

Camp Gan Israel of Sacramento



Parent Handbook Summer 2014

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Camp Gan Israel. Whether you and your family are joining us for the first time, or returning to Camp Gan Israel for yet another summer of excitement, please look over this handbook to ensure that your child/ren are prepared to experience the best summer yet!

\$200 per session= 1 week

(Plus \$20 Mandatory Registration Fee – Includes T-Shirt)

All payments due at beginning of camp

Extended Care is available from 8am-9:30am and 3:30pm-5pm

Additional fees apply as follows:

½ hour: \$3.00

1 hour: \$6.00

1½ hours: \$9.00

Extended Care Payment is due **FRIDAY** of each week at pick up.

We are committed to providing your children with a safe and highly stimulating camp program. All our activities – from sports and swimming, to crafts, trips and challah baking – are designed to enhance their self-esteem, teach cooperation, increase their level of responsibility, and imbue them with a rich tradition of Jewish values, customs and culture. Our staff members have been selected for their talents, abilities, warmth, enthusiasm and experience to care for each child. On behalf of the entire camp staff, I thank you for enrolling your child/ren in Camp Gan Israel. You will discover that your child/ren's summer at Camp Gan Israel will be a summer filled with fun and adventure, which will be remembered for years to come.

Enclosed you will find the following: The Camp Gan Israel Parent Handbook which details what each camper needs to bring to camp each day, as well as general information. Registration, Medical, Trip forms and Scholarship application (when applicable) are available online at www.cgisac.org.

Best Wishes,

Dinie Cohen

Camp Director
Chabad of Sacramento

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US

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All forms are available online at:

www.CGISAC.org

CAMP INFORMATION

AGES: Our program is for children 5 to 13 year olds.

SCHEDULE: Session 1
June 30th – July 18th, 2013

HOURS: Monday-Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Camp Gan Israel is located at Chabad of Sacramento, 945 Evelyn Lane.
Parking in the Chabad parking lot only.

CAMP FEES: The full tuition **MUST BE PAID by June 29th 2014**, unless a payment plan has been put in place (contact the office for questions). Extended Care Fees must be paid at the end of each week. The *mandatory* camp T-shirt is included in the registration fee of \$20, and must be paid up front. Camp Gan Israel is a non-profit organization and depends on your payments for its operation.

COMMUNICATION: We encourage close communication between the camp staff and parents. Please don't hesitate to call should the need arise, 916-455-1400. In case of emergency, please call the Leah (916)870-6404, and/or the Director at (916) 919-3066.

NEWSLETTERS: Our camp newsletter will be given out on Fridays. It will include the schedule for the upcoming week, any special events (when applicable), and keep family members up to date with the children's activities. Regular photos and updates will be posted on our website, so that you can see your child/ren in action and of course access updated information. please visit www.cgisac.org

PUNCTUALITY: Children who are not in the extended care program should not be dropped off earlier than ten minutes before the start of camp. Children that are dropped off earlier will be subject to the extended care fees. Please ensure that your child arrives in camp on time; our day begins with morning line up, during which, the schedule and information of the day's events are shared with the children. Children not in extended care should be picked up promptly at 3:30.


PICKUP & DROP OFF: the carpool line method is used for pickup and drop off. Drop off will begin at 9:20 am and continue until 9:35 am. After this time you will be required to park in the Chabad lot and escort your child/ren inside to sign in at the front office. Pick up will begin at 3:25 pm and continue until 3:40 pm. After this time you will be required to park and enter the building to sign-out your child/ren (after-care charges may apply). Please follow the directions of the carpool coordinator to keep the line running smoothly and keep you cool. ☺

EXTENDED CARE: Before-care begins at 8:00 am; please do not bring your child/ren before 8:00 am, as there will be no supervision prior to this time. Extended care fees are charged at \$3.00 per half hour. After-care ends at 5:00 pm. After that time a \$1.00 per minute late fee applies. There is no carpool line in effect for extended care hours; all children must be escorted in/out and signed in/out of the camp office by parent/guardian. **Please notify in advance if you know you will need before and after care.**

DRESS CODE: Boys are encouraged to wear a kippa/yarmulka or baseball cap. For girls; respectable

attire, non-overly exposing (e.g. spaghetti straps/ midriff). All campers must wear their camp t-shirts every Tuesday and Thursday. These are our field trips days and for their safety, campers without a t-shirt will not be allowed to come on the trip.

TZEDAKAH: Tzedakah (charity), is a concept which is basic to Judaism. Our camp endeavors to develop a commitment among our campers to share with others less fortunate than themselves by donating a few pennies every day to charity. Please send your child with coins (even one penny) for this purpose every day of camp.

FOOD: Please send along a non-meat lunch and snacks for your child. If your child is in extended care please send extra snacks. Our camp is run according to kosher observance; please send your child with foods that have kosher symbols on them such as:  We provide freeze pops at the end of the day. (Kids get really hungry—send lots of snacks!)

PLEASE SEND A REFILLABLE COLD WATER BOTTLE ALONG WITH YOUR CHILD EVERY MORNING.

WHAT TO SEND TO CAMP: Please send the following to camp with your child daily unless otherwise noted:

ALL ITEMS MUST BE LABELLED*

Non-meat lunch and snacks
Sunscreen (please apply before camp, we will reapply as needed)
Athletic shoes
Tzedakah (charity)
Refillable Water bottle
Swimsuit, towel, flip flops/water sandals (Monday, Wednesday & Friday)
Camp T Shirt (mandatory on Tuesday and Thursday)
Plastic bag disposable lunch (plastic prevents tearing and leaking)
Regular lunch box for non-trip days.

ELECTRONIC TOYS AND CELLS PHONES: The use of electronic toys or cell phones are not allowed during the 9:30-3:30pm daily session. We are not liable for, nor take the responsibility for any loss or damage which may occur.

*Please do not send any expensive items to camp including cell phones, mp3 players, computer games or toys. While we will do our best to keep track of all of your children's belongings, we are not responsible for lost or damaged objects.

FIELD TRIPS: Tuesdays and Thursdays are trip days. Camp Gan Israel T-Shirts produced for this year must be worn on all trips, as they are a different color from previous years' shirts. If your child is not coming to camp on a trip day, please call to let us know. On trip days please send lunches in labeled plastic disposable bags and extra frozen water.

SWIMMING: Children will be swimming on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Arden Manor Recreation and Park District located at 1415 Rushden Drive. Certified lifeguards will supervise them.

ARTS AND CRAFTS: Our arts and crafts program includes a weekly, hands-on, creative project. The crafts incorporate various Jewish themes, as well as useful, fun projects. Creative expression is encouraged for children to discover their own unique talents.

MEDICAL POLICY: If your child is sick, please do not send them to camp. If your child has a fever you will be contacted to pick them up. Scrapes and abrasions will be cleansed with soap and antiseptic and a band-aid will be applied. Camp maintains a first aid kit. If your child contracts a contagious

condition, e.g. a stomach flu etc., please notify the camp. In the event of an emergency, the parents will be notified and the child will be taken to the nearest hospital, unless otherwise specified on their medical form. If the parents cannot be reached, the emergency contact will be notified.

The above rules are to ensure the safety and optimal experience of our main priority, our CGI campers, your children.

Wishing us all a safe, happy, and healthy summer.
CGI Staff

