





Core Preschool Day Program

Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Extended Day Programs (optional):

Early Care: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

After Care: 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Late Stay: 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Dates: August 19, 2026 – May 28, 2027

Location: Lang Chabad Center 3904 W. Park Blvd., Plano, Texas 75075

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Our Philosophy

Our Jewish values drive the curriculum, environment, and school culture. We model and encourage kindness, respect, compassion, confidence, and responsibility. Judaism teaches that the formative years of early childhood are vitally important. A child is viewed as a seed that we nurture with the utmost care, since the seed's every experience will shape and color the quality of its mature self.

Judaism underscores the uniqueness of every child with the axiom "chanoch l'naar al pi darko," teaching us to train children according to their individual paths. We recognize that each child has his or her unique needs, interests, and passions. Our children are viewed as collaborators: they are competent, curious, inquisitive, unique, and creative.

Gan Gani Jewish Preschool believes in an experiential and intentional approach to teaching and learning. This approach fosters children's intellectual development as they are encouraged to explore their environment and express themselves through words, movement, drawing, painting, playing and other natural modes of expression. We promote an environment where children can develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills for a successful and meaningful life.

Our Goals

Nourish each child's heart and mind as they develop cognitive, social, emotional, and physical skills.

Encourage self-confidence and individuality by helping young children to enhance their learning and socializing abilities.

Foster enthusiasm and responsibility for learning and to encourage each child's natural creativity and curiosity.

Teach a preschool curriculum geared to the different and developing interests of each child.

Nurture a setting rich in materials and resources, a caring and highly qualified staff, a developmentally appropriate program, and activities that are both teacher-guided and child-initiated.

Provide a rich and meaningful Jewish content, including education about Jewish holidays, music, traditions and the Hebrew alphabet and language.

Communicate to parents the philosophy, goals, and program of the Gan Gani preschool and to provide opportunities for parent involvement and education.

Enrich Jewish preschool experiences by using community resources and outside professionals in the field of early childhood education.

Our Staff

Our teachers have been selected for their nurturing nature, their understanding of children's development, and dedication to education. As a community, the teachers of Gan Gani respect every child's need to express him/herself and to be heard, to be guided and encouraged, to be directed and redirected, and of course loved. In addition to what they innately bring to Gan Gani, our teachers are required to undergo at least 30 hours of professional training each school year plus at least one training hour on recognizing the signs of child abuse and neglect; teachers have First Aid and CPR certification.

Enrollment Policies

Your child's enrollment is not complete until the current immunization record and a health statement signed by both the provider and a parent are uploaded into UltraCamp or emailed directly to Jacque Elewitz. Proof of hearing and vision screening is also required Pre-K students.

Important: Only students with finalized registration will be permitted to attend school.

The administration reserves the right to reconsider the enrollment of any student if we feel the child's needs, level of functioning, or behavior cannot be accommodated, or if the child's conduct limits his or her ability to participate in or benefit fully from the programs and activities at Gan Gani.

Immunization Requirements & Documentation

Child Care Licensing Standards for the state of Texas requires each child enrolled in our facility be immunized according to the Center for Disease Control; children are required to be up to date on their vaccinations; children entering Pre-K must have a current record of hearing/vision screening. Gan Gani must receive an updated copy of your child's immunization records. Families who choose to not have their child vaccinated or who follow an alternative vaccination schedule for a medical reason or reason of conscience, including religious belief must provide a notarized exemption. To claim an exemption, the person applying for the child's admission must meet criteria specified by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) rule at 25 TAC §97.62 (relating to Exclusions from Compliance) and give the exemption document to a director.

Rising Star

Gan Gani Plano is a Texas Rising Star School (TRS). Texas Rising Star is a quality rating and improvement system for childcare programs participating in the Texas Workforce Commission's Child Care Services program. Texas Rising Star certification is available to licensed centers that meet the certification criteria. TRS assists childcare programs in attaining progressively higher levels of quality, exceeding Texas Health and Human Services Commission and Child Care Regulation minimum standards requirements. Children in Rising Star programs can make substantial gains in both knowledge and skills, enhancing their success in preschool and grade school years.

Curriculum

Gan Gani uses The Circle (toddlers through 3) and Circle K (Pre-K) curriculums developed by the Children's Learning Institute at UTSW Health Science Center; each align with Texas Infant and Toddler Early Learning Guidelines and Texas Pre-Kindergarten guidelines. Both programs are built on an instructional framework targeting social, emotional, and cognitive development, in addition to balanced, direct teacher instruction including child guided and child-initiated activities. The curricula also provide instruments for teachers to track children's development, evaluate progress and make changes in the classroom in order to deliver individualized instruction for each child.

