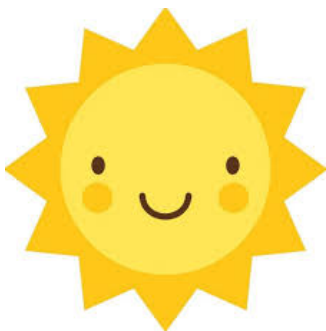




Camp Information Guide 2018



We are looking forward to a summer complete with an abundance of outdoor fun, water play, arts and crafts, cooking, music classes, tumbling classes, special activities and more! To ensure a smooth running program, we ask that you please read the following important information:



CONTACTING CAMP

Communication between camp staff and parents is the best way to ensure a smooth transition and a positive camp experience for your child.

The best way to be in contact is by email. The camp e-mail address is **aabjdsummercamp@gmail.com**. You can also reach the camp by calling (973) 736-1407 x 250

CAMP DATES AND TIMES

Camp will run from Monday June 26th through Friday August 18th. There will be no camp on Tuesday July 4th or Tuesday August 1st (Tisha B'av). For our three, four and five-year-old campers, camp will start at 9:00am and end at 2:30pm. There is an option for extended day (see extended day section of this handbook for details)

TODDLER PROGRAM

Camp Shemesh offers a special toddler program for two year olds (or children who will be two by the end of December). The hours are from 9:00am to 12:30pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday, with a limited number of campers.



CAMP THEME

Our Camp Theme this summer is animals. We can't wait to learn all about different animals. Of course we will have many opportunities throughout the summer to meet some of our animal friends. We will be having a reptile show, petting zoo with pony rides a trip to the zoo and a special duck hatching event. The children will get to watch ducks hatch out of eggs and then play with the ducklings for a week before they go back to the farm.





BIRTHDAY PARTIES

We would love to celebrate your child's summer birthday in camp. Please notify the camp one week in advance and we can plan a fabulous camp birthday party for your child. Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend.

SUN SCREEN

Keeping our children protected from the sun is of the utmost priority. Counselors will spray the children before swim and playground time. We ask that you put sun screen on your child's face in the morning before camp. Please also send in two bottles of **SPRAY SUN SCREEN** to be left in camp.



POTTY TRAINING

Our counselors are happy to change diapers or take your child to the toilet. Unfortunately we are not equipped to help with toilet training. Please plan to toilet train your child before or after camp ends.

CARNIVAL NIGHT– August 9th, 6:30 pm

We will be having a fun evening event for all of our four and five year old campers and their families. Our carnivals are always a huge hit and we can't wait to celebrate with everyone this summer.

CAMP THEME

Our Camp Theme this summer is Shapes. We can't wait to learn about so many different shapes. We will explore different shapes using many different modalities. See the calendar for more details week by week.

EXTENDED DAY

We will be offering a morning and afternoon extended day program. The morning program will run from 8:00am until 9:00am, and the afternoon program will run from 2:30pm until 4:30pm.

Registration for extended day is based on attendance for the entire summer. If you ever need to send your child for one morning or afternoon, we are happy to accommodate you if there is availability. Please let Sura Rozenberg know at least 24 hours in advance to ensure proper staff coverage. In this case, the cost for extended day will be \$10 per hour.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Drop off and pick up will take place in front of the main entrance of the shul. Please enter the parking lot using the parking lots exit. This way you can turn around in the parking lot and wait in front of the shul.



To ensure the safety of our campers you must stay in your car and wait for the children to be picked up from your car in the morning or brought to your car in the afternoon. Staff will be waiting outside from 8:55am-9:05am. If you arrive later than 9:05am, please park your car in the parking lot and bring your child inside to their bunk.

If you need to pick up your child early please put a note in his or her lunchbox so the counselors see it. You can also contact the camp office to let us know. Please also inform us of any changes in carpool or individuals picking up your child. Children will not be sent home with anyone who you do not authorize.

LUNCH AND SNACK

We will be providing healthy snacks for your child. Parents should send in a dairy or pareve lunch with your child. The synagogue policy is that only food items with an approved hechsher can be brought in into the building. You may go to www.aabjd.org and look under “publications” for a complete listing of reliable kosher certifications. Please remember that we are a **NUT FREE** facility. Also, please remind your child not to share food because some children have allergies.



PASTA AND BAGEL LUNCH DAYS

We will be serving pasta on Wednesdays and Bagels on Fridays. If your child does not like either of these options you are welcome to send them a lunch from home.

WHAT NOT TO WEAR

This summer we will be a flip flop free zone. The children are very active during camp and flip flops are not safe for many activities. This includes water shoes. Please send in shoes with backs. Crocs are also very slippery when they are wet, please do not send them as water shoes.

CAMP ORIENTATION

There will be a parents orientation on Thursday June 22nd at 8 pm. This will be an opportunity to meet me, your child's counselors and hear all about this summer's program. **Please bring all items that stay in camp (list is on opposite page) to the orientation.**

MEDICAL FORMS

If your child is currently enrolled in the Lauren Elise Bier Nursery School at Congregation AABJ&D, we already have your forms on file; you do NOT need to submit new forms. Otherwise please have your doctor fill out the enclosed medical form or have your doctor fill out their own.

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

Every item that your child brings to camp, **MUST BE CLEARLY LABELED**. This includes underwear, socks, shoes, towels bathing suits, and backpacks.

ITEMS TO BRING TO ORIENTATION THAT STAY IN CAMP:

- A gallon size zip lock bag with a complete change of clothing including socks and two pairs of underwear
- Two bottles of **SPRAY SUN SCREEN** (feel free to send the lotion type of sun screen if you have concerns about regular spray sunscreen)
- One stick of face sun screen
- Medical forms (if not enrolled in nursery school)
- Water shoes, not flip flops (they will not be sent home each day, so if your child needs water shoes at home please buy a second pair)
- A pack of diapers, swim diapers and wipes if applicable

ITEMS TO BRING EACH DAY TO CAMP:

- Children should wear their bathing suits to camp.
- Two piece bathing suits are preferred for girls because it makes going to the bathroom easier.
- Children who wear diapers should come to camp in a regular diaper and they will be changed into swim diapers.
- Name tags (for the first two days of camp only)
- One clean towel
- Change of underwear
- Change of skirt or shorts
- Dairy or Pareve lunch
- **WATER BOTTLE**