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ABOUT MACHANEH (CAMP) GESHER

ABOUT CAMP GESHER

Camp *Gesher* is one of the six camps that are part of the Habonim Dror Youth Movement in Canada and the U.S. This worldwide movement, centered in Israel, has affiliates in over 15 countries. The five other camps within the North American movement are: *Machaneh Galil* (Pennsylvania); *Machaneh Miriam* (B.C.); *Machaneh Moshava* (Maryland), *Machaneh Tavor* (Michigan), and *Machaneh Gilboa* (Los Angeles). Each of the camps in North America follows a similar daily routine and share ideas for programming. Part of the camp fees go to the movement to fund North American programs such as seminars and leadership training programs.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF HABONIM DROR

The philosophy of Habonim Dror is based on five pillars. The five pillars are Cultural Judaism, Progressive Judaism, Socialism, Actualization and Social Justice. Habonim Dror North America calls upon its members to collectively determine how to fulfill these goals, and as a result, the movement is constantly changing and growing.

CULTURAL JUDAISM • In its programs, Habonim Dror fosters an appreciation for Jewish traditions, culture, the Hebrew language and understanding of Jewish history and religious pluralism. The informal Jewish education that is nurtured at *Gesher* has led many to discover a unique Jewish identity and community.

PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM • Habonim Dror was started in the 1930's to fulfill the need for a better Jewish life. To this end, Habonim Dror supports learning about and connecting with the State of Israel.

SOCIALISM • In the spirit of the *Chalutzim* (pioneers) who settled in collective *kvutzot* (groups) in Israel, Habonim Dror encourages its members to structure its frameworks in a collective fashion, and to contribute to the local community through social justice projects.

SELF & COLLECTIVE ACTUALIZATION • *Hagshama* (actualization) is a means for individuals and *kvutzot* (groups) fulfill their ideological goals. Examples of this are *Aliyah* (moving to Israel), and setting up or participating in social justice projects in local North American communities, international countries and Israel.

SOCIAL JUSTICE • In the daily routine of camp, the concept of *Tikun Olam*, or repairing the world, is implemented whenever possible. The idea that one has a responsibility to her/his community is often central to many camp activities. Campers have visited old age homes and have worked on projects to make camp more environmentally friendly. Issues pertaining to social equality, such as anti-Semitism, racism, sexism, environmental issues and class distinction are also discussed and analyzed.

HOW TO GET TO GESHER

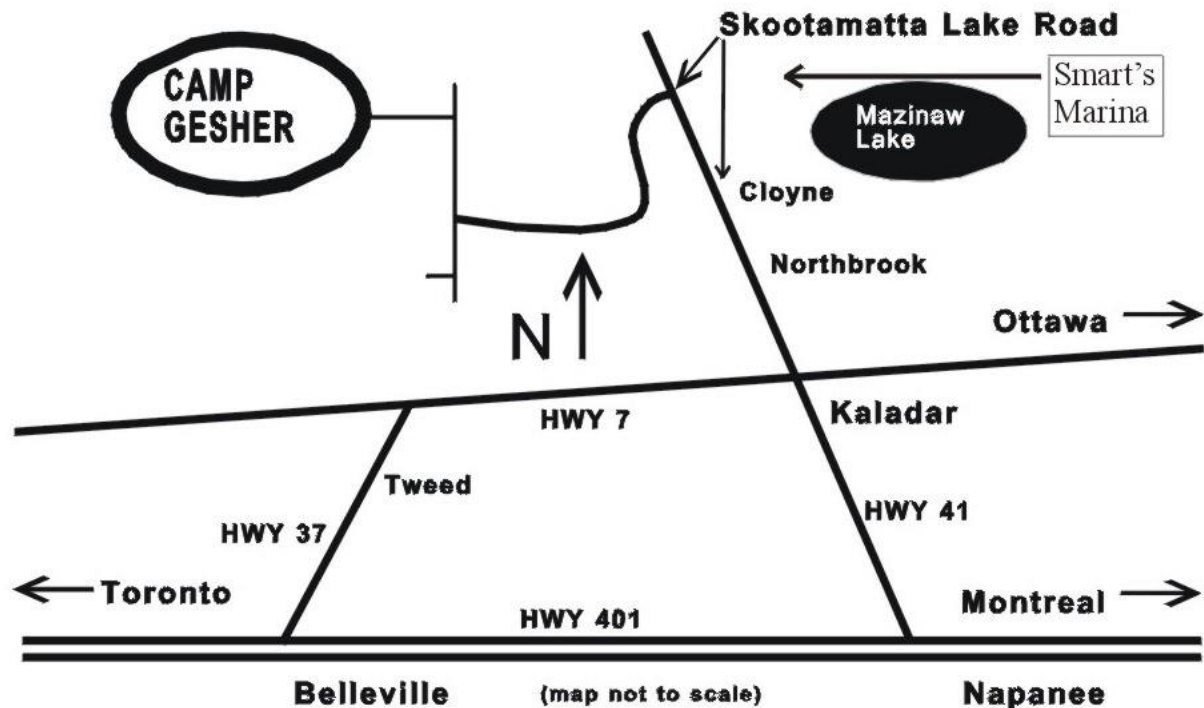
From **Toronto**: Hwy 401 East to Belleville; Hwy 37 North to Hwy 7, then East to Kaladar; (approx. 3 hrs.) Hwy 41 North to Cloyne; pass Cloyne, turn left at **the second** Skootamatta Lake Road sign (after Smart's Marina). Make a right on Addington Rd. #4 (the first street) and follow signs to the camp.