Curriculum Goals & Assessment

The Circle and Circle K curricula strive to provide both direct teacher instruction and a variety of opportunities for purposeful play driven by students' choices. Each curriculum teaches teachers to connect all educational

domains to children's play, as well as how to set up and facilitate activities that reach, reinforce, or practice learning objectives. Assessment tools engage teachers in documenting students' progress to adjust teaching methods and materials according to each child's needs throughout the year. Assessment information from various formal and informal tools, forms, and resources will be shared with families during parent conferences offered during Fall and Spring semesters.

Screen Time Policy

Gan Gani does not incorporate screen time into regular daily activities, nor is it included in our curriculum.

Family Engagement

Family is a child's first and most influential teacher which is why we value a strong partnership with you as we work together for your child's successful growth. We encourage all family members to be highly involved: feel free to visit the classroom, join our events, offer your valuable feedback, and collaborate with us on reaching our program goals.

Gan Gani has an open-door policy for our parents. We ask families to keep in mind their child's ability to separate easily in addition to our scheduled nap time.

Licensing & Certifications

Gan Gani is voluntarily licensed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. The most recent licensing inspections are available to review in the preschool office upon request. A copy of the licensing standards is available for review in the preschool office and can be found by visiting <https://www.dfps.state.tx.us> or by calling Child Care Licensing 214-951-7902.

Gan Gani is inspected annually by both DFPS, the Fire Department, Rising Star.

For more information on licensing, to view Gani's most recent inspection report, or to report child abuse, parents may contact:

- The Local Licensing Office: 429-229-6900
- DFPS Child Abuse Hotline: 800-252-5400
- DFPS Website: www.dfps.state.tx.us

Gan Gani is a Texas Rising Star Certified Program; for more information visit www.TexasRisingStar.org.

Our Preschool School Day

Significance of Consistent Arrival Time

Please make sure your child does not miss out on the important learning activities that happen early in the day when they are most alert. Pre-K students especially should arrive before the academic portion of the program for their own benefit in addition to limiting disruption to the rest of the students who have begun working. A consistent morning arrival routine prepares children for their future transition into kindergarten.

A consistent morning arrival time is crucial for your child's success. Please ensure your child arrives on time to benefit from the **most important learning activities**—which happen early in the day when they are most alert. Especially for Pre-K students, arriving before the academic portion begins ensures they do not miss out on key instruction and helps them establish a **strong routine** for their future transition into kindergarten.

Early Care Drop Off runs from 7:55 – 8:00 a.m. Late arrivals should call or text the teacher so she can come downstairs and get the child.

Morning Carpool runs from 8:55 to 9:15 a.m. Teachers will come outside to help children upstairs to their classrooms. Early arrivals should wait in their vehicle until carpool begins. Late arrivals should park in the front parking lot and bring their child to their classroom. Teachers will not accept children into their classroom before 9:00.

All carpool children will be dropped off and picked up through the glass double doors on Chabad's east side.

Pre-School is from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Children who leave at 1:00 can be brought down for carpool by a teacher or a family member may come upstairs to get their child.

Aftercare

After Care ends at 3:30 p.m. Carpool runs from 3:25 – 3:45. Children who leave at this time will be called down from their classroom via walkie talkie then escorted to their car.

Late Stay

Late Stay runs from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Parents may pick children up from the classroom.

Outdoor Play

Children will have opportunities to play outside daily (weather permitting). Days it is raining or too cold, our bounce house and other gross motor activities will be set up in the shul.

Preschool Student Attire

Clothing:

Children should come to school ready to work and play. Teachers cannot guarantee clothing will not get dirty or stained. Clothing should be both easy for the child to run and climb in and easily managed by the child him/herself (especially in the bathroom) as a means of fostering self-help skills. An extra change of weather appropriate clothing (including socks and shoes) should remain at school. If your child uses this change of clothes, please send a new set the next day.

If the temperature is at or above 42 °F children will be playing outside. Please be sure your child always has appropriate outerwear.

Footwear:

Children should wear closed-toe shoes to school to protect their feet and reduce tripping. Please DO NOT send your child to school in sandals, flip flops, Crocs or similarly designed shoes.

Each child needs a pair of rain boots to keep at school; all age groups will play in water and mudpuddles. Gan Gani has provided one-piece, waterproof jumpers to keep the children clean and dry. (Google "Muddy Buddy Preschool" for examples)

Communications/Notifications

Classroom teachers communicate with parents via *Remini*. This app is a wonderful way to communicate topics such as:

- What is going on in the child's day,
- Communication from teachers and directors
- Upcoming events & schedules,
- What supplies may need replenishing (i.e., diapers & wipes, an extra change clothes), and
- Images of children enjoying time at Gan Gani.
- If there is an outbreak of any communicable illness in a specific group of children, parents of that group will be notified through Remini.
- If Gan Gani undergoes policy changes, parents will be notified through Remini.
- Parents can update contact information via Remini at any time without requiring staff assistance.

