



SUMMER 2021

# CAMP GAN ISRAEL OF GREAT NECK



# PARENT HANDBOOK 2021

Dear Parents,

We are so excited to welcome you and your children to the Camp Gan Israel of Great Neck family! Our greatest joy is to provide a fun and meaningful Jewish camp experience, for all Jewish children, from 18 months old - teens. When we are together with our incredible staff and exuberant campers in the greatest camp in the world, it is a truly magical experience, and we look forward to it all year long!

We are so glad you're here! Please read through this handbook so you can be informed about all camp information for this summer. Feel free to be in touch if you have any questions!

**Check your email inbox for all updates and information from us until camp begins! Once camp is in session, we will be sending daily updates, information and photos via Whatsapp. If you do not have Whatsapp, we encourage you to download it! You can also check our social media accounts for pictures, videos and highlights. They can be easily accessed through our website, [www.campCGI.com](http://www.campCGI.com).**

Sincerely,

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## COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Our number one goal is to ensure the health, safety and well-being of every camper and staff member of our camp family, while providing them with an awesome, fun and fulfilling summer. During these challenging times, it is imperative to take extra precautions to secure the safety and well-being of our campers.

All our guidelines are in accordance with the CDC, Nassau County Department of Health, the ACA & our camp doctor.

### ARRIVAL TO CAMP:

-Upon arrival, every child will have their temperature taken (before entering the classroom), and will sanitize their hands prior to joining their bunk. If a child is found to have a fever, they will need to return home.

### GROUP SIZE, INTERACTION & MEALS:

- When indoors or in confined spaces, we will minimize the mingling of different bunks/classes & other groups.
- Snack and meal time will happen in each classroom and with each group alone.
- All snacks and lunch will be prepared and served with masks and gloves.

### SANITIZATION:

- There will be sanitizing stations throughout camp, as well as routine hand washing between activities and before eating.
- Camp Gan Israel will employ a team of staff in each building, who will constantly clean and sanitize throughout the day.

### MASK WEARING FOR CAMPERS:

- Children under age 5 are not required to wear masks, as per Nassau County guidelines (aside from on trips and bus rides).
- Children above 5 are required to wear masks on the bus, and when indoors or in confined spaces that are not with their own bunks. Masks are not required outdoors, as per Nassau County guidelines.

### ADDITIONAL:

- We are operating with a closed campus this summer. Visitors will be allowed to enter camp with approval when necessary.

### COVID19:

If a camper is found to have Covid19, they will need to remain home as we ensure that they and their class follow all health guidelines in order to return to camp in a safe and speedy manner.



# WELCOME TO CAMP GAN ISRAEL OF GREAT NECK!

## WHO ARE WE?

Camp Gan Israel of Great Neck is part of the largest and fastest growing network of Jewish day camps in the world. Our greatest pride is to provide a fun and meaningful Jewish camp experience for children from diverse Jewish backgrounds. We are passionate about providing safe quality programming, and a rich and fulfilling summer experience for all of our campers. Our campers wait all year to come back to Gan Israel! From Mini Gan to Teen Camp, our campers enjoy a wide range of exciting activities and field trips in a warm, loving, Jewish-infused and exciting atmosphere.

No one puts more care into the care of your child.

Camp Gan Israel is much more than a physical break from the school routine. It's a comprehensive program designed to strengthen the body and soul. It provides your child with a rich and wholesome summer vacation of fun and excitement, along with friendship and meaningful Jewish educational experiences.

## STAFF

Our staff is the real secret to our success. Our experienced counselors and teachers are known for their personal warmth and ability to care for each child as an individual. Many staff members return year after year, lending experience and continuity to all programs. Each counselor is a role model for our children, promising them friendships that will last forever!

## CULTURE

Gan Israel campers are imbued with a deep sense of pride in their Jewish heritage and a love for the land of Israel. Weekly Judaic themes are taught through exciting activities, stories, songs, games and contests, which are all part of the unique CGI experience. Combined with group discussions and educational programs, these events bring to life the beauty and values of our tradition.

## TRIPS ON THE GO

Camp Gan Israel's well known "Trip Days" are geared to the children's interests and feature excursions to many local attractions.



## YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY

### ATTENDANCE/CHILD ABSENCE:

Attendance is taken by our staff every morning. If you know that your child will be absent from camp, please notify the camp by emailing or messaging the division director, or by calling the office.

### PEANUT, TREE NUT AND SESAME POLICY

We ask that no peanuts, tree nuts, or sesame be brought into our camp. We provide lunch and snack for all children, but in the event that your child does bring in food, it must be carefully checked for any of these ingredients. This means that the product cannot contain peanuts/tree nuts/sesame, and cannot have the following warnings: "may contain...", "processed in a facility...", and "manufactured on shared equipment..." Thank you for your help in keeping our campers safe!

### PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF:

**18 Months-2 Years old**

**Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 2:30 pm | Friday 9:00 am- 2:00 pm**  
at SHA - 117 Cuttermill Road, Great Neck, NY

**3 years old- (entering) Kindergarten:**

**Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 3:30 pm | Friday 9:00 am- 2:00 pm**  
at SHA - 117 Cuttermill Road, Great Neck, NY

**1st Grade through 6th grade:**

**Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 3:30 pm | Friday 9:00 am- 2:00 pm**  
at Chabad of Great Neck - 400 East Shore Road, Great Neck, NY

**JCC Basketball Camp:**

**Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 3:30 pm | Friday 9:00 am- 2:00 pm**  
at JCC of Great Beck 143 Steamboat Road, Great Neck, NY

**Teen Camp:**

**Monday-Thursday 9:30 am - 4:30 pm | Schedule will change for late nights and overnights**  
at Chabad of Great Neck - 400 East Shore Road, Great Neck, NY

At arrival and dismissal: Please do not exit your car unless you are parked in a parking space. Staff will meet you at the car to bring your child/ren in and out of camp. Please make sure to be prompt!



In the event that your child will be picked up by someone different than usual, please let Rabbi Zalman /Tzivi know. Children will only be dismissed to an adult that we are told will be picking up, for the safety of the children.

### **BUSSING:**

In order to assist parents with children in both divisions for drop-off and pick-up, CGI provides a shuttle bus at that will pick up and drop off older division children from the Mini Gan/ Silverstein Hebrew Academy (Cuttermill) campus. The bus departs from Silverstein at 9:05 AM (Sharp) to take children from SHA to Chabad and brings children back for pickup at 3:30.

Children must wear a mask while on the bus.

### **ILLNESS AND EMERGENCY (NON COVID RELATED):**

Our staff members are all certified in First Aid and CPR, and follow the guidelines of the Nassau County Board of Health in approaching any illness or injury that occurs in camp. In case of any medical emergency requiring more than basic first aid, the parents/guardians will be immediately notified. If we cannot reach the parents, the emergency contact on file will be notified. After any incident or injury, parents will receive notice from the office. Parents may be asked to pick up their child from camp if deemed necessary, such as in the case of a child with fever or vomiting. Campers who are sick may return to camp after being fever free for 24 hours. Please do not bring in children who were ill the night before, as that puts all the other campers at risk of getting sick.

### **SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND MEDICATION:**

If your child has any special needs, allergies or conditions, please be sure to bring them to our attention!

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

### **CAMP DATES:**

Camp begins on Monday, June 21st and runs through Friday, August 13th.

### **WHAT TO SEND TO CAMP:**

#### **Mini Gan:**

Please note- ALL ITEMS MUST BE LABELED! Camp Gan Israel is not responsible for any lost items, but we will do our best to help locate them.

All children must bring a change of clothing to keep in their cubby, and a water bottle each day.



## 18 Months-2 Years old

\* come to camp daily dressed in a bathing suit, with water shoes (not flip flops!) on and sunscreen applied, and with a towel. Send a change of clothing and shoes in their bag. Toddlers will enjoy water play on grounds every day, weather permitting.

\* If your child is not yet potty trained, please send in one pack of diapers and 3 wipes for your child.

\*Feel free to bring in a weekly sheet/blanket set for rest time.

## 2-3 years old- (entering) Nursery:

\* come to camp daily dressed in a bathing suit, with water shoes (not flip flops!) on and sunscreen applied, and with a towel, ASIDE FROM TRIP DAYS (every other Tuesday). Send a change of clothing and shoes in their bag.

\* Optional: A blanket, sheet or comfort item for rest time

\*Diapers and wipes, if needed

## 3-4 years old- (entering) PreK:

\* come to camp daily dressed in a bathing suit, with water shoes (not flip flops!) on and sunscreen applied, and with a towel, ASIDE FROM TRIP DAYS (every Wednesday). Send a change of clothing and shoes in their bag.

## 4-5 years old- (entering Kindergarten:

### 2-3 years old- (entering) Nursery:

\* come to camp daily dressed in a bathing suit, with water shoes (not flip flops!) on and sunscreen applied, and with a towel, ASIDE FROM TRIP DAYS (every Tuesday). Send a change of clothing and shoes in their bag.

### Camp Gan Israel (Main division):

Please note- ALL ITEMS MUST BE LABELED! Camp Gan Israel is not responsible for any lost items, but we will do our best to help locate them.

• Come to camp wearing a swimsuit, with sunscreen applied, on water days

• Sneakers or comfortable shoes for non-swim times (not flip flops)!

