



MAKE ISRAEL *yours*

SUMMER 2027



Letter from the Director



Dear Families,

For more than fifty years, Mach Hach BaAretz has given generations of Jewish teens the summer of a lifetime in Israel. In Summer 2027, it is your turn.

At the heart of Mach Hach is the idea of making Israel yours. Israel becomes more than a place you visit. It becomes part of who you are. Through unforgettable adventures, meaningful experiences and powerful moments across the country, you will build lifelong friendships, connect with inspiring staff and develop a personal relationship with Israel that continues long after the summer ends.

Inside, you will discover everything you need to know about Mach Hach 2027, including program highlights, sample 2027 itinerary and financial options to help reduce tuition.

We cannot wait to welcome you to Israel and help you make Israel yours.

Warmly,



Michal Jacob
Director
Mach Hach BaAretz

About Us

Mach Hach BaAretz is Bnei Akiva's summer Israel experience for teens completing tenth grade.

For more than fifty years, Mach Hach has helped teens build a lasting relationship with Israel. Every part of the experience, from our staff and educational vision to our itinerary and programming, is designed to deepen their connection to Am Yisrael, Eretz Yisrael and Torat Yisrael.

Mach Hach is more than a tour. Our chanichim do not simply see Israel. They live it, learn from it and begin to discover their own place within its story.



Friends for Life

The relationships formed on Mach Hach are one of the most meaningful parts of the summer. Before the program begins, participants are placed on buses of approximately 45 chanichim. This close knit setting allows every participant to be known, valued and included.

Each bus develops its own personality, traditions and sense of family. The friendships built along the way continue long after the summer, with bus reunions taking place for years to come.



STAFF CONNECTION

Each bus is led by a Bus Director and supported by six dedicated staff members: a Rosh Bus, tour guide, logistics coordinator and three madrichim. Our American and Israeli staff are experienced educators and role models who build meaningful relationships with every participant. The trip lasts five weeks, but the connections formed on Mach Hach last a lifetime.

Meet Our Leadership

Mach Hach is led by a deeply committed and experienced team based in Israel. Our senior staff remains in constant contact with every group, visits buses regularly and ensures that every aspect of the program runs smoothly.

Parents stay connected with our team, through weekly newsletters, social media and videos produced by our staff, offering a window into the Mach Hach experience.



MICHAL JACOB, DIRECTOR OF MACH HACH

Michal Jacob is the Director of Mach Hach. She previously served as Assistant Director for six 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.



YEHOSHUA SEGAL, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MACH HACH

Yehoshua Segal is our Assistant Director and RootOne Coordinator for Mach Hach. He currently serves as the Director of YTVA, Yeshivat Torah V'Avodah, the Bnei Akiva Boys shana baaretz program. Yehoshua plays a key role in 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.



RABBI SHAUL FELDMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF BNEI AKIVA OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

Rabbi Shaul Feldman is the Executive Director of Bnei Akiva of the U.S. & Canada, which oversees Mach Hach Ba'aretz, and serves as the posek for the program. Under his leadership, Bnei Akiva has grown through an expanding network of Shlichim, the founding of Moshava Ba'ir day camps and the creation of Yeshivat and Midreshet Torah V'Avodah.

