

Camp Essentials 2017



Gan Israel Day Camps Morristown NJ

Dear Parents,

Thank you for choosing Gan Israel for your child this summer. We look forward to providing your child with a truly exciting experience! The following information is provided for your benefit. Please see the attachments for the exciting daily schedule put together for your children. No day in camp is a regular one! As you will see, there is always something special for each day.

Contacting us

Our program director at Camp Gan Israel Morristown is Rabbi Mendel Stiefel. He can be contacted with the email and number provided below.

- The best number to reach us at during camp hours is 862-244-3420. You will be prompted to choose the correct division.
- Email: rabbistiefel@rca.edu.

All questions related to registration and billing, can be directed to Rabbi Dubov at rabbidubov@rca.edu.

Keeping - In - Touch

Basic camp information can be found on our website www.ganisrael.org. Once registered, our primary way of updating you will be via email. It is very important that you check these emails so you are updated on important camp information.

Remind App

If there is any reason that we may need to send you live important information during camp such as busses running late etc. This app will send a direct message to your email and all cell phone numbers provided to us with your registration.

Newsletters:

Each week you will receive an email on Friday with pictures of the week, important updates, important reminder for the following week and a message from our staff. Don't forget to look out for it!

MyCamp Link:

We are proud to offer this year a brand new mobile app that will allow us to share with you the camp experience like never before. It has all of our information located in one spot with a super simple and easy layout. And there are tons of amazing features like up to date pictures, videos, message groups, fun voting, calendar, news flashes, forms, links to our website and more.

We really think you will love it. Just download the app from iTunes or Google play, register on the app, and enter our unique CODE: **31810**.

To download the app, search MyCampLink in your app store.

Facebook

In addition please 'like' our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/GanIsraelMorristown.

Items to send to camp

Kiddie camp (3-5 years old)

- A Change of clothing to keep at camp (shirt, pants, skirts, underpants)
- Bathing suit/towel/sunhat. (These items will be sent home every day and brought back the following day)
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen. Please apply sunscreen on your child each day before coming to camp. Our staff will help children reapply sunscreen during the day.
- 2 Healthy Snacks (Extra snack for children taking the bus)
- If applicable diapers/swim diapers and wipes.
- **Swim shoes- All Campers must bring swim shoes for your child's safety.**

All items should be **clearly labeled** with your child's name. If your child is toilet training, a two piece bathing suit is preferable for ease of toileting.

Older Division

- Bathing suit/towel/sunhat. (These items will be sent home every day and brought back the following day)
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen. Please apply sunscreen on your child each day before coming to camp. Feel free to leave a bottle of sunscreen in their backpack for reapplication during the day.
- 2 Healthy Snacks (Extra snack for children taking the bus)

Trips

For security reasons we require that each child wear their camp T-shirt on all trips. Your child will receive their T-Shirt on the first trip day. Please send along extra snacks and drinks with your child on these days.

Lunch

Please see the Lunch Menu attached. If you know your child will not eat the lunch, please send along food for them. We have a no meat and nut free policy.

Security

In response to the concerns of our time, we will be taking the following security procedures

- All camp visits must be prearranged with the Camp Director.

- Unscheduled pickup of children by parents or authorized representative must be prearranged with the Camp Director.
- Upon arrival at campus, your child will be signed in by their counselor. Please do not drop off your child without having been marked as attended. For children arriving by bus, the bus counselor will take attendance.
- Children will not be released to parents or their representatives from off-site trip locations unless arrangements have been made with the Camp.

Lost and Found

All items misplaced around the camp will be brought to the camp office at the end of each day. If items are marked, they will be sorted and returned to the campers at the end of each week. **Your child's name should be clearly tagged on all items brought to camp.** Children who have lost items are encouraged to come by the office to pick them up. At the end of the camp season, all lost and found items will be displayed for several days at the campsite.

Sickness & Medication

There is a Red Cross certified staff member on duty at all times at camp. In cases where we feel that the child should not stay in camp, we will ask that parents come to pick up their child. If your child is not feeling well in the morning, please keep your child at home. We wish to protect all children coming to camp from illness and also to prevent you from making an unnecessary trip out to the camp during the day. For children needing medication during camp, please be advised that we **do not** administer any medication.

Camp begins everyday at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. On Friday camp ends at 2:00 p.m.

We look forward to a happy and productive camp season with the combined efforts of the Camp Gan Israel staff and parents, and thank you for entrusting us with your most prized possession, your precious children.

Wishing you a happy and safe summer!

Rabbi Mendel Dubov
Rabbi Mendel & Chana Stiefel
Directors