From **Hamilton**: Follow same route as Toronto.
(approx. 4 hrs.)

From **Ottawa**: Hwy 7 West to Kaladar; Hwy 41 North to Cloyne; pass Cloyne, turn left at (approx. 2 hrs.) **the second** Skootamatta Lake Road sign. Make a right on Addington Rd. #4 (the first street) and follow signs to camp.

From **Montreal**: Hwy 20 West; changes to 401 in Ontario; follow 401 to Napanee; Hwy 41 (approx. 3½ hrs.) North through Kaladar, to Cloyne; pass Cloyne, turn left at **the second** Skootamatta Lake Rd. sign. Make a right on Addington Rd. #4 (the first street) and follow signs to camp.

Summer Address: General Delivery, Cloyne, Ontario K0H 1K0 Phone: (613) 336-2583



WHAT IS THE CAMP GESHER CAMP COMMITTEE?

The camp committee is made up of a group of parents/guardians, madrichim (counselors), alumni and other interested parties who function as an advisory to Camp Professional Staff. The mandate of the committee is to provide input and direction for *Gesher's* future.

The committee is made up of representatives from Hamilton, Toronto, Ottawa, and Ontario's small Jewish communities. Committee members meet numerous times during the year, and **new members are most welcome.**

The camp committee is organized around several sub-committees that meet throughout the year. These committees deal with issues such as camp finances, subsidies, fundraising, personnel-related matters, health, medical and safety concerns.

For more information about the camp committee and how to get involved, please contact:

Gary Lichtblau - Camp *Gesher* Chairperson
chairperson@campgesher.com

THE STRUCTURE OF MACHANEH GESHER

Camp Geshher divides the chanichimot (campers) by different age groups. The ages are based on grade. We are again offering our successful **Ofarimot** program for children in Grades 2 and 3. It is a unique 12, 10 or 25-day introductory camping experience that gives younger campers an opportunity to experience Geshher for the first time in a fully supervised and creative program. It is also a chance for young campers to experience "everything there is to do at camp."

The youngest age group is **Amelimot**, for campers who have just finished Grade 4. Next are **Chalutzimot**, **Solelimot**, **Chotrimot**, **Bonimot** and **Bogrimot**, for campers about to enter Grade 10. The **Bogrimot** program is aimed at developing leadership skills and includes more in-depth educational programs.

The following summer, campers entering Grade 11, have the opportunity to travel in **Israel** while participating in **MBI (Machaneh Bonim B'Israel)**. MBI is a program sponsored by Habonim Dror North America for participants from all the North American machanot and kenim. It is a five-week program, in which the participants experience different aspects of the country. After spending time on a kibbutz and participating in an Israeli kaytana (summer camp), the rest of the trip is spent hiking, touring and learning about Israeli history, society, culture and politics.

Also, for campers entering Grade 11, Habonim Dror offers the **Kadimah** program. Kadimah is a movement-wide program for participants to learn about Habonim Dror in a much more in-depth manner, participate in local social justice opportunities, and increase their leadership skills. The Kadimah program is on a rotation schedule and switches its host camp every summer. Summer of 2018, it will be at Camp Tavor in Michigan.

