

PARENT'S GUIDE



**SUMMER CAMP
THEATER CAMP
CAMP KAVOD
DANCE CAMP**



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NOTE:

This guide is for Early Childhood, Upper Camp, Theater Camp, Dance Camp, and Camp Kavod. Certain information may only be relevant to a specific program. These cases will be notated in the margin as follows:

EC = Early Childhood
UC = Upper Camp
CK = Camp Kavod
SC = Specialty Camp
 (Theater or Dance)

Any information not notated applies to all programs.

To Do List

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuition balance | <input type="checkbox"/> Birthday form (if applicable) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permission to Administer Medication form | <input type="checkbox"/> Label all clothing & apparel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camper Information form | <input type="checkbox"/> Mark your calendar with important dates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical forms from your physician | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare meds (if applicable) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apparel form | |



GROUP ASSIGNMENTS

Throughout this manual, we refer to group names. The information below will help you determine your child's unit and group.

EC

Early childhood units are simply named 2's, 3's, and 4's. Your child will be placed according to their age in the appropriate unit. Within each unit there are several groups. You will be notified of the specific group assignment by a phone call from one of the group counselors in the days leading up to camp.

Within each upper camp unit there are several groups. You will be notified of the specific group assignment by the group leader in the days preceding camp.

UC

Kindergarten - Chaverim
Grades 1 - 2 - Simcha/Ora
Grades 3 - 4 - Giborim
Grades 5 - 6 - Bogrim
Grades 7 - 9 - Manhigim

CK

Kavod campers are grouped by age, skill level, and camper readiness. Group placement is contingent upon camper enrollment. Adjustments may be made based on enrollment. You will be notified of the specific group assignment by the head counselor, the week before camp.

CK

Pre-K - 2nd grade - Aleph
Grades 3 - 6 - Bet
Grades 6 - 12 - Gimel & Daled

SC

Theater and Dance Camp operates at the Sandler Center and runs as an independent group. All campers are together during various parts of the day depending on activity. (eg. choreography, set building, acting, etc.)

Buddy Requests

EC UC

Upon registering for camp, you have the opportunity to make requests regarding bunk placements. We will do our best to honor reciprocal requests when possible, but they are not guaranteed. We occasionally receive non-requests. While we treat each request individually, and handle all situations with as much discretion as possible, this type of request can often be difficult to honor. In general, we ask that you trust us to use our experience and expertise to ensure your child is placed in the most suitable environment.



DATES & CONTACTS

Important Dates

The following are the session dates for this summer. They are provided as a reminder for your reference.

EC
SC

Session A: June 12 - July 7 (no camp July 4)
Session B: July 10 - August 4

UC
CK
UC

Session I: June 12 - June 23
Session II: June 26 - July 7 (no camp July 4)
Session III: July 10 - July 21
Session IV: July 24 - August 4
Post Camp: August 7 - August 11

ATTENTION PARENT'S OF TWO YEAR OLDS:

All 2 year old campers will meet their counselors on their first day of camp. You and your child will attend camp for 45 minutes. Please see your "A" or "B" letter for times to attend.

Other important dates to keep note of are:

May 1	Tuition due in full
May 15	Apparel orders due
May 24	Manhigim Informational Meeting (For campers and parents in the Manhigim program) 6:30 pm
June 1	All forms due (including medical forms)
June 8	UC and EC Meet and Greet (For campers and parents) Early Childhood 4:00 - 6:00 pm (except 2's) Upper Camp 4:30 - 6:30 pm (except Chaverim)
June 11	Kavod Meet and Greet (For Aleph & Bet 4:30-5:30)
June 11	Kavod Meet and Greet (For Gimel & Daled 5:30-6:30)
June 11	Chaverim Meet and Greet 1:00-2:00
	Theater and Dance Camp have no Meet and Greet.

