



Camp Gan Israel - Summer 2023

Kiddie Camp Handbook



IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Dear Parents and Campers,

We are so excited to welcome you to CGI of Phoenix 2023!!

They say "A living thing is always growing." At Camp Gan Israel this saying comes to life.

We strive to perfect our program to satisfy our campers. We are looking forward to growing with your children this summer!

This booklet includes many important details about the structure and culture of Camp Gan Israel. Please read through this and get familiar with the camp schedule!

We pledge to provide your child with a safe, healthy, fun exciting Jewish experience.

Camp Gan Israel needs your feedback! Don't hesitate to let us know if you have a concern or suggestion.

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

Rabbi Yossi & Rivky Friedman

Ms. Rivka Duato

Ms. Mimi Marasow

Camp Contact Information:

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Camp Location

2110 East Lincoln Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85016

Camp Programs:

Kiddy Kamp: Ages 2-4

Gan Izzy Classic: Ages 5-10

CIT: Girls 10-12

Pioneer Boys: Boys 10-13

Take a Peek at the First Week starting June 27th:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Meet and Greet 1-3pm. -Bring a change of clothes to keep in camp. -Bring diapers and wipes, if necessary to keep in camp. -Bring Smock for art. -Bring nap supplies. -Get ready for lots of fun!! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Come to camp in your bathing suit! -Bring labeled lunch, snack and water bottle. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Come to camp in your bathing suit! -Bring labeled lunch, snack and water bottle. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Come to camp in your bathing suit! -Bring labeled lunch, snack and water bottle. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Bring labeled lunch, snack and water bottle. -Shabbos party! -Surprise Show!

Location for this summer:

Kiddie Camp will be located in the Aleph Bet Preschool wing of the Chabad building.

Drop Off & Pick Up

Camp begins at 9:00am and ends at 3:30pm. Please make sure to drop off and pick up your child on time. Drop off is from 9:00 am. Pickup is from 3:20pm.

On Fridays camp ends at 3:00pm, and pickup is from 2:50pm.

Pickup will be from the preschool wing in the main Chabad building.

If you have a child in Kiddie Camp and regular Gan Izzy, you will need to pick up in both locations. **Please pick up from Kiddie Camp first and then go to the main Chabad parking lot to pick up your other children.**

To ensure the safety of our children please do not be on your cell phone during carpool.

The carpool procedure is as follows:

Park your car along Cactus Wren and wait for a staff member to bring your child out.

From 9:00am a staff member will be waiting to greet the children.

For afternoon dismissal a staff member will bring your child/ren to your car. Thank you for helping us make the procedure smooth and safe!

For pick up the campers will wait with their group and counselors will bring your children to your vehicle. Please be patient and allow families ahead of you time to load and unload.

Please be sure to let us know if you will be carpooling with other families/people besides yourself on a regular basis. If your child will be going home with a friend on a one-time basis your child's counselor must be notified.

Camp Important

July 27th - Tisha B'av - 9:30am-2:30pm.

Camp Dress

We do so many fun, yet messy activities in camp. Clothing should be comfortable and appropriate for camp activities. Although we generally use washable supplies, some stains may not be removable.

Please bear this in mind when dressing your children for camp.

All campers **MUST** apply sunscreen every day. Camp staff members may not apply sunscreen so please make sure to apply the sunscreen before you bring your child to camp. Your child must wear shoes that are appropriate for all activities (flip flops are not recommended).

Items to Bring to Camp

First Day:

- Change of clothes and underwear (to leave in camp for the summer)
- Diapers and wipes (if your child isn't potty trained)
- Mat and bedding for nap time. Like this one: [Amazon.com: KinderMat, 1.5 Inch Thick, 4-Section Rest Mat, Red/Blue, Great for School, Daycare, Travel, and Home, 100% Made in the USA... : Home & Kitchen](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08L6S4HBC/ref=cm_sw_r_wa_api_glt_fabc_Q8VBB9CMRK8FTDTCTDA2?_encoding=UTF8&psc=1)
- Smock for art. Like this one: https://smile.amazon.com/dp/B08L6S4HBC/ref=cm_sw_r_wa_api_glt_fabc_Q8VBB9CMRK8FTDTCTDA2?_encoding=UTF8&psc=1

Daily:

- Hat
- Lunch
- Snack
- Water bottle
- Swim gear
- Make sure to label all personal belongings brought to camp.

