

Knowing your Chanichim

The responsibilities of being a madrich are *knowing* and *being with* your chanichim while keeping their physical, emotional, spiritual, health, safety, and well-being in mind.

What does it mean to "cover" the chanichim?

Coverage in the physical sense (policy)

- For Ofarim and Tzofim, a madrich should be able to see the child enter and exit the bathroom. There is no need to enter the bathroom along with the chanichim, but the chanichim must always be in visible range.
- For Kesher and Machon, chanichim can go to the bathroom in pairs or groups of three with permission from a madrich. The madrich should be aware of the amount of time the chanichim have been in the bathroom.
- If a chanich needs to change or grab something from the tzrif, they can go on their own as long as a madrich is in visible range of the chanich entering and exiting the tzrif. Older chanichim can go with a buddy.
- Madrichim should be aware of their campers that are present and should always have a headcount. If a chanich is not there, know who and why.

Coverage in the emotional sense

- Being with the chanichim and getting to know your chanichim. “Covering” the chanichim is an opportunity to actively engage the chanichim, and to have the fun and weird conversations that everyone remembers. These conversations will help you learn more about your chanichim.
- There should always be at least one madrich actively engaging with the chanichim.

Coverage in the spiritual sense

- Encourage chanichim to learn from each other about traditions and values.
- Encourage chanichim to develop their own sense of spirituality.

