

SUMMER 2023

MAKE ISRAEL YOURS



Mach
Hach
BaAretz

INSPIRATION

Mach Hach BaAretz is Bnei Akiva's summer tour of Israel for teens completing the tenth grade. It is the largest and most popular program of its kind, with over 400 participants every summer. Mach Hach offers a wide range of diverse programs to match the varied interests of each individual.

In Bnei Akiva, love of Israel is not a slogan, but a passion. Mach Hach has led tours of Israel for over fifty years, in good times and bad. Helping our participants develop an everlasting bond with Israel is at the forefront of our mission. This goal guides every aspect of our touring experience, from staffing to itinerary planning to program development.

Mach Hach is not just another tour of Israel, but an authentic Israel experience. Our alumni can attest that they "Lived Israel" for the summer. With new and innovative programs being added into our itinerary, this summer will be like no other!



One of the most outstanding features of Mach Hach is the relationships you will create with both friends and staff. Before the summer, groups of roughly 40 campers are assigned to a bus. In this intimate setting, every camper can be fully appreciated and feel that they belong. Each group takes on a life of its own with a distinct personality and character. Mach Hach "buses" have reunions for years to come.

Each bus has its own itinerary, fine-tuned by its individual staff. Every bus has six staff members: a Rosh Bus (Head Counselor), a tour guide, a logistics coordinator and three counselors. Staff members serve as role models and develop meaningful connections with the participants. Our staff consists of a mix of Americans and Israelis, all of whom have ample camp experience.



FRIENDS FOR LIFE

Mach Hach has a deeply committed and experienced administrative staff running and overseeing the program. Our senior staff is “on the ground” in Israel and not running the program from overseas. They are in constant contact with the groups, visit them regularly throughout the summer and can be contacted by parents twenty-four hours a day.

Throughout the year and during the summer, we engage parents through a weekly newsletter, active Facebook and Instagram pages and weekly videos produced by our staff. Through social media, we bring parents inside the Mach Hach experience!



Rabbi Dan Katz has been Director of Mach Hach BaAretz since 2012, bringing a new energy and vision to the program. Previously, he served for ten years as part of the administrative team at Camp Moshava (IO). Dan has been an active leader in Bnei Akiva, serving in the positions of Director of Bnei Akiva of New York and Rosh TVI. During the year he also serves as Director of Yeshivat Torah V’Avodah.



Michal (Adler) Jacob is our Assistant Director. During the year, she is a Mashgicha Ruchanit and Alumni Coordinator at Midreshet Torah V’Avodah. Previously, Michal taught at The Frisch School in New Jersey, and also served as a grade dean and led Israel guidance efforts. Michal grew up in Teaneck, NJ and made Aliyah to Modiin with her family in 2015. She is married to Ovi and they are the proud parents of five beautiful children.



Rabbi Shaul Feldman is the Executive Director of Bnei Akiva of the US and Canada. Rabbi Feldman has spread Bnei Akiva through building a large network of Shlichim (Israeli emissaries), founding Moshava Ba’ir day camps and creating Yeshivat and Midreshet Torah Va’avoda, an innovative year in Israel program.

At the heart of the Mach Hach experience is the most robust and dynamic itinerary around. Every year we add new components to make sure it remains fresh and current. The itinerary includes the key historical sites, amazing hikes and pure fun. However, the Mach Hach itinerary offers so much more (to be detailed in the coming pages):

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PROGRAM OPTIONS Choose between six different Adventure Track options.
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HIGHLIGHT EVENTS Feel the power of over 350 Mach Hach campers joining together for these special events.
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CHESSED Give back to the people of Israel with volunteer opportunities throughout the country.
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SPORTS Enjoy inter-bus basketball games.
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ISRAEL ADVOCACY Gain skills and techniques to advocate for Israel with a program designed by Stand With Us just for us.



HIGHLIGHTS

Though it has the feel of a smaller program, Mach Hach offers the benefits of a larger one. Through various inter-bus programs, you will have the opportunity to make friends from across North America. Mach Hach combines the best of both worlds: the diversity and energy of a large program with the comfort and familiarity of a smaller one.



OPENING CEREMONY

There is no better way to start a summer in Israel than in the Old City by the Kotel. After dinner and introductions, we continue on to the Kotel for our opening program of the summer!

SHABBAT MACH HACH

For one Shabbat during the summer, all buses join together for an incredible Shabbat of unity. Imagine the *ruach* and inspiration created by 400 friends joining for one energy-filled Shabbat. Special guests and programs make this Shabbat a highlight of the summer.

BANQUET

The last night of the summer, we bring everyone together for an emotional closing program. After dinner, we have some special thank yous, a slideshow and cap it all off with a live concert. There is no better way to close the summer together!

ADVENTURE WEEK

All Mach Hach Adventure groups enjoy a four day specialty track chosen before the summer. The specialty tracks include: Army, Beit Midrash Program (BMP), Chessed, Culturefest, Sports and Yam L'Yam. Mid-summer, all Mach Hach buses split up for their specialty week and join members of the other buses who chose the same Adventure option. More detailed descriptions are available on our website.



ARMY

Your Mefakdim (sergeants) will give you the real feel of the IDF. Be prepared to be pushed to your limits in this thrilling army experience.