Contacts:

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Upper Camp
Jonathan Marcus
561-852-5090
Theater Camp
Alan Nash
561-558-2512
Nicole Rosen
954-471-6425

Camp Hours

Pre-Care		7:30 am - 8:30 am
2's	1/2 Day	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
3's	1/2 Day	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
3's & 4's	3/4 Day	9:00 am - 2:30 pm
3's & 4's	Full Day	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Upper Camp		9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Camp Kavod		9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Theater Camp		9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Post Care		4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Office Hours		8:30 am - 4:15 pm

MORNING ARRIVAL

UC **Drop Off** Campers registered for Pre-Care may be dropped off no earlier than 7:30 am in front of the Zale Early Childhood building. Early Childhood campers should be walked inside for Pre-Care.

CK

All drivers on campus must have a valid license and/or a decal on their car. One decal per family will be provided at no charge. Additional decals can be purchased from the Levis JCC membership office for \$10. Decals will be available at the Meet and Greet or by mail upon request.

EC

Temporary entry cards to open doors for parents of Early Childhood campers will be available in the camp office. A \$20 refundable deposit will be required.

EC
CK

All parents must walk their children into the camp room the first day of camp (first 3 days for Camp Kavod). Campers who attend 9:00 am to 12:00 pm must be escorted by a parent to their camp rooms for the entire camp session.

EC

There are two lines in the front of the Zale Early Childhood Learning Center. The line on the left is for parents waiting for parking spots. The line on the right is for the carpool drop-off.

EC

After the first day, all 3 and 4 year old campers may use the carpool drop-off in front of the Zale Early Childhood Learning Center. If your child is crying, upset, or unwilling to leave your car, you will need to park in a parking spot and walk your child into his/her camp room. In the event your child is unable to separate, you will be asked to remain in the classroom until your child is comfortable.

- Children will be greeted at the cars starting at 8:45 am and escorted safely to their appropriate camp room.
- We ask all parents to remain in their cars while in the carpool line, unless your child is being walked in.
- Carpool tags will be given out during orientation. At drop-off, always display your child's name by hanging the tag on the rear view mirror.

UC
CK

IF A CAR HAS CAMPERS GOING TO BOTH EARLY CHILDHOOD AND UPPER CAMP OR CAMP KAVOD, THE OLDER CAMPER AND/OR KAVOD CAMPER MUST BE DROPPED OFF FIRST. THE REMAINING EARLY CHILDHOOD CAMPERS WILL BE DROPPED OFF AT THE ZALE DROP-OFF AREA.

TC

Theater Camp drop off is at the Sandler Center. We recommend using the 95th Ave S entrance for easiest access. Campers can be dropped off from 8:45 onward.

Late Arrival Any camper who arrives late (after staff is no longer present at the drop off area) must be brought to the camp office by the parent, where they will be signed in and escorted to their group by a camp staff member. **DO NOT just drop your child and have them go by themselves to their camp group and DO NOT take them directly to an activity area or to their room.**

Everyone runs late from time to time, but habitual lateness is extremely disruptive to the smooth operation of camp programming, particularly in younger age groups. If for any reason you expect to be unable to drop off your child on time on a regular basis, please contact the Camp Director to work out an individual plan.



DISMISSAL

General Carpool Policies

1. **No Cell Phone use in the carpool line.**
2. Make sure your carpool sign with your child's name and group is displayed.
3. PICKUP POINT A: Early Childhood (1:00, 2:30, 4:00), Chaverim, Simcha/Ora will take place in front of the Zale building. Two year old camper pickup will take place at the classroom.
4. PICKUP POINT B: Giborim, Bogrim, Manhigim and Kavod Gimel & Daled will take place in the rear of the Cultural Arts building. (Kavod Aleph & Bet will have classroom pickup)

Once parked, please do not move forward until directed, even if the car in front of you has moved forward.

