



YISI DAY CAMP 2018

PARENT HANDBOOK



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Debra Benzakein
Waterfront Director

Moshe Maryles
Athletics Director

Dear Parents,

We are just weeks away for the most exciting summer yet at YISI Day Camp! Thank you for deciding to join us on our epic adventure! The head staff and specialty staff have been busy preparing for this "page-turning" summer. We are anxiously awaiting the chance to see the campers enjoying each activity that was diligently planned for them. We're looking forward to greeting each camper with their smiling faces on Tuesday, June 26th.

How to Reach us:

Starting Tuesday, June 26th:

Daytime telephone number: (718)-494-6700 ext. 9.

Monday - Thursday 8:45 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday 8:45 AM - 4:30 PM.

E-mail: YISIDC@Gmail.com

The camp office will route your calls to your child's division head. ***Please note that senior staff members spend most of their day on the campsite with the children and often begin returning phone calls and emails after dismissal is completed. Please do not discuss lengthy matters with members of the camp staff at arrival or dismissal.

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Website: YISI.org

Meet our Staff:



Amy Weinberg, Director

My name is Amy Weinberg and I am returning for the 2nd year as the director of YISI day camp. I have been involved in day camps for many years on many different levels. My team and I are busy planning a fun filled summer with FUN as our top priority!



Ellen Goldfarb, Office Manager

My name is Ellen Goldfarb. I have been the office manager at YISI Day Camp, YISIDC, for ten years. Looking forward to another amazing summer!



Dori-Ruth Goodman, Anaphim, Division Head

Hi All! My name is Dori-Ruth and I'm a fellow Staten Islander. I have been to many camps as camper and staff, so I've got a lot to share. I love to cheer and be a team player and to have tons of ruach to bring to camp. So the only question is: Anaphim, are you ready to show off your ruach!!!



Rabbi Avi Rabi, Masmidim, Division Head

As division head of Masmidim my main focus is to make sure the boys get a geshmak in learning while having a fantastic camp experience. Our program includes structured learning, as well as swim sports league, trips and more. I am excited to learn with the boys, as well as take them down in a water fight.



Moshe Maryles, Athletics Director

My name is Moshe Maryles. Prior to YISI, I worked in a sleep-away camp where I was very involved in sports activities. Additionally, I was a gym teacher at RJJ. Looking forward to hitting the fields and having a great summer!



Rebecca Silberman, Program Director

My name is Rebecca Silberman and I am returning to YISIDC, after a short hiatus, as Program Director. I'm also the Youth Director for YISI, as well as the Director of the ELC at JFS. I, along with the rest of our amazing head staff, have been hard at work making sure we have an incredible, exciting "page-turning" summer! I can't wait for the fun to begin!



Chaya Stern, Division Head, Ktan Tan

My name is Chaya Stern. I am currently the Nursery teacher at JFS. I am looking forward to using my classroom experience to bring an exciting twist to your children's day camp experience. I look forward to a wonderful summer with everyone!



Aviva Lowenthal, Missmiddos, Division Head

Hi! I'm Aviva and I am so excited to be back at YISI this summer as Missmiddos Division head! I have spent many years in different camps and cannot wait to bring my experiences and ruach to our Missmiddos girls! I'm looking forward to creating an exciting environment and having the best summer ever!



Shani Szczupakiewicz, Assistant Division Head

I'm Shani and I'm very excited to be back in YISI for my second year, this time as your Assistant Division Head. I cannot wait for the many new and exciting programs and trips that are coming your way! Looking forward to seeing all of your smiling faces in camp! See you there!



Debra Benzakein, Waterfront Director

Hello! I'm Debra Benzakein and I am the head lifeguard at YISI. I have been part of the YISI family for a long time; from being a camper, counselor, lifeguard and now returning for my 6th summer as head lifeguard. I'm excited for camp to begin and to work with the campers at the pool. We will focus on teaching swimming techniques while having fun at the pool. Looking forward to another great summer!

Camp Dates and Hours:

First Session: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 - Monday, July 23, 2018*

Second Session: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 - Tuesday, August 21, 2018

*There will be no camp on Wednesday, July 4th.

