



# Welcome to Camp Gan Israel Toronto

Girls session: Wednesday June 29 (23 Sivan)- Monday July 25 (19 Tammuz)

Boys Session: Wednesday August 3 (28 Tammuz) - Monday August 29 (25 Av)

## Camp Guide 2016



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We have a new feature on our website. You can now pay for canteen, tips, birthday cakes etc. , log into your parent dashboard and click forms. Please note that a 3% interest cost charge will be debited to your card.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to CGI Toronto!

We look forward to a wonderful season where your child will I"YH benefit physically and spiritually. Each child will have an enjoyable and meaningful experience where lifelong friendships will be forged in a Torah and Chassidishe environment.

In order that your child's preparation and transition into camp life goes as smoothly as possible, we urge you to read the guide carefully with your child. Campers and parents are expected to adhere to the following rules and regulations.

### **Camp Time**

CGI will be on standard time which is 1 hour earlier than daylight savings time.

### **Canteen**

Please send cash (US funds accepted) with your child to cover canteen expenditures. The amount is left to your discretion and should be enclosed in an envelope with your child's name on it. Alternatively you can pay online for canteen on the parent dashboard. Should you choose to send spending money for offsite trips please include it as well. The counselor will deposit this money in the canteen where each camper will have his/her individual account. Children will be able to purchase a limited amount of treats daily. Before trips campers will be able to take out money. All monies should be left in the canteen or the in the camp office safe.

### **Cases of Water Bottles**

Cases of water bottles will not be allowed on the luggage truck. Cold water bottles will be sold in canteen for 50 cents each. **Please note: The tap water is 100% safe and tasty well water which is tested regularly in conformity with government regulations.** Your child can bring a reusable water bottle which can be filled from the tap.

### **Cellphones**

Campers are not permitted to have cellphones in camp. Cellphones used for traveling to and from camp must be given to the counselor who will hand it in to the office for the duration of the camp season. Camp is not responsible for any valuables, i.e. electronic games, digital cameras etc. left anywhere other than the office.

### **Clothes Labelling**

Camper's name must be on every garment to avoid losing articles in the laundry. Articles on which name tapes cannot be sewn, i.e. toothbrush, soap dishes, etc. should have adhesive tape marked with the name. Articles not claimed at lost and found will be donated to Tzedakah.

**Departing to Camp**

Out-of-town campers should arrive at the Toronto airport before 11:00 am on the first day of camp. We will arrange for an airport pickup, please make sure to fill out the transportation form online with the correct flight information.

The Toronto buses will leave from the Chabad Lubavitch Community Centre, 770 Chabad Gate at 12:30 pm

Girls: Wednesday, June 29, 2016

Boys: Wednesday, August 3, 2016

**Electronic Devices/Ipods/ Videos**

The only type of electronics that will be allowed in camp are cameras (with picture capabilities only). Any form of electronics, cell phones, mp3 players or iPods **will not** be allowed. If these items are found in a camper's possession they will be confiscated and not returned until the end of the session. Camp is not responsible for any valuables left anywhere other than the office.

**E-mails**

The e-mail address for campers is [campersemail@gmail.com](mailto:campersemail@gmail.com) E-mails sent will be printed daily and given to the campers. The subject space should contain child's name and bunk # to ensure that your child receives it promptly.

**Food Brought to Camp**

**Tree nuts or peanuts are not allowed into camp.** However, foods labeled "may contain traces" may be brought. Each camper must bring an **airtight sealed container to store snack**. This rule will be strictly enforced for sanitary reasons. No food related appliances may be brought to camp, i.e. refrigerators, toaster ovens, grills, hot plates, sandwich makers etc.

**Flight Information:**

**Out-of-town campers should arrive at the Toronto airport before 11:00 am on the first day of camp.**

Girls: Wednesday, June 29, 2016

Boys: Wednesday, August 3, 2016

**Flights for the return trip should be booked for after 1:30 pm- 6:00 pm, campers with flights departing after 6 pm, will need to speak to the office before booking.**

Girls: Monday, July 25, 2016

Boys: Monday, August 29, 2016

**We can't assume responsibility for alternative transportation.**

**Graffiti**

All facilities, buildings, cabins, etc. are newly constructed at an enormous cost. We want the camp to remain sparkling and in the same beautiful state for many summers. We expect each camper to respect this request. There is absolutely **NO** writing, scribbling, or doodling on walls, doors, etc.

**Immigration**

If traveling by air, passports and border letter/letter of permission are required to enter Canada. (Border letter will be emailed at a later date). Please make sure the passport expiry date is within a 6 month period. Documents and tickets will be kept in the camp safe. You will receive a letter for immigration

confirming your child is a camper in CGI. If your child is coming by bus or car, an original birth certificate and border letter is sufficient.

