Camp Gan Israel of Greater Philadelphia
Mental Health Professional

This role is a seasonal summer full-time non-exempt position, with part-time hours before summer session begins. During the summer session the position includes evening hours on an as needed basis. The Mental Health Professional reports to the Director of Community Care.

Responsibilities of the Mental Health Professional include, but are not limited to:

- Playing a leadership role in the planning and implementation of staff training and ongoing staff learning related to mental, emotional, social, and spiritual health (MESSH);
- Serving as a proactive and reactive resource to campers throughout the summer in facing mental, emotional and social health challenges, and creating environments where campers can thrive.
- Managing information about camper needs, and communicating those to staff, as well as documenting communication and plans within Gan Israel’s systems.
- Communicating and managing relationships with parents/caregivers in regards to camper needs.
- Creating and implementing programming for campers focused on wellness and social-emotional learning.
- Preparing reports to funding agencies in relationship to mental emotional and social health of Gan Israel and its campers, including sharing high-level understandings of interactions and interventions taking place throughout the summer.
- Participating in Foundation for Jewish Camp’s Community of Practice as part of our camp’s place in the Yedid Nefesh program, including two or three virtual gatherings and one in-person gathering per year with other Jewish camp mental health professionals.

Key Qualifications:

- Graduate-level or higher degree in a mental health field. Including, but not limited to: social work, mental health counseling, psychology, youth psychiatry, family therapy, etc.
- 3-5 years of post-graduate work experience in a related field.
  - Prior camp experience in working with young children is preferred.
- Exceptional skill and capacity for engagement and relationship building with staff, children and their parents.
- Proven ability to provide emotional support to a wide range of ages.
- Strong understanding of, and a willingness to be creative with, strategies to ensure campers of varying needs can be part of a mainstreamed program.
- Be a leader, self-starter, and strong collaborator.
- Ability to accept guidance, constructive feedback, and support from teammates.

The ideal candidate is interested in being in this role for at least 3 years while our camp participates in the Yedid Nefesh program. This relationship will be reviewed on a yearly basis during that time, with the hope that the relationship can continue beyond the 3 year grant program period.

Gan Israel Chabad, Inc., an affiliate of the International Chabad Lubavitch movement, provides social, religious and educational programs for the Greater Philadelphia Jewish community. The foundation of our institution and basis for all our programming is a tangible sense of ‘Ahavat Yisrael’ -- love of a fellow Jew regardless of background, affiliation or level of Jewish knowledge. We provide all those attending our programs a strong sense of pride in their Jewish heritage. Gan Israel Day Camp is located about 40 minutes west of Philadelphia on a beautiful 10-acre campsite.

Interested applicants for the Mental Health Professional position should submit an application and resume online here: https://ganisraelphilly.campmanagement.com/p/staff/login_m.php