

# Information Directory



# Summer 2025

Please keep handy all summer  
for continuous reference



## Build the Fun! Summer 2025

# Welcome to CTCI

We are pleased to have received your registration for our **CTC BUILD THE FUN** camp season.

Camp is in session all summer beginning on Wednesday, July 1st and ending on Wednesday, August 20th. Hours are from 9:30 am until 3:00 pm, Monday – Thursday. Friday dismissal is at 2:00 PM. **NO Camp Friday, July 4th. Orientation will be on June 30th by appointment only.** Please stay tuned as your child's Morah will be calling to introduce herself and set up your orientation appointment.

I am proud to announce that Ettli Weiss will once again be Head Counselor. Ettli, a seasoned special ed teacher, is a certified BCBA and comes to us with years of teaching and camping experience. Her specialty in tailoring unique behavior programs to the needs of children is renowned. With her energetic, dynamic, and warm personality, Ettli has a special way to connect with each child and make them feel like they are a true shining star! We are looking forward to a **BUILD THE FUN** filled summer with Morah Ettli.

Camp will be held at the state-of-the-art Hollander Early Childhood Center at 413 Serena Road in Hewlett. Please make sure to follow arrival and dismissal instructions on pages 10.

**Please read the following information carefully. It will tell you everything you need to know about Camp Toras Chaim.**

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## WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

All campers must bring the following with them on the first day of camp. These items will remain in their cubbies. All items brought to camp **must be clearly labeled** with your child's name:

- ☺ 2 complete changes of clothing
- ☺ sunscreen (Please apply sunscreen before camp. We will re-apply in camp as necessary.)
- ☺ diapers and wipes (if needed for a Toddler not yet 3; all other campers are expected to be toilet trained.)
- ☺ full smock

**Each day the following must be brought to camp.**

Whatever is not used on a given day will remain in camp. Please make sure everything is **clearly labeled**. Un-labeled items are easily lost, and we cannot be held responsible for them!

- ☺ towel
- ☺ bathing suit
- ☺ bathing slippers
- ☺ \* **water bottle (to drink with morning snack)**
- ☺ \* **fruit or veggie for morning healthy snack**  
**(only fruit or veg. will be allowed. All other snacks will be sent home.)**

## LUNCH

This year we are again providing a delicious kid-friendly, hot lunch every day. All lunches will be pareve or dairy. Lunch will be provided by Gotta Getta Bagel. **(Important: although all lunches will be nut and seed free, Gotta Getta Bagel is not a nut and seed free facility.)** Please call Joel@ Gotta Getta Bagel @516-569-6628 for any allergy questions. Pizza on Wed. provided by a local vendor.

2 Enclosed please find the July lunch menu. Please en-

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courage your children to eat the lunches, as the menu is not flexible. In case a child cannot eat the assigned food, please send a substitute lunch that day. In addition we have bagels & cream cheese on hand.

### SNACKS

Please read the snack policy carefully. There are two daily snack times. All parents should send along a fruit or vegetable and a water bottle for the morning snack. Please send **only fruits or vegetables**. We will not allow any other snacks to be brought to camp. Camp will provide a pareve, nut and seed free afternoon snack. **Remember!** Please do not send your child with any bag snacks, candy etc. Please cooperate with us to help your child establish healthy eating habits. (Some good ideas for healthy snacks are peaches, plums, nectarines or apples, (whole or sliced), raisins or craisins, Kirby cucumbers, blueberries, strawberries, pepper slices, baby corn, etc.) raisins & applesauce.

### TRIPS & SHOWS & Special Activities

At the beginning of the summer every child will receive an official **CAMP TORAS CHAIM—BUILD THE FUN** Tee Shirt. There is no additional fee for the Tee-Shirt. Your child's name will be written inside. Please do not lose the shirt. They are very important!

Throughout the summer there will be special shows and Camp Activities including days when professional entertainment will be brought "on-site" to the camp. We will ask for the Tee shirt to be worn on some of those days. The 4 & 5 year old bunks will be also taking a trip on Tuesday, August 12th, to Woodmere Lanes for which wearing the official Tee Shirt is a must.

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We will notify you via text as to when your child should wear the official Camp Toras Chaim Tee-Shirt which will be worn on special activity days as requested.



**NOTE:** There is no additional fee for the Tee-Shirt. However, Extra tee shirts are \$12.00 each.

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## PAYMENT

Payment in full is due by June 15, 2025.

No refund or assignments will be issued for early withdrawal, illness or extended absences. Enclosed with this booklet you will find a bill. CTC reserves the right to cancel your application if payment is not received by June 15. Please cooperate. We do not accept credit cards but accept Zelle to [camptoraschaim@gmail.com](mailto:camptoraschaim@gmail.com).