Leadership training is also an important aspect of both programs. The participants learn about Habonim Dror in a much more in-depth manner and how to act responsibly as individuals and as Movement members. This enables the participants to come back to their cities and camps and take on more of a leadership role. Upon their return, participants from MBI and Kadimah are instrumental in running the city activities for the Movement.

Madatz is the last phase in leadership training for Camp Geshher. In Hebrew, Madatz is the acronym for Madrichimot Tze'irim, or young counselors. MBI and Kadimah participants return to their camps the following summer to take part in this hands-on leadership program. Within this framework, Madatz participants experience what it is like to work with, and lead activities for, campers. They learn to work together as a team, as well as with older counselors. The participants grow as a kvutza (group) through the leadership and educational programs they receive, both of which enable them to develop as individuals and as leaders of the Movement. A large focus is placed on educational programs for the Madatz participants. They gain a lot from their experience, which prepares them for future work in Habonim Dror and as counselors at Geshher.

A "TYPICAL DAY" AT MACHANEH GESHER*

8:30	Kima (wake-up)
9:00	Mifkad (raising the flags)
9:15	Avodah (work projects)
9:45	Aruchat Boker (breakfast)
10:40	Peula Aleph (first activity)
11:30	Peula Bet (second activity)
12:20	Shira (sing-a-long)
12:45	Aruchat Tzoriam (lunch)
1:30	Intramurals
2:20	Schiya Klalit (general swim)
3:20	Nikayon (cabin clean-up)
4:00	Peula Gimel (third activity)
5:30	Chugim (hobbies)
6:15	Mifkad (lowering the flags)
6:30	Aruchat Erev (dinner)
7:05	Madatz Chugim (C.I.T. run hobbies)
8:15	Tochnit Erev (evening program)
9:45	Amelimot bedtime
10:00	Chalutzimot bedtime
10:15	Solelimot bedtime
10:30	Chotrimot bedtime
10:45	Bonimot bedtime
11:00	Bogrimot bedtime

*Although this is a "typical" day, we of course have various other programs, including Yom Meuchad (special/theme days); Overnight Tiyyulim (canoe trips); and many other special events and visitors throughout the summer.

HEBREW WORDS USED AT CAMP

Hebrew is an important part of our camp culture, so we try to use it in as much as possible in our everyday interactions. Here are some words that are used regularly at camp.

GROUPS (*Shchavat*)

Ofarimot - fawns (campers who have finished Grades 2 & 3)

Amelimot - workers (campers who have finished Grade 4)

Chalutzimot - pioneers (campers who have finished Grade 5)

Solelimot - pavers (campers who have finished Grade 6)

Chotrimot - rowers (campers who have finished Grade 7)

Bonimot - builders (campers who have finished Grade 8)

Bogrimot - graduates (campers who have finished Grade 9)

TITLES

chanich(a) - camper

chanichimot - campers

madrich(a) - counselor

madrichimot - counselors

Merakez(et) Chinuch - educational coordinator

Merakez(et) Techni - technical coordinator

Rosh Machaneh - head counselor

Shaliach/Shlichah - emissary (from Israel)

EVENTS

mifkad - assembly

pe'ula - activity

avoda - work

arucha - meal

boker - morning

tzohorayim - afternoon

erev - evening

layla - night

kima - wake-up

tochnit - program

chugim - interest groups

hoda'a - announcement

ashpa - garbage

michzur - recycling

PLACES

tzrif - cabin

mirpa'ah - infirmary

chadar ochel - dining hall

beit tarbut - recreation/culture hall

moadon - meeting place

POLICIES

1. MEDICAL NOTES AND FEES

MEDICAL PERMISSION AND CAMPER INFORMATION FORMS: The on-line medical, permission and camper information forms **MUST** be completed in the Camp Brain System by June 1.

NO CAMPER WILL BE ALLOWED TO BOARD THE BUS OR BE ADMITTED TO CAMP UNLESS MEDICAL FORMS AND FEES HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED.

CONFIDENTIALITY: Medical information is required so that proper treatment can be obtained for your child if necessary. Only required medical information about your child will be conveyed in order to provide quality of care.

MEDICATIONS: Parents/guardians may send up appropriate medication that will be stored and dispensed by the doctor or camp nurse/medic. The infirmary is well stocked with all customary items (e.g., cough, cold and allergy remedies, antibiotics, and creams). Only when a prescription is dispensed from the Northbrook Clinic or other pharmacy will there be a charge that we will ask you to honour.

