

## CAMP CONTACT INFORMATION

**Messaging us through the Brightwheel app is the quickest & most effective way to reach us during the camp season.**

**During the camp, please use the following on-site contact information:**

Camp Address: 125 Wells Ave, Newton, MA, 02459

Camp Direct Phone Number: 617-630-4555

Grunie Uminer, Camp Director: 617-323-2000 or [grunie@campgan.org](mailto:grunie@campgan.org)

Rabbi Mendy Uminer, Camp Rabbi and Financial Officer: 617-571-1900 or [rabbi@campgan.org](mailto:rabbi@campgan.org)

Rachel DeFilipp, Program Director: [rachel@campgan.org](mailto:rachel@campgan.org)

Necha Uminer, Assistant Director: [necha@campgan.org](mailto:necha@campgan.org)

Kristen Holmes, Camp Administrator: [office@campgan.org](mailto:office@campgan.org)

**Please note, the winter camp office at 163 Bellingham Rd, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467 is **NOT** staffed during the summer camp season.**

For general questions & information please visit our website [www.campgan.org](http://www.campgan.org) or email [info@campgan.org](mailto:info@campgan.org).

## **BRIGHTWHEEL ELECTRONIC CHECK IN & CHECK OUT & COMMUNICATION APP**

Camp utilizes the Brightwheel App. You will receive a welcome email directly from Brightwheel, with instructions on how to download the app and set up your own account. When you are setting up your account you can edit your login code and add other users to your account. Please see our quick help guide below. **Need help?** Contact the camp office and we'll be happy to assist you.

Once you have set up the app, you will have the ability to simply scan a QR code each morning and afternoon to electronically check-in and check-out your camper. **ALL CAMPERS MUST BE ELECTRONICALLY CHECKED IN BY A PARENT UPON ARRIVAL AT CAMP OR THE BUS AND CHECKED OUT ELECTRONICALLY WHEN PICKED UP.** Campers who are not electronically signed in or out will not be accounted for that day.

Our primary communication with parents is through Brightwheel. You must check your messages to be informed of daily goings on at camp, and what your child needs. **Messaging us through the Brightwheel app is the quickest & most effective way to reach us during the camp season.**

### **Brightwheel Quick Help for Parents**

#### **Password**

If you know your current password:

1. Log in to Brightwheel on a web browser.
2. Click **Profile**.
3. Select **Change Password**.
4. Enter your current password and your new password.
5. Click **Save**.

If you forgot your password:

1. On the Brightwheel login screen, tap **Forgot Password** (or **Reset Password**).
2. Enter your email address or phone number.
3. Follow the link sent to you to create a new password.

#### **Add Another Parent or Authorized Pickup**

1. Open the **Brightwheel app**.
2. Tap your child's profile.
3. Tap **Profile** (or the pencil/edit icon).
4. Scroll down to **Contacts**.
5. Tap **+ Add Contact**.
6. Choose the contact type:
  - **Parent** (full access)
  - **Family**
  - **Approved Pickup**
7. Enter their information and tap **Save**.

## PRE-CAMP OPEN HOUSE

**FRIDAY, JUNE 19 – 2:00-pm - 3:00pm 125 Wells Avenue, Newton MA 02459**

1. Campers meet their counselors
2. Campers decorate their camp locker magnet
3. Pick up 2 Luggage Tags - Please attach one to your backpack and one to your lunch box. (This will help the staff direct you to the correct bunk and will let you know where to go for the morning lineup.)
4. Pick up a camp calendar
5. Get your 3 Camp T-shirts
6. Review any allergies, medications, behavioral plans etc. with your child's counselor and head staff.
7. Confirm that you have uploaded and filled in all your necessary forms i.e. health forms. **Campers cannot begin camp without all forms uploaded to ultracamp.**
8. Settle any outstanding balances. **Campers cannot begin camp with an outstanding tuition balance.**

**If you are unable to come to the open house, you should plan to take care of all the above on your child/ren's first day of camp or contact us to stop by camp before your child's session begins.**

## **WHAT YOU CHILD NEEDS AT CAMP PLEASE LABEL EVERY ITEM YOU SEND TO CAMP!**

- **T-shirts** Each Camper receives 3 camp T-shirts. T-shirts are neon & a dri-fit material. General Gan Campers wear neon green shirts & Pioneers wear neon orange shirts. \* **Campers are required to wear this year's camp t-shirt every day, except for Dress Up days\***. Campers are not required to wear their T-shirts for swimming at the YMCA.
- **Shoes** - **Campers are required to wear sneakers/closed toe shoes daily** - campers can change into water shoes/flip flops/crocs for swimming.
- **Water** - Camp gives each camper a water bottle on their first day of camp. - We will label the water bottle & keep it at camp. It is refilled multiple times a day & carried to all activities in a rolling cart.
- **Sunscreen** - Parents are required to apply sunscreen every morning and to send sunscreen to camp for your child. We will reapply sunscreen after lunch.