Items NOT to Bring

Personal games and toys should not be brought to camp. 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 at dismissal. CGI takes no responsibility for lost or stolen items.

Lost & Found

Items that are visibly marked with names will be returned when found. All other items will be in a lost and found box in the office.

Allergies

Please note that Camp Gan Israel is a peanut and nut free campus. Peanut butter and any other foods containing nuts are not allowed on campus for lunch or snack. Several children in camp have severe nut allergies. We are asking that all campers help us provide a safe environment for the campers that have allergies. If your child has eaten any products containing nuts, please wash their hands and face before coming to camp.

Lunch & Snack

Camp will not be providing hot lunch, please send a Kosher dairy or Pareve lunch with your child every day. Remember we are a nut free campus. The camp will arrange hot lunches for an extra charge. We recommend you send a water bottle with your child so they can drink water throughout the day.

We will have water available to refill water bottles.

Camp will provide an afternoon snack for your child. Please provide a morning snack and some extra snacks in your child's lunch.

Birthdays At Camp

We will be honored to celebrate your child's birthday in camp!

Birthdays are celebrated during Snack Time. Please give us two days' notice so that we can plan accordingly. Treats being brought into camp must be pre-approved by the camp director. Everything must be kosher pareve. Kosher dairy or DE is not permitted.

Swimming and Water Fun!

The Kiddy camp campers will be swimming and doing water activities in kiddy pools on camp grounds every day.

Campers should come to camp in their bathing suits (can be under their clothing) and bring a labeled towel, water shoes, and any water toys or accessories that your child may need in a backpack or tote bag. Please apply sunscreen to your child before coming to camp.

Extra Fun Activities!

Kiddie campers will enjoy gymnastics, science, art, music and sports throughout the summer with certified instructors.

Safety

Safety is a primary focus at CGI.

Campers are encouraged to drink water throughout the day. Please send a water bottle with your child to camp.

In case of an emergency, parents, guardians or emergency contacts are contacted immediately.

Sick Policy:

- Keep your child home if they are showing any signs or symptoms of illness.
- If your child has an excessive and unusual runny nose, cough or sneeze, fever, vomiting, diarrhea, rash, loss of taste or smell, or any other sick symptoms, we will ask that you pick up your child and keep him/her home.

- If your child shows symptoms while at camp, they will be cared for by a staff member in isolation. You will need to pick up your child within 1 hour. The room will then be sanitized and disinfected.

Lice Policy

Camp Gan Israel has instituted a nit free policy for all campers and counselors. Therefore:

1. During Camp, a child who has lice or nits will not be allowed to remain in camp. Parents will be called to take the child home for the proper treatment. For the protection of all children and their families, no child will be allowed to return to camp until all nits have been removed.
2. A child who has lice or nits may not return to camp that same day, even after being treated at home.
3. When the child returns, he/she will be checked before going to his/her camp group; he/she will be subsequently rechecked a few days later.
4. We ask parents to inform us ASAP if they find lice or nits on their children.

Communication

Our communication to you will be in the following ways:

- Campers will come home with notes of important reminders.
- E-mails will be sent to remind parents of important information or dress up days.
- Phone Calls will be placed to parents when necessary.
- There will be a CGI WhatsApp group. If you don't have WhatsApp please download the WhatsApp app. Please sign up for CGI's WhatsApp messages to get camp updates to your phone.
- We will be posting pictures and daily information on Instagram. Follow us on Instagram: cgiphx

By signing the camp registration, the child's parents or guardians agree and understand that Camp Gan Israel of Phoenix is given permission to photograph and/or video the campers for use in promotional and publicity purposes.

Your communication to us:

We strongly believe that open communication between camp and home is in the best interest of campers, staff and parents. If you should need to speak with your child's counselor leave a message with Rabbi Yossi or Rivky, your call will be returned as promptly as possible.

Please don't hesitate to contact us at any time before, during and after camp hours.

Rabbi Yossi and Rivky are always available to address any questions or concerns. (623) 349-1770