### **Laundry Service**

The service of a local establishment has been obtained to wash, dry and fold your child's laundry during the camp season. There is a laundry cost of \$40. **If your child is allergic to any detergent, please write it clearly on the medical form.**

### **Lice Check- for Girls**

All campers must be checked for lice/ nits no earlier than Monday June 27<sup>th</sup> (within 2 days of coming to camp), and must bring the lice form with them to camp. To avoid embarrassment make sure your child is lice and nit free. If lice are found, your child will be treated and your credit card on file will be charged. (You will be notified prior to any charge.)

### **Lost and Found**

Lost and found viewing will take place throughout the camp session. Please encourage your child to notify their counselor of lost items.

### **Luggage and Tshirt Fee**

We will be transporting the luggage by truck to and from camp. The fee for luggage and tshirt is \$50. Every camper is required to have a camp tshirt. This fee has to be paid with your camp payment before camp begins.

### **Mail**

We know how eager you are to hear from your children. Campers are encouraged to write home often. Stamps will be sold in the canteen. They also love to receive mail. Camp mailing address:

Camp Gan Israel  
1726 Gan Israel Trail  
P.O. Box 535  
Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0

### **Medical Form**

The comprehensive form is online on your parent dashboard, select health form and please fill out all the applicable forms. This form does not have to be filled out by your doctor. **We are not responsible for any medical expenses**, therefore for campers that are residents of Ontario the **Health Card Number must appear clearly on the medical form**. Please include a clear photo of the OHIP card. A VISA/MasterCard/AMEX number must be submitted for prescriptions and service not covered by OHIP. Quebec campers should submit their Quebec coverage information. All out of Ontario campers **MUST** purchase full medical coverage for Ontario i.e. **travellers insurance, see page 5**. There will be a charge for each visit to a doctor off camp grounds. Your credit card on file will be charged and documentation for your insurance claim will be sent to you.

### **Medical Staff**

We have an experienced Paramedic and Hatzalah member serving as our on- site medical staff member. We have also obtained the services of Dr. Ronald Zucker, a surgeon at Sick Kids Hospital and our neighbour who has graciously offered his expertise and will be on call throughout the summer.

**Medication**

Any medications that a camper is taking must be brought to the infirmary. A designated time will be coordinated on the first day so that the camper can bring their medicine and introduce themselves to the infirmary faculty. The medicine will be distributed to the campers during meal times, rest hour or night activity. Early A.M. medicine will be available at the infirmary immediately after wake up. If an alternate arrangement is necessary, the infirmary faculty will do their best to make accommodations. All medication and medical conditions will be strictly confidential.

**NY BUS: All campers traveling will need a border letter signed by their parents as well as VALID ID**

To reserve a spot on the New York bus be sure to fill out the transportation form online asap.

**Office Hours in camp:**

The office will be open daily from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2p.m. - 4 p.m. Phone number: 705- 754- 9920  
Otherwise feel free to leave a message, which will be returned within 24 hours.

**Payments and Boarding Pass**

A payment plan and postdated visas must be given in at time of registration. No camper will be permitted on the bus unless the camp office has received full payment, completed medical form, signed guide form, Credit Card on file, and lice form (for girls). A boarding card will be sent to you upon receipt of all above items, please make sure we receive all prerequisite items by May 31, 2015.

**Reading Materials and Music**

Only Jewish and Chassidish reading material and music can be in camp. Any reading material or music that does not conform to the standards of CGI will be confiscated for the duration of the camp session.

**Returning from Camp**

Campers will arrive in Toronto between 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 am

Girls: Monday, July 25, 2016

Boys: Monday, August 29, 2016

The bus will drop campers off at 770 Chabad Gate and then proceed to Toronto International Airport. Flights for the return trip should be booked for after 1:30 pm- 6:00 pm. We can't assume responsibility for alternative transportation. We anticipate having bus transportation directly from NY.

**Safety Watch**

1. For safety purposes each swimmer in the girls' session is required to wear a bright colored bathing cap which can only be bought in camp for \$5. **No camper or staff member is permitted near the lake without a lifeguard present.** 2. For safety reasons crocs are not permitted to be worn outside the bunkhouse.

**Signed Guide Form**

**Parent and child must sign, agreeing to all rules and conditions, the form is on the parent dashboard.**

**Telephone Calls**

Please do not expect a call from your child during the first week of camp. Should you want to inquire how your child is adjusting, feel free to call the office or email us. Henceforth, each bunk will have a designated time once a week to call home. The day of the week will be posted on our website as well as

be emailed to you. At the same time, we ask for your cooperation by not calling camp to speak to your daughter, unless it is an **"emergency"**. At such time, please contact the directors' cell phone and a message will be forwarded. A steady flow of letters or e-mails, are the best replacement for phone calls. Do not be worried if your daughter doesn't call you on her designated day, trips and special activities can sometimes push off calling day.