MAKE ISRAEL YOURS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
July 11 	July 12 Depart USA	July 13 Land Ben Gurion Ice Breakers Overnight: Jerusalem	July 14 Superpharm Ein Prat Opening Ceremony at Kotel Overnight: Jerusalem	July 15 Drive North Nachal Kibbutzim Chocolate Factory Overnight: Teveria	July 16 Nachal Gilabon Shopping for Shabbat Overnight: Teveria	July 17 Shabbat in Teveria
July 18 Kayaks in Kfar Blum Kfar Kedem Overnight: Teveria	July 19 Aqua Kef Rob Roy Ein Tina Overnight: Teveria	July 20 Har Arbel Swimming Boat Ride Overnight: Teveria	July 21 Chatzbani Tzfat Overnight: Teveria	July 22 Fast day Shiva Assar B'Tammuz Overnight: Teveria	July 23 Talmudic Experience Shopping for Shabbat Overnight: Haifa	July 24 Shabbat in Haifa
July 25 Tel Azeka Guvrin Caves Basketball vs Another Bus Overnight: Jerusalem	July 26 Mud Caves Alon HaBoded Kfar Etzion Museum Overnight: Jerusalem	July 27 Adventure Tracks Day 1	July 28 Adventure Tracks Day 2	July 29 Adventure Tracks Day 3	July 30 Shabbat Mach Hach Overnight: Jerusalem	July 31 Shabbat Mach Hach
August 1 Ein Gedi Kfar Nokdim Donkey Rides Overnight: Kfar Nokdim	August 2 Masada Dead Sea Ice Mall Overnight: Eilat	August 3 Water Sports Snorkeling Boat Ride Overnight: Eilat	August 4 Har Tzfachot Top 94 Overnight: Be'er Sheva	August 5 Just One Chesed Leket Basketball Overnight: Jerusalem	August 6 Machane Yehuda Bullet Museum Shopping for Shabbat Overnight: Jerusalem	August 7 Free Shabbat
August 8 Sderot Police Station Nova Site Netivot Overnight: Jerusalem	August 9 Stand with US Kotel Tunnels Old City Overnight: Jerusalem	August 10 Blind Museum Latrun Ben Yehuda Overnight: Jerusalem	August 11 Har Herzl Yad Vashem Overnight: Jerusalem	August 12 Tisha B'Av Overnight: Jerusalem	August 13 Chizkiyahu Tunnels Shopping for Shabbat Overnight: Jerusalem	August 14 Shabbat in Jerusalem
August 15 Kotel Ben Yehuda Banquet Overnight: Jerusalem	August 16 Airport Land in the US	August 17	August 18	August 19	August 20	August 21

Our itinerary is filled with meaningful experiences, unforgettable fun and a powerful connection to the land of Israel.



Trip Highlights

Our major events bring all of our participants together to celebrate, reflect and experience the power of being part of something larger.



OPENING CEREMONY

We kick off the summer with a powerful opening ceremony at the Kotel, where hundreds of Mach Hach participants come together for the first time, beginning their shared journey with tefillah and reflection.



