

Veida 5781 Report and Updates

Here is listed the motions brought before the Veida, the decision of the Veida, and any additional relevant notes and actions since undertaken.

MOTION 1: PASSED

This Veida believes that Bnei Akiva should partner with local food banks to help reduce food waste on Machane.

NOTES: Ariella (Camps and Social Action Worker 5782) is looking into different options for foodbanks near our sites for winter machane.

MOTION 2: PASSED

This Veida believes that Bnei Akiva must provide optional Israel advocacy training for all Madrichim on Machane and Sviva. This would include Israel education about the history, as well as Israel advocacy.

NOTES: Shira (Israel Worker 5782) is putting together a Chomer for Israel Advocacy Training.

MOTION 3: FAILED

This Veida believes that A4 should read:

Bnei Akiva's educational framework shall encompass the three fundamental principles which make up its ideology, namely: Am, Eretz, and Torat Yisrael as prescribed by the rabbinic head of the movement.

Then A5 should be removed.

And the Rest of section A to be renumbered accordingly.

NOTES: It should be noted that, although this motion did not pass, it provided a strong ideological debate.

MOTION 4: REFERRED TO INCOMING MAZKIRUT

This Veida believes that whenever pasta, rice or bread are served as part of a meal on machane, there must always be healthier alternatives available. This could be either whole grain, whole wheat or brown options.

NOTES: Ariella is looking into whole grain alternatives to some of the carbohydrates.

MOTION 5: MOTION VOTED IN PARTS

This Veida believes that any tisch/seuda shlishit, Kiddush or tuck shop on Bnei Akiva Machane should have healthy food options, where 'healthy' is defined as low in fat, sugar, salt or high in fibre.

Tisch – PASSED

Seudat Shlishit – PASSED

Kiddush – PASSED

Tuck Shop – AMENDED TO:

This Veida believes that any tuck shop on Bnei Akiva Machane should have nutritious food options.

- **PASSED**

NOTES: Ariella is exploring these options.

MOTION 6: PASSED

This Veida believes that the final sentence of Section E11 of the Constitution be removed and replaced as follows:

The candidate with the most votes will be declared the Bnei Akiva deputy. The candidate with the second highest number of votes will be the 'Under-35 Observer'. If there should be a tie between candidates, the candidate with the most 'highest preferences' shall be elected. It is the responsibility of the Hanhalla to ensure that at least one boger/et stands for the position of Bnei Akiva deputy, but it is not necessary to ensure the election of an Under-35 Observer.

NOTES: This change makes our constitution consistent with our agreement with the Board of Deputies. Samuel Brummer is the Bnei Akiva deputy for 5782; there is no Under-35 Observer.

MOTION 7: FAILED

This Veida believes that where possible, the Mazkirut should endeavour to produce a summary fiscal document with the net expenditure on programmes.

NOTES: n/a

MOTION 8: PASSED

This Veida believes that all materials that Bnei Akiva prints must be printed double sided (within the realms of common sense).

NOTES: Yes

MOTION 9: PASSED

This Veida believes that no Ben and Jerry's products shall be purchased or served at any Bnei Akiva event, until they reverse their decision to not sell products in the 'Occupied Palestinian Territory,' (OPT) unless the ice cream is bought or sourced from the Ben and Jerry's factory in Israel.

NOTES: n/a

MOTION 10: PASSED

This Veida believes that one is permitted to leave at any point during veida and still be able to return to veida in a separate space where you won't be counted but can still hear the discussion.

NOTES: n/a

MOTION 11: FAILED

This Veida believes that BAUK should send a delegation of chanichim and madrichim to participate in Europe and Israel's joint sayyarim from the year 5782 onwards. The size of delegation must be determined by the mazkirut after the deadline for camp applications 5782.

NOTES: n/a

The remaining motions were not discussed at Veida due to time constraints, and were therefore referred to the incoming hanhallah, as per section E23 of the standing orders.

MOTION 12:

This Veida believes that the Spouse of the Mazkir/a should be given the title of 'First Lady/Gentleman'.

NOTES: The Hanhallah recognises the amount of effort and dedication to Bnei Akiva that comes with being married to the Mazkir/a, and feels that this is a well-deserved and appropriate title.

MOTION 13:

This Veida believes that Bnei Akiva should not prevent married couples from assuming co-roles.

NOTES: The Hanhallah believes that married couples working together is a Torah-based value and should be encouraged. However, in the case of Tafkidim, the Hanhallah feels it should be approached on a case-by-case basis.

MOTION 14:

This Veida believes that section A4 of the constitution shall read:

"A4 Bnei Akiva acknowledges the socialist roots of Avodah."

All clauses in this section shall be moved numerically up by one.

NOTES: The Hanhallah notes that the socialist roots of Avodah are acknowledged in various chomrot for machane, in addition to visits and working on a Kibbutz on Bnei Akiva's gap year programs.

MOTION 15:

This Veida believes that Bnei Akiva mechitzot should be wooden, and not that shmuttery cloth.

NOTES: The Hanhallah recognises the importance of having nice, clean mechitzot in our Batei Kennesset. That being said, wooden mechitzot require significant sponsorship.

MOTION 16:

This Veida believes that the voting age of Veida should be raised to 18.

NOTES: The Hanhallah notes that this motion would be unconstitutional (E10, E11, E12).

MOTION 17:

This Veida believes that clause B4 (Bnei Akiva shall be affiliated to British Emunah.) should be removed from our constitution.

NOTES: The Hanhallah wishes to make it clear that those who proposed the motion do not have anything against British Emunah. However, it was proposed as Bnei Akiva and British Emunah no longer have affiliation, apart from that it says we do in our constitution.

MOTION 18:

This Veida recognises the sovereignty of South Sudan and Somaliland as independent states, separating them from Sudan and Somalia respectively.

NOTES: The Hanhallah feels that it is not in a position to comment on this matter.

MOTION 19:

This Veida believes that Aleph Chalutzi Machane are required to do the following as their 'wide game' for the next three years:

The Wide Game

1. The Premise

5 Teams of roughly 19 kids apiece attempt to redeem as many Madrichim, Glowsticks and Snails as possible in order to gain the most points as possible whilst playing in silence.

- An extract from: The Rules of the Wide Game by Leo Weiniger

NOTES: The Hanhallah believes that this a phenomenal set of rules for a "wide game". However, part of the magic of a "wide game" is that each machane it is a new and inventive tochnit with a different twist. Therefore, the Hanhallah felt that it would take away from the wonder of the "wide game" on Aleph Chalutzi Machane for a few years. It is advised to be in touch with Leo Weiniger should you wish to receive the full rules booklet for this version of the wide game.