

Active Ordinary Motions Passed at Veida

This is a record of the Ordinary Motions passed at Veida over the last three years. Ahead of any upcoming Veida, Chaverim should be made aware of any motions which are about to expire. It is the responsibility of any individual Chaver/a to resubmit any expiring motion to the Veida. This should be done in the same manner as raising any new Ordinary Motion.

Veida 5782 (Expiring Summer 5785)

MOTION 1

This Veida believes that all Hadracha/technical madrichim, and all senior Tzevet to hold a valid certificate for mental and physical first aid training, before taking Machane, except in extenuating circumstances. This training will be provided through Bnei Akiva, for free, where necessary.

This is in addition to the designated first aider having the required level of training, so that madrichim can provide support for the injured person until the first aider arrives and takes over.

MOTION 2

This Veida believes that Bnei Akiva should educate their madrichim on issues surrounding sexism and feminism and ensure that chanichim are protected from gender-based discrimination on Machane.

MOTION 6

This Veida believes that Bnei Akiva should provide nutritious, tasty vegetarian alternatives and consult with a focus group of vegetarians before making the food order.

Veida 5781 (Expiring Summer 5784)

MOTION 1

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

MOTION 2

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.

MOTION 5 – MOTION VOTED IN PARTS – ALL PARTS PASSED

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

Seudat Shlishit

Kiddush

Tuck Shop – AMENDED TO

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

MOTION 8

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

MOTION 9

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.

MOTION 10

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.

Veida 5780 (Expiring Summer 5783)

MOTION 1

This Veida believes that all Roshim and First Aiders for residential Machanot, Israel Machane Madrichim, as well as the Mazkirut, should be Mental Health First Aid accredited.

JAMI, the Jewish mental health charity, subsidises such training for youth movement workers and it is important that the people responsible for the welfare of our chaverim should be MHFA accredited.

MOTION 2

This Veida believes that Bnei Akiva UK