



There's a story the Lubavitcher Rebbe liked to tell about a five year old child and a 99 year Oldman. The child was Rabbi Sholom DovBer Schneerson, born on the 20th of Cheshvan 5621 (1860), who served as the fifth Lubavitcher Rebbe from 1882 until his passing in 1920. The 99-year old man lived 36 centuries earlier; his name was Abraham and he was the first Jew.

The story goes like this: On the occasion of his fourth or fifth birthday, Rabbi Sholom DovBer visited his grandfather, Rabbi Menachem Mendel of Lubavitch. Upon entering his grandfather's room, the child burst into tears. His teacher in Cheder had taught them that week's Torah reading, Vayeira (Genesis 18:1-22:24), which begins "And G-d revealed himself to Abraham..." "Why," wept the child, "doesn't G-d reveal Himself to me?" Rabbi Menachem Mendel replied: "When a Jew, a Tzaddik, realizes at the age of 99 that he must circumcise himself--that he must continue to perfect himself--he is worthy that G-d should reveal Himself to him."

The Rebbe must have told this story dozens of times. The story, followed by a discussion of the manifold meanings and lessons the Rebbe saw in it, was a regular feature of the Farbrengens (Chassidic gatherings) he held each year on the anniversary of Rabbi Sholom DovBer's birthday, which often falls (as it does this year) on the Shabbat on which Vayeira--which begins with the account of G-d's revealing Himself to Abraham following Abraham's circumcision at age 99--is read.

I think I know why the Rebbe liked this story so much. The child's question and the grandfather's explanation express two extremes, whose contrast and synthesis is a hallmark of the Rebbe's approach to life. Imagine: a five year old weeping because G-d doesn't not reveal Himself to Him! To "see" G-d--to attain a consummate vision of the Truth of Truths-- is the ultimate goal of every spiritual quest.

It is a goal that takes the greatest of the great at least a lifetime to achieve. Yet here is a child--a very special child, but one who nonetheless is still at the very beginning of his spiritual journey-- who is disturbed, to the point of tears, by the fact that he has not yet attained this goal! And on the other hand we have a man who has 99 years of the most extraordinary spiritual achievements behind him, who recognizes that he is still not perfect--that he must continue to change, grow and improve himself.

The Rebbe saw these two prototypes not as conflicting visions of life, but as complementary and indispensable to each other. To strive for the ultimate, yet never feel that one has arrived. To have huge aspirations, yet remain humble and unassuming. To say: I want to, and can, do it all--yet, no matter how much one has done, know that there is still more to do.

THE LATEST AT GAN IZZY



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ELECTIVES

INJA NATION

TELUSSPARK

Arts n Crafts

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Camp Song

I am proud to be
in a special army
Tzivot hashem is its awesome
name
The army of hashem
No matter where or when
In every sport and every type of
game
chorus
I know im a soldier in tzivot ha-
shem
Tzivot hashem
In camp gan yisrael
Oh im a soldier in tzivot hashem
Tzivot hashem
In camp gan yisrael
As I wake up early
I say modeh ani
Ntilat yadayim right beside my
bed
At the end of the day
Kriat shma I say
I go to sleep with good thoughts
in my head
A kippa all the time
On my head to remind
That hashem is watching over me
When im on the way
And every word I say
Cuz everything I do hashem does
see
chorus
Waooh gan yisrael chai
A sense of pride
Imbedded in my life
A guiding light
Infused in all I do
Oh gan yisrael I love you too

I ♥ CAMP



What is the weather at Gan Izzy next week?

Week of July 9 - 13

MONDAY
ELECTIVES

SWIMMING
Don't forget your swim gear!



Keep on SMILING

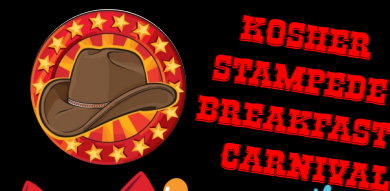
TUESDAY



Kids in the
Kosher Kitchen

Please wear a CGI T shirt
and socks!

