environment, learning becomes enjoyable and pleasurable... I therefore suggest to every parent that is looking for their children to have a successful summer, both physically and spiritually, and for the summer success to continue throughout the year, to send their children to such a camp."

The spirit of Torah & joys of Judaism shines throughout all the activities each day at Gan Izzy. We hope to give your children an opportunity to enhance their Love for G-d, Love for the Torah and Love for their fellow Jew.

There's lots going on over 10 weeks of summer! Look out for a weekly email titled "A Peek at Next Week" that will tell you about any changes to the calendar or new surprises added!

We ask that you read through this handbook together with your children. Help them understand what to expect and what will be expected of them.

With our new Online Registration System, you can now login to your account at any time to view your registration and see your payment status.

Looking forward to a happy and safe summer of Jewish fun!

Shmuel & Rivky Friedman

—Rabbi Shmuel & Rivky Friedman

Contact

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Curbside Pick-up Map



THE CARPOOL LANE IS ONE WAY

EXITING ON FAIRMOUNT IS ONE WAY

AT PICKUP TIME THERE WILL BE 3 LANES

Curbside Pick-up @ Front Door: Camp ends **3:00 pm**.

Pick up is from 2:50-3:10 pm. When arriving:

1. Stop & tell CGI staff who you are picking up.
2. Move forward as indicated in the map by the **RED** arrows and pull all the way up to the STOP sign to make room for other cars. Staff will bring campers to the correct cars.
3. There are 3 lanes during Pick up. The 2 outer **RED** lanes are for cars to wait. The middle **GREEN** lane is for exiting cars only. Please use caution when exiting.

Please do not leave a parked car in the carpool lane at any time!

Walk-In drop off and Pick Up @ FRONT Door: To park and walk in to pick up, please drive into the Beachwood High School Lot and walk the **BLUE** path to CGI. Follow the arrows on the map.

To sign up for the hot lunches go to your online camp account and click on the binoculars.

Pizza Lunch: Start the week with no worries! Pizza lunches are Mondays! Issi's Pizza along with fries and a vegetable are a highlight for campers signed up for Pizza Lunches.

Lunch from home: Please respect the dairy and meat days and send appropriate items in lunches. *Please make sure that lunch sent from home follows the kosher guidelines of separating meat and dairy in the same lunch.* Pareve (Neither meat or dairy) lunches are accepted any day. Lunches from Aug 2– Aug 9 should be Pareve or dairy in keeping with the tradition of not eating meat during “The Nine Days.”

IMPORTANT: CGI IS A NUT FREE FACILITY!

*We have many, many campers who are highly allergic to all types of nuts. Please **DO NOT** send any food that contains nuts to camp.*

CGI has a “NO SHARING FOOD” policy which is strictly enforced. For the safety of others, please make sure your child knows not to share any food brought from home.

If your child has an allergy - make sure we know about it!

Birthdays At Camp: Camp Gan Israel encourages celebrating Jewish Birthdays. Birthdays are celebrated during snack time. Treats brought into camp should be Kosher, pareve and pre-approved by the office. Please let us know at least one week in advance. Pareve (non-dairy) bakery goods are accepted from Unger's or The Bagel Shoppe. Popsicles are a big hit!

Extended Care: Early Drop off is available from 8:00 –9:00am & After Care from 3:00-5:00 pm for an additional fee of \$4.50 per half hour or \$9 per hour. To sign up for extended care go to your online camp account and click on the binoculars. Any children left past 3:10 pm will be enrolled in aftercare at parent cost.

Our Locations:

1. Camp Gan Israel location 25400 Fairmount Blvd is uniquely suited for our camp. The spacious air-conditioned facility enables us to provide campers with great summer fun, no matter the weather. The indoor area includes spacious classrooms, cafeteria, game room, art room, library, auditorium and indoor play area. The outdoor area ensures a safe environment with a gated playground.

For security purposes use the front doors as the main entrance at all times.

Shabbat Meet N' Greet

Shabbat June 22– 4:00-5:30

Join us for nosh, games and fun! Get a sneak peak at camp all set up, and meet the Gan Izzy Staff!

OR CALL 216 282 2267 TO RSVP

Have you been receiving our emails? If not– make sure to let us know by sending an email to registrar@cgibeachwood.com.

Communication: We strongly believe that open communication between camp and home is in the best interest of campers, staff, and parents. Please don't hesitate to contact us at any time before, during or after camp hours. Our staff are always available to address any questions, concerns or suggestions.

Camp Gan Israel thrives on parent feedback. It's always better to say something than to assume we know. If you don't tell us, we'll never know it! If we don't know it we can't improve it!

We will communicate with you in one of the following ways:

1. A weekly newsletter is emailed towards the end of each week.
2. Campers will come home wearing sticker labels with reminders.
3. E-mail reminders will be sent with upcoming events and programs.
4. Phone calls will be made to parents when necessary.

