



MAKE ISRAEL YOURS

SUMMER 2026



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 500 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 more difficult. 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!



FRIENDS FOR LIFE



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.



MEET OUR STAFF

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!



Michal Jacob is the Director of Mach Hach. She previously served as Assistant Director for five years, and she plays a central role in shaping the program into the warm and impactful experience our teens and staff cherish today. Her vision has infused Mach Hach with a unique sense of culture and community, empowering both chanichim and madrichim to deepen their connection to Am Yisrael, Eretz Yisrael, and Torat Yisrael.

In her role as *Mashgicha Ruchanit* at Midreshet Torah V'Avodah, Michal is deeply devoted to building meaningful relationships with her students. That work begins even before the school year starts, as she invests in recruitment and personal connections, and it continues well beyond the classroom through her active role with alumni. Her guidance, care, and presence give students a trusted mentor who supports their growth throughout their journey and long after their year in Israel.



Yehoshua Segal is our Assistant Director. He is key to creating a warm, engaging, and growth-oriented environment for our teens, blending his passion for Torah learning with his experience in both formal and informal education. His leadership has guided countless students and campers, helping them grow in confidence, connection, and commitment to Am Yisrael.

Before joining Mach Hach, Yehoshua served for three years as a Grade Dean and Director of Student Activities at the Ramaz Upper School in Manhattan, where he also delivered a daily Gemara shiur with a strong emphasis on skills and love of learning. He has also been deeply involved in informal education, serving as Boys' Head Counselor at Camp Mesorah—overseeing hundreds of staff and campers—and working with NY NCSY and the Shevet Glaubach Fellowship, where he mentored advisors and inspired teens nationwide. Yehoshua received his BA in Economics from Yeshiva University and is currently pursuing an MA in Industrial and Organizational Psychology at Touro University. He lives in Baka with his wife Temimah and their daughter Kira.



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):



PROGRAM OPTIONS

Choose between five different Adventure Track options.



HIGHLIGHT EVENTS

Feel the power of over 500 Mach Hach campers joining together for these special events.



SPORTS

Enjoy inter-bus basketball games.



ISRAEL ADVOCACY

Gain skills and techniques to advocate for Israel with a program designed by Stand With Us just for us.




CHESSD

Give back to the people of Israel with volunteer opportunities throughout the country.

THE BEST ITINERARY



HIGHLIGHT EVENTS



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 500 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 participants enjoy a three day specialty track chosen before the summer. The specialty tracks include: Army, 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.



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.



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!



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 6 Depart from USA	JULY 7 Arrive in Israel Overnight: Jerusalem
JULY 12 Kfar Blum Kayaking Chatzbani Overnight: Teverya	JULY 13 Aqua Kef Har Bental Kever Rambam Overnight: Shlomi	JULY 14 Nachal Elal Teverya Boat Ride Louis Promenade Overnight: Shlomi
JULY 19 Nova Sderot Shura Overnight: Jerusalem	JULY 20 Old City Tour Ir David Kotel Tunnels Overnight: Jerusalem	JULY 21 Ammunition Hill Leket Volunteering Basketball Overnight: Jerusalem
JULY 26 Mud Caves Alon Haboded Overnight: Jerusalem	JULY 27 Derech Avot Kever Rachel Basketball Overnight: Jerusalem	JULY 28 Adventure Week
AUGUST 2 Ein Gedi Camel Riding Bedouin Tents Overnight: Kfar Nokdim	AUGUST 3 Massada Dead Sea Overnight: Mitzpe Ramon	AUGUST 4 Ramon Museum Kever Ben Gurion Ein Avdat Overnight: Eilat
AUGUST 9 Tel Azeka Guvrin Caves Food Packaging	AUGUST 10 Blind Museum Shvil Hamayanot Laser Tag Overnight: Jerusalem	AUGUST 11 Kotel Farewell Activities Depart Ben Gurion



WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
<p>JULY 8</p> <p>Ice Breakers Kotel Opening Cermony Biblical Zoo</p> <p>Overnight: Jerusalem</p>	<p>JULY 9</p> <p>Drive North Nachal Kibbutzim Shabbat Shopping Misgav Am</p> <p>Overnight: Tevarya</p>	<p>JULY 10</p> <p>Ein Tina Separate Beach</p> <p>Overnight: Tevarya</p>	<p>JULY 11</p> <p>Shabbat in Tevarya</p>
<p>JULY 15</p> <p>Rosh Hanikra Nachal Betzet Kaever Rashbi</p> <p>Overnight: Shlomi</p>	<p>JULY 16</p> <p>Tzfat Nachal Amud Shabbat Shopping</p> <p>Overnight: Shlomi</p>	<p>JULY 17</p> <p>Zichron Yaakov Park Hanadiv Yerushalayim</p> <p>Overnight: Jerusalem</p>	<p>JULY 18</p> <p>Shabbat in Jerusalem</p>
<p>JULY 22</p> <p>Erev Tisha B'Av Har Herzl Yad Vashem</p> <p>Overnight: Jerusalem</p>	<p>JULY 23</p> <p>Tisha B'Av</p> <p>Overnight: Jerusalem</p>	<p>JULY 24</p> <p>Free Weekend</p>	<p>JULY 25</p> <p>Free Weekend</p>
<p>JULY 29</p> <p>Adventure Week</p>	<p>JULY 30</p> <p>Adventure Week</p> <p>Overnight: Jerusalem</p>	<p>JULY 31</p> <p>Shabbat Mach Hach</p> <p>Overnight: Jerusalem</p>	<p>AUGUST 1</p> <p>Shabbat Mach Hach</p>
<p>AUGUST 5</p> <p>Har Tzfat Water Sports Eilat Promenade</p> <p>Overnight: Eilat</p>	<p>AUGUST 6</p> <p>Beer Sheva Abraham's Tent</p> <p>Overnight: Mitzpe Ramon</p>	<p>AUGUST 7</p> <p>Ben Gurions Grave Leket Shabbat Shopping</p> <p>Overnight: Mitzpe Ramon</p>	<p>AUGUST 8</p> <p>Shabbat in Mitzpe Ramon</p>

AUGUST 12

**Arrival in
USA**



TEACHING VALUES

Core to all Bnei Akiva programs is our ability to enmesh an educational mission into everything we do. Intertwined into our summer experience are various learning experiences both formal and informal.



TOUR GUIDE

Every bus includes a tour guide who helps teach the history and significance of the sites we visit over the summer. It is not infrequent to see them walking with a Tanach in hand as we retrace the steps of our ancestors.

SHIUR

The madrichim of each bus prepare and deliver daily shiurim that are both engaging and relevant to the life of a high schooler.

SHABBATOT

Shabbatot are full of ruach and infused with a special spirit that campers take home with them. In addition, each Shabbat has a different religious-Zionist theme in which we explore core issues of modern Israel through Beit Midrash sessions and group discussions.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Included in the itinerary are various speakers who share stories of Israel both from personal histories and through a Torah lens.



ITINERARY STOPS!

MASADA



KOTEL



**AQUA
KEF**

EILAT





**EIN
GEDI**



**ROSH
HANIKRA**



**HAR
HERZL**







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