ALLERGY SHOTS WILL NOT BE GIVEN AT CAMP.

OTHER MEDICAL EXPENSES: Northbrook Clinic physicians will bill OHIP directly for all residents of Ontario and other Canadian provinces except Quebec. As the camp must pay the Clinic physician at the time of the visit for those who are not covered by OHIP, we ask that the camp be reimbursed immediately. Documentation of the visit will be sent to you to submit to your health plan for reimbursement. Any camper or counselor who resides **outside** of Canada, must have his/her own medical insurance and will be **personally responsible** for all medical expenses. On arrival, each camper has a short meeting with the doctor or nurse/medic. Please inform your child that s/he must give all medication and any insurance documents to the nurse/medic at that time.

ILLNESS: Campers and staff who are acutely ill at the opening of camp should be kept at home until better. **Campers who are sent to camp sick will be sent home immediately.**

GENERAL CLEANLINESS: Basic rules of hygiene are observed at camp. Cabin and campground cleanliness is emphasized. The camp cabins are inspected every day.

HEAD LICE: We are asking parents/guardians to regularly check their children for nits or head lice prior to sending them to camp. Please inform us if your child is being treated for lice, and send any treatment for your child that should be continued at camp. On the first day of camp, trained head lice inspectors will carefully check each child. If any head lice/nits are found, the parents/guardians will be contacted immediately to discuss the procedure to follow. To avoid the spread of head lice/nits, we recommend that you explain to your children that certain objects should not be shared, such as hats or hairbrushes.

CONTACTING FAMILIES: Camp Geshher will make every effort to contact a parent/guardian in the case of an emergency (see the Medical Form for more information). Depending on the nature of other minor illnesses or injuries, or in the event the camper needs to consult with a specialist in a non-emergency, the Camp Director or nurse/medic may also contact a parent/guardian.

2. BEHAVIOUR

Please inform the camp, prior to your child's arrival, of any necessary information that will make his/her stay at camp smoother. This information will be kept confidential with the nurse/medic, Rosh Machaneh and the necessary madrichimot. The camp reserves the right to send home any camper whom, in the opinion of the Camp Director, is continuously disruptive to the camp programming or to his/her fellow campers. This camper will be sent home at his/her parents/guardian's expense and there will be no refund of fees.

3. ALCOHOL, DRUGS & SMOKING

ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND SMOKING ARE NOT PERMITTED AT CAMP. ANY CAMPER VIOLATING THE ABOVE WILL BE SENT HOME IMMEDIATELY AT THE PARENTS/GUARDIAN'S EXPENSE AND THERE WILL BE NO REFUND OF FEES.

Unfortunately, in the past, we have had to invoke this policy, and, if necessary, we will do it again. We hope that this is understood, furthermore, we suggest that if any camper (or parent/guardian) feels that he s/he will be unable to abide by this rule, s/he should withdraw his/her application immediately.

4. KUPA

There is no Tuck Shop or store at Camp Geshher. Based on the Habonim Dror ideology of communal living, all food articles that are brought or sent from home are placed in kupa to be shared equally with all group members. Each camper also brings a suggested amount of money at the start of each session. Each age group pools its allowance, runs its own budget and decides what to do with the group fund. Often the group decides to go on a day trip or bring in food for a special occasion. On the basis of past years, we suggest that **\$40 per person, per session** is sufficient for kupa. We ask that all food products that are sent up to camp are **KOSHER** and **DO NOT CONTAIN ANY NUTS**. Any products that do contain nuts will be donated to a local food bank. All food will be put into kupa. This is to ensure that the campers are eating properly at meals, and to avoid any problems with animals in the cabins.

5. CANOE TRIPS & OVERNIGHT CAMPING

All campers, with the exception of Ofarimot, have the experience of an overnight canoe trip. As in the past, we are asking that each camper bring a small 'tripping kit' to be used for such purposes. This 'kit' should consist of a compact cup, plate and utensils. Also, please ensure all shampoo and body washes are biodegradable - help us help the environment.

6. WATER

Throughout the summer, we encourage campers to drink as much water as possible. Please send a clearly labeled reusable water bottle or canteen. To this end, it has been the practice of some families in the past to send bottled water up to camp with their children. We strongly discourage this practice as it is in direct contradiction with our environmentally friendly policies.