BEIT MIDRASH PROGRAM (BMP)

Hosted in the TVA campus, add four days of learning and spirituality to enrich your Israel experience.



CHESSED

Each day focuses on a different type of Chessed: the needy, the sick, the physically and mentally handicapped and the elderly. Learn about yourself and give to others!



CULTUREFEST

Experience all the sounds, tastes and sights that modern Israeli culture has to offer. See Israel through a totally new lens.



SPORTS

Take part in basketball, flag football, krav maga and surfing, as you concurrently learn about Israel's sporting history.



YAM L'YAM

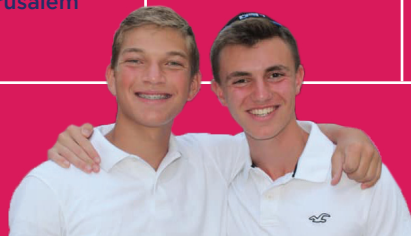
Take part in one of Israel's most popular hikes, crossing the width of Israel from the Kinneret to the Mediterranean Sea and culminating with a thrilling five mile bike ride.



ADVENTURE ITINERARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
	JULY 10 Depart from USA	JULY 11 Arrive Ben Gurion Ice Breakers Overnight: Jerusalem
JULY 16 Nachal Gilabun Har Bental Aquakef Overnight: Golan	JULY 17 Misgav Am Aryeh Hashoeg Kayaks Overnight: Golan	JULY 18 Har Arbel Teverya Swimming Teverya Boat Ride Overnight: Shlomi
JULY 23 Leket Volunteering Yafo Tour Carmel Market Blind Museum Overnight: Jerusalem	JULY 24 Yad Vashem Har Hertzl Pizza making for soldiers Overnight: Jerusalem	JULY 25 Old City Tour Ir David Kotel Tunnels Ben Yehuda Overnight: Jerusalem
JULY 30 Guvrin Caves Save a Child's Heart Basketball Overnight: Jerusalem	JULY 31 Adventure Week	AUGUST 1 Adventure Week
AUGUST 6 Tel Azeka Kfar Etzion Museum Biar Mud Caves Basketball Overnight: Jerusalem	AUGUST 7 Stand With Us Independence Hall Kikar Rabin Camel Riding Overnight: Bedouin	AUGUST 8 Massada Dead Sea Swimming Camel Riding Ein Gedi Overnight: Massada
AUGUST 13 Banquet Overnight: Jerusalem	AUGUST 14 Kotel Farewell Activities Depart Ben Gurion	AUGUST 15 Arrive in USA

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
JULY 12 Superpharm Shopping Har Hatzofim Kotel Opening Ceremony Overnight: Jerusalem	JULY 13 Drive North Nachal Hakkibutzim Nachal Elal Overnight: Golan	JULY 14 Banias Kfar Kedem-Donkeys Shabbat Shopping Overnight: Golan	JULY 15 Shabbat in Golan
JULY 19 Nachal Betzet Acco Museum Rosh Hanikra Louis Promenade Overnight: Shlomi	JULY 20 Tzfat Nachal Amud Kever Rashbi Shabbat Shopping Overnight: Shlomi	JULY 21 Aleh Volunteering Machane Yehuda Shabbat Shopping Overnight: Jerusalem	JULY 22 Shabbat in Jerusalem
JULY 26 Ammunition Hill Food Packaging Tisha B'Av Prep Overnight: Jerusalem	JULY 27 Tisha B'Av	JULY 28 Free Weekend	JULY 29 Free Weekend
AUGUST 2 Adventure Week	AUGUST 3 Adventure Week Overnight: Jerusalem	AUGUST 4 Shabbat Mach Hach Overnight: Jerusalem	AUGUST 5 Shabbat Mach Hach
AUGUST 9 Ein Ovdar Snorkeling Eilat Boardwalk Overnight: Eilat	AUGUST 10 Har Tzfatot Water Sports Yotveta Overnight: Mitzpe Rimon	AUGUST 11 Ramon Museum Kever Ben Gurion Shabbat Shopping Overnight: Mitzpe Rimon	AUGUST 12 Shabbat in Mitzpe Rimon



OPTIONAL ADD-ON MACH HACH LEADERSHIP

Mach Hach Leadership is an optional one week add-on to the start of the summer open to all Mach Hach campers. Campers arrive in Israel one week prior to the group flights and engage in an intensive one week program that seeks to develop the skills of budding high school leaders. Each day of the program has a different theme which begins with learning in the Beit Midrash in the morning and continues with hands-on learning in the afternoon. A separate application for the program can be filled out on our website.



BEIT MDRASH

The source of Jewish wisdom is found in our wealth of Jewish texts. As such, we examine what Jewish tradition has to say on various leadership-related topics.



HANDS-ON LEARNING

Through engaging activities, insightful discussion and guest speakers, campers gain practical leadership skills to take back to their schools and communities. Led by alumni of Bnei Akiva camps and chapters, participants are mentored to reach their potential.



A LEADERSHIP COHORT

Perhaps best of all, spend the week with other teens who share your goals and mission. Meet others from around the country who are looking to become leaders in their communities and are excited to build their skill set. Leave with a group of peers to communicate and share ideas with following the summer.



ITINERARY STOPS!

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