Camp runs Monday-Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (*unless otherwise specified on the camp calendar*).

Arrival:

Entrances will be open from 8:50am-9:05am. Camp will utilize multiple entrances to ensure a smooth and efficient arrival process.

Drop-off Location	Division(s)
Mikva Entrance <i>Willowbrook Rd.</i>	K'tan Tan
Gym Entrance	Masmidim Anaphim Boys
Old Shul Entrance <i>Uxbridge Corner</i>	Missmiddos Anaphim Girls Tweens

Please note that parents will not be allowed to park at any of these locations. For parents dropping off at the gym entrance, please approach the front of the building via Uxbridge St. Staff members will be at all locations to greet your child/ren at the car and escort them into the building.

For your child/ren's safety, all entrances will be locked after 9:05 am. If your child arrives after that time, he/she **MUST BE SIGNED IN**. The security guard will not allow campers who arrive late to be sent into the building alone. Please escort your child/ren to the main entrance, the security guard will contact the office and a staff member will come take them to join their bunk. Please do not take your child directly to their group, even if you see their group on the campsite.

Dismissal:

Dismissal will begin at 3:50 pm.

Children will be placed in their respective dismissal areas prior to the start of dismissal. Each parent **must fill out** the dismissal form before camp, and will be notified prior to the start of camp of their child(ren)s dismissal location. Please wait outside the building, by your car, at their dismissal location and they will be brought to you.

Dismissal Changes:

All changes must be e-mailed to YISIDCdismissal@gmail.com (before 3:00 P.M.) To ensure a safe dismissal process no changes will be taken after 3:00 pm. If your camper(s) is/are going home with another camper, please be sure to alert the camp to the change.

Early Pick-Up:

If your child/ren needs to be picked up from camp early, he/she **MUST** be **SIGNED OUT** at the security desk downstairs at the camp office. Campers will not be allowed to leave the building independently. You will be asked to show ID upon arrival. We ask that you make every effort to pick up before 3:15 PM, as later pickup is disruptive to our safe departure procedures.

No camper may be picked up from a trip.

What should I bring to camp each day?

Each day your child(ren) should come to the camp with the following:

- Swimsuit(s) (2 on days your child has 2 swims)
- Plastic Bag for wet clothing
- Change(s) of clothing
- * Please make sure to label all clothing items sent and worn to camp.
- ** All children should come to camp wearing sneakers!
- Water bottle
- Sun-screen
- Swim shoes

Personal Belongings:

CAMPERS MAY NOT BRING ANY TOYS OR ELECTRONIC DEVICES FROM HOME. If brought, toys and devices will be confiscated and returned on the last day of camp. If your child needs to bring a cell phone for after camp use, please make arrangement with the camp director. It will then be collected and secured in the office and returned to the camper at the end of the day.

Trips:

Regularly scheduled trips have been added to our fun filled camp season. You will be notified in the camp newsletter the Friday prior to each trip with specific details. Please note that when a trip is scheduled for a particular division, there will be no substitute activity for that day. If you feel that a particular trip is not suited for your child, we suggest that you keep him/her home for the entire day.

On scheduled trip days, bathing suits should not be worn to camp but rather packed in your camp bag just in case plans change.

ALL CAMPERS MUST WEAR CAMP SHIRTS ON TRIP DAYS. If they arrive at camp on a trip day without their shirt, they will remain behind. There are NO exceptions.

Forms:

The following forms must be filled out **BEFORE** your child begins camp:

- Medical form
- Trip Itinerary form
- Swim Consent form
- Lice Check Form (with money)
- Dismissal Form (online)

Your child will not be allowed in camp without these filled out forms. Please check our website, <http://www.yisi.org/youth/day-camp/> for all the forms you need to fill out. All forms must be sent in prior to the first day of camp either via email or dropped off at 70 Roanoke Street.

THESE FORMS WILL BE ATTACHED IN THIS E-MAIL.

Camp Shirts:

Each child will receive one shirt during the first week of camp. There is no charge for this shirt. Additional shirts may be purchased for \$10.00 each. Please contact the camp office if you wish to purchase an additional shirt for your child(ren). In addition, camp shirts are to be worn on Camp Picture Day.

