# **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### Is Gan Henel Licensed?

Yes. Gan Henel Early Learning is licensed by Office of Licensing in the State of NJ. We also plan to pursue NAEYC accreditation once Gan Henel opens.

#### Who are the teachers at Gan Henel?

The Lead teachers at Gan Henel have degrees in Early Childhood with at least 2 years classroom teaching experience. Assistant Teachers vary in their credentials and also have experience working with preschool age children. Most importantly **ALL** staff at Gan Henel have a love for children, enthusiasm for what they do, and are gifted in understanding your little one.

#### What is the teacher child ratio?

Classes at Gan Henel are purposely kept small and our ratio of teacher to child well within the guidelines provided by the State of NJ. This allows for individual attention and discovery of each child in our care.

The ratios that we keep are as follows: infants and babies is 1:3, tots is 1:4 and twos is 1:5

## Will Gan Henel have a playground?

Yes! Kehilat Kesher will be starting construction soon on a brand new state-of-the-art playground outside that will be used for the Preschool and the Shul. We also have a large indoor movement room/gym complete with climbing and riding and soft play equipment for days when weather is inclement.

# What will happen to the classroom toys and furniture on the weekends?

On Fridays and Erev Chag (after Gan Henel closes for the day), we will be breaking down the classrooms and storing the Preschool furniture and toys in an assigned location. We will set up everything on Sunday evening to be ready for classes on Monday morning.

### What will the calendar look like?

The Preschool calendar will run on the academic year, following the local Yeshivot. However, we will be offering fun days for **ALL** preschool children, ages 2-6, on days off like Erev Chag, Chol Hamoed, Winter Break etc.. See calendar for dates.

The Day Care calendar (for infants, babies and tots signed up for full day) will run year round, with some breaks for the Jewish Holidays, Secular Holidays, Winter and in-between camp and school.

### Are there after school enrichment programs for older children?

Yes. Gan Henel is working with professionals to organize afterschool activities for children in Nursery - Kindergarten. It will include baking, martial arts, sports, chess and dance. Contact us for more information.

# What is backup care?

For days when your regular childcare arrangements fall through, we provide daily care for your little one. Please look online for more details and to register your child for the day. Please give us as much advance notice as you can to ensure your child's spot in the program.

## What are preschool fun days?

Fun days are days for all preschoolers (ages 18 months – 6 years) when school is out. We will be having organized sports, specialty classes, trips and arts and crafts as well as socialization and play. Contact us for more information.

### Is there a summer program?

Yes. Starting Summer 2018, Gan Henel will have 'Gan Henel Outdoors'. We will feature an outdoor classroom concept to include planting, building, sensory play, animal care, specialty sports, arts and more. We will have swimming classes in a local pool for children ages 3 and up. Weekly trips are also an integral part of the program.

Gan Henel Outdoors is for children ages 18 months – 6 years. Our Childcare program continues through the summer also with added outdoor enrichment.

# Is Gan Henel offering any sort of promotion for its first year at Kesher?

Yes. Gan Henel Early Learning Center is offering a pricing special of **10% discount** for our first year here in Bergen County. For all applications received on or before April 30<sup>th</sup>, we are offering a **huge 20% discount.** Go online to <a href="www.ganhenel.com">www.ganhenel.com</a> and go to admissions to download form and to apply. You can also email us at <a href="GanHenel@gmail.com">GanHenel@gmail.com</a>.

### Can I schedule a tour to come and see the facility and meet the director?

Absolutely! We encourage you to set up a meeting with us to see the classrooms, learn about the program and for us to meet your child. Email us at <a href="mailto:GanHenel@gmail.com">GanHenel@gmail.com</a> to set up a convenient time and date.

# Why choose Gan Henel Early Learning Center?

For many reasons! Firstly our teaching staff is second to none. Each Lead staff member has earned a degree in early childhood or related field and years of experience working with young children. They are warm, loving and love what they do – and very good at it!

Our Educational philosophy is progressive and focuses on the whole child. Our curriculum is child-centric, child-led and visual. The children are immersed in Judaism, Israel and our culture in a multi sensory way creating memories every day.

Our facilities are beautiful, spacious and bright with thought and care put into the classroom environment and materials that the children interact with.

Our flexible programs (part time, full time, backup care, fun day) are unparalleled in the industry of Jewish daycares. Being parents ourselves we know that "it takes a village to raise a child" and at Gan Henel we endeavor to be part of that village.

There are many more reasons to choose Gan Henel Early Learning Center for your child's Early Learning experience. Contact us to schedule a tour to see for yourself.