7. LETTER WRITING

Receiving letters at camp is very important to campers. Families are encouraged to write letters to their children on a regular basis. We encourage campers to write home regularly. Be sure to send sufficient postage, paper, etc. with your child(ren). Pre-addressed envelopes are often helpful for younger children. In our experience **the first letter home** sometimes includes the first few day's difficulties and adaptations to your camper's new surroundings. Please call the Camp Director or Rosh Machaneh so that any concerns or clarifications can be addressed immediately. If you would like to email your child, please send them to campers@campgesher.com Emails are checked twice daily, printed out and given to your child. Campers are not allowed to send email replies. Please include your child's name and kvutseh (group) in the subject.

8. TELEPHONE CALLS

Phoning home may trigger homesickness. Therefore, campers will be called to the telephone to receive telephone calls in emergency situations only. Families may call on their child's birthday. To ensure that your child will be near the phone to receive the call, please notify the camp in advance. **Campers are not permitted to call home.** The camp will immediately contact parents/guardians by telephone if there is a problem or if a situation warrants a call.

9. CELL PHONES or ANYTHING WITH A SCREEN

At Camp Geshher we have established a no cell phone policy for our campers. We will confiscate any cell phone that is found and only return it at the end of the session/summer. In order to fully experience summer at Geshher and improve social interaction among campers, we need to create a screen free environment. This also protects the campers from any unwanted photographs being taken and uploaded onto the internet during the summer. For new campers it is harder to adjust to camp with their screens as it may hinder their independence and acceptance into their new environment. We need your cooperation in this matter.

Listening to music and taking pictures can be accomplished with an inexpensive MP3 player and/or digital camera.

10. TIPPING

At Camp Geshher families are welcome (but in no way required) to tip any counselors, specialists or other staff members. Any tips that are received go into a counselor's kupa thereby shared by the counselors much in the same way that the campers share their kupa.

11. RECEIPTS

Receipts for camp fees can be downloaded using Camp Brain. Please retain this receipt in a safe place for any tax purposes. If you have outstanding fees please remit them immediately. **NO CHILD WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE BUS IF FEES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID IN FULL. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Camp Geshher has a manual of all its policies and procedures that visitors are welcome to see on Visitors' Day, or contact one of our Directors at (416) 633-2511 to make any inquiries.

TRANSPORTATION & CLOTHING

BAGGAGE

As in the past years, we are taking baggage and campers up to camp on the same day. We ask that campers pack **no more than two (2) duffel bags** and a sleeping bag. Campers will be allowed one (1) handbag for the bus ride. We ask that all families be at the drop-off points listed below at the *appropriate* times. A camp representative will be at these locations. We will be making a 10-minute bathroom stop along the way. If you would like to send some pocket money with your child to purchase a snack or drink, please feel free to do so. Campers will have lunch upon arrival at camp, however, we suggest that you pack snacks for them to eat on the way, especially if we get caught in traffic.

ABSOLUTELY NO TRUNKS WILL BE TAKEN UP TO CAMP!

LUGGAGE TAGS: Please make sure that all of your child(ren)'s bags are labeled (either written directly on the bags or with luggage tags) with your child's name and age group. Please attach the tags to your child's luggage (an elastic band or string works well) in a noticeable spot.

FIRST SESSION

Leaving to Camp Gesher: Sunday June 30, 2018

BUS SCHEDULE:

CITY	DEPARTURE PLACE ARRIVAL TIME	DEPARTURE PLACE	DETAILS
Toronto	8:30 AM arrive with bags	The Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Avenue	Off Wilson Heights, north of Sheppard
Ottawa	10:00 AM arrive with bags	Ottawa Jewish Community School 31 Nadolny Sachs Private	

TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS FROM CAMP GESHER

FIRST SESSION CAMPERS: Return home with their families after Visitors' Day: **Sunday, July 21, 2019.**

SECOND SESSION

Leaving to Camp Gesher: Wednesday July 24, 2019

BUS SCHEDULE:

CITY	DEPARTURE PLACE ARRIVAL TIME	DEPARTURE PLACE	DETAILS
Toronto	8:30 AM arrive with bags	The Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Avenue	Off Wilson Heights, north of Sheppard
Ottawa	10:00 AM arrive with bags	Ottawa Jewish Community School 31 Nadolny Sachs Private	

OFARIM ALEF

Will be on the Session 2 Bus (See information Above)

Sunday, August 4, Ofarim Alef will have its own pick up and smaller visitor's day. For families picking up that day, please plan to arrive at 11:00 AM

OFARIM BET

Parents will bring kids to Camp on Sunday, August 4, please plan to arrive at 1:00 PM, and to have already had lunch.

