



# SUMMER MACHANE

CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF BNEI AKIVA

5779 - 2019



# Welcome to the world of Bnei Akiva!

Bnei Akiva inspires and empowers young Jews with a sense of commitment to the Jewish people, the Land of Israel and the Torah.

We're an inclusive youth movement, so while we have high religious standards, everyone is welcome.

You'll discover more about Modern Orthodox Judaism and Israel in fun and innovative ways, make new friends from all over the UK, and meet great role models to learn from.

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Dear Chaverim,

As Mazkira of Bnei Akiva UK I am delighted to welcome you to Summer Machane 5779! This year, Bnei Akiva is celebrating its 80th birthday and our Machanot will have a special BA 80 twist. We are excited to be sending Gimmel Machane to South Africa for the first time, whilst Bet Chalutzim will be experiencing the Jewish history of Prague. Bet Base Machane is new and improved while Aleph and Aleph Chalutzim will be enjoying a special BA 80 celebration. We are also excited to launch Machane Ari, our new day camp. We are excited about the future of Bnei Akiva and look forward to building on the last 80 years with you.

B'Virkat Chaverim L'Torah V'Avodah,  
Hannah Reuben

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Bnei Akiva is proud to be a religious movement, so our food is kosher and our activities adhere to halachah. We take guidance from the Bnei Akiva Rabbinical Shaliach, who consults with the Beth Din where necessary.



# Meet the team!

In addition to your amazing madrichim, get ready to meet some other machane personalities:

**The Rosh (Head) and Sgan (Deputy)** are responsible for the day-to-day running of machane and your welfare needs together with a professional, dedicated team.

**The Technical Organiser (TO)** who leads a capable technical team taking care of the logistics of machane and providing a safe environment.

**The Head Cook and Technical Madrichim**, who are trained in food hygiene and safety, prepare nutritious and balanced meals.

**An appointed First Aider** will be on hand at all times to take care of any medical issues and injuries.

**Bnei Akiva's full time Mazkirut and Administration Department** oversee the running of machane, providing round the clock support and expertise.





# **MACHANE ARI**

## **BRAND NEW MACHANE | YEARS 3-6**

To celebrate our 80th birthday, we are launching an exciting new Day Camp named in honour of ArieH Handler.

Each camp day will run from 9.30am - 3.30pm, with early drop-off and late pick-up available. You can sign up for the week, or just per day to give you as much flexibility as possible. Chanichim in Year 6 can then also choose to join our Aleph Machane residential camp from 5th-14th August, subject to availability.

As well as fantastic Bnei Akiva tochniot and peulot, you can expect amazing activities including arts and crafts, wide games, external entertainers, puzzles, sports and a BIG adventure where both Manchester and London chanichim will meet for an exciting day out!



**DATE: 29th July - 2nd August 2019 | LOCATION: The Batim**  
**COST: £150 for the full week**



## **AN AMAZING JOURNEY | YEAR 6**

Chanichim will be heading off to the beautiful Peak District, with a schedule packed full of awesome activities, outstanding outings and brilliant Bnei Akiva ruach!

Aleph Machane will be staying in a purpose built building, complete with activity rooms, dining facilities and fantastic grounds and woodland to explore. During their 9 days on camp they will experience their first taste of Bnei Akiva Machane.

At Aleph, they will be travelling in the footsteps of our fathers, taking a journey through the stories of the Torah in so many exciting ways. Our aim is to develop their individual talents and self-expression in a fun and creative atmosphere!



**DATE: 5th - 14th August 2019 | LOCATION: The Peak District**  
**COST: £599**



# **ALEPH CHALUTZI**

## **AN IN-TENTS EXPERIENCE | YEAR 7**

Chanichim will be heading off to the beautiful Peak District, with a schedule packed full of awesome activities, outstanding outings and brilliant Bnei Akiva ruach!

Aleph Chalutzi will be taking place at our first class campsite in Yorkshire, where chanichim will benefit from fantastic indoor facilities, as well as a purpose built tent village!

Machane will begin in buildings, before the chanichim become Chalutzim and experience Machane under canvas. They will learn some vital outdoor survival skills, enjoying a fantastic team experience and form some special friendships and bonds. At Aleph Chalutzi the chanichim will learn about inspirational characters from Tanach.



**DATE: 1st - 14th August 2019 | LOCATION: The Peak District**  
**COST: £790**



## **NEW REVAMPED ADVENTURE CAMP | YEAR 8**

Chanichim will be heading off to the beautiful Peak District with a schedule packed full of adventure activities! The chanichim will be off-site almost every weekday visiting attractions, experiencing adventurous pursuits, and building memories and friendships that will last a lifetime!