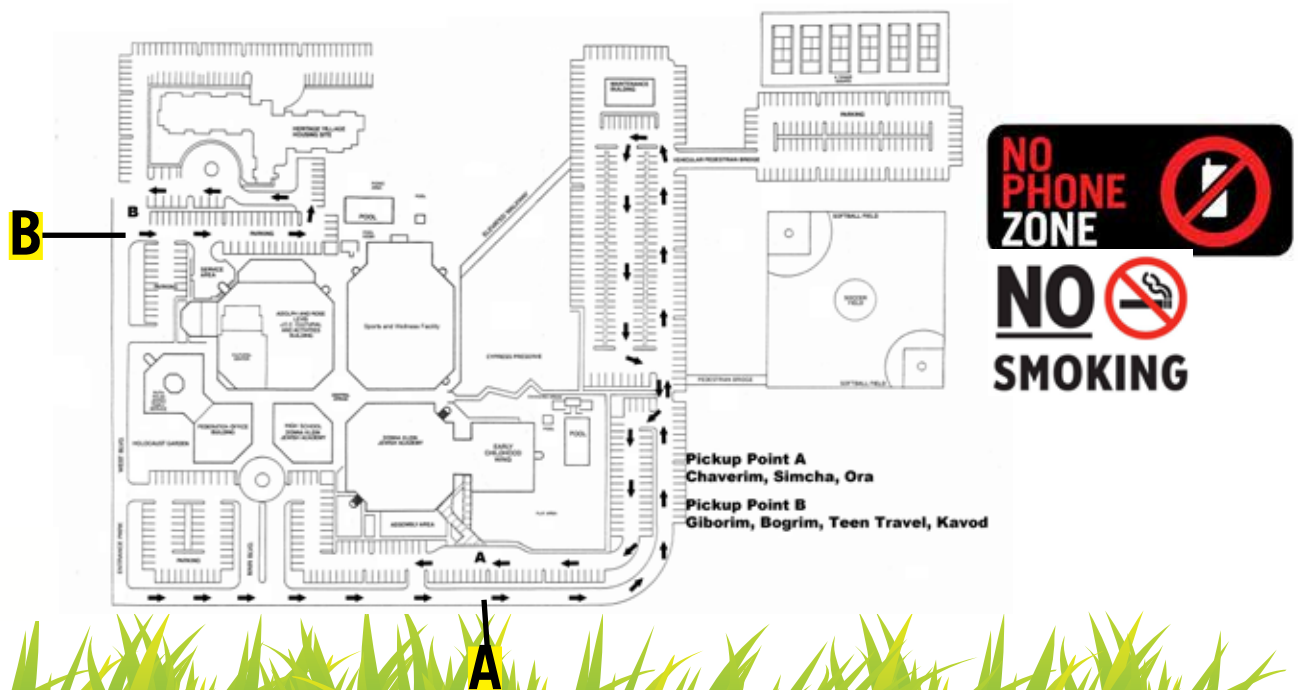
NOTE: Older children will dismiss with younger children if they share a carpool. Camp staff will escort the older camper to the appropriate younger camp group.

Do not ask your child to be somewhere other than their assigned carpool location!

Early Dismissal If you want to pick up your child in lieu of participating in the carpool dismissal, you must notify the camp office by 3:00 pm and pick up at the camp office by 3:30 pm. On Friday's, the times are 2:00 and 2:30, respectively. (Early Childhood early dismissal must pick up 15 minutes prior to dismissal in the room.)

Alternate Driver If your child is to be picked up from camp by someone other than yourself or pre-authorized designee, please submit in writing the name of the alternate driver to the camp office. Identification will be required from the alternate driver.

Dismissal Map



MEDICAL INFO

Mandatory Medical Forms

Medical examinations must be arranged with your family physician and the **Medical Form #3040 and Immunization Form #680 (supplied by your physician) must be completed and returned to us no later than June 1st.** Information pertaining to any medications that you will be sending with your child to camp is to be included on the medical form.