### ***DAILY CHECKLIST***

1. Extra full change of clothes in separate labeled bag to be left in camp locker
2. Campers need to wear a camp t-shirt & sneakers/closed toe shoes daily.
  - On Fridays' campers do not need a camp t-shirt- we encourage them to participate in the camp dress up theme of the day - See list below
3. Cap or hat
4. Sunscreen applied and in backpack
5. Campers need their swim stuff most days- We will send weekly & daily messages through the Brightwheel app about your child's swim schedule.
  - i. Towel
  - ii. Plastic bag for wet swimsuits
  - iii. Goggles (if desired)
  - iv. Change of underwear
6. Coins for Tzedakah
7. Packed lunch & 2 snacks

### ***LUNCH & SNACKS***

CAMP DOES NOT PROVIDE LUNCH/SNACK FOR CAMPERS. Parents are required to pack 2 snacks and a lunch for your camper daily.

- Please pack a lunch and 2 snacks for your camper daily.
- Lunch should be dairy or vegan; no meat from home is allowed in camp.
- Labeled lunch box/bag with your child's first and last name and attached bunk luggage tag.
- Do not send glass jars/bottles.
- You can include an icepack for foods that you want to stay cold.
- Lunches are stored in campers' lockers.
- For Kosher & allergy reasons, no campers may share any food at camp.
- Campers cannot buy food when we are offsite.

## ***NUT POLICY***

We are a nut-sensitive camp. Everything we serve and cook at camp is 100% NUT FREE. Campers may bring nut products to camp. If there is a child with a nut allergy in their group, the camper with the nut product will eat separately from the nut allergy camper.

## ***CAMP DRESS UP SCHEDULE***

Please note that on all dress-up days, we give additional accessories to all campers to add to the camp spirit.

- Friday 6/26 - Crazy Hair Day
- Friday 7/3 - America Day
- Friday 7/10 - Sports Day
- Friday 7/17 - Color Day
- Friday 7/24 - Israel Day

## **CAMP DROP-OFF & PICK-UP**

**Please note the camp entrance is around the side of the building (in the direction of the soccer field)**

### ***Extended Day***

Extended Day Campers need to be dropped off & picked up inside the building.

Early Care 8:00 - 9:00 AM

After Care M-Th 4:00 -5:00 PM

### ***Morning Drop-Off (8:50 – 9:10 AM)***

Explorer Campers

- Parents who wish to walk their Explorer camper into camp may park at the front of the parking lot and walk their camper to their group. If you don't plan to walk your child in, follow the directions below.

All Other Campers

- Enter the driveway and follow the traffic flow into the circular drop-off driveway.
- Camp counselors will be waiting to greet campers, open vehicle doors, and escort campers to their groups.
- Parents should remain in their vehicles.

Check-In Required

- Every camper must be checked in through Brightwheel.
- Please scan the camp QR code during drop-off to ensure your camper is marked present for the day.
- Please message us through Brightwheel to let us know if your child will be late, absent or picked up early. **Pick-ups between 3:45 - 4:00 PM are not possible.** If you need to pick up your camper(s) earlier, please do it before this time.

### ***Afternoon Pick-Up (4:00 – 4:10 PM)***

- Enter the circular pick-up driveway and follow staff directions.
- Counselors will bring campers directly to your vehicle.
- Parents should remain in their vehicles.
- Please be prompt! Late pick-up fees will apply..

Check-Out Required

- Every camper must be checked out through Brightwheel.
- Please scan the camp QR code during pick-up to ensure your camper is properly signed out.
- Please message us through Brightwheel to let us know if your child will be late, absent or picked up early.

### ***Circular Driveway Hours***

The circular drop-off and pick-up driveway is open ONLY during the following times:

- Morning: 8:50 AM–9:10 AM
- Afternoon: 4:00 PM–4:15 PM

If you arrive outside of these designated times:

- Park at the front of the parking lot.

- Walk your camper into camp or come inside to pick up your camper.

