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Welcome to MGY Summer 5781-2021! This summer’s program is more exciting than ever and we are so excited to have you be a part of it!

Our staff:

Our staff is the real secret to our success. They are the ones who take our jam packed program and make it an amazing summer experience for your child. Our counselors are chosen for their dedication, care, and energy and are girls who can be true role models for our campers. This year we are so excited to welcome our head counselor **Mina Adelman** and assistant director **Shaindel Gordon**. Joining them will be counselors and junior counselors **Mushka Minkowitz, Chaya Gurevitz, Hadassah Bogomilsky, Fraida Morosow, Chana Hershkop, Mushka Tessler, Tzirel Blachman, Sarale Rodal, Leah Avtzon, Rivky Korf, Chana Kaplan, Miriam Turk, Mushkie Peysin, and Sadie Nathan.**

Our counselors have participated in the CGI training course and will be trained in CPR.

Learning:

Following davening, we begin each day with a learning session where the Parsha, Torah lessons, and special days on the calendar are explored in an interactive, exciting way through stories, hands-on activities, and games. We welcome our talented team of teachers: **Mrs. Shaindy Zirkind, Mrs. Chaikie Kotlarsky**, and two of our senior staff members **Rivky Korf and Shaindel Gordon.**

Field Trips:

Field trips are a favorite for our campers! Check out our colored calendar to see all the exciting locations we will be visiting this year.

Camp t-shirts need to be worn on trip days and are indicated on the schedule with an icon. They will be given out on the first day of camp. The shirts are the same color every year so feel free to use from previous years.

On trip days, MGY will be eating lunch picnic style. Please take that into consideration when packing lunch for your daughter. Please make sure to pack extra water as well.

If there is a late arrival, we will notify you via Whatsapp broadcast. Text (224) 244-7721 to join the MGY whatsapp and be sure to save the number to your phone so you get the whatsapp.

On July 1 and July 27, we will be going on full day trips and pickup will be at 4:30.

Swimming:

MGY campers participate in swimming twice a week.

This year we will be swimming at Edgewater Athletic Club. Swimming will be a combination of free swim together with time for swim instruction.

Please send swim gear (bathing suit, Tznius robe, and towel) on swim days.

If your daughter will be wearing her bathing suit to camp, please make sure to send appropriate undergarments for her to wear after swimming.

During the 9 days, we will have water play at camp. The girls will need to wear either a swim dress or a coverup over their bathing suit.

Funshops:

One of our most anticipated activities are our Monday Funshops! Funshops are an elective activity where campers get to choose from different options of workshops which they will do twice during a session. This encourages skill building, trying new interests, and it allows our children to express themselves and enjoy their choices. Campers entering 1st grade will be having their own program where every week the group as a whole will get a chance to explore a different Funshop together. This will ensure that the activities are completely geared to their age and will maximize their experience.

Please make sure to fill out the form in the email.

Art:

Step into our art space where you can let your imagination and creativity run loose, explore different artistic mediums, and walk away with keepsakes to treasure! Back by popular demand and a real favorite for all campers, our art workshop is led by **Mrs. Sheina Goldberg** and takes place on Wednesdays. Although we generally use washable art supplies, some stains may not be removable. Please bear this in mind when dressing your children for camp- on art days and every day. ☺

Sports:

Each Wednesday is sports/movement at MGY! Our activities are designed to get our campers moving, sweating, working as a team, gaining skills and confidence and of course having loads of fun!

Please make sure your daughter has appropriate footwear on Wednesdays.

Birthdays at Camp:

We love celebrating birthdays. If your child has a summer birthday and you'd like to make a party at camp, please order a birthday cake or cupcakes from an ACRI approved bakery, and send it to camp with your child. Please let us know three days in advance so we can plan accordingly.

General Info**Location:**

Machane Gan Yisroel is located at Congregation Bnei Ruven, 6350 N. Whipple St., Chicago, IL 60659

Dates and Times:

Machane Gan Yisroel is a 6-week camp beginning on Monday, 18 Tammuz/June 28th and concluding on Friday, 28 Av/August 6th. The camp day, Monday through Friday, starts at 9:15am and ends at 3:45pm.

