

# Parent Information Book

## Camp Gan Izzy Berkeley



Winter Camp 2023

*"A Winter Camp of Friendship & Fun Jewish Experience"*

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## Welcome!

Dear Parents,

It is with great excitement that we welcome you and your child to the Gan Izzy Family. We look forward to providing you and your family with an enriching Jewish winter camp experience full of fun times, new friends and great memories. Our staff are eager to get to know your child and give them an incredible time at camp.

What makes our program unique is our focus on campers as individuals and our commitment to providing each one of them with a nurturing experience. We design our program to provide for your child's social, emotional and cultural wellbeing. The daily schedule is infused with activities, arts n' crafts, songs and stories relating to their Jewish identity. It's a place where Judaism comes alive in a fun way.

Our staff here at Camp Gan Israel is dedicated to giving each child an unforgettable experience. Your child will grow and form special relationships with friends and role models to cherish for a lifetime. Every decision that is made in the planning and operation of camp is always made with a focus on safety.

Please review this handbook to familiarize yourself with camp procedures and policies. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Mendy & Menucha Blank

Directors

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### Communication

Camp will be sending the latest camp updates and messages through the Brightwheel App. We will also have a Whatsapp broadcast group as well.

It is best to keep communication in the brightwheel app if it is not urgent.

If it's an emergency please call Mendy 510-859-8808. Counselors will not take calls during camp hours.

### Dates & Times

Camp begins on Dec 25 and continues till Jan 5.

Camp hours are from 9:00am - 3:00pm. **Friday 9:00am-2:00PM**

**Early Care:** 8:00 am - 9:00 am

**Camp Hours** 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**After Care:** 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

### Location

Camp takes place at 1710 University Ave. Berkeley CA 94703

### Drop Off /Pick Up

Morning drop off is **9:00 am**. Please do not drop your child off earlier than 8:50am.

When you drop off and pick up your child, please use the QR code to check them in or out.

End of the day pick up is from **3:00pm-3:15pm**.

If a child needs to be picked up early please coordinate with Rabbi Mendy.

Please make sure to add anyone who will be picking up your child to their profile in the brightwheel system

**We ask that you make an effort to be on time for drop off and pick up. Please contact us if you anticipate being late.**

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### Food

Camp will be providing lunch but not breakfast. Campers should eat breakfast before coming to camp. Please let us know if your child has any food allergies.

Please send your child with 2 large kosher snacks every day, including a drink. Drinking water will be available on camp grounds and campers will be encouraged to hydrate often, especially during outdoor sports and activities.

Here is the general menu for camp.

If there's change in the menu schedule we will send out a message

General Lunch Menu
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Monday: Hotdogs, tofu pups, French fries, and veggie sticks</b></li><li>2. <b>Tuesday: Fish sticks, salad, and rice</b></li><li>3. <b>Wednesday: Spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, and salad</b></li><li>4. <b>Thursday: Pizza, fries, and veggie sticks or Macaroni and cheese/bread/salad</b></li><li>5. <b>Friday: Chicken soup, potato kugel, and veggie sticks</b></li><li>6. <b>Trip Day Sandwiches: Peanut butter, Jelly, Tuna, Cheese</b></li></ol>
<b>Veggies:</b> Cherry Tomato, Cucumbers, Baby Peppers, Veggie Sticks, Shredded Iceberg/Carrots
<b>Dessert/Snack:</b> Fruits, Banana/ apple/orange/plum , Cookies, Granola bars

### What to Bring to Camp

- **Water Bottles**

Please bring a reusable water bottle daily, marked clearly with the camper's name. There is water on site for them to fill up with and campers will be encouraged to hydrate often.

- **Sweater/Rain Jacket**

Many mornings it is cool in camp. Please make sure your child has a sweater.

### Lost & Found

We encourage you to mark items your child brings to camp with his/her name. Shirts, backpacks, etc. can seem identical and individual items are difficult to identify without a label. Lost & Found items will be placed in a bin at camp. If needed please contact us regarding specific items and we'll do our best to help you locate them.

### What Not to Bring to Camp

Cell phones and electronic devices are *not* permitted to be used during camp hours. We ask you to please not send your child to camp with a cell phone. Cell phones tend to detract from group activities and the camp spirit.

Camp Gan Israel cannot take responsibility for toys, jewelry, sports equipment, or other valuables that are lost or broken during camp hours.

**Looking forward to another wonderful winter camp at Camp Gan  
Israel!**

**Our Staff:**

**Senior Directors: Rabbi Yehuda and Miriam Ferris**

**Directors: Rabbi Mendy and Menucha Blank**

**Head Counselor: Ms. Chaya Mushka Schapiro**

**Counselors:**

**Ms. Sarah Hertzal, Ms. Nechama Bronstein, Ms. Chava Diskin**



**See You Soon!**