

WELCOME to The Finder Family Camp Gan Israel, part of the largest and fastest growing network of Jewish day camps in the world. Our camp enjoys a well-earned reputation as a trendsetter with innovative ideas, creative programs and new activities being introduced continuously. Many a child has been known to wait all year to come back to Gan Israel! From “Kiddie Kamp” to our “Pioneer Division”, campers will enjoy a wide range of age appropriate, exciting activities and field trips, in a warm and vivacious atmosphere.



INFORMATION about our program: Our camp is located at Nestle Ave. School in Tarzana. Camp hours are Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Extended care is available from 7:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m. Transportation is available from local pick up points throughout the S. Fernando Valley . Our 4 divisions accommodate children ages 4.9 - 14. Information regarding tuition,

scholarships and the dates of camp can be found on the back panel of this brochure. For additional information or to set up an appointment or tour of the campus please call **818-906-9540**.

SAFETY and security are the number one concerns. Counselors to camper ratios are structured to maintain the highest levels of supervision. Staff members go through extensive training including CPR and first aid. Buses are well maintained and safety inspections are done daily. Our spacious 7 acre campsite is fully enclosed.



STAFF are handpicked from our international network of teacher’s colleges and seminars throughout the world. From Australia to Israel to London to New York, our highly trained staff bring a unique flavor and lively spirit. Counselors at Gan Israel do more than just supervise activities and maintain order. Through songs, cheers and original games and activities,

the counselors form a bond with the campers that often lasts well beyond the summer experience.

SPORTS activities are an exciting element of our program. Supervised by our experienced counselors and instructors, campers will develop sportsmanship and confidence. They will also learn the fundamentals of sports such as baseball, basketball, soccer, hockey, volleyball, football, kickball and dodge-ball as they engage in individual and team competition. Our **league sports program**, held twice per week, adds an element of competitiveness with trophies, an “All Star Game” and a “World Series” competition.



SWIMMING activities which include recreational swimming, water sports and swimming instruction are refreshing elements of our camp schedule. All aquatic activities are under constant careful supervision of trained experienced Red Cross certified lifeguards. Rest assured that safety is our primary concern.

ARTS & CRAFTS are a real highlight at Gan Israel. Under the professional guidance of our full time Arts & Crafts director, campers are taught to develop their creativity and imagination. Projects incorporate various themes in Jewish life as well as items of practical and artistic value.



INDOOR ACTIVITIES take place in our fully air conditioned auditorium and activity rooms. Drama, Dance, Robotics and Martial Arts offer opportunities for our campers to develop their talents and self confidence. Our 3 fully equipped, game rooms, include the latest state-of-the-art full size video games, as well as more traditional games such as ski-ball and foosball.

JEWISH CULTURE

is brought to life at Gan Israel. Our campers are imbued with a deep sense of pride in their religious heritage and a love for Israel. Our group discussions and educational programs are designed to meet the individual needs of each child, from beginner lessons for first time Hebrew readers to advanced Torah learning for yeshiva students.



TRIPS are a specialty at Gan Israel. From local attractions such as bowling, roller skating, ice skating, Sherman Oaks Castle, ESPN Zone, the beach, Scooters Jungle, Go Kart World, Under the Sea, hiking, boating, and golfing, to major trips to Knotts Berry Farm, the Science Center, Overnight camping and Magic Mountain, Gan Israel is always on the go! Counselors receive specialized training to ensure they have the skills to properly supervise campers on off-campus excursions.

FUNDAYS are the heart and soul of Camp Gan Israel. Memorable events such as Rock Climbing, Carnival Day, Talent Show, Color War, Bean Hunt, Prize Auction, and Water Day are just part of the unique and innovative programming that help create the special *Gan Izzy Spirit* that lingers well beyond the summer.



PIONEERS are what we call our oldest division; boys & girls age 12 - 14. This program which is completely independent from the rest of camp, is geared to the advanced interests of campers in their early teens. The program features organized sports, special field trips, overnight camping and reserved privileges. Pioneer excursions include, Wave Running, Speed Boating, Dodger Games, Big Bear, Alpine Sliding, Sea World and 3 day overnights. Pioneer groups are supervised by competent senior counselors, qualified to lead teenagers.

KIDDIE KAMP Gan Israel’s special program for children ages 4.9 - 6 (entering kindergarten), offers an exceptional early-childhood environment. Emphasis is placed on both indoor and outdoor activities in a specially designed kindergarten setting. Aside from visiting many of the marvelous California attractions, our Kiddie Kamp program visits the fire house, Scooters Jungle, Under the Sea and many other age-appropriate educational outings.



THE FINDER FAMILY CAMP GAN ISRAEL APPLICATION FORM 2011

Camper's Name	Gender	Birthday	Age	Session		School Attended	Grade Entering	Place with (Up to 3 friends) Your child will be placed with at least 1 of them
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Parent's Name _____ Home Phone _____
 Address _____ Father's Cell _____
 City _____ ZIP _____ Mother's Cell _____
 Email _____ Parent's Signature _____
 Date _____