In addition to the required medical forms, as part of the terms and conditions of enrollment in camp, we ask parents to inform us about other medically related issues affecting your child(ren). This includes any pre-existing cognitive, social and/or motor disabilities, or a change in dosage of regularly prescribed medication.

The Camp Infirmary is staffed by a licensed nurse. In cases when we feel the child should be taken home due to illness, we will ask parents to come and pick up their child. If your child is not feeling well (and you know this better than anyone else) in the morning, please keep your child home. A child that is vomiting or has fever will not be permitted to remain at camp. We wish to protect all the children coming to camp. If your child contracts any contagious disease, please notify the camp office immediately.



Campers will not be permitted to attend camp without completed medical forms.

Medication

If your child is to take any prescription medication during the camp day, his/her medicine must be kept by the nurse (or trip leader when traveling) unless special circumstances exist. Prescription medication will be administered only under the following conditions:

- The medication must be in the original prescription container. The container must have a label with the name of the child, name of the medicine, dosage, the date and the name of the doctor.
- The prescription medication will be administered according to label instructions only.
- A medical permission form must be filled out and signed by both physician and parent or guardian. Forms are available on the Levis JCC website, in the camp office or in the infirmary.

Early Childhood Related Health & Safety Issues

EC

- All children are allowed to come to camp in diapers until they have learned to use the toilet on a consistent basis. "Pull-ups", however, are not permitted to be worn to camp. Children who are not securely trained need to wear swim diapers with a proper vinyl covering.

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- No bottles or pacifiers are allowed to be brought into the Camp Room.
- Each camper should have a complete change of clothes in their cubbies. Please bring these items to the Meet & Greet (except for 2's, bring on first day).



Injuries

For minor accidents not requiring medical attention, campers will be brought to the nurse for treatment and notification will be sent home explaining the incident. Should emergency medical treatment be required for your child while he/she is at camp, the following procedures will be followed:

- We will first call parents(s) or guardian(s). If unable to be reached, the emergency phone numbers given to us and/or your child's personal physician will be called.
- If the emergency contacts are unavailable, and emergency attention is required, 911 emergency services will be called to transport your child to the hospital. For the convenience of all members, the Adolph and Rose Levis JCC has excess group medical accident insurance. This plan covers injuries caused by accident while participating in Adolph and Rose Levis JCC activities and is subject to \$100 deductible. Benefits are payable based on what is not covered by your insurance carrier.

EMERGENCY PLANNING

As part of our campus wide safety plan, we use a notification system to contact parents/guardians and staff on camp emergency/hurricane related issues.

The system will only be utilized as needed to send out mass emails and or text messages to parents and staff in the event of an emergency/weather related situation.

In order to implement the text messaging component, parents will need to provide the name of their cell phone carrier. You may have already done this when registering for camp. If not, we will be in touch with you prior to the start of camp to obtain this information. There is no need to opt-in to the service.

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this service.



WHAT TO WEAR & BRING

ALL CAMPERS

MANDATORY

- ☐ Pool Shoes
- ☐ Sneakers (nonmarking soles)
- ☐ Water Bottle
- ☐ Sunscreen

ALL CAMPERS

RECOMMENDED

- ☐ 1 Hat or Cap
- ☐ Sweatshirt
- ☐ Comb or Brush

EARLY CHILDHOOD

- ☐ Diaper (if needed)
- ☐ Swim Diaper & Cover (if needed)
- ☐ Sleeping mat
- ☐ Full change of clothing, labeled
- ☐ 1 Bathing Suit
- ☐ 1 Towel

KAVOD ALEPH/BET

- ☐ 1 Bathing Suit
- ☐ 1 Towel
- ☐ Full change of clothing
- ☐ Sleeping Mat (Aleph 1)
- ☐ Diapers (if needed)
- ☐ Swim diaper and cover (if needed)

Chaverim

- ☐ 1 Bathing Suit
- ☐ 1 Towel
- ☐ Full change of clothing, labeled

SIMCHA/ORA &

GIBORIM

- ☐ 1 Bathing Suit
- ☐ 1 Towel

BOGRIM,

MANHIGIM &

KAVOD BET, GIMEL,

DALED

- ☐ 1 Bathing Suit
- ☐ 1 Towel
- ☐ Change of clothing (if needed)

Camp Apparel

Each camper is required to wear an official camp t-shirt on all Fridays and Upper Camp off-campus trips.

