Dear Camp Galil Families & Friends,

As we approach the summer months, our goal is to be as transparent as possible about building our path for a safe and successful summer. Though much of our planning will, in fact, feel "normal", we are constantly reviewing local and federal COVID safety guidelines as well as integrating recommendations from the American Camp Association. Additionally, we are examining the valuable lessons learned from camps who operated successfully in summer 2020, camps who had to close mid-season, and from community members working in school settings that have operated at least partly in-person over the last year. All of these resources, in consultation with a dedicated group of Galil parents and volunteers working in the fields of medicine, education, and public health from the Galil community, are informing our decision making as we go forward.

Another key component of our planning for the summer is continuing to understand how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the mental and emotional health of our chanichimot (campers). For many, this summer will be their initial return to in-person experiences, and spending extended time outside of the home. We expect this transition to bring out a spectrum of emotional responses for new and returning chanichimot alike. Both before the summer, and while at machaneh (camp), our Camper Care Team is committed to meeting the individual needs of our chanichimot. To help support this endeavor, our tzevet (summer staff) will receive special training in the coming months on how to best support their chanichimot as they acclimate to life at Galil.

Lastly, as we get closer to the summer, we will be holding a series of webinars where chanichimot and parents will hear directly from our Mazkirut (summer leadership) and professional staff about our plans to keep our community safe. Though the changes we make to keep everyone healthy will likely feel different to our returning chanichimot, we are deeply committed and confident that Galil will remain a place to have fun, relax, connect, explore, feel a deep sense of belonging, and learn how to build a better world together.

No one thing we do will protect our campers completely, but each adds a layer of security. We also understand that none of these layers can be done perfectly, which is why having multiple layers is important. A relatively closed community will be an especially important layer, and it is something that will make camp better too. We thank you for your support and look forward to spending the summer together.

With ruach,

David Weiss  
Executive Director

Zandra Campbell  
Rosh Machaneh

Ross Berkowitz  
Camp Committee Chair
CAMP GALIL 2021
COVID SAFETY PROTOCOLS

INCREASED PRE-CAMP SAFETY & DISTANCING MEASURES
Prior to arrival at galil all household members should avoid activities with high-transmission risk such as restaurant dining, public gatherings, unmasked gatherings, etc.

WE FEEL CONFIDENT ABOUT SAFELY OPENING THIS SUMMER
It is also possible, however, that new COVID research leads us to holding one five-week session in which all campers would arrive on the same day in late June or early July. In that case, campers would have the option to depart after two, three, four, or five weeks. Families will be notified about this decision by mid-april and tuition would be adjusted and/or refunded accordingly.

STAFF & CAMPERS WILL BE TESTED FOR COVID:
- before arrival
- on opening day
- seven days in to camp

MASK WEARING WILL BE REQUIRED
Masks will be required unless sleeping, swimming, eating, or bathing. After week-in COVID tests return, masking policy may be re-evaluated.

CAMP-WIDE DAILY TEMPERATURE CHECKS

ALL MEALS HELD IN OPEN-AIR PAVILION

INSTALLATION OF NEW SANITATION STATIONS
CAMP GALIL 2021
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**Increased Air-Circulation in All Cabins**

**Social Distance Between Beds**

**Activity Pods Made Up of 2 Cabins**
Depending on age group size, pods will include either one or two age groups.

**Visitors Day & Camp Trips**
Out of an abundance of caution we will not be welcoming families into camp for our annual Visitors Day or holding out of camp trips to theme parks, movie theaters, etc.

**Planning for Vaccines**
We do not anticipate that our campers will be vaccinated by the start of camp. We are hopeful, however, that all of our summer staff will become eligible for the vaccine as childcare workers in the coming months. The Foundation for Jewish Camp and the American Camp Association are advocating for this with the CDC.