Lunches and Snacks:

Camp Lunch:

YISI Day Camp provides an optional Glatt kosher/Cholov Yisrael nutritionally-balanced lunch program each day. The program costs \$300 for the summer. Campers must sign up for the lunch program prior to the beginning of the summer. Our weekly menu will be printed in the newsletter which is emailed home on Fridays.

Home Lunch:

Campers bringing lunch from home may only bring dairy or pareve foods. Please keep in mind all food must be nut free and strictly kosher.

**Special arrangements can be made for campers with food allergies; call the camp office to discuss this with the Director.

Snacks:

Each day, all of the YISI campers will be provided with 2 snacks. These snacks will include fresh fruit and vegetables, crackers, graham crackers, cookies, ice cream, ices, and apple juice. While we do have water coolers and water fountains, we still recommend each child coming to camp with a labeled water bottle daily.

Facilities and Activities:

Each day your child's day will be filled with a programmed succession of 30-45 minute activities that will take place at the Young Israel of Staten Island. Our facilities include a variety of multi-purpose rooms, a gym, an art room, basketball courts, 2 baseball fields, above ground pools, and playground.

Activities provided include (but are not limited to):

- Chinuch/Learning
- Arts and Crafts
- Culinary
- Dance
- Swim
- Scrapbooking
- Gymnastics
- Music & Movement
- Sports/Athletics/Leagues
- Literary Dramatics
- Fun Science
- Much, Much More!

Early and Late Drop off:

We are happy to once again be able to provide an early drop off and late pick up program. Supervision will be available in the camp building from 8:00 AM -9:00 AM before camp, and again from 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM after camp. Early drop off/late pick up is \$5 per day per service, or \$150 for the summer, per child. To sign your child up in advance please fill out the form. If you will be using these services per diem, please notify the office in advance. **Children who are dropped off before 8:50 or picked up after 4:00 must pay for Early Drop Off/Late Pick up.**

Behavior and Safety Policies:

Behavior Rules:

YISI Day Camp provides a safe and supervised atmosphere for all campers. While camp strives to meet the needs of all our campers, we must recognize that when the behavior of one camper infringes on the ability of the other campers to enjoy this safe atmosphere, disciplinary measures must be taken.

Counselors are trained in positive reinforcement techniques; however, in the event that these techniques are not successful in changing behaviors, the following measures will be taken:

- a. Camper meeting with the Counselors
- b. Camper meeting with the Counselors and Division Head
- c. Camper meeting with the Division Head and Camp Director

If these measures fail, the camper will not be permitted in camp until the parents meet with the Camp Director and Division Head.

Physical aggression toward other campers or staff will not be tolerated in camp, and will result in the camper being removed from camp for the remainder of the day. Parents may be called to pick up their children in the event of such inappropriate behavior. Continued acts of physical aggression, including but not limited to, biting, fist-fights and verbal abuse, could result in the expulsion of the child from camp, with no refund.

Safety:

- **Medication:** If your child is to take any medication during the camp day, please bring the medicine to the camp office in its original pharmacy bottle, accompanied by a note explaining the nature of the medication and its proper dosage and frequency. The camper's name and bunk MUST be on every container. The camp is equipped to refrigerate and store any medication (as necessary) which must be taken by a camper. Medication may not be carried in camp by campers. A note giving the camp permission to dispense medication must be included. If you administer medication to your child in the morning before he/she leaves for camp, please notify the camp.
- **Sun Protection:** It is recommended that campers be protected by sunscreen, which should be applied **BEFORE** they leave home for camp. Please use a long-lasting, water-resistant variety, readily available in drug stores. Hats, particularly those with bills or brims, are also helpful in shielding the face and neck from the sun. If you would like sunscreen to be reapplied throughout the camp day, please send in a labeled bottle with your application instructions. Campers are encouraged to drink water steadily throughout the day to prevent dehydration.

Toilet Training Policy:

According to board of health regulations, YISI Day Camp is not a registered day care and therefore may only have campers attend who are fully toilet trained. Due to these regulations, counselors are not allowed to wipe a child when they go to the bathroom or change a child when they have an accident. Only fully toilet trained campers may attend camp.