Sunday, August 18, Ofarim Bet and Ofarim Full will take the busses home.

OFARIM FULL

Will be on the busses both directions: See Session 2 transportation.

Sunday, August 4, Ofarim FULL (and Ofarim Alef) will have its own smaller visitor's day. For families picking up that day, please plan to arrive at 11:00 AM

TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS FROM CAMP GESHER

SECOND SESSION CAMPERS: Buses will be leaving from Camp Geshet: **Sunday, August 18, 2019.**

All buses will leave Geshet at approximately 11:00 AM.

Estimated arrival times in the cities are:

Toronto 2:30 PM (Borochoy Center)

Ottawa 1:00 PM (Ottawa Jewish Community School)

ALL buses will be arriving at the locations from which they departed (see above).

We will send an e mail to all families when the buses leave camp, so that you can plan.

CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT LIST

The following list is a general guide based on a 10-day supply. Washing is done weekly at a nearby Laundromat.

1 sleeping bag (essential)
2 blankets (we do not permit campers to sleep in their sleeping bags all summer)
2 sets of sheets (twin size - essential)
1 pillow
2 pillowcases
4 towels (2 beach/2 bath)
2 pair pajamas
10 T-shirts
5 pair pants
6 pair shorts
3 sweatshirts or warm sweaters
10 pair socks
underwear
2 bathing suits
1 "nice" outfit for Shabbat and for Banquet night
1 jacket
1 raincoat or rain poncho
1 pair of rain boots
1 pair running shoes
1 pair sandals
1 pair flip flops
1 pair water shoes with back strap for canoe trip
2 sun hats (imperative)
laundry bag
bag for toiletries
shampoo and soap (biodegradable please!)
toothbrush and toothpaste
comb and/or brush
plenty of sunscreen
insect repellent (we recommend a repellent that contains 30% DEET)
canteen or reusable water bottle (please DO NOT send bottled water)
small 'tripping food kit' including a compact cup, plate and utensils for canoe trips and overnight camping
flashlight
stationery, stamps, pens/pencils
musical instruments
small sports equipment (e.g., baseball glove)

NO CAMPER MAY BRING POCKET KNIVES, ANY SHARP INSTRUMENTS, FIRE CRACKERS OR WEAPONS OF ANY KIND TO CAMP. ALL ARTICLES OF THIS TYPE WILL BE CONFISCATED.

EXPENSIVE ITEMS

Part of the ideology of Camp Geshher is based on the philosophies of *kupa* and *chevrati* communal living that encourage sharing and community building. In the past, we have found that televisions, radios, tape players, electronic games, skate boards, hair dryers, straighteners, curlers, crimpers and other such technological mechanisms limit the campers' participation and encourage anti-social behaviour. **Please do not bring these items.** We hope to encourage the campers to take advantage of the summer season and spend as much time as possible outside: TVs and hair dryers do not help to facilitate this! As well, these and similar items tend to get damaged and cause problems at camp. If this is an issue, please explain to your children the reasons that they are not allowed to bring these items to camp. Please be informed that these, and similar items that are deemed unfit for the camp lifestyle **may be confiscated** for the duration of the session.

We would like to remind you again, that no screens of any kind will be permitted at camp. No laptops, phones, tablets, DS, handheld video games, or anything else with a screen, will be confiscated, locked, and returned at the end of the session.

LABELS

We strongly encourage you to label **ALL** your child/ren's clothing and personal belongings. You may use the attached list of companies recommended by the Ontario Camping Association to order your labels. Many items remain unclaimed after camp ends simply because they were unmarked. Please help us return those 'lost and found' items by labeling/markings **ALL** your child/ren's belongings.

STUCK ON YOU

Stephanie Wilson
canada@stuckonyou.biz
www.stuckonyou.ca
Toll-Free: (866) 904-9790

MABELS LABELS

Karma Bryan-Ingle
camps@mabel.ca
www.mabel.ca
P: (905) 667-0306 ext. 222;
Toll-Free: 1 (866) 30-MABEL

LOVABLE LABELS INC.