Diapers & Wipes:

When you receive notice your child needs diapers and/or wipes it is important you send them within 3 days of receiving notice.

Attendance

If you know your child will be absent from school either for vacation or illness, please notify his/her teacher via Remini or personal text. If your child is absent for two days or more we will give you a call to check in.

Security & Safety

The safety of staff and students is of the utmost importance at Chabad. The following guidelines are in place to help ensure our security:

- DO NOT LET STRANGERS IN THE FRONT DOOR AT ANY TIME. Tell a Chabad or Preschool staff member if someone you do not know wants into the building. If someone comes in as you are entering the building, let a staff member know so they can investigate.
- Do not share the security code with strangers.
- Check to make sure the front door has closed completely before you walk away. The door must be completely closed to lock.
- The upstairs door leading to the preschool should always be closed. Please close it as you walk both in and out.
- The upstairs door code is for preschool families only. Please do not share the code with people you do not know to be affiliated with the preschool.
- The only people upstairs should be part of Chabad/Gan Gani. If you see a facilities worker waiting to enter the building or the preschool, tell a staff member so they can determine if Chabad was expecting someone.
- An electronic keypad code operates the elevator downstairs.
- Do not leave any door propped open. If you see an unattended door propped or left open, please close it, and let security or a staff member know.

If you see something, say something.

School Closing

In case of inclement weather, Gan Gani's closure will correspond with the Plano Independent School District unless notified by a director.

Emergency Preparedness

Fire, severe weather, and shelter-in-place drills are conducted throughout the year to make sure that our staff and children are prepared for an emergency and that the building can be vacated in a minimum of amount of time. Protocols for these drills are included at the end of this handbook.

Policy for Alternate or Emergency Release of Children

By completing a child's admissions papers, parents have submitted a written list of people to whom Gan Gani Plano is authorized to release their child/children in case of an emergency or change in the child's regular transportation. All teachers in each classroom and both directors are pediatric First Aid and CPR certified and can render aid at the school until family, the emergency contact, or first responders arrive.

If a child is to be released to a person(s) other than those on the established list, parents **MUST** send a signed and dated note that includes their child's name, the full name of person picking them up, and their relationship with the child. If a change in transportation plans occurs during the day, parents must call to notify a director. People coming to pick up a child from school must show photo ID for the child to be released if staff members do not recognize him/her. School personnel will not release a child to anyone without prior authorization from parents.

Health & Wellness

Student Illness

It is important to us that each child be healthy and happy at school. Any child who has a temperature of 100.0 or higher will be sent home and cannot return the next day. A student must be symptom free the one full day they are home in order to return to school. In addition, if a child continues to have symptoms (severe coughing, sore throat, infectious runny nose, body aches), that child must remain home until the symptoms improve/subside, even if fever free.

Children will be sent home if they vomit or have diarrhea (more than one unusually loose stool and/or bowel contents do not remain contained in the diaper) and may not return to school the next day. A student must no longer be vomiting or have diarrhea the day they are home (without symptom reducing medication) before returning to school.

Children diagnosed with contagious illnesses such as impetigo, strep throat, Fifth's Disease, or any undiagnosed rash require a note from the doctor with a diagnosis, treatment plan, and when the child is no longer contagious. This document is required for the child to be admitted back to school. COVID 19 protocols will be set and maintained according to childcare licensing standards and CDC guidelines. If your child exhibits these symptoms at school, we will contact you immediately. You or someone you appoint must pick up your child within thirty minutes unless discussed with a director.

Runny Noses

A runny nose is an unavoidable fact of life for people with allergies, winter colds and children in preschool. The decision to keep a child home or send them home from preschool, in the absence of other symptoms, hinges on two main factors:

1. Participation: Is the child able to participate normally in the day's activities?
2. Supervision: Does managing the child's nasal discharge (regardless of color and the need for hygiene) **compromise the teacher's ability to supervise** the rest of the classroom?

If the answer to either question is no, the child must remain home. More information about runny noses and children in childcare can be found of this handbook.

In the case of molluscum, all open blisters must be covered with bandages and the area covered by clothing.

In cases of lice, children must be treated for lice, with a repeat treatment one week later, and remain home for 24 hours after treatment. In addition, parents should inform the school so the class can be informed to help limit the spread. The school will check the heads of all children in the affected class and if nits are found, parents will be called to pick up their child immediately.

Parent Notification in the Event of Illness

In the event a child becomes ill and needs to go home, the lead teacher or a director will call to notify parents and isolate the child (supervised) for a limited period until he/she is picked up.

We appreciate your cooperation in advance as this helps us keep all our children and staff healthy.

Administering Medication

All prescription and non-prescription medication given to a child at school require a written authorization form which can be downloaded and filled out by the parent. Medication must be handed directly to a teacher. In addition, the medication must be in the original bottle or container with prescribed instructions for administration, including times, dosage, and length of time medication is to be given. School staff will only administer medication as directed on the bottle.

