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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2011/5771 Camp Gan Israel Pioneers Boys Division. This year we are excited to build on our program, which is in its second year. We have a very busy and exciting schedule. UVM graduates Byron Murray ('06) and Ian Nagel ('06) will be running our Pioneers Boys division. Byron received a B.A. in Environmental Studies with a double minor in Philosophy and Studio Art. Ian received a B.S. in Education, with a History concentration and certification to teach in NY & VT.

In the summer of 2006 they worked together on a Jewish Gardening Project that used gardening as a vehicle to teach about Jewish agricultural laws to children from the ages of 3 to 16. Both instructors have extensive experience in traditional and alternative educational settings.

After extensive planning and discussion, the Pioneers program will be looking not only to leave our campers with a jam-packed summer of fun, but also to connect campers to the created wonders of Vermont's Great Outdoors. Besides playing tons of sports (soccer baseball, tennis, ga-ga, basketball, swimming...and others) Campers will be participating in amazing activities like going on hiking trips, sculpting pottery, learning survival skills, alpine sliding and touring local farms!

The outdoor education component is focused on building leadership skills and we will put emphasis on forming lasting relationships. Our activities are geared to build a community where we emphasize the value of each and every camper.

On the website you will find a CGI Registration and Camper Information Form, a CGI Calendar showing activities scheduled for each day.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, please do not hesitate to call Byron at (802) 552-4261 or Ian at 973-349-2282.

\*Important note\* Byron is working in Israel so he is **seven** hours ahead of us.

Again, we look forward to an exciting, fun-filled summer! We welcome your comments and suggestions since, after all, your input does make a difference. Our goal is to provide your child with the best Jewish and overall experience the most impressionable years of their lives.

Sincerely,

Byron Murray and Ian Nagel