**Important Reminders**

- ✓ Parents should remain in their vehicles during drop-off and pick-up.
- ✓ Please do not leave your vehicle unattended in the circular driveway, as this blocks traffic and delays the flow of cars.
- ✓ Make sure all authorized pick-up adults are listed in Brightwheel before camp begins. Camp staff can only release campers to individuals who are authorized in Brightwheel.
- ✓ Follow all staff directions to help keep arrival and dismissal safe and efficient for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation and partnership in making camp arrival and dismissal smooth and safe for all campers!

## **SWIMMING AT CAMP**

### ***Swimming at the Wells Ave YMCA***

Camp will be swimming at the Wells Ave YMCA, on Mondays, Tuesday, Wednesdays and Fridays. The swimming schedule, of how often & which days, will vary session by session. Please check your weekly Brightwheel messages to confirm which days your child's group will be swimming.

#### **Session 1 Swim Schedule:**

June 22 - June 26

- Monday - all bunks
- Tuesday- all bunks except Pioneers
- Wednesday - all bunks
- Thursday - See Brightwheel for Trip information
- Friday - Pioneers

June 29 - July 3

- Monday - all bunks
- Tuesday - all bunks except Pioneers
- Wednesday - all bunks
- Thursday - explorers and trailblazers
- Friday - no swim

### **Safety**

- Lifeguards are at the pool during swim time.
- All campers will be swim tested by the YMCA on their first day of camp
- Any child who does not pass the swim test will be provided with a life jacket.
- There are counselors in the water during swim time.

## **THEATER**

We're excited for this summer's Theater Program production of *Annie*! All week 6 campers will have the opportunity to participate in the ensemble and shine on stage. Campers interested in being considered for a speaking, singing, or featured cast role should have completed the audition form and submitted an audition video.

Auditions have officially closed, but if your child is still interested in being considered for cast, reach out to Abby at [theater@campgan.org](mailto:theater@campgan.org)

The Annie performance will take place on Wednesday, July 29th in the late afternoon. More specific details will follow as the date approaches.

## TRANSPORTATION

- **ALL CAMPERS MUST BE ELECTRONICALLY CHECKED IN BY THE PARENTS UPON ARRIVAL AT THE BUS AND CHECKED OUT ELECTRONICALLY WHEN PICKED UP.** Campers who are not electronically signed in or out will not be accounted for that day.
- There will be assigned seating.
- Bus safety protocols must be followed by all campers riding the bus- failure to follow the bus monitor's instructions is grounds for losing the privilege of riding the bus.
- Bus monitors & drivers will sweep the bus daily.
- The bus cannot wait for late arrivals.
- Parents are required to be waiting for campers' arrival at the pick up point. Parents will be charged a late fee if they are late to pick up.
- Campers will only be released if parents are present.

### **SHARON BUS**

Pick-up & Drop-off Point: Young Israel of Sharon parking lot: 100 Ames St, Sharon, MA

- The bus monitor will be present with a Brightwheel QR code & attendance sheet
- Parents will be given the number of the bus monitor and camp director.
- Parents will receive updates daily through the Brightwheel app to track the Sharon Bus return time

#### Morning Schedule

- Bus arrives at YI Sharon at 8:10 AM
- Bus departs from Sharon to camp at 8:15 AM

#### Afternoon Schedule

- Bus departs from Camp at approximately 4:05 PM
- Bus expected arrival at YI Sharon 4:45 PM

### **BROOKLINE**

Pick-up and Drop-off Point: 62 Stedman Street, Brookline MA 02445

#### Morning Schedule

- Van arrives at 8:20 AM
- Van departs at 8:25 AM

#### Afternoon Schedule

- Van departs from Camp at approximately 4:05pm
- Van expected arrival 4:35 pm

## **PHOTOS OF YOUR CAMPER**

Camp Photos this year will mostly be accessible through a secure webpage. Please only share this information with grandparents & others who you authorize to see pictures of your kids.

[Campgan.org/photos](http://Campgan.org/photos)

Username: campgan

Password: campgan123

There will also be additional pictures, promos & fun camp stuff posted to our social media sites

- Follow us on Facebook: Camp Gan Israel at Chestnut Hill on Facebook
- Follow us on Instagram: [campgan\\_chestnuthill](https://www.instagram.com/campgan_chestnuthill)

## **PARENT ORIENTATION RECORDING**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/16l4cPR4FZTgGFfXGPWRkiml2s--VHirN/view>

## **BUNK NAMES UPDATE**

During this years Camp Season we are updating our Division Names:

Explorers = Chayalim

Trailblazers = Givati

Vikings = Nachal

Pioneers = Tzanchanim