Emergency Medical Care for Students

In the case of accidental injury, we will make every attempt to reach a parent, guardian, or emergency contact. If a responsible party cannot be reached and emergency care is necessary, an ambulance will be called to transport the child to the nearest hospital. Until a parent or guardian's arrival, the Director or designated Director will make all decisions concerning your child. Families are responsible for incurred medical expenses.

Chabad of Plano/Gan Gani Plano cannot enroll any child whose parents do not sign a written consent form agreeing to these terms.

Discipline

Preschool is a time when young children begin to learn independence, freedom of choice and the power of the spoken word. Gan Gani believes our role is to teach children how to deal with frustration and get needs met by making constructive, acceptable choices. Guiding children through this developmental process is the most effective form of discipline. Teaching children to develop self-control is an ongoing, lifelong process. Guidance and encouragement build confidence and teach children how to make positive choices without sacrificing self-esteem.

The concept of guidance is not a substitute for boundaries and consequences when called for; productive discipline requires that children experience the consequences of their behavior both positive and negative. Clear cut boundaries are especially important when enforcing safety, acceptable social practices, and appropriate use of materials.

Biting

Biting is an age-appropriate behavior that usually appears between the ages of one and three years. Though it is expected, it is important to remember it is unacceptable behavior. Reasons children bite include teething, exploring, experimenting with cause and effect, seeking attention, frustration, or lacking the language development to express their needs/feelings. Biting is not something to be blamed on children, parents, or teachers. Teachers will work with parents to gather information about the child's behavior and begin observations to determine why that child might be biting. Once triggers are identified, teachers will work on prevention strategies and start teaching positive behavior skills to replace the biting behavior. *A child who bites excessively despite interventions being in place may be asked to stay home until a specific plan of action has been determined.*

Policy Addressing Challenging Behaviors:

If misconduct is severely disruptive, hampering the teacher's ability to effectively supervise and teach or interferes with other children's ability to learn, teachers will consult a director to determine next steps. If challenging behavior continues despite parent/teachers/directors' individual and collaborative efforts, parents may be asked to consult additional resources to help correct the behavior.

****Parents who have suggestions or concerns regarding their child's behavior are encouraged to speak with the teacher or director**

Nutrition

At Gan Gani, we recognize that food choices vary among children and families, but we believe that early childhood is an ideal time to introduce the concept of diverse food groups and their role in promoting healthy growth. Our aim is to cultivate an awareness of nutritious food choices among our children. Therefore, we kindly encourage parents to provide non-sugary options for both morning and afternoon snacks. Examples of items we suggest not sending include fruit roll-ups, candy, and soft drinks. Together, we can create a positive environment that nurtures our children's well-being and fosters healthy eating habits from an early age.

Kashrut

All outside food brought into Gan Gani must be Kosher.

Breakfast

Gan Gani does not serve breakfast and requires children to eat breakfast before they leave the car at drop off. Children are not permitted to eat or finish breakfast in preschool. The mid-morning snack is the first food of the day eaten in the preschool.

Snacks

Gan Gani will not be providing snacks of any kind. Parents should provide a morning snack for all children and an afternoon snack for children enrolled in late stay. Morning snack should be a light snack consisting of one serving of food. Heavy snacks often curb children's appetites for eating a full and nutritious lunch. All snacks for all age groups should be finger food, relatively mess free and the child must be able to manage to snack independently.

Lunches

Lunches from home must be parve or dairy. We ask for all food items to be cooked, cut and packaged so children can feed themselves independently.

Parents who wish to sign up for the hot lunch program should contact Michal Szender at 469.664.4950.

Birthday Celebrations

While the classroom is a fun place for a birthday snack it is not the place for a complete birthday party. If you would like your child's birthday celebrated at school, please contact the teacher to let her know what day, if and when you will be attending. On celebration day, your child and his/her classmates will bake cupcakes and decorate them with sprinkles. Gani will provide the cake mix and cupcake liners, parents should provide sprinkles; party plates can also be sent from home to make the table festive. Parents can join the celebration; additional guests must be cleared by a director. Absolutely no gifts or goody bags should be sent to school, these items will not be given out but returned to parents at carpool.

Additional Info:

- **Auxiliary Support for Students** (see accommodation statement p.16)

- Appropriate space will be provided for children to receive on-site intervention such as but not limited to speech, physical/occupational therapy.
- **Nursing Mothers** are welcome to use our library downstairs, the Edward S. Kraus Center for Learning and Reflection, where there is comfortable seating and a shade that can be drawn for privacy.
- At no time will students of Gan Gani Preschool be transported off campus.
- Parents will be notified if or when animals will be present on the premises.
- Chabad of Plano is a **Gang Free Zone**. Under Texas Penal Code, any area within 1000 feet of a child-care center is a gang-free zone, where criminal offenses related to organized criminal activity are subject to harsher penalty.
- Children are not required to be tested for TB prior to attending day care or camps.