Dates & Times to Know About

CGI Family Fun Lag B'Omer Festival: Thursday, May 23, 2019 5:00-7:00pm

Trip Week 1: June 17-21, 2019 Mon-Fri: 9:00am - 3:00pm

5 Week Day Camp: June 24 - July 26, 2019 Mon-Fri: 9:00am - 3:00pm

***** no camp on Thursday July 4th *****

Girls Division Performance: Thurs. July 18, 2019 at 7:00pm

Boys Division Sports Late Night: Wednesday, July 23, 2019 at 6:30pm

Kiddie Division Presentation: Friday, July 26, 2019 at 2:15pm

Trip Week 2: July 29 - Aug 2, 2019 Mon-Fri: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Specialty Camp Weeks: August 6 - 23, 2018 Mon-Fri: 9:00am - 3:00pm

See Weekly Emails for much more!

Campers Need to Know

When you arrive at camp these are the steps you should take:

- 1) Please make sure to check in.
- 2) If you bring your own lunch, place it in your "Lunch Slot".
- 3) Put your backpack neatly at your spot in your cubby.
- 4) Go to your assigned welcome activity.

JUST ASK! There will always be counselors around to help you.

Our Staff: Our staff members are chosen for their devotion to kids. We aim to nurture each child as an individual, to teach values, and to build friendships that last. Careful consideration of camp size will ensure optimum counselor/camper ratio of at least one supervising staff member per six campers. Special care is taken when leaving camp's grounds. Staff can be easily spotted at all times by their CGI T-shirt & dress code.

Safety: Safety and hygiene are emphasized at CGI. Campers are encouraged to drink water throughout the day. There are water fountains at the school and water is brought along on every trip. With the sun so hot, and a lot of outdoor activities planned, we encourage you to apply sunscreen and send a labeled hat or cap every day.

Contact between staff and the camp director is maintained at all times during the camp day and on field trips, by walkie talkie and cell phone. In case of an emergency, parents, guardians or emergency contacts will be contacted immediately, and, if necessary, family doctors.

Activities: Every day is infused with the spirit of Torah and joys of Judaism. All ages have Tefillah (Prayer) & Torah Time (Interactive Jewish Lessons) in their daily schedule. Campers are encouraged to try every kind of activity. CGI offers a wide variety in the daily schedule.

The weekly excitement culminates in a fantastic weekly **Shabbat Party** on Fridays which includes Friday Fun, a Parsha lesson & Braiding Challah! Challah dough comes home in a pan ready to be baked.

Follow the camp calendar to know what else to expect! Stay tuned to the weekly email titled "A Peek at Next Week" to find out of any changes to the calendar or new surprises added!

Items to Bring to Camp :

Daily: Hat, Sunscreen, Lunch, Swim Suit & Towel (when applicable)
On First Day: Bring Spare Clothing in a bag that is CLEARLY LABELED.
On specified days: Wear CGI T-shirt and Socks or bring swim suit and towel!

Items NOT to Bring: Money, toys, electronics, cards, and cell phones are not necessary. CGI has a packed schedule. We provide all the fun! Non-camp items brought to camp will be held in the camp office and returned to the camper at dismissal. CGI takes no responsibility for personal items that are damaged or lost.

Camp Dress: We do many fun, yet messy activities in camp. Clothing should be comfortable and appropriate for camp activities. Although we generally use washable supplies, stains are not always removable. Please keep this in mind when dressing your children for camp. We strongly suggest campers to wear close toe shoes or sneakers. **No flip-flops please!**

CGI T-shirt: All campers will receive a CGI t-shirt that will be brought home on your child's first day at camp. CGI t-shirts are to be worn on all specified days. Extra t-shirts are available for \$12.
Please make sure to label your child's CGI T-shirt.

Lost & Found: Items that are visibly marked with names will be returned when found. All other items will be in the "Lost and Found" Bucket near the front door. Items not claimed will be pictured in the weekly email. Please check regularly, as children often don't realize their items are missing.

Lunch & Snack: All food served by Camp Gan Israel is Kosher. CGI provides a daily snack. Hot Camp Lunches are offered during the 5 Week Day Camp. Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays will be dairy days - Tuesdays & Thursdays will be meat days. Please respect the dairy and meat days when sending your own lunch.

Campers Need to Know

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| <input type="radio"/> Swim suit | <input type="radio"/> Undershirt | <input type="radio"/> Kipa |
| <input type="radio"/> Towel | <input type="radio"/> Undershorts | <input type="radio"/> Tzitzit |
| <input type="radio"/> Goggles | <input type="radio"/> Sneakers | <input type="radio"/> Ball cap |
| <input type="radio"/> Slippers | <input type="radio"/> Socks | <input type="radio"/> Lunch box |

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