You can expect phone calls between 12:30- 6:00 pm

Bunks Aleph, Beis: Sunday

Bunks Gimmel, Daled: Monday

Bunks Hay, Vov: Tuesday

Bunks Zayin, Ches: Wednesday

Bunks Tes, Yud: Thursday

Bunk Yud Alef, Yud Beis: Friday

### **Tipping**

If you will not be visiting on visiting day, please send your child with a tip for the 2 counselors, learning counselor (boys), and waiter/waitress. You can send it in an envelope, clearly marked tips. There is an online option available, please make sure to write which staff member it is for.

### **Travel Information- Out of Town Campers**

Parents of out of town campers must complete a transportation information form online asap.

### **Travelers Insurance**

**You can contact Mr. Noach Heimen 718-387-2114 to purchase insurance.**

### **Tznius (girls)**

The true grace of a wardrobe lies in how it expresses the real, soft spoken beauty of your Yiddishe Neshama, a Bas Yisroel and Bas Chabad.

Any item of clothing that is **not Tzniusdik will be confiscated** and returned at the end of the month. Please don't take any risks. If you have any doubts, don't bring it! We don't want any camper to be put in an embarrassing position by bringing clothing that are unacceptable. Please be sure to only pack items that will be allowed in camp.

Compulsory guidelines for girls:

- Shirts: Sleeves on shirts/blouses must cover elbows under all circumstances, and have a proper neckline, completely covering the collarbone
- Skirts must cover knees at all times, whether sitting, jumping, or dancing
- **ONLY TIGHTS CAN BE WORN WITH SHORT(Knee length) SKIRTS, NO EXCEPTIONS**
- No tight fitted clothing should be worn.
- There are absolutely no slits allowed in skirts (no matter the size).
- Nail polish is not allowed.
- Only one piece bathing suits are allowed.
- Proper robes and socks must be worn to and from the lake.
- Only knee socks or tights are permitted.
- **Sleepwear must be Tznius, shorts are not allowed, pajama pants are allowed under a nightgown or long knee length t-shirt on top.**
- Leggings CANNOT be brought to camp.

- Shabbos robes are not allowed in the dining room or Shul. Please make sure your children bring Shabbos clothes.

### **Visiting Day**

Being that a large percentage of our campers are out of towners, there will be activities for all the children who do not have visitors.

We invite all family and friends of our campers and staff to come visit camp.

Girls: July 17, 2016

Boys: August 21, 2016

Visiting hours: 1:30p.m. - 5:00 P.M. city time. Food, soft drinks and snacks will be sold at the canteen.

### **CGI Checklist**

#### **Before camp:**

- ☐ Your full payment
- ☐ Complete medical form with VISA/MasterCard/ AMEX and expiry date for medical purposes
- ☐ Transportation form filled out online

#### **Bring to camp:**

- ☐ Lice form (GIRLS ONLY)
- ☐ Tip/ canteen/ spending money- if you have not done it online
- ☐ Border letter/ Valid ID for travel for non-Canadian residents

### **Numbers to Remember During Camp**

To speak to the secretary call during designated office hours. Otherwise you can leave a message on the answering machine. We will do our utmost to return the call within 24 hours. If the call is of urgent nature, please state that in your message so that we can prioritize the messages. Please use utmost discretion when calling the directors' cell phone. These numbers should be used for emergency calls only.

**Camp Office:** 705 754 9920

**City Office:** 905- 731-7000 ext. 222, 225 or 235

### **CELLPHONE FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY:**

**Rabbi Itchy Grossbaum, Camp Director:** 416-356-5739 [igrossbaum@chabad.ca](mailto:igrossbaum@chabad.ca)

**Goldy Grossbaum, Girl's Director:** 416-356-5761 [director@ganisraeltoronto.com](mailto:director@ganisraeltoronto.com)

Infirmery email address: [infirmeryatCGI@gmail.com](mailto:infirmeryatCGI@gmail.com)

To email campers: [Campersemail@gmail.com](mailto:Campersemail@gmail.com)

#### **CITY MAILING ADDRESS:**

Camp Gan Israel  
770 Chabad Gate  
Thornhill, ON L4J 3V9

#### **CAMP MAILING ADDRESS:**

Camp Gan Israel  
1726 Gan Israel Trail  
P.O. Box 535  
Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0





March 15, 2016

Dear Parents,

As you are certainly aware, safety is our number 1 concern and priority.

We train our staff, instill the importance and urgency in all areas of child welfare and protection.

We would like to communicate with you about an extremely important issue that deserves your personal consideration as we get ready for what will *b'ezraz Hashem* be a wonderful camp season.

Over the years, the Association of Jewish Camp Operators (AJCO), which serves as an umbrella group for Orthodox Jewish summer camps, has issued guidelines and suggestions on a number of camp issues.