Each camper will be provided with one official camp shirt. Additional shirts may be purchased for \$12 per shirt in the camp office. Limited stock will be available so it is recommended that orders be placed prior to May 15th. It is our recommendation that campers in Early Childhood and Chaverim order at least 1 shirt. Campers in Simcha, Ora, or Giborim order at least 2 shirts. Campers in Bogrim and Manhigim order at least 3 shirts. Kavod campers order at least 4 shirts and are required to wear a camp shirt daily.

We take your child's health and safety seriously. Please help us by making sure your child brings all of these items to camp every day.

BE SURE TO LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD(REN)'S NAME.

Special Notes

- Early Childhood 2:30 pm and 4:00 pm campers need a 1" thick plastic sleeping mat. This may be purchased in the camp office. You will need to supply either two towels or a crib size blanket and sheet, which will be sent home weekly for laundering.
- Sunscreen - please apply prior to coming to camp. Due to sensitive allergies, Dept. of Health regulations states that early childhood must have a signed form to apply sunscreen. The bottle must be left at camp all summer.
- Waterproof Bag for wet bathing suit (provided to each camper)
- Slip on sandals (keep in mind that your child will need shoes that he or she can easily put on wet feet.
- Underwear (If your child comes to camp in a bathing suit)
- Swim diaper and cover if needed

Do Not Send to Camp

Food, jewelry, iPads, toys, cell phones (unless going on a trip). We can not be held responsible for items that are lost or damaged while at camp or on a trip.

SC Theater Campers will be instructed as to appropriate attire during their introduction.



COMMUNICATIONS

UC *Parents of Manhigim Campers*

The Manhigim program includes a considerable amount of traveling. This privilege comes with responsibility. We ask that Manhigim campers and parents join us on Wednesday, May 24th at 6:30 pm for a comprehensive review of the program, policies, and procedures.


Going Away?

When you are out of town anytime during the camp season, please advise us (in writing) and provide the name and phone number of local contacts, should it be necessary to contact them.

News & Photos

We will be posting pictures from the camp season on our camp Facebook page. You will be able to view pictures of your child(ren) engaged in some great camp activities, or just spending time with their friends. Please note that we will try to take as many pictures as we can of each child, but it may not be possible to get every child, every day.

If you have any questions or need assistance viewing news or photos, please feel free to call the camp office so that we can help.

We also encourage you to  us on Facebook to stay connected to everything happening at the Levis JCC, including camp.

Levis JCC does not authorize the use of photos or videos of campers or staff on the internet by campers, staff, or their families.

On a weekly basis, we post newsletters

Camper Information Form

Camper information forms allow you to provide information to help us work most effectively with your child(ren). These forms are reviewed only by Camp Directors, and only the relevant information will be shared with your child(ren)'s counselors. Even if your child is returning to camp, he or she may have counselors that do not know him/her. We ask that you complete this form thoroughly and completely, regardless of your child(ren)'s age or previous years at camp.

Remind App

Unit Heads will be making use of the Remind App as a tool to help keep you informed on camp happenings. You will receive an invitation to join a private group. The app can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.



AQUATICS

The swim program is led by Aquatics Director, Kym Backers. Kym is the owner/founder of Pace Setters in Training, a local swim instruction company, focused on providing the lifelong gift of swimming ability and safety. Under her leadership and guidance, the swim staff will apply the same skills and techniques to provide a superior level of instruction in a safe environment.