Staying in a purpose built building, complete with activity rooms, dining facilities and fantastic grounds and woodland to explore, the chanichim will use this as a base to explore the beautiful Peak District. Over the course of Machane they will have fantastic Bnei Akiva tochniot, education and ruach, whilst also experiencing activities such as Go Karting, Raft Building, Archery and much more!

We have never done a Machane as adventurous as this, so come along and join us on a journey into the great outdoors!



**DATE: 1st - 14th August 2019 | LOCATION: The Peak District**  
**COST: £890**



# **BET CHALUTZI**

## **CZECH OUT THIS MACHANE | Year 9**

This year, Bet Chalutzim will be heading off to the stunning Czech mountains. During this time they will experience the beautiful countryside on tiyulim, and visit the historic city of Prague. The chanichim will have exciting day-trips where they will connect and engage with the Jewish history of the city, be led by professional tour guides, and visit museums and historic Shuls.

Not only will the chanichim have a fantastic educational experience, but they will also be staying at a brand new, spectacular, modern and first-class site.

Chanichim will also benefit from a professional on-site chef, fantastic activities planned by our brilliant madrichim, and of course some epic Bnei Akiva ruach.



**DATE: 1st - 14th August 2019 | LOCATION: Czech Republic**  
**COST: £990**





# GIMMEL

## ITS TIME FOR AFRICA | YEAR 10

To celebrate our 80th birthday, we are taking Gimmel Machane to South Africa for 14 days of summer fun.

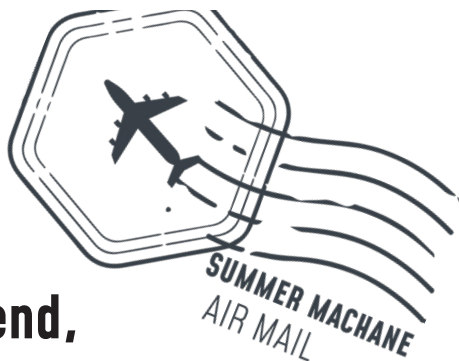
We've teamed up with our Bnei Akiva Chaverim to bring you to their world class and bespoke Machane site. You can expect:

- Your very own beautiful private beach on Machane.
- An unbelievable tiyul on the Garden Route.
- A qualified full time team of medics and CSO guards on duty 24 hours a day.
- Memorable Bnei Akiva ruach from your favourite Madrichim.

This will be a mind blowing, wonderful Machane experience that you will never forget!



**DATE: 31st July - 14th August 2019 | LOCATION: South Africa**  
**COST: £1199**



**Dear Friend,**

Bnei Akiva has always prided itself on Jewish education, leadership and support for Israel. It is the emphasis on these ideals that has inspired so many of the movement's alumni to go on to be communal and political leaders in Israel and throughout the world.

Friends of Bnei Akiva works closely with the leadership of Bnei Akiva, in a spirit of friendship and co-operation, fundraising for capital projects, as well as supporting Bnei Akiva with funds for its educational work.

You may well be able to afford the cost for your child to enjoy an educational experience with Bnei Akiva, but there are, unfortunately, many children whose families cannot afford the full cost of machane. Our financial resources are limited and we rely on generous donations from our supporters to enable us to give financial assistance to those children in genuine need.

If you are able to help, please send a cheque or charity voucher, payable to Friends of Bnei Akiva (Bachad), clearly marking that it is for the grant fund. We are a registered charity (no. 1109706).

Thank you for your support.

Chairman, Friends of Bnei Akiva



# Your questions answered

## **What is the application process?**

Applying is easy! Simply submit your online application and medical form together with full payment ([www.bauk.org/machane-apply](http://www.bauk.org/machane-apply)). If your child isn't yet a member for this year, don't forget to include the Mas Chaver application form too. Payment can be made by debit card or credit card. Charity vouchers cannot be accepted as payment for any machane - although they can for donations to our grant fund. The application deadline is 30th May 2019.

## **Do I need to take out insurance?**

Yes. You can take part in our group insurance scheme for just £12 (for UK camps), £20 for Bet Chalutzi and £25 for Gimmel, or you can make your own arrangements. Insurance covers cancellation fees and loss of personal belongings. If you are making your own arrangements, ensure your policy covers your children when they are in loco parentis. The deadline for being included in our group insurance scheme is 30th May 2019.

## **What security measures are taken?**

The welfare and safety of our participants is our top priority. We liaise with the local police and receive security advice from the Community Security Trust to ensure

that our machanot are safe and secure. Risk assessments are carried out before arrival at the campsites. Whether in buildings or in fields, our self-contained campsites are totally secure and there is round the clock supervision and patrol.