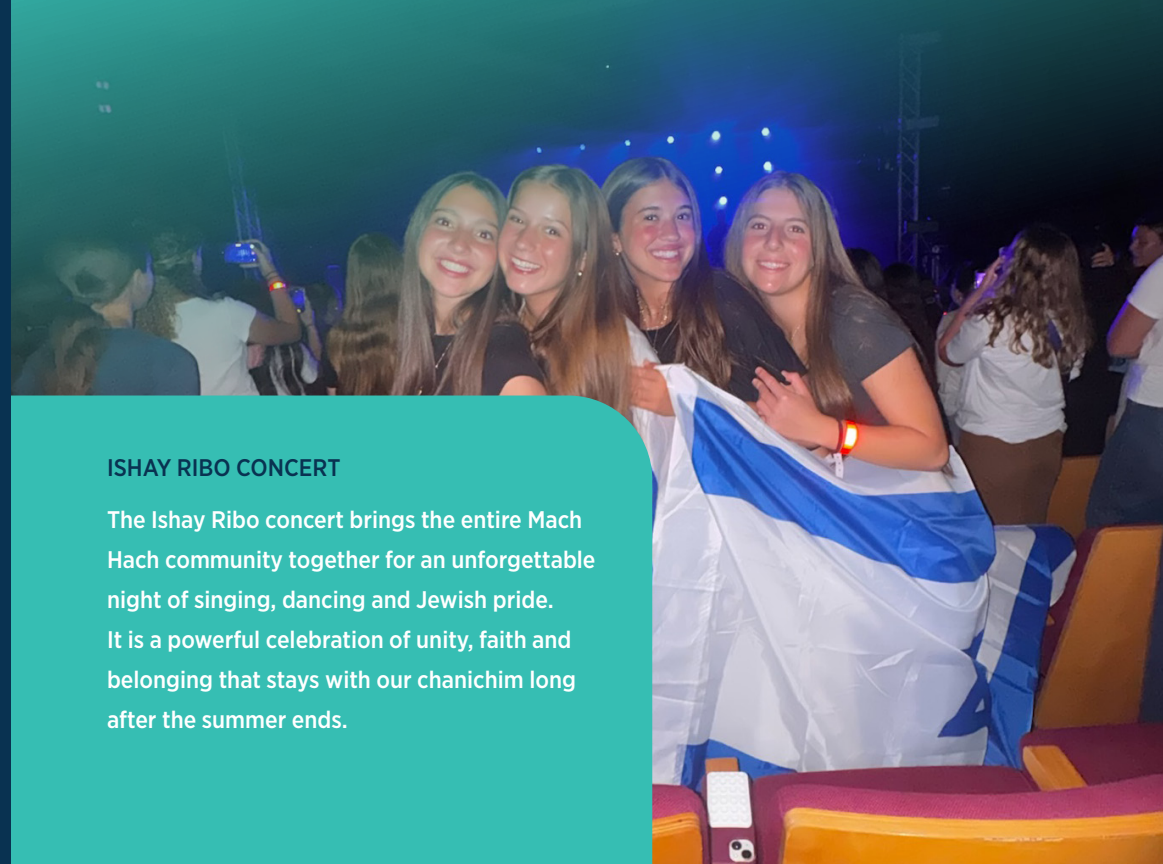
SHABBAT MACH HACH

For one unforgettable Shabbat, every bus comes together as more than 650 chanichim fill the weekend with ruach, singing, learning and unity. Engaging programming, inspiring shiurim and meaningful discussions bring the entire Mach Hach community closer together. Chayalim, many of whom experienced Mach Hach themselves as chanichim, join us to share their stories and inspire the next generation. This shabbat is one of the summer's defining experiences.



HAR HERZL

At Har Herzl, chanichim hear the stories of those who gave everything for Am Yisrael and reflect on their own role in its future. They leave inspired to carry these stories forward and recognize their power to make a difference.



ISHAY RIBO CONCERT

The Ishay Ribo concert brings the entire Mach Hach community together for an unforgettable night of singing, dancing and Jewish pride. It is a powerful celebration of unity, faith and belonging that stays with our chanichim long after the summer ends.

ADVENTURE WEEK

Every participant chooses a three day specialty track before the summer. During Adventure Week, chanichim join peers from across Mach Hach who selected the same track, creating new friendships while exploring Israel through a personal interest.

Army

Experience the discipline, teamwork and intensity of an IDF style training program led by mefakdim. Be ready to challenge yourself and discover what your group can accomplish together.



Culturefest

Discover the sounds, tastes, creativity and people of modern Israel. Experience the country through a new lens and connect with the culture shaping Israel today.



Sports

Take part in basketball, flag football, krav maga, surfing and more while exploring Israel's sporting culture and history. The revamped Sports Track includes exciting 3 on 3 tournaments, intercamp competitions and new opportunities to compete, build skills and experience Israel through sports.



Chessed

Meet the people and organizations making a difference across Israel through hands-on volunteering and meaningful experiences. Chanichim learn about responsibility, compassion and the impact of giving to others. They also have the powerful opportunity to welcome new olim arriving in Israel on a Nefesh B'Nefesh flight, an experience that inspires reflection on the meaning of Aliyah and our shared connection to Eretz Yisrael.



Yam L'Yam

Cross Israel from the Kinneret to the Mediterranean through one of the country's most memorable hiking experiences, culminating in a thrilling five mile bike ride.





Learning That Lasts

Education is woven into every part of Mach Hach. Through formal learning, meaningful conversations and traveling across Israel, chanichim explore the values of Am Yisrael, Eretz Yisrael and Torat Yisrael while considering their own role in the Jewish future.



SHABBATOT

Each Shabbat is built around a meaningful educational theme. Through inspiring tefillot, spirited singing, Beit Midrash learning and interactive peulot, chanichim explore important ideas, ask meaningful questions and reflect on their own Jewish identity. These powerful Shabbat experiences often remain with participants for years after the summer ends.



DAILY SHIUR

Every day begins with an engaging shiur prepared and led by the madrichim. The learning connects Torah, Jewish values and the experiences of the day to the lives of high school students. Through discussion, reflection and personal conversation, chanichim are encouraged to ask questions, share their perspectives and understand how Torah can guide the way they live and the choices they make.



DAILY VISION

Each day begins with our Bus Directors framing the experiences ahead. Chanichim learn where they are, why each place is significant and how its story connects to their own lives. At Masada, they explore Israel's history and discover lessons that remain relevant today. At Kfar Kedem, they step into the world of our ancestors, dressing in traditional clothing, making fresh pita and bringing stories from Tanach to life.

Making Mach Hach Possible

At Bnei Akiva, we understand that making the dream of Mach Hach BaAretz a reality can be a significant financial commitment. We want to help. We are committed to assisting as many participants as possible in experiencing an unforgettable summer in Israel rooted in Am Yisrael, Eretz Yisrael and Torat Yisrael. Several forms of financial assistance and savings are available.