Philosophy

The aquatics program is an integral part of the daily camp program. We, at the Levis JCC Marleen Forkas Camps, believe firmly that all children should be equipped with fundamental swimming skills. Therefore, we afford time for every camper (age 3+) to participate in the aquatics program on a daily basis. We are sensitive to the needs of beginner swimmers and work diligently with campers who may express reservations about participating in the aquatics program. **We will encourage campers but never force them into the pool.** We always appreciate your support in helping provide your child(ren) with this vital life skill.

Campers swim once per day. Instruction is provided to campers according to the guidelines of the American Red Cross.

Goals

1. To maintain safety at all times
2. To help each camper learn and improve swimming skills at his/her own pace
3. To make it FUN. If campers are having fun, within safety guidelines, they will improve and become more confident. Having fun and developing confidence is what swimming and camp are all about.

On rainy days, the decision will be made by the Aquatics Director whether or not to cancel swim. Please always send a suit with your child as the weather often changes during the day.

Important Information

If your child cannot swim on a given day, he/she must bring a written note from his parent(s)/guardian before being excused from instructional swim.

Private Swimming Lessons

Private lessons for both children and adults are available throughout the summer. For more information on these classes, contact Pacesetters-in-Training at (561) 852-6021.



MISC STUFF

EC **CK** ***Birthdays***

For Camp Kavod and Early Childhood campers, we welcome you to bring in a treat for your child's birthday. Please make arrangements with your child's counselor in advance. **Any items brought must be store bought, Kosher, and nut-free.**

UC
SC For upper camp campers whose birthday falls during camp, you can order a birthday cake for a group celebration during lunch. No other food may be brought into your child's group, whether baked goods from home or kosher products from a local store. This celebration is for campers only.

Lunch/Snack - EC/UC

Lunch is provided to all EC and UC campers in programs until 2:30 or 4:00. The menu will be available online. Cafeteria lunch consist of a hot entree, vegetable, fresh fruit and salad bar. Always available alternatives include bagels and soy butter and jelly sandwiches. EC campers in 12:00 and 1:00 programs should bring a Kosher, dairy or parve lunch. Snacks will also be provided to all campers on a daily basis.

CK ***Lunch/Snack - Kavod***

Camp Kavod campers should bring a Kosher, dairy or parve lunch every day, including field trips. Camp Kavod will provide a healthy snack each day. Some ideas of a dairy lunch include: a tunafish salad sandwich, egg salad sandwich, cheese sandwich, bagels and cream cheese, jelly bagels, cold pizza.

SC Theater Camp actors receive a box lunch daily, which will consist of a hot entree, vegetable, fruit Alternatives will always be available. Snacks will be provided on a daily basis.

Lost & Found

Lost and Found is located in the Camp Office, DKJA Room 122. If you are missing anything, please check the Lost & Found regularly. If for any reason your child comes home with any belongings that do not belong to them, please return them to the camp Lost & Found. We donate to charity any unclaimed items two weeks after camp has ended. Please help us return Lost & Found items to their rightful owner by making sure all clothing is labeled with your child's name.

Observing Your Child

As parents, nothing give us greater pleasure than to watch our children interact with other children and to see them make new friends and to learn new skills. While we understand this urge, we ask that you understand that your presence can inhibit the normal function of activity and supervision. If you wish to observe any camp activity, please try to avoid being seen by any of the children in the group.

Tipping Policy

Acknowledgements of appreciation are encouraged and welcomed by the staff. There are no designated tipping recommendations. Parents are encouraged to use their own judgment.

Throughout the course of the summer, it is possible that a Counselor or CIT may change groups. This most likely would occur at the beginning or end of a session. When this happens, we will notify you so that you make take this into consideration.



