

COVID-19

The global Coronavirus pandemic has enforced some new realities on our programming. All attendees of our camps and programmes must understand and agree to the following:

- You understand that Bnei Akiva will do all it can to provide a Covid-Secure environment. You understand that there will still be risks involved due to the extremely contagious nature of Covid-19. You understand this has been designated a global pandemic by the World Health Organisation. You are happy for your child to attend Bnei Akiva Machane under these circumstances and will not hold Bnei Akiva UK responsible in the event of your child contracting Covid-19.
- We will adhere to all national and local guidelines until such time as Covid-19 ceases to be a threat to the health and safety of our participants and staff.
- Our Staff have the right to enforce any new regulations or change the Code of Conduct as necessary to protect the health and welfare of all participants.
- You understand that we may require participants to take a Covid-19 test before attending Bnei Akiva Machane, and attendance at Machane could be dependent on a negative test result being returned. If this is the case, you will be informed of the details nearer to the Machane start date.
- You understand and agree that if your child is showing any kind of illness/symptoms related to Covid-19 you will NOT send them to camp. They may be able to join after a negative Covid-19 test result depending on government guidelines at the time including any specified quarantine or isolation period.
- You understand and agree that if your child shows any kind of illness or symptoms of Covid-19 during camp they will be removed from the group immediately, and we may require them to take a Covid-19 test before re-joining the group.
- You understand that should your child need to be removed from Machane due to Covid-19 you will have to make arrangements to collect them. Bnei Akiva staff will not be able to transport or accompany participants who have tested positive.
- You understand and agree that if your child does not comply with any rules in place to protect against Covid-19 e.g. social distancing/face masks, during camp they will be removed from the group immediately, and this will be treated as a serious disciplinary matter.
- If any additional safety measures to ensure a Covid-secure environment become necessary, Bnei Akiva reserves the right to adjust the price of camp as necessary to reflect any additional costs.
- If a Participant and/or the Parent/Guardian cancels the Participant's place on Machane due to Covid-19 restrictions, for example, the need to self-isolate or if the participant contracts Covid-19, Bnei Akiva UK will only be able to offer a refund under the normal cancellation policy. An insurance claim may be able to be filed and it is the responsibility of the Parent/Guardian to file an insurance claim through the insurance provider if covered (see below).

CAMP DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS

At the time of writing this policy, the indication is that the Winter of 2021 will be able to run without any restrictions for Covid-19. This is largely due to the success of the vaccination programme in the UK. As such, we are optimistic that Machanot (camps) will be able to run very much as normal.

However, there is still a degree of uncertainty and we will therefore be implementing the following financial policy:

- Bnei Akiva will use its best endeavours to safeguard all money paid to it by families for camp, to therefore be able to offer as close to a full refund as possible should Machane have to be cancelled by us.
- In the event of a Government Guideline enforced cancellation it is anticipated that the vast majority of costs related to Winter Machane will be either avoidable or recoverable. However, depending on the timing of any cancellation there may be some unrecoverable costs. For example, if Machane were to be cancelled a matter of days before it was due to begin, we may not be able to recover all deposits and other fees already paid to premises providers. If this were the case, Bnei Akiva would not be able to offer a refund on these costs.
- Bnei Akiva requires all camp attendees to have a suitable travel insurance policy in place, and to this end we offer a plan via our own insurers. We have been advised that for 2021 our group insurance policy includes cover if you need to cancel your trip due to you or anyone named on your policy testing positive for Covid-19 in the 14 days prior to travel as well as other areas of enhanced Covid cover. Obviously, the specific terms and conditions need to be borne in mind, but this should offer a further degree of comfort.
- Any monies recovered via our own business insurances would of course be made available by way of refund.

BNEI AKIVA GROUP INSURANCE

From the 1st of January 2021, our group insurance with Citybond Suretravel includes enhanced Covid-19 cover. This cover includes cover if you need to cancel your trip due to you or anyone named on your policy testing positive for Covid-19 in the 14 days prior to travel and Cover for medical expenses and repatriation due to contracting Covid-19 whilst abroad.

Please be aware - There is no cover on any of our policies if you travel against the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) advice, local government, or local authority advice of the country you are travelling to or from, or World Health Organisation (WHO) advice or medical advice.

As stated earlier, we may require a negative Covid test result for children to attend Machane. If your child is unable to join Machane, joins late, or is sent home due to Covid-19 symptoms or a positive Covid-19 test, we will be unable to offer a refund however this may be covered through an insurance claim if you have taken out the group insurance policy. It is your responsibility to ensure your child arrives at Bnei Akiva UK programming in good health, which will ensure we can provide a Covid-secure environment for all participants.

We encourage all participants to either join the group insurance or take out your insurance cover.