Drop-Off & Pick-Up:

To ensure that traffic in front of Bnei Ruven moves smoothly, please carefully take note of our system:

Drop off:

Drop off begins at 9:05 and camp begins every day at 9:15am. If you will be dropping off your children by car, please turn onto Whipple, pull up in front of Bnei Ruven, and do not park. A staff member will take your child out of the car and walk her into the building. If you would like to bring your child into the building, please park further down the block. In order to keep drop off smooth, we ask that no cars park in front of Bnei Ruven.

There is no supervision at camp before 9:05. If you arrive after 9:20, be prepared to accompany your child into camp.

Pickup:

Cars will be asked not to turn onto Whipple as it will cause congestion. Please come from Albany and turn into the alley in back of Bnei Ruven. As you pull into the Bnei Ruven parking lot (the gates will be open for pickup), a staff member will meet you and your child will be paged. Cars will then drive through the parking lot and come out on Whipple where your child will be accompanied by a staff member into the car. Please then immediately turn onto Whipple and pull away. Just as with drop-off, if you would like to go into camp or speak to a staff member, please park your car further down on Whipple and come into camp.

Pickup is at 3:45. There will be a 10-minute grace period for dismissal, until 3:55pm.

Change of Pick-Up Plans:

If your child's end-of-the-day arrangement is different from the usual, please write a note for your child to give to the counselor. This includes changes in carpool arrangements, play dates, etc. Unless necessary, please avoid calling camp during the day with carpool changes. If both parents are out of town, please inform camp.

COVID Policy

- Please send your daughter to camp with a mask every day. Speak to your daughter and make sure she is fine wearing a mask for extended periods of time. On bus rides and during certain trips and activities that are brought to camp, masks will be strictly enforced.
- If your child is sick, do not send them to camp. If a child seems fine in the morning, but it is determined at camp that she is unwell, we will inform you and ask you to pick her up.
- In the event that a camper or family member tests positive for COVID, inform camp immediately.

What Campers Need Every Day:

- **Lunch** Please send a nut-free lunch for your daughter every day. Camp provides two snacks during the day.
- **Water Bottle** Campers do not always have access to a water fountain. It is important that your daughter come with a water bottle every day in order that she stay properly hydrated.
- **Tzedakah:** Please send coins daily for Tzedakah.
- **Mask**
- **Sunscreen** Please apply before your daughter leaves in the morning as well.
- **Clothing:** Clothing that is marked can be returned if lost.
- **Change of clothes and extra mask to be kept at camp**

Dress Code:

Clothing must be Tznius. Elbows, knees, and necklines need to be covered. Tights or knee socks need to be worn.

MGY provides 1 camp t-shirt for every camper to wear on field trips.

For safety, children must wear appropriate shoes. Appropriate footwear includes comfortable shoes, sneakers, and closed sandals to avoid injury.

Cell phones, electronic games, iPods and other music & radio devices, and books are not permitted at camp. When the above items are brought to camp, they will be held in the camp office and returned at dismissal.

Communication with Camp Administration & Staff:

We will constantly be sending emails throughout the summer with updates and important information. Emails will be sent to the email address provided at registration. If you would like them to be sent to a different address, please notify us through email. Timely announcements will be sent through our Whatsapp broadcast.

We strongly believe that open communication between camp and home is in the best interest of campers, staff, and parents. If you should need to speak with your child's counselor, message Mrs. Chaya Mushka Markowitz or Shaindel Gordon, and your call will be returned promptly.

We are always available to address your questions or concerns and are looking forward to an amazing summer!

Contact Info:

Camp Site:

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Chaya M. Markowitz, Director: 773-368-2320

Shaindel Gordon, On-site Director: 929-287-9114

Camp Broadcast: (224) 244-7721 (text "Join" and save the number on your phone)

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