Questions or Concerns

We welcome any questions or concerns about policies and/or procedures of our school. Parents are welcome to speak with, text and email with a director to review and discuss matters at any time. Please call the office or send us an email to alert us to your thoughts and/or concerns.

Gani Resources:

*Operational Discipline and
Guidance Policy*



*Immunization
Schedule Birth to
Six Years*



*Medication
Administration Form*



*Collin County
Community Resources*



*Child Development
Ages & Stages*



2026-27 School Calendar



Fee Structure

Full Year Tuition (5 Days/Week • All Ages)

TUITION & SCHEDULE OPTIONS

Annual Schedule Breakdown & Associated Costs

Schedule	Time	Cost
Early Drop-Off (Add-on)	8:00–9:00 AM	\$1,550
Main Care	9:00 AM–1:00 PM	\$10,000
Extended Day	9:00 AM–3:30 PM	\$13,450
Full Day	9:00 AM–5:00 PM	\$15,000

Important Details

- **Registration fee:** \$200 per child (due upon registration; non-refundable)
- **Security fee:** Included in tuition (no additional fee)
- **Sibling discount:** \$500 off 2nd & 3rd child (applied monthly)
- **Sibling discount deadline:** Register 2nd child by December to receive discount, and child must be registered at least 6 months
- **Processing fees:** 3% on credit cards; ACH or debit card no charge
- **Financial assistance:** Email gangani@chabadplano.org

Tip: If you’re currently enrolled for this year, register early during the re-enrollment window to secure your child’s spot.

Payments: Tuition is divided into **10 equal payments**. First payment is charged **August 15, 2026**. Future payments are charged on the **1st of each month**. Last payment is **May 1**.

Please Note: Tuition reflects enrollment for the full school year. For convenience, payments are divided into monthly installments, but are not based on the number of days in any given month.

Financial Agreement

Gan Gani Pre-School
3904 West Park Blvd.
Plano, TX 75075



Phone: (972) 596-8270

Gan Financial Agreement 2026-2027

For:

2026-2027 FINANCIAL POLICIES:

If applicable, unpaid registration fees will be charged with the 1st payment. Options added at a later date will be charged according to the options selected on this form. While Gan Gani strives to ensure all accounts are billed accurately, parents are responsible for verifying that their account reflects the correct enrollment and level of care. Any underbilling resulting from error or omission will be corrected, and the family will be required to pay the outstanding balance upon notification.

PAYMENT METHOD CHANGES:

To make changes to your method of payment, you must first notify us by email to gangani@chabadplano.org. After approval you can then you can make the change via our online system.

Credit Card Payments

If you are paying via credit card you will be charged the 3% processing fee on each charge.

ACH Or Debit Card Payments

No additional charges for using ACH payments

Fees/Past Due Accounts

Gan Financial Agreement 2026-2027 (continued)

For: _____

By signing this agreement, you acknowledge that your child's space is reserved for the entire academic year at Gan Gani. As our budget relies heavily on tuition and donations, withdrawing may pose challenges. You are responsible for the agreed-upon tuition, and refunds/proration are not granted based on absences.

Additionally, you understand that the tuition cost covers the entire school year, even though we collect on a month-by-month basis. It does not reflect the number of days in a given month. If you choose to voluntarily leave the school for an extended period, you are not entitled to a pro-rated refund of any portion of the tuition costs.

Withdrawal Policy:

In the event of mid-year withdrawal, families are required to provide a minimum of thirty (30) days' written notice. In addition to fulfilling any outstanding tuition obligations during the notice period, families will be charged one (1) additional full month of tuition as a withdrawal fee, regardless of whether the student continues to attend during that time.

This policy is effective immediately upon signing this agreement and applies to all enrolled families.

You also agree that the contents of this agreement are confidential and should not be discussed with anyone other than those who will be financially responsible for the balances on this account. Accounts that are not in good standing and have a history of not adhering to the above financial policies will risk losing priority registration and assistance for future Chabad programming.

I attest that I have read, understand, and agree to the policies written here.