WEDNESDAY



SWIMMING

PLEASE WEAR
SOCKS

THURSDAY



Please
wear a
CGI T-
shirt
and
socks!

FRIDAY

ELECTIVES

Brachos Fun
Day!!

Shabbat party



Breaking News

Our first week in CGI was AMAZING!!!! We started off the first day off camp with a ton of excitement and energy. We met our counselors and decorated signs with our bunk names for our bunk-room doors. Our camp theme is “Tzivos Hashem” – how we are all soldiers in the Army of Hashem, and our mission is to bring Moshiach! We all enjoyed swimming, and especially liked going down the water slide ☺

On Tuesday, we had a last learning about Tzedakah, and doing so many different activities in electives. Many campers got to make natural fruit juice or smoothies, and other campers learned how to fold napkins for forks and plates, play chess and whiffle ball.

We also had a smashing, amazing time bouncing at Injanations.

On Wednesday, we came to camp in our crazy mismatched shoes. We got a chance to do more of the elective choices that we wanted to do. The napkin rings came out so nice, and the sports we played was soo much fun!! We also got to go swimming and had a BLAST playing sports in the gym at Akiva Academy.

Thursday, was our first full day trip!! We had such a good time looking at all the exhibits and playing at Telus Spark. We made sure to make a Kiddush Hashem while we were not on camp grounds, and made sure to make our brachos even though we weren't in camp.

We got to make our very own challah on Friday. Then we switched off swimming, and playing at the Akiva gym, and we really loved the basketball. We also had a very nice shabbos party with the whole camp, and ended off the day with a special treat. We will miss the kids who are leaving and this week, and hope you all remember what you learnt and all the fun times you had in camp. Can't wait for another stupendous week in camp!!

Good Shabbos,
Love your counselors, Rachel, Rivka, Shaina, Mushka, Ashrit, Michelle, Goldy, and Devorah
Head staff, Mina and Mushka
Camp Director, Mrs. Rochel Matusof



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Kiddie Kamp Korder

Dear Mommies and Daddies,
We had an amazing first week of camp full of energy and fun!
We started on Monday where we got to meet our friends for the week with plenty of games , and swim in our awesome pool!
On Tuesday, we went on trampolines galore, jumping to new heights at injanation! That was my favorite!
Wednesday we enjoyed some swimming and play time in the Akiva Academy gym.
Thursday we had a smashing time at the Telus Spark! There we saw some really cool and interesting things all about science
Friday came so fast!! We traded our Torah dollars for some super cool prizes, enjoyed a very fun Shabbat party with all our campers and counsellors & so much more!
Thank you Kiddie camp for such an amazing week and can't wait to see most of you next week.
Love, your counsellors,
Emily and Shterna Sarah



NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Dear parents,
We hope that your child has enjoyed their first week at CGI. We are thrilled that they could join us and we truly enjoy seeing their smiling faces everyday.
A friendly reminder to send your child to camp with a hat, a labelled water bottle, sun-screen, proper footwear, and have eaten breakfast.
Our CGI staff does their best to ensure that each and every child has an amazing summer camp experience in a fun and safe environment .
If you have any comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.
Wish you and yours a happy and safe summer.
Mrs. Rochel Matusof
Camp Gan Israel Director

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THE LUBAVITCHER REBBE
& his loving legacy, ‘Yiddishe Kinderlach’.
Together, let us bring that
which the Rebbe devoted his life,
to bring Moshiach!



To all the Gan Izzy Campers
who are leaving
We say a sad good bye
But remember:
You can take me out of
Gan Izzy, but you can't take
Gan Izzy out of me!!
And don't forget to
keep in touch:
The Gan Izzy Company

SHABBOS CANDLE LIGHTING COUPON

Ba-ruch Ata Ado-nai Elo-heinu Melech Ha-olam ash-
er Kid-shanu b'mitzvo-tav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel
shabat ko-desh.

My daughter_____ lit the shabbos candles
at or before 9:32PM.

SIGN: _____
KIDDUSH COUPON

My son_____ made Kiddush on Friday night.
SIGN: _____