Levis JCC Membership

If your child is enrolled in camp, you are entitled to a special offer on a Levis JCC Sports & Wellness Center Membership from June 1 - August 31 for \$18/month for individual or \$36/month for family. This includes:

- Unlimited Group Exercise and Spinning Classes
- Access to the tennis courts
- Access to the gymnasium
- Access to the fitness center

To activate your membership you will need to submit an application form to the Sports and Wellness Center front desk.

UC ***Spending Money*** **CK** **SC**

Our camp tuition covers all costs associated with our camp as well as entrance fees and activity costs for off-campus trips. We provide snacks, meals and drinks on all trips, so it is not necessary for you to send additional money with your child(ren).

We understand that for older campers, having a few dollars for discretionary spending is something they look forward to, so if the opportunity is available, we will allow campers in Bogrim, Manhigim, and Kavod Bet 2, Gimel, and Daled, to bring some money, but we encourage you to be conservative with any allowance given to them. Younger campers should not bring any money with them. They will not have the opportunity to spend money on any of the trips. In order to ensure that no camper feels left out and that all campers are treated equally, we kindly ask that you respect this policy. It only works with your cooperation.

Custody

In compliance with Florida State Statutes, the Adolph & Rose Levis JCC Marleen Forkas Camps maintains documentation as to who has legal custody in the case of divorce. If there is no legal documentation, both parents have the right of access to records and pick-up of their children. It is the custodial parent's responsibility to provide legal documentation verifying custody arrangements. Custodial parents are responsible for notifying the camp in writing of any special circumstances with regard to rights and obligations of the non-custodial parent. This includes providing written permission for the non-custodial parent to pick up a child on a regular basis or for a special occasion.

Conduct

The philosophy of our program is based on mutual respect being shared between staff and children. While all children are valued as individuals with unique qualities and needs, they will be required to interact appropriately with other children and staff in our camp.

We urge you to contact us at any time to discuss your child's camp program. If you have any issues, you are encouraged to first speak to the counselor, but the door to the Director's office is always open to parents.



UPPER CAMP TRIPS, OVERNIGHTS & LATE NIGHTS

Trips

Special events and/or field trips enhance our camp programs and experiences each week. Parents should check their camp calendar for dates when field trips and/or special events will be taking place. In addition, parents can look for reminders which will be sent via email and/or sent home with your camper. All admission and activity fees for special events and field trips are included in the camp fees.

Please have campers wear their camp T-shirts on field trip days.

The following is the tentative trip schedule for this summer. *Please note that all trips are subject to change or possible cancellation due to weather or other schedule conflicts.*

SIMCHA/ORA

Day Trips 6/27, 7/25
Late Nights..... 6/21, 7/19

GIBORIM

Day Trips..... 6/15, 6/22, 6/29, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27
Late Night6/27, 7/25

BOGRIM

Day Trips..... 6/15, 6/22, 7/13, 7/20
Overnights..... 6/28-29 & 7/26-27

MANHIGIM

Day Trips 6/13, 6/14, 6/15, 6/20, 7/5, 7/11, 7/12, 7/18
Overnight 6/21-22, 6/27-29, 7/25-27
4 Day Trip7/17-7/20

THEATER CAMP

Overnight.....6/28-6/29

Overnights and Late Nights

Overnights or late nights are scheduled for many camp programs for campers in the 1st – 9th grades. Information on the program and a clothing/supply list will be sent home in advance. A reminder notice will be sent for each overnight/late night experience.



CAMP KAVOD ADDITIONAL INFO

Field Trips

Day	Destination	Groups
Monday	Bowling	Bet 2, Gimel, Daled 1, Daled 2
Tuesday	Coconut Cove / Ctaft It	Gimel, Daled 1, Daled 2
	Gymnastics Plus	Aleph 1, Aleph 2, Bet 1
Wednesday	See Trip Calendar	Bet 2, Gimel, Daled 1, Daled 2
Friday	See Trip Calendar	Gimel, Daled 1, Daled 2

Camp Conduct

The philosophy of our program is to provide your child with a safe and secure camp environment where each child is valued for their unique strengths and interests. Each camper can look forward to 8 weeks of fun-filled activities on the Levis JCC campus and within the community. In order to ensure that each camper has the opportunity to experience camp in the most positive way, we have established basic behavioral guidelines to maintain the safety and fulfillment of all the campers.

