



CAMP GAN ISRAEL

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 29th year of Gan Israel in Calgary! We are very proud to continue to build on our well-earned reputation in the community of providing an outstanding summer camp experience. In order to assure a smooth program, we are providing you with the following information. We ask you to please read it carefully and call us with any concerns you may have.

1. The camp location this year is at **the NEW Chabad House – 134 Forge Road SE.**

Camp Hours:

Half-Day:	Monday-Friday	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Full-Day:	Monday-Friday	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

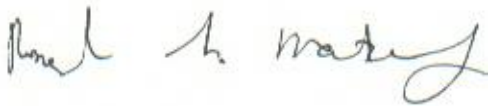
Extended Care:

(Pre-arranged only)	Monday-Friday	8:00 AM - 8:45 AM
	Monday-Friday	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

2. Please ensure that your children come to camp on time, between 8:45 - 9:00 AM and are picked up promptly after camp at 3:30 PM sharp. Please note that no child will be allowed to go home with anyone other than their parent, unless the camp has received **written authorization**.
3. We are very proud to continue to offer freshly prepared lunches and snacks served daily. The menu of each week will be posted online at www.GanIsrael.ca.
4. Due to the high UV index, **it is mandatory that each child come to camp daily with a water bottle, a sun hat, sunscreen, insect repellent**. Please label each item clearly and remember that no items will be shared (even among family) for health and organizational reasons.
5. Please note that all children attending the **Kiddie Camp** should bring a change of clothes in a labelled bag on the first day of camp, to remain for the duration of camp, it will be kept safe in case it will be needed.
6. Boys should wear a Kippa or hat (baseball cap).
7. Please check for **notices**, as we will be sending **updates/newsletters/emails** each week to keep you informed about outings, activities, and weekly happenings at CGI.
8. Swimming during the camp session will be on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Swimming will take place at the Holiday Inn Express in South Calgary. Please send a labelled swim bag for each child with a labelled swimsuit and towel. A lifejacket and/or floating device is **mandatory** for the children who do not swim well. *CGI and the Holiday Inn Express do not supply lifejackets. Due to safety, exact sizing chosen by parents is best.*

9. After a huge positive response, Camp Gan Israel will once again feature our elective/specialty program offer which allows our Junior and Pioneer Division campers to choose activities that interest them the most.
10. **Health and Medication - Very Important**
a) Let us know if your child is not up to date with their immunization.
b) If your child has any allergies or conditions, please put all details in writing.
c) Please make arrangements with us should your child will need to take medication during camp.
d) **Attached is a medical form. Please complete the form and submit it to our office (via fax, email or in-person) before the beginning of camp.**
11. Should you need to contact the camp, **please call Chabad House at 403-281-3770**. If there is no answer, please leave a message. **For emergencies please call Mrs. Matusof at 403-714-9024 (cell).**
12. We will be continuing our exciting tradition that was started in previous years. Every day pictures of the children will be taken during activities and trips and these pictures will be posted on our website after 7:00PM - **www.GanIsrael.ca** - for you to see and share with family and friends worldwide. All pictures and videos of the children will be used for our website and Chabad publications only. It will not be shared with other organizations.
13. **It is mandatory that children wear the Camp T-shirt on trip days.** If you have not yet ordered a T-shirt, or do not have one from previous years, **please order one as soon as possible** by contacting our office. If you have already ordered a Camp Gan Israel T-shirt you may pick it up on the first day that your child attends camp. Please ensure that it is the correct size. T-shirts, once at home, will not be exchanged.
14. We would appreciate any donation of toys, games, sports equipment, or a cash donation toward purchasing any of the above. If you can help, please contact our office.
15. Camp Gan Israel is known throughout the world for its exceptionally dedicated staff. Every single camper receives care, attention and love like in no other camp. **Always feel free to call us at our office with any questions, concerns, comments, or words of encouragement. Our camp staff is here to make this the most pleasurable, memorable and productive camp season for your child.**

Best wishes for a happy and healthy summer.



Mrs. Rochel Matusof
CAMP GAN ISRAEL – LUBAVITCH

Camp Director