## TIPS

Tips are not included in the camp fee. It should be understood that our staff works hard to ensure your child's success in camp, and recognition is encouraged. During the summer, I will distribute some tip suggestions. Please be aware that the tip expense will not exceed \$175.

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## THE FIRST DAY

The beginning days of camp are anxious days for your child.

Please bring your child in to meet the counselors, for orientation at the designated time on Monday June 30th. **July 1st will be the first day of camp. Parents will not be allowed to accompany children into the building on that day.**

Our experienced, warm, and dedicated staff will be sure to give their utmost attention for the entire duration of your child's stay at Camp Toras Chaim. Bunk lists and room numbers will be posted in the lobby at the front entrance. **We do not give out bunk or Mora information before the first day of camp.** Every effort has been made to place your child in a most comfortable and compatible group. Please bring all needed items that will remain at camp at that time (see page 2).

Before camp begins, your child's Mora will call to introduce herself. **Again, please do not ask the Mora to read the bunk list. Please do not call the office for the bunk list before the first day of camp.**

Our goal is to make your child as happy as possible and to widen his/her social skills and experience. Our children are stars. You chose CTC because of the trust and confidence we have earned from hundreds of parents. Please trust our judgment in how, and with whom we placed your child and let them grow in maturity and social skills.

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The bunking process is extremely difficult and a great deal of thought and consideration has gone into each and every assignment. Please understand that we have tried to accommodate your requests to the best of our abilities. All of our Moras have been handpicked for their love of children and their ability to deal with Pre-Schoolers. We have the largest staff-to-child ratio of any pre-school camp in the area! All of this care and concern is to ensure your child's enjoyable experience at Camp Toras Chaim.

**Please be advised that no one besides CTC Staff & Campers will be allowed into the building.**

**There will be no therapists of any kind allowed in the building during camp hours.** If you must speak to someone, you can call the office. Please do not call the camp office unless it is truly necessary. Our summer phone number is **516-461-6855** (email is [camptoraschaim@gmail.com](mailto:camptoraschaim@gmail.com))

Enclosed, please find a **“Hello My Name Is...”** sticker, which should be worn the first few days of camp. On it, please write your child's name, as he or she is called.

**THEME**      The camp theme is **BUILD THE FUN .**  
Our programs will be filled with **Build and Construction** themed days and fun-filled activities that will inspire your child's creativity. Please review the calendar. We have worked hard to ensure that each day will be filled with the most exciting and creative activities and that your child will not only have an exciting and fun time, but will grow both educationally and developmentally as well.



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## Text Messaging Notifications



Please look for an email regarding text messaging notifications during the first week of camp. Please make sure that your given email address was correct. You should receive an email by June 1st. If you did not receive one check your spam folder. If you still have not received let us know @ camptoraschaim@gmail.com.

## ACTIVITIES



We try our hardest to ensure that your child fully enjoys his or her day at CTC. We accomplish this through a variety of activities and creative projects. Included are many hands on experiences and a variety of arts and crafts projects. It is imperative that you dress your child comfortably and appropriately in anticipation of these activities. Please do not have

them wear expensive and delicate garments or fabrics. They can sustain damage with paint, water or glue etc. Be careful not to adorn your girls with expensive headbands, barrettes, and jewelry or your boys with expensive *yarmulkas*, as they have a tendency to disappear quite quickly from little childrens' heads.

Our exceptional special activities include: arts and crafts, baking, dance, music, creative discovery, water play, sports, Bounce House, and exciting shows.



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## SPORTS



This year we will continue our successful exciting Sports Program headed by **Mrs. Dasi Goldfarb**, a beloved and superb sports Instructor. Our state-of-the-art playground complex will be sure to enhance your child's summer activities.

## MUSIC

Once again, **Mora Dena Zuckierman** a talented and experienced music teacher, will sing and entertain them every Friday. Our program will be more exciting than ever! Your children will come home with their musical horizons broadened.



## SWIMMING

Once again we have a full time life-guard and Water-Safety Instructor, supervising our water activity program. We are fortunate to welcome back **Mrs. Aviva Skolnick** an experienced Water Safety Instructor and Lifeguard. She will be teaching the children swimming techniques, skills and water safety. Many of our campers have become proficient swimmers at CTC.



## Science Exploration!

We are super-excited to continue our amazing and innovative Science Exploration Program will be exploring Hashem's fascinating world through creative, fun, interactive and exciting, science experiments specifically geared for preschoolers.