Signature _____ Date _____

Gan Financial Agreement 2026-2027 (continued)

For:

Fees may be charged to your account any time after they are incurred. We charge a \$10 fee for each bounced check or declined payment. On the 3rd occurrence, this fee will increase to \$25 per incidence. **PAST DUE ACCOUNTS:** Unless arrangements have been made 7 business days in advance, accounts will be charged a \$50 late fee if payments are not received within 5 calendar days of the due date. This also includes credit card/bank payments that cannot be processed due to being declined/expired. On the 3rd occurrence, this fee will increase to \$100 per incidence. Chabad of Plano is not responsible for notifying the account holder of each infraction of our policies and it is the responsibility of the account holder to be aware when payments are to be withdrawn and to make sure that there are enough funds in the account when payment is due. *If after repeated attempts we are unable to collect or charge payments methods via the terms of this agreement, Chabad of Plano reserves the right to collect past due balances listed on to this agreement and to charge any payment method we have on file for the parents/guardians of the children listed above.*

Agreement

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Accommodations for Families

This document outlines our program's policies and process in supporting families and children who may need additional accommodations, to include home language, differing abilities and cultural backgrounds. Parents have the right to be informed of all procedural safeguards and rights of appeal in a language easily understood by the public and in the parents' primary language. Please notify the Center Director if you or your child require accommodations and we will ensure that we do our part in making sure your needs are met.

Below are ways that our program will partner with your family:

1. If specific therapies are needed during the day while the child is in our care, we will provide space to accommodate sessions.
2. Participation in all comprehensive meetings if needed.
3. Complete supporting documentation from authorized medical professional for any accommodations related to the child's physical or developmental needs.
4. Provide materials and resources in parent/child's primary language.
5. Provide opportunity for cultural inclusiveness by hosting cultural events throughout the year.

As required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, our Early Learning Program does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in the admission to its programs, services, or activities, in access to them, in treatment of individuals, or in any aspect of their operation. For additional information or referral to the appropriate system coordinator, contact Center Management.

Additional Info:

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- Chabad of Plano is a **Gang Free Zone**. Under Texas Penal Code, any area within 1000 feet of a child-care center is a gang-free zone, where criminal offenses related to organized criminal activity are subject to harsher penalty.
- Children are not required to be tested for TB prior to attending day care or camps.

Questions or Concerns

We welcome any questions or concerns about policies and/or procedures of our school. Parents are able to speak, text and email with a director to review and discuss matters at any time. Please call the office or send us an email to alert us to your thoughts and/or concerns.

When to Keep Your Child Home from Child Care



When kids spend time close together, germs can spread between them. This is especially true for infants and toddlers, who often share toys that have been in their hands or mouths.

Knowing when to keep your little one home sick from childcare and school helps protect other children from illness. It can also give your child a chance to get extra rest they may need to recover.

When choosing a child care setting for your family, consider this important factor: What is the policy for sick children?

To reduce the risk of illness, child care providers and all the children being cared for need to receive all recommended immunizations. This includes the flu vaccine and COVID-19 vaccine for everyone age 6 months and up. This critically important step puts the health and safety of everyone in the childcare setting first.

Common illnesses in childcare

The viruses responsible for colds or the flu cause the most common sicknesses in childcare settings. Even though your child has had immunizations, they can still get sick with colds, sore throats, coughs, vomiting and diarrhea.

Children of any age will experience a lot of infection in their first year of group childcare. For kids whose first year of childcare is during infancy, bouts of illness may be even more frequent. In fact, they may have as many as 8 to 12 more colds than a child cared for at home without exposure to siblings or other children.

The good news: during the second year of attending childcare, the number of respiratory illnesses begins to fall. This is because exposure to so many germs causes rapid development of the immune system.

The typical child will also get diarrhea once or twice a year.

Why keep your child home?

The main reasons to keep your child home are that an illness can:

- prevent the child from participating comfortably in activities
- **make them need more care than staff members can provide without compromising the health and safety of other children**
- pose a risk of spread of harmful disease to others (*see list of these conditions below*)

AAP childcare exclusion recommendations

Any child with respiratory illness symptoms (cough, runny nose, or sore throat) and a fever should not attend their childcare program. They can return once their fever associated with these symptoms has been gone for at least 24 hours without the use of [fever-reducing medicine](#).

Your child should also stay home sick from childcare if they have these symptoms:

- **Signs of severe illness** such as being unresponsive, irritable, crying more than usual, is having difficulty breathing, or has a quickly spreading rash.
- **Fever**
- **Diarrhea**, defined as having more frequent and loose stool (poop) than usual that is not caused by a change in diet. Children should stay home if their stool is not contained in the diaper, or if they are toilet-trained but having "accidents" from the diarrhea.
- **Vomiting 2 or more times in the previous 24 hours**. The exception is if the vomiting is found to be caused by a non-infectious condition, and the child is not in danger of [dehydration](#).
- **Abdominal pain that continues for more than 2 hours**, or abdominal pain that comes and goes, along with fever or other concerning symptoms.
- **Mouth sores with drooling that the child cannot control**, unless their doctor or local health department authority states that the child is noninfectious.
- **Rash with fever or behavioral changes**, until a primary care provider determines that the illness is not a communicable disease. If your child has a new, rapidly spreading rash that resembles bruising or small red or purple "blood spots," call 911.
- **Skin sores that are weeping fluid** located on an exposed part of the body that cannot be covered with a waterproof bandage.

