



**Camp
Ganim**

**2010
Information**

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Camp Ganim Staff

Administrative Staff:

Lily Ocasio	Director, Camp Ganim
Donna Peters	Director, Early Childhood
Barbara Wise	Assistant Director, Early Childhood
Judy Ariel & Ellie Speer	Office Staff
Gini Blostein-Wolf	Inclusion Coordinator

Counselors by Room Number:

1	Susan Quick and Ashley Klein
2	Sharon Johnson and Rebekah Adams
3	Ashley Atkinson and Frances Martin
4	Sigal Neuman and Olivia Miller
5	Melanie Marks and Allison Lehman
6	Shehani Goonewardena and Anne Dreyfuss
7	Carolyn Jackson and Alexandria Wood
8	Sheryl Katz and Kayla McLymore
9	Ann Marie Benson and Jennifer Novack
10	Katie Chermisde and Stacey Nisenson
11	Sarah Kelly Daniel and Adrien Mann
12	Sarah Whitehead and Emily Bastow
13	Jennifer Esposito and Jayna Roeper
14	Kelly West Burkette and Ashley Foster

Specialists:

Snack Coordinator	Beth Diefenthaler
Art Specialists	Dawn Kowal, Caitlin McCahill (assistant)
Music Specialist	Ashley Villanueva
Swimming	Kim Fields (Aquatics Director) & Aquatics staff (Daily)
Israeli Scout	Noy Eiton (Thursdays)
Floaters	Susan Lappan & Caleb Ocasio

Teen Volunteers at Camp Ganim

This summer's volunteers are:

Cody Bell, *Chavi Binshtok, *Gav Binshtok, Erica Brager, Karina Brenner, Abe Calhoun, *Jared Cherlin, Brielle Conley, Imani Corlee, Elinor Dinkin, *Eli Gary, *Sadie Gary, Aaron Greenberg, Lauren Greenberg, Scott Hill, Jinks Jervey, *Robin Kelly, Parker Lawton, Evan Liebowitz, Matthew Liebowitz, *Amber Ocasio, *Ryan Piracha, *Sophia Piracha, James Patrick Richter, Adam Rosenfeld, Evan Schuster, *Megan Silbert, *Jessica Skiles, *Justin Skiles, Sadye Soffin, Jeremy Sternlicht, *Jordan Velick, and Madison Vernon, *Annie Weinberg

*** Returning Camp Ganim Volunteers**

As always, we feel very fortunate and happy to have so many helpful and energetic teen volunteers assisting us at Camp this summer.

These teens are with us to have fun and help with your children.

Please keep in mind they are not counselors...

If you have questions, concerns, or messages regarding your child, please see your child's counselor.

Camp Ganim Theme Song

The Camp Ganim theme song is sung every morning at 9:15 a.m. as we gather around the flagpole following the Pledge of Allegiance during the eight weeks of Camp Ganim. The words were written (in 1995) by Wendy Jones, our music specialist that summer. It is sung to the tune of “Take Me Out to the Ball game.”

**Let's get ready for Camp Ganim,
Let's get ready right now!
We get to go swimming every day,
And on the big field we go play.
Don't forget music and art,
In which we love to take part!
It's for children, teachers, of the JCC!
Hurrah for Camp Ganim!**

Notes to Parents

Starting Our Day

Camp begins promptly at 9:00. Each and every day is tightly scheduled. Please communicate your messages to your child's counselor before 9:00 or after 12:00. This will allow all groups (and campers) to arrive promptly to all activities.

Flag Raising / Shabbat

Every day we gather the entire camp on the playground to raise our flag and sing songs, including our Camp Ganim theme song.

Every Friday we also celebrate Shabbat with blessings and Judaic songs.

Swimming

Swimming is a very important activity at Camp Ganim. We need parents to encourage their children to wear their swimsuits every day and to involve their children with swimming activities. (If you have any concerns or questions please contact your child's counselor or Kim Field, the Aquatics Director at 545-8650.)

Swimming at Camp Ganim is a group experience. When one child repeatedly does not participate, it has a domino effect on class participation. Let's all encourage our children to swim.

Daily swim lessons are provided for toilet trained 3 year olds and up. Daily water play happens on the playground for younger children.

Recreation, Art & Music

Campers will enjoy the attention of our very own art, music, and field specialists. Our specialists work to prepare unique projects the whole camp can enjoy, with each age group doing variations of the activities suited to their skill level.