## **What are the travel arrangements?**

We'll send you the travel details around 3 weeks before machane. It will include the addresses of the machane sites and details of collection points. For Gimmel: If you're travelling from the North, we will provide transport to London Heathrow on the day of departure. On the return leg, we will also provide transport to the North. There will be limited flights available from Manchester on a first come first served basis for Bet Chalutzi. Bet Chalutzi and Gimmel will all be travelling to their site via plane. Travel details to follow.

## **Is there a cancellation policy?**

Yes. Cancellation after the receipt of application will be refunded as follows:

- Cancellation four weeks or more prior to departure: 100% (less an admin fee of £75)
- Cancellation within four weeks of departure: no refund.

**THERE IS NO REFUND FOR MAS CHAVER OR TRAVEL INSURANCE**

## **How can I contact you during machane?**

While we're at machane there will be a recorded message on our switchboard (020 82091319) to direct you to the relevant numbers to call. The information pack that we send out before machane will include emergency contact details.

## **Does my child need to bring pocket money?**

We recommend that around £20 should be brought for the Tuck Shop at UK Machanot. At the start of machane, the money will be put into the 'camp bank' to keep it safe. We are not responsible for any money not given in on arrival. Leftover money will be returned on the last day of machane, rounded to the nearest 50p. Unless otherwise requested prior to machane, any leftover money less than £5 will be donated to charity. For Bet Chalutzim and Gimmel, we recommend bringing £20 spending money in local currency. We will not have a tuck shop but snacks will be provided as part of the daily meal plan.

## **Can my child bring a mobile phone to machane?**

Yes, however in order not to disrupt the running of machane, we have developed the following policy:

- **Younger Chanichim** (Ari, Aleph, Aleph Chalutzim and Bet Base) phones must be handed in at the start of

machane and will be given out on a few occasions over the course of machane.

- **Older Chanichim** (Bet Chalutzim and Gimmel) phones are permitted over the course of machane however, they can only be used in free time and if they are required as part of the programme. We encourage an engaging social environment so phones are absolutely not allowed at meal times and during tefillot.

**All phones will be collected in on Friday before Shabbat.**

## **What if I can't afford the cost of machane?**

We believe that no child should miss out on a Bnei Akiva educational experience due to financial reasons. Please speak in confidence to Lorraine on 020 8209 1319 ext 5 or e-mail her at [lorraine@bauk.org](mailto:lorraine@bauk.org) for details of bursaries. The deadline for grant applications is 30th May 2019.

## **I'm not from the UK, but heard about your amazing machanot. Can my child join in?**

We'd be delighted to have your child at machane! There are some terms and conditions for foreign applicants, such as having a UK-based guardian, and a reasonable level of spoken English. Please speak to Ruth on 020 8209 1319 ext 3 or e-mail her at [welfare@bauk.org](mailto:welfare@bauk.org) for details.

# Important Information

Important information for Bet Chalutzki and Gimmel: You will need a valid passport which does not expire in the next six months and a valid European Health Insurance Card (available to obtain for free at a Post Office or at [www.ehic.org.uk](http://www.ehic.org.uk)). We will look after your passports and EHCs during machane in a locked safe. If your child requires medical attention during Machane, Bnei Akiva may have to pay for treatment and/or medication. We will then invoice you for this and ask for your prompt payment. You can recover any costs using the EHC scheme. Bnei Akiva will not be responsible for any health charges incurred if your child does not have a valid EHC card. Should any of the above guidance change due to Brexit we will inform you.

**"Bnei Akiva means being inclusive as a group, and being Jewish, and being proud to have your faith"**  
(Nechemya Rosenzweig, Gimmel 5778)

**"At Bnei Akiva, you just get this ruach that is unparalleled"**  
(Juliet Taub - AC 5778)

**"On Machane we really do more in a week, than we manage to do in a whole year!"**  
(Asher Caillingold, Mazkir 5713-5717)

**"Bnei Akiva really is an organisation run by youth, for youth"**  
(Yosef Besso-Cowan, Bet Base 5778)

**"Machane is about accepting challenges, learning who you are, making Chaverim v'Chaverot who will be friends of yours for life"**  
(Emeritus Chief Rabbi Lord Sacks)



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DATES and COST: Refer to the individual Machanot pages

For grant applications, please email [lorraine@bauk.org](mailto:lorraine@bauk.org).

The application deadline is 30 May 2019. To view the rules, guidelines and full policies, or to download additional application and medical forms, visit [www.bauk.org](http://www.bauk.org)

For further details:

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