Other conditions that are reasons to stay home

If your child is diagnosed with these conditions, they should not attend childcare:

- **Streptococcal pharyngitis** (such as [strep throat](#) or other streptococcal infection), until at least the first 12 hours after antibiotic treatment has started.
- **Head lice, scabies** and **ringworm** until after the first treatment. Childcare exclusion is not necessary before the end of the program day. When treatment starts between the end of the program day and beginning of the next day, no exclusion is needed.
- **Chickenpox (varicella)** until all lesions have dried or crusted (usually 6 days after onset of rash) and no new lesions have showed for at least 24 hours.
- **Hepatitis A** virus infection, until 1 week after onset of illness or jaundice or as directed by the health department

When it's OK to stay at childcare

Children with the conditions below do not necessarily need to stay home from childcare, as long as they feel well enough to participate in regular activities. However, it also depends on whether staff members determine they can care for the child without compromising their ability to care for the health and safety of other children.

- Coughs or colds without fever or other signs of illness

- Runny noses
- Ear infection, unless the child has a change in behavior or cannot participate as usual.
- Rash without fever and without behavioral changes. The exception would be a child with a new, rapidly spreading rash that resembles bruising or small red or purple 'blood spots.' In that case Emergency Medical Services (911) should be called.
- [Thrush](#)
- [Fifth disease](#)
- [Molluscum contagiosum](#) (wart)
- [Hand-Foot-and-Mouth disease](#). No exclusion is needed unless the child has mouth sores with constant drooling or has other symptoms like fever. In some cases, the local health department may require children with hand-foot-mouth disease to stay home to control an outbreak.

Make sure you are reachable at all times

Many childcare programs, as well as public and private schools, may contact you right away if your child shows signs of even a mild illness, like a cold. In others, children are allowed to continue the regular program as long as they can take part in most activities and do not have a condition that requires exclusion. Either way, be certain that the school or caregiver has a way to reach you at all times.

More information

- [Take Simple Steps to Avoid Dreaded Spread of Flu in Daycare](#)
- [Staying Safe in School During COVID-19](#)
- [Preventing the Flu: Resources for Parents & Child Care Providers](#)
- [RSV: When It's More Than Just a Cold](#)
- [When to Keep Your Child Home From School](#)

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Gan Gani School Calendar 2026-2027/5786-5787



Gan Gani Preschool

2026-2027 School Calendar

Date	Event
Wednesday, August 19	First Day of School
Monday, September 7	Labor Day - School Closed
Friday, September 11	Erev Rosh Hashana – School Closed
Monday, September 21	Yom Kippur – School Closed
Monday, October 12	Columbus Day – School Closed
November 25-27 Monday, November 30	Thanksgiving Break - School Closed School Resumes
December 21-January 4 Tuesday, January 5	Winter Break – School Closed School Resumes
Monday, February 15	Presidents Day – School Closed
Monday, March 29	Professional Development – School Closed
April 21-30 Monday, May 3	Passover Break – School Closed School Resumes
Friday, May 28	Last Day of School

This calendar reflects school closings and vacation periods. A detailed calendar of school events, holiday celebrations, parent programs, and special activities will be distributed separately.

Gan Gani 2026-27 Calendar of Events

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Date	Event
Tuesday, August 18	Classroom Visits 9:00-11:00 AM Parents and children are invited to drop in, meet the teachers, and visit the classroom.
Wednesday, August 19	First Day of School
Wednesday, September 2	Open House 7:00-9:00 PM Meet the teachers, visit the classrooms, learn about our Rising Star certification, and school policies.
Friday, September 4	Family Shabbat Series 9:15 AM Family and friends are invited to attend. Additional dates: Oct. 9, Nov. 6, Jan. 22, Feb. 12, Mar. 19, Apr. 16
Tuesday, November 18 Wednesday, November 19	Parent Teacher Conferences 5:30-8:30 PM Sign-up information will be shared closer to the date.
Friday, December 4	Dads & Donuts Chanukah Celebration 9:15 AM Special Shabbat honoring our fathers.
Friday, March 19 Tuesday, March 23	Purim Celebration & Dress-Up Days Children may come dressed in costume for our school Purim celebration and again on Purim Day.
Wednesday, April 7 Thursday, April 8	Parent Teacher Conferences 5:30-8:30 PM Sign-up information will be shared closer to the date.
Friday, May 7	Mother's Day Celebration 9:15 AM Special Shabbat honoring our mothers
Wednesday, May 12	Israel Day Celebration Dress in Blue and White
Thursday, May 27	Pre-K Graduation 6:00 PM

Each classroom has an evacuation plan posted by the doorway. Each child under 24 months of age, those with visual, mental or hearing impairments and children with limited mobility (wheelchair, crutches, leg brace, etc.) will each have a staff member assigned to them during emergencies. Gan Gani will make every effort to keep our children safe.

