



# Camp Gan Israel - Summer 2024

## Camp Handbook

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

Dear Parents and Campers,

We are so excited to welcome you to CGI of Phoenix 2024!!

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. We suggest you read through this handbook so you know what to expect this summer. 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. Chana Hayman

#### Camp Contact Information:

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Camp Location and Mailing address:  
2110 East Lincoln Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85016

Camp Programs:

Gan Izzy: Ages 5-10

-Younger Division: K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade

-Older Division: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up

CIT: Girls Ages 10-12

Pioneers: Boys Ages 10-13

Take a Peek at the First Week for Gan Izzy and CIT's divisions:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesda	Thursday	Friday
Make sure to order pizza lunch for this week.	<p>-Meet and Greet 3-4:30pm at Chabad.</p> <p>-Get ready for lots of fun!!</p>	<p>-Trip Day:</p> <p>-Wear CGI T-shirt and socks for the trip.</p> <p>-Younger division trip to Pump It Up!</p> <p>-Older division trip to Gravity Extreme</p> <p>-Make sure to sign waivers</p>	<p>-Come in your bathing suit and bring labeled swim gear.*</p> <p>-Bring labeled lunch, snack and water bottle.</p>	<p>-Wear CGI T-shirt and socks for trip!</p> <p>-Trip: Younger Division Children's Museum</p> <p>Older Division: Diamond Backs Game</p> <p>-Bring labeled lunch,</p>	<p>-Shabbos party!</p> <p>-Show!</p> <p>-Bring labeled lunch or order pizza lunch, snack and water bottle.</p> <p>(CIT's will be going on a trip every Friday.)</p>

\* Pioneer Boys will be swimming on Tuesdays and Thursdays

## 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 8:55 am. Pickup is from 3:25pm.

On Fridays camp ends at 3:00pm and pickup is from 2:55pm.

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

The carpool procedure is as follows:

Enter into the west entrance to the large parking lot. Make an immediate right and loop around and wait in front of the walkway to the main entrance to the building. From 8:55 until 9:10am a staff member will be waiting there to walk your children into the building. For pick up a staff member will bring your child/ren to your car. Thank you for helping us make the procedure smooth and safe!

Below is an aerial map of the Chabad Center and parking lot with arrows showing where to go. The hexagon on the map is where you wait for your child/ren. You do not need to get out of your car. For pickup the campers will wait inside the building (so they stay cool) 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, or if your child will be going home with a friend on a one-time basis your child's counselor must be notified giving your authorization for this.



## Camp Dates

July 4<sup>th</sup> - No camp

July 23<sup>rd</sup> - Fast day

### **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).

Please make sure that your child wears socks and a camp T-shirt on all trip days.

On some trips children will not be allowed on equipment if they are not wearing socks.

### **Items to Bring to Camp**

Daily: Hat, Sunscreen, Lunch, snack and water bottle.

Monday and Wednesday:

Mondays and Wednesdays are swim days. Swimming is in the morning. Therefore, all campers should come wearing their bathing suits (with any necessary clothing on top). Please send all necessary change of clothes and swim gear on swim days.

Tuesday and Thursday:

Tuesdays and Thursdays are trip days. CGI T-shirts must be worn on all trips. [See camp calendar for details of forms due and when socks are needed.]

Make sure to label all personal belongings brought to camp.

Dress Up/Theme Days:

There will be dress up/theme days and campers will be encouraged to come dressed up as the theme!

### **Items NOT to Bring to Camp**

Money, personal games, toys, electronics, cards, or **cell phones**.

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 lunches, please send a Kosher dairy or Pareve lunch with your child every day. Remember we are a nut free campus. We recommend you send a water bottle with your child so that they can drink water throughout the day.

There are water fountains in the building to keep your child hydrated.

Camp will provide an afternoon snack for your child. Please provide a morning snack and some extra snacks in your child's lunch. Remember children tend to get hungrier from swimming, the heat and all the extra calorie burn from the fun activities in the summer!

## Birthdays at Camp

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

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

## Swimming

Swimming is on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Campers entering **second grade and up** will be going swimming at a pool. There is a trained lifeguard at the pool.

Campers entering **Kindergarten and First Grade** will swim on camp grounds in kiddie pools.

The **Pioneer** boys will be swimming on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Swimming is in the morning. Therefore, all campers should come wearing their bathing suits (with any necessary clothing on top) on swim days. Please send all necessary change of clothes to change into after swimming.

Please apply sunscreen before camp.

Campers should bring a labeled towel, water shoes, extra sunscreen, change of clothes and any water accessories that your child may need in a backpack or tote bag. On the days that their bunks swim.

**Please notify the directors if your child cannot swim or any other pool concerns.**

### **Trips**

The camp will be going on a number of trips. Campers entering Kindergarten and up will go on trips. Trip days are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Your child will receive weekly schedules of all trips and special activities. It is important to look over the weekly trip schedule so that you and your child can be prepared for the trip (with a camp T-shirt and socks and signed waiver).

Your child will not be allowed to bring money on the trips.

The CIT bunk and the Pioneer program will have the opportunity to go on some extra trips throughout the summer.

### **Camp T-Shirts**

On all trip days every child must wear a Camp Gan Israel T-shirt. All parents will receive one T-shirt per child enrolled in camp. Extra t-shirts are available for an extra charge of \$12 a tshirt.

### **Safety**

Safety is a primary focus at CGI.

Campers are encouraged to drink water throughout the day.

Contact between the staff and the camp director is maintained at all times during the camp day and on field trips.

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

Campers must wear their camp T-shirt on all trips.

### **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, or rash we will ask that you pick up your child and keep him/her home.

### **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 the following ways:

- E-mails will be sent to remind parents of important upcoming events and programs.
- 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.  
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