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## SAFETY AND HYGIENE

At Camp  
Toras

Chaim, your child's health and safety is one of our utmost concerns. It is for that reason that we have such a high staff to camper ratio. It is also for that reason that we are very strict about the carpool process and orderly arrivals and dismissal. True, it may take a few more minutes, but what is even five minutes compared to the risks of a disorderly dismissal process?

We are also non-compromising about hygiene. The rooms are sanitized each day. We teach the children to wash with soap and water to help reduce the spread of germs. We once again implore



you **DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO CAMP IF HE OR SHE SHOWS ANY SIGN OF ILLNESS!** This includes stomach aches, coughs, colds and rashes. During the summer, viruses and contagious skin irritations are prevalent. If **we notice any sign of illness we will ask you to take your child home and consult your pediatrician.** This is not personal,

but we cannot allow the child in camp without a note from your doctor assuring us that they are not contagious and that it is safe for them to be around other children. Remember, your children are our concern. **All children must be up to date with all their vaccines.**

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## BEHAVIOR & DISCIPLINE

Camp Toras Chaim has a staff of highly professional and experienced teachers and assistants. We pride ourselves in our teaching methodologies and our values of Derech Eretz and behavior. If a child must be disciplined because of any issue, we expect parents to work with us for the benefit of the children. However, Camp Toras Chaim will not tolerate children who bite or display excessive aggressive behavior. Please understand that if a child bites, his or her parent will be called. If there are future occurrences, we may ask that the child be removed from camp.

**ARRIVAL** Camp begins at 9:30 AM. Please arrive promptly and enter through the Serena Road entrance and drive through the parking lot. All children will be dropped off at the back entrance and a counselor will escort the children into the gym where they will assemble until the majority of the children have arrived. There is no need for you to leave your car. **Please note** - gates will be closed at 9:45 AM. If you arrive after that time, please park on the street and escort your child to the front of the building. **Please send carpool info ASAP so we can assign your carpool number.**

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**DISMISSAL** All non-carpool children will be waiting at the front entrance lobby. Please park on the street and come to the front entrance. **AGAIN: This is only for children who are not in a carpool or who are walked home. Please do not expect us to open the front doors until 2:55 PM.**

All car-poolers will be waiting downstairs in the gym. Please drive through the parking lot entrance on Serena Road and give your carpool number at the back door. Doors will open at 2:50 PM. The children will be escorted outside by a Mora. Please be prompt and **DO NOT ENTER THE BUILDING AT THIS TIME.** I appreciate your cooperation in ensuring a safe dismissal. Under no circumstance will we change a child's dismissal arrangement without written and signed notification by a parent! **Please send in your child's carpool list or dismissal arrangement as soon as possible in order to facilitate this proven system as soon as possible.**



Please be patient and allow extra time for pick-up during the first week of camp. Your cooperation is essential to ensure safe dismissal of our precious young children. **YOUR APPOINTMENTS CAN WAIT. DO NOT SPEED, BEEP, OR PASS ANY CARS WAITING IN FRONT OF YOU. IT IS DANGEROUS AND IRRESPONSIBLE!** Our childrens' safety is not only in your cars, it is in your hands as well!

**Extended Hour.** Once again we will be offering an extended hour for toilet trained children from 3-4 PM. Contact [ettilk93@gmail.com](mailto:ettilk93@gmail.com) for more info.

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**We thank you for your patience, cooperation, and understanding .**

Carpools can be stressful enough. There is no way that we can describe the confusion of carpool changes! They confuse not only the counselors, but the children as well. Please **DO NOT CHANGE YOUR CARPOOL**. If there are problems, bring it to our attention and we can inform the teachers and counselors. All carpool changes must be called in to the camp office before 11:00 AM.

### **FIRST DAY DISMISSAL**

We encourage all parents to begin carpooling the first day. This will help ensure smooth traffic and easy dismissal.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email us at [camptoraschaim@gmail.com](mailto:camptoraschaim@gmail.com). We look forward to a wonderful summer together with your beautiful children.



Mrs. Sora Kamenetzky  
Director

Ettli Weiss  
Head Counselor

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**Enclosed please find:**

- ☺ Medical Form
- ☺ Carpool Arrangement Form & Directions
- ☺ Bill for Balance owed, checks, cash,  
zelle to camptoraschaim@gmail.com  
(CREDIT CARDS NOT ACCEPTED)
- ☺ CTC Calendar for July 2025
- ☺ Lunch Menu for July 2025
- ☺ “Hello, My Name Is” Sticker

**Looking  
forward to a  
wonderful  
summer!**



## Office Address

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Woodmere, NY 11598

## Summer Address

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