Dress Code:

All items coming into camp (whether worn or in a camper's bag) should be labeled with the camper's first and last name. This will help make our job easier and save you the headache of sorting through the Lost and Found on a daily basis. We will of course attempt to return all lost items, however we do not take responsibility for your child's possessions.

Please note that our camper dress code varies by division. Specific clothing requirements for each division are as follows:

Ktan Tan:

All campers should wear a bathing suit, under their clothes, when they come to camp each day. Boys should wear a hat or kippah each day. Girls should wear two-piece bathing suits to camp, as it is easier for them to use the bathroom with a bathing suit in this style. A pair of underwear and a bag for wet suits should be packed into your child's camp bag.

Anaphim:

All boys must wear a hat or kippah and tzitzit daily. Girls going into 5th grade must wear a skirt and cap sleeves. Campers should wear a bathing suit under their clothes, when they come to camp each day and bring a second bathing suit and a complete change of clothes, along with their pool shoes, two towels and bag for wet clothes, in their camp bags.

Masmidim:

Boys must wear a kippah and tzitzit daily. Baseball caps are only acceptable for sport activities. Campers will need one bathing suit, one towel, a plastic bag (for wet items) and pool shoes every day. On 2 swim days a second bathing suit and towel should also be sent. (Swim schedule will be sent prior to camp.)

Missmiddos & Tweens:

All campers should arrive daily wearing a bathing suit under their clothes. Their camp bag should have, pool shoes, a towel and a bag for wet clothes. On 2 swim days a second bathing suit and towel should also be sent. (Swim schedule will be sent prior to camp.) All girls must have a cover-up and pool shoes to walk to the pool.

Campers in Grades 1-3 need to wear a knee length skirt, cap sleeves or longer and socks (No Peds).

Campers in Grades 4-7 need to wear a knee length skirt, sleeves to their elbows and socks (No Peds).

All campers must wear sneakers or closed toe shoes to camp!

For the safety of our campers' flip flops or backless shoes are not to be used as pool shoes.

A Day in the Life of a YISI Camper:

Our Campers are in camp from 9-4 each day....

Here's a glimpse into their daily activities

Ktan Tan:

Ktan Tan Campers have a series of 30 minute activities that include:

- Davening
 - 2 Swims (daily)
 - Chinuch (daily)
 - Playground
 - Theme activities
 - Gymnastics
 - Arts & Crafts
 - Music and Motion
 - Fun Science
 - Water Sensory Activities
 - Sports
 - Baking
 - Scrapbooking
 - Literary Drama
 - & Much More!
- + Weekly in Camp Exciting Ktan Tan Exclusive Events & Trips (4) for Ktan Tan Gimmel & Dated!

Anaphim:

Anaphim Campers have a series of 45 minute activities that include:

- Davening
- 2 Swims (daily)
- Chinuch (daily)
- Literary Dramatics
- Gymnastics (Girls)
- Arts & Crafts
- Dance (Girls)
- Cool Science (Boys)
- Engineering (Boys)
- Zumba/Yoga (Girls)
- Culinary
- Scrapbooking
- Sports Leagues (Boys)
- Talent Show
- Missing Contracts - Call
- & Much More!

+ Weekly trips & Exciting in camp programming!

Masmidim:

Masmidim Campers have a series of 45 minute activities that include:

- Davening
- Swim (3 days 1x, 2 days 2x)
- Learning Groups (daily)
- Arts & Crafts
- Cool Science
- Engineering
- Culinary
- Scrapbooking
- Sports Leagues (daily)
- Water activities
- Asstd. Competitive Sports
- & Much More!

+ Weekly trips & Exciting in camp programming!

Missmiddos/Tweens:

Missmiddos Campers have a series of 45 minute activities that include:

- Davening
- Swim (3 days 1x, 2 days 2x)
- Chinuch (daily)
- Literary Dramatics
- Gymnastics
- Arts & Crafts
- Production
- Zumba/Yoga
- Culinary
- Scrapbooking
- Asstd. Sports
- & Much More!

+ Weekly trips & Exciting in camp programming!

(Tweens have approx.. 2 trips per week and 1 special in camp program)