T-shirt Day

All campers are encouraged to wear their camp T-shirt on Fridays. TWTh campers wear their T-shirts on Thursday.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

Frequently Asked Questions... **about Camp Ganim**

Why do the rooms look different during Camp than they do during the school year?

- Campers use the rooms far less than students because we spend so much of our day outside during camp.
- Much of what will be put up is created by our campers. Give them a few days and watch what they create.

Why is the staff referred to as “counselors” instead of “teachers?”

- First, the summer program is meant to be camp and camp is not school. It is meant to be far less structured and more informal than the preschool program. Camp is an opportunity for summer fun and exploration.
- It is also true some of our summer staff are students or recent graduates. Many have been with Camp Ganim since they were campers and/or teen volunteers. Many, but not all, are educators or work in related fields.

How many ways can we stay wet at Camp Ganim?

- We have water play on the playground for the two year olds. The Mark and Anne Sternheimer Recreational Pools are used by the remainder of the campers for swim lessons.

How are campers assigned to their group?

- Campers are grouped by age within the program they are enrolled, i.e. 9 to 12 or 9 to 2.
- We believe camp provides an excellent opportunity for children to meet new friends.

What are ten significant differences between Camp and preschool?

- Swim every day.
- Outdoor activities are king.
- Flag raising with entire camp.
- Two Four Week sessions.
- Dedicated art specialists.
- Music specialist.
- Fun, energetic counselors.
- Staff and campers all wear Camp Ganim T-shirts.
- Teen Volunteers.
- Swimwear is not an option. It is standard equipment.

Did you know?

Things to Make Transitions Go Better

- **Consistent Routine**
- **Timely Arrival and Departure (pickup and delivery)**
- **Well-labeled Personal Items (including lunch on the correct shelf)**
- **Short and Sweet Good-Byes**

Things We Have Put Near the Class Door to Help YOU Find a Camper

- **Counselor Names and Room Number**
- **Class Lists (Roster)**
- **Class Schedule**
- **“Where are we now” cards**

Camp Ganim Weekly Themes

- Week 1** **Shalom, Israel**
(blue & white, Star of David, desert & sand)
- Week 2** **Celebrate the USA**
(red, white & blue; stars & stripes, flag)
- Week 3** **Skies the Limit**
(color, insects & sky)
- Week 4** **The Three R's**
(reduce, reuse, recycle)
- Week 5** **Super Heroes**
(princesses & pirates)
- Week 6** **Wings & Things**
(feathers, nests & bird homes)
- Week 7** **In, On & Under the Sea**
(mermaids, fairies & sea creatures)
- Week 8** **Jungle**
(trees, animals & flowers)

Note: At Camp Ganim we will be exploring the themes through music, movement and art. Campers will be creating and exploring using different art media.

Special Events at Camp Ganim

We enjoy having visitors and arranging other special events for our campers.

Session I:

Jun 25	9:00am	Israeli Caravan Musical Performance
July 1 & 2	9:15am	Happy Face Children's Photography
July 5		Independence Day - Camp Ganim and Childcare Closed
July 14	5:30pm	*** Ice Cream Social on the Playground Bring Your Own Food Children make their own Ice Cream Sundaes (in the auditorium if raining)
July 15	9:15am	* Music at the Flag Pole
July 16		** Last Day of Session I

* Parents are invited to attend.

** Parents are invited to Arts at Camp Ganim and to see their children swim. Please see your child's counselor for art and swim times.

*** Families are invited to attend.

Session II:

July 28	9:00am – 2:00pm	9-2 Campers Field Trip to Camp Hilbert
July 30	9:15 am	Happy Face Children's Photography
Aug 4	5:30pm	*** Movie Night in the Auditorium
Aug 12	9:15am	* Music at the Flag Pole
Aug 13		** Last Day of Camp Ganim Session II

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**Camp Ganim staff participated in
all or some of the following staff
training sessions in preparation
for
Camp Ganim 2010:**

Camp Ganim Orientation
with Lily Ocasio, Camp Ganim Director

Inclusion Process
with Gini Blostein-Wolf, Inclusion Coordinator

First Aid and CPR
with Mike Rinko

Communicating with Children & Parents
with Staci Katz, Weinstein JCC Preschool

Experiencing Nature
with Donna Peters, Early Childhood Director, Weinstein JCC

Gardening with Preschoolers
with Patsy Glazer, Weinstein JCC Preschool

Process of Art
with Dawn Kowal, Art Specialist, Weinstein JCC Preschool