In response to inquiries from a number of camps the AJCO coordinated certain efforts to help protect the privacy and bodily integrity of our children. Among other things the AJCO works with various summer camps to take positive steps to avoid any potential problems. AJCO prepared guidelines on how to advise your children to respond in the event that their bodily privacy has been threatened or *chas v'shalom* violated.

We are therefore enclosing a "Keep it Safe" fact sheet that has been prepared by AJCO in conjunction with the experts at OHEL Children's Home and Family Services. We respectfully urge you to speak to your child/ren and convey important points outlined in the enclosed document.

As mentioned above, we are committed to taking every step in our power to protect the safety of our campers and staff. We will be doing our part by sensitizing staff members regarding this issue, and we respectfully enlist your assistance in speaking to your children as well. Of course, please feel free to call us if any issue or problem arises, or if you have any further questions.

Looking forward to a wonderful summer, both *b'ruchniyus u'vegashmius*.

Sincerely,

*Rabbi Itchy & Goldy Grossbaum*

## KEEP IT SAFE

Things to tell your child before the camp season:

- Explain to your child that there are unfortunately a small number of people with a sickness that gives them the *yetzer hara* to touch children immodestly- i.e. in a place ordinarily covered by a bathing suit.
- Teach your child that no one, not even a camper or even a person in a position of authority or a close relative, has the right to touch him or her in such a way.
- Teach your child that it is OK to say to such a person, "No, get away."
- Let your child know that he should tell you or a trusted member of the camp administration, such as the camp director or head counselor, about an inappropriate touching. Emphasize that this does not constitute *loshon hora* or any other *aveirah*; and that in fact is a mitzvah to report such matters.
- Tell your child that he should not be afraid of threats from anyone who touches him improperly. Both you and the camp administration will protect him.

General pointers:

- Be alert for changes in your child's behavior that could signal abuse, such as sudden secretiveness, sleeplessness, withdrawal from activities or increased anxiety.
- If your child is a victim of abuse, don't blame him. Listen and consult with a competent professional.
- Above all, let your child know that he can always tell you anything without fear of blame. Communication is critical.

## Suggested Clothing List

Please send this list with your child, so they can use it as a reference when packing to leave camp.

### Bedding

- ☐ 1 Pillow
- ☐ 1 Blanket
- ☐ 1 Sleeping bag
- ☐ 2 sets of linen

### Toiletries

- ☐ Toothbrush
- ☐ Toothpaste
- ☐ Shampoo
- ☐ Face soap
- ☐ Body wash
- ☐ Laundry bag
- ☐ Nail clipper
- ☐ Comb/brush

### Girls Clothing

- ☐ 12 Undershirts
- ☐ 12 Underwear
- ☐ 12 pairs of knee socks/tights
- ☐ 9 Skirts
- ☐ 10 T-shirts
- ☐ 4 Shabbos outfits
- ☐ 2 Heavy sweaters
- ☐ 4 Nightgowns
- ☐ 1 raincoat
- ☐ 1 pair of slippers
- ☐ 1 pair of sneakers
- ☐ 1 pair of Shabbos shoes
- ☐ 1 pair of rainboots
- ☐ 1 sunhat

### Girl's Swimming and showering

- ☐ 2 one piece bathing suits
- ☐ 1 pair of swimming shoes that can be worn with socks
- ☐ 1 bathrobe (Tznius)
- ☐ 3 towels
- ☐ 2 washcloth
- ☐ \$5 for a bathing cap in the correct color corresponding to your daughters swimming level
- ☐ 2 washcloths

### Miscellaneous

- ☐ Siddur/chitas
- ☐ Flashlight/batteries
- ☐ Paper and envelopes
- ☐ Stamps (will be sold in canteen)
- ☐ Pen
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Insect repellent
- ☐ Camera

### Boys Clothing

- ☐ 12 Undershirts
- ☐ 12 Underwear
- ☐ 10 Socks
- ☐ 8 pairs of Long pants
- ☐ 10 T-shirts
- ☐ 3 Dress shirts
- ☐ 1 Shabbos suit/ pants
- ☐ 2 Tzitzis
- ☐ 2 Heavy sweaters
- ☐ 3 Pajamas
- ☐ 1 Raincoat
- ☐ 1 pair of Slippers
- ☐ 1 pair of Sneakers
- ☐ 1 pair of Shabbos shoes
- ☐ 1 pair of Rainboots
- ☐ 2 Yarmulkas
- ☐ 1 Baseball cap/ Baseball mitt

### Boy's Swimming and showering

- ☐ 2 Bathing trunks
- ☐ 1 pair of swimming shoes
- ☐ 1 bathrobe
- ☐ 3 towels

Clearly label all clothing (and all items brought to camp) with name tags, labels or permanent marker.

Luggage is limited to 2 bags.