Our camp schedule has been creatively designed to maximize each child's success. We will work diligently to help each child have a wonderful summer. If any camper demonstrates inappropriate actions that could jeopardize his/her safety, the safety of the other campers or staff, the staff will immediately intervene. They will make every effort to redirect the camper to more appropriate actions and to help every child understand the impact of his/her behavior. Depending on the severity of the behavior, the parent may be asked to pick up their child for the remainder of the day. The Camp Director will meet with the parent(s) to strategize ways for the camper to successfully return to camp.

If any child is unable to successfully maintain positive and safe behaviors in camp after the parent/staff team has attempted interventions, the camper may be dismissed from camp for the remainder of the summer.



FOR TEEN CAMPERS

Overview: We recognize that the teenage years are a time for increased independence. The program is specifically tailored to provide opportunities for teens to share time with their friends. In order for this program to be a success, it is of paramount importance that we have parental support. We have in place a set of policies and guidelines with which we expect all of our campers and parents to abide by.

PARENT MEETING: There will be a meeting for campers and parents in Manhigim campers on Wednesday, May 24th at 6:30pm. This meeting will be located in the Sandler Center Beifield Auditorium.



Cell Phones: Campers should not carry cell phones with them while on campus. During trips, campers are allowed to bring their phones. They usually end up texting/taking pictures/ etc with their phones on the bus rides and for the most part we are alright with it, unless it becomes a problem and causes disruption to the program. Campers that abuse this privilege will have their phone confiscated and returned to a parent at the end of the trip.

Supervision: The Unit Head is the one who decides whether or not campers need to walk around amusement parks, water parks, etc. with a counselor. When we allow campers to walk around in groups on their own, campers must be in groups of 4 or more and there is always at least one counselor parked at a “central location” as a reference point for the groups. In all other cases, the campers will either be travelling together as one large group, or broken into smaller groups with a counselor.

Hotel Evenings: Depending on what time it is when we return to the hotel at night, we will usually give the campers a time that they need to be in their rooms for “rounds”. If “rounds” are at 10:30pm for example, the campers will have until then to hang out together. Once they are in their rooms for rounds, that’s it – they are in for the night. The counselors divide up the rooms and make “rounds” – giving the campers all of the info they will need for the next day – wake up time, schedule, etc. During this time, we also do evening meds and deal with other campers issues.

Dress Code: For overnights, we ask the campers to pack at least 2 camp t-shirts. When they travel to places that are very busy or big (amusement park, baseball game, etc) they must wear their camp t-shirts. Otherwise, while on an extended trip, they can wear regular clothes.

A note to parents of CITs: The CIT program is designed to be a training program. It is our hope that by the end of the summer all CITs will be qualified to be considered for a counselor position the following summer. Unfortunately, there are many more CITs than available positions, so employment is not a guarantee. If your child is interested in applying for a position next summer, they will be given instructions on how to do so.

Parent involvement in this process is extremely discouraged. Please understand, they are applying for a position that requires a tremendous amount of responsibility. A successful counselor must have the maturity, ambition and confidence to independently follow their own pursuits.



SEE YOU THIS SUMMER



WE ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU:

We would like once again to thank you for your commitment to Levis JCC Marleen Forkas Camps for the upcoming summer. We will do everything that we can to give your child/children an exciting, challenging, fun-filled, and safe camp experience. Should there be a need to share information with us concerning your child's stay with us at camp, to have something explained or clarified, or alert us to some dates or a time when you will be away from home during the summer, we would be happy to hear from you and help you and your family in whatever way we can. Please don't hesitate to give us a call in our camp office, or e-mail us at any time prior to, or during the summer.

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