Gan Gani conducts monthly fire drills in addition to quarterly severe weather and shelter-in-place drills; each classroom has an evacuation plan posted near the doorway.

- In the case of a lockdown, teachers will bring their children into the nearest classroom all of which lock from the inside requiring a key to enter. Children will be moved out of any window's line of sight, seated and encouraged to be quiet.
- In the event of any evacuation teachers will conduct a name to face roll call upon children exiting the building and once again upon reaching the evacuation site to ensure all children are removed from the premises and arrive at the evacuation site safely.

Evacuation routes and relocation sites correspond with students' and teachers' location at the time of the emergency in addition to the location of the emergency in the building.

- Individuals in the east upstairs classrooms (Rm 4, 5 & 6) will evacuate using the east staircase and the corresponding door. Students and teachers will walk east using the Willow Bend Learning Center's sidewalk closest to their building, continuing until reaching the grassy area near the entrance of the Life Care Center of Plano. Evacuation Relocation Site: 3800 West Park Blvd, Plano, TX 75075 Life Care Center of Plano
- Individuals in the west, most upstairs classroom and office (Rms 1, 2 & 3) will exit down the front staircase to the lobby and out the front door. Students and teachers will walk west, through Chabad's parking lot and proceed beyond the gray brick wall on to the sidewalk in front of The Corner Vet. Evacuation Relocation Site: 1820 Coit Road Unit #105 Plano, TX 75075
- People in the large northwest upstairs classroom (Rm 8) will exit down the outdoor back staircase. Students and teachers will walk west, through Chabad's parking lot and proceed beyond the gray brick wall on to the sidewalk in front of The Corner Vet. Evacuation Relocation Site: 1820 Coit Road Unit #105 Plano, TX 75075

In the event of severe weather, all classes will exit their classroom and proceed down the main staircase and gather in their assigned areas:

- Rooms 13 & 14 will gather in the downstairs women's bathroom
- Room 12 will gather in the downstairs men's bathroom
- Rooms 11 & 15 will gather in the storage room located behind the library and/or hall outside mikvah
- Room 17 will gather in the hall outside the kitchen

Emergency contact phone numbers: Rivkah Block 214-403-1362, Jacque Elewitz 214-924-8576

Emergency contact names numbers, and updated lists of all students will be kept with the director and staff members. Staff members will conduct headcounts throughout the process. Once children are relocated to safety parents will be contacted.

Community Resources

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

- Program Contact for Texas TANF is 1-877-541-7905
- TANF managing agency: [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](https://www.hhs.gov/) <https://www.hhs.gov/>
- General Information: (877) 541-7905
- State Office:
- Texas Workforce Commission
101 E. 15th Street
Austin, TX 78778-0001
(512) 463-2222

Medicaid

- Program contact for Medicaid for Texas residents is 1-800-252-8263
- Medicaid managing agency is [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](https://www.hhs.gov/) <https://www.hhs.gov/>
- Information on Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) can be found at <https://www.hhs.texas.gov/services/health/medicaid-chip>
- Questions can be emailed to: medicaid@hhsc.state.tx.us

Social Security

There are 18 social security field offices in Collin County. To find the closest social security office in any zip code, visit www.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp

- Contact information for Texas Health and Human Services Headquarters:
North Austin Complex
4601 W. Guadalupe St.
Austin, TX 78751-3146
P.O. Box 13247
Austin, Texas 78711-3247
- Main number: 512-424-6500
- Most Social Security publications and other public information materials are available at www.ssa.gov

Supplemental Security Income

The national number is 1-800-772-1212

To find a local field office can be found by visiting www.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp

Social Security publications and other public information materials are available at www.ssa.gov

Food and Nutrition Services

Texas Health and Human Services Commission

<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/services/food/snap-food-benefits>

Program Contact Additional Info

[1-800-221-5689](tel:1-800-221-5689) [SNAP State Directory of Resources](#)

Managing Agency

[U.S. Department of Agriculture](#)

SCHIP

Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) state office
4601 W. Guadalupe St.
Austin, TX 78751-3146 P.O. Box 13247
Main number: 512-42-6500
CHIP Program Administrator Number: 1-877-543-7669
Fax: **832-825-8796**

CHIP Mailing Address:

Texas Children's Health Plan
PO Box 301011, WLS-8360
Houston, TX 77230-1011
Email Address: TCHPUM@texaschildrens.org

Head Start

Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) state office North Austin Complex
4601 W. Guadalupe St.
Austin, TX 78751-3146 P.O. Box 13247
Main number: 512-424-6500
TTY number: 512-424-6597
Head Start Contact Number: 1-866-763-6481
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