Dawn Richardson
camps@lovablelabels.ca
www.lovablelabels.ca
P: 905-849-5800 X 412

Toll-Free: 1-866-327-5683

CAMP CONNECTION GENERAL STORE

Bryan Gerber
info@campstore.com
www.campstore.com
P: (416) 789-1944

Toll-Free: (866) 789-1944

LOST ITEMS

Camp Gesher cannot assume any responsibility for any items brought to camp. Please mark all clothing and personal belongings with your child's name, especially if they are valuable to you. **Expensive items tend to get damaged or lost. Please do not bring them.**

OBLIGATION TO REPORT

If anyone at Camp Gesher is worried about the safety or well-being of a camper, we must, by law, contact a child protection agency. Parents/guardians will be told that a call has been placed according to instructions from a child protection worker or police officer.

VISITORS' DAY • Sunday, July 21, 2018 •

The whole Habonim Dror/Camp Gesher family is invited to participate in the celebration of Summer 2018 at Gesher. Camp Gesher will be open to visitors from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm only. Counselors will be at the campers' cabins from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon. We look forward to meeting you and will be happy to discuss any concerns you might have. **Please bring a picnic lunch for you and your family. (No lunch is provided by camp on Visitors' Day.)** Any family who is not attending must notify us in advance. **Second session families** are invited to participate in Visitors' Day and to take part in a special tour of the camp.

This tends to be a busy weekend in local hotels. If you intend to stay in one, please make early reservations to make sure you get a space.

To help make the day as enjoyable as possible for all, we have a few guidelines outlined below.

1. **ABSOLUTELY NO PETS ARE ALLOWED IN CAMP.** The health authorities mandate this. Admission of pets into camp could cost us our operating license. As we have done in the past, we are going to be very strict about this. Please help us avoid unpleasant incidents.
2. Gesher's population quadruples on Visitors' Day. There is no way we can keep up with cleaning the grounds given all the crowds and activities of the day. You can help us. **Please bring your own garbage bags** and use them to clean up around your picnic spot. You may leave the full garbage bags tightly closed along the camp road and they will be picked up later. Recycling bins will be centrally located - please help us help the environment.
3. On Visitors' Day, like the rest of the summer, there is **no alcohol or illegal drugs allowed** in camp.
4. Camp Gesher is located in a heavily wooded area. **Be cautious with fire.** Please use your barbecues in open areas only; make sure they are well attended to until properly extinguished. We also ask that you not smoke in any of the camp buildings, and that you do not litter the grounds with cigarette butts.

5. Visitors' Day is a festive event for the entire Geshher community. Please enjoy it with us. On Visitors' Day, families are responsible for the supervision of their children. **You must sign your camper out before leaving camp to return home.**
6. Any food items that are left after Visitors' Day will be placed in *kupa*. (See page 10 for a description of *kupa*.)
7. Camp Geshher will provide lifeguard supervision for 1 hour during the designated swim time. In addition, Camp Geshher requires that children deciding to swim be supervised at all times by their parents or guardians.

NOTE: This policy applies to ALL visitors.

VISITORS TO CAMP

As visitors are very disruptive to the camp routine, they are not permitted to visit camp other than on the specified Visitors' Day. If it is not possible for families to visit camp on Visitors' Day and they wish to visit at another time, this must be arranged well in advance with the Rosh Machaneh and Camp Director.

STAYING AT CAMP FOR THE SECOND SESSION

Any camper registered for the first session may remain for the second session **if there is room in his/her age group**. Due to the small size of the camp, this cannot be guaranteed. All arrangements must be made with the Camp Director on Visitors' Day, or earlier if possible. When a camper does stay on for the second session, the remaining payments must be made on Visitors' Day.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you need information or have any questions about camp, these are the people to contact:

TORONTO

Head Office (Winter):

office phone: (416) 633-2511

office fax: (416) 636-5248

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DURING THE CAMP SEASON

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Phone: (613) 336-2583		General Delivery
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When sending mail to your children, please indicate their age group (*shichva*). Look at the Hebrew listings of "Shchavot" on page 8

Name of Child (Group Name)
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To E mail your child this summer, children can receive e mail, but they can not write e mails home. We appreciate your understanding.

Email: campers@campgesher.com

WEBSITE www.campgesher.com

Throughout the summer, we will upload pictures to the website!! During the summer you will be receiving email notifications pertaining to our activities and important dates.