ROOTONE VOUCHER

Mach Hach is a participating RootOne program. Eligible participants can apply for a \$3,600 RootOne voucher toward the cost of the program. Program details to be emailed after participants are accepted into Mach Hach.



FLIGHT CREDIT

Mach Hach tuition includes a round trip ticket on our group flight. Families who arrange their own airfare will receive a \$1,800 credit toward tuition. If you have airline miles available, this can be an excellent way to reduce the overall cost.



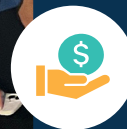
JEWISH FEDERATIONS

Most local Jewish Federations have funds available for Israel Experience programs such as Mach Hach BaAretz. There are usually two types of scholarships; need-based and merit. You can apply via your local Federation. Contact our office if you would like help contacting them. The exception to this rule is the UJA of the NY Metropolitan Area (5 boroughs, Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester). Apply for merit scholarships through your shul. Apply for the needs based scholarships through the Mach Hach office.



LOCAL SYNAGOGUES AND MIZRACHI

Many synagogues and local Mizrahi offices maintain scholarship funds for Israel programs. We encourage families to contact their local institutions to learn what assistance may be available. If you know of a local scholarship fund, please let us know so we can share the opportunity with other families in your community.



BNEI AKIVA SCHOLARSHIPS

Bnei Akiva of the U.S. & Canada helps support families through need based scholarships each year. After applying to Mach Hach, families may request a scholarship application from our office. If, after our combined efforts, sending your child on Mach Hach is not financially possible, your full \$750 registration fee will be refunded, so there is no financial risk in applying. Scholarship applications received by January 1 will receive priority consideration.



ADDITIONAL WAYS TO SAVE

Attend a Mach Hach information night and receive a \$50 tuition credit when you apply within 10 days of the meeting.

Apply by November 8 to receive a \$100 Early Bird discount. Register by February 1 to avoid the late registration fee.



HELP ANOTHER FAMILY EXPERIENCE MACH HACH

Your donation to the Mach Hach Scholarship Fund can help make this life changing experience possible for another participant. Visit bneiakiva.org/donation for more information.

Total Cost of Mach Hach BaAretz 2027: \$10,750 (plus a \$750 Application fee)

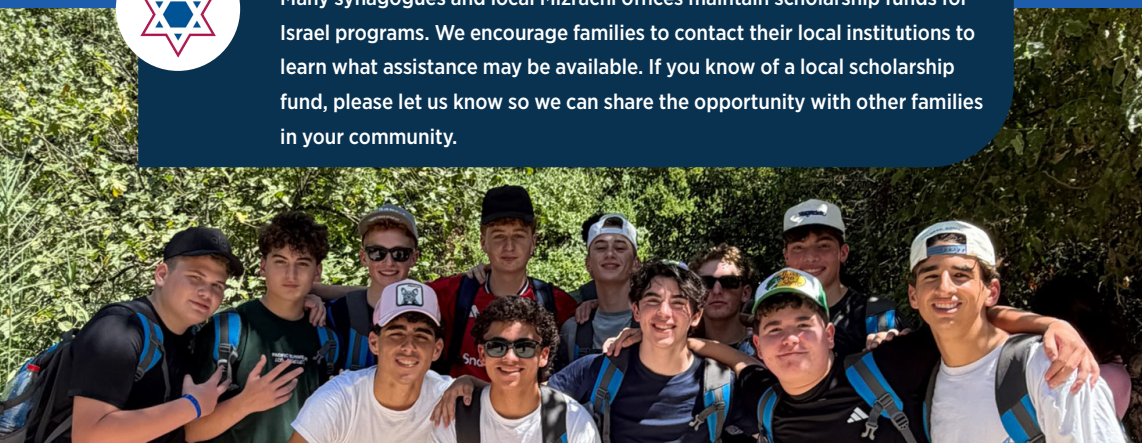
The application fee is due with acceptance to the trip (\$350 of which is refundable until December 31st)

The balance is broken up into three equal payments: January 1, March 1, May 1

An Early-Bird Discount of \$100 will be given to those who apply before November 8, 2026.

A Late Fee of \$100 will be charged to those who apply after February 1, 2027. A \$1,800 credit will be given to those who choose to purchase their own plane ticket.

Bnei Akiva is currently a Root One partner program. Campers will have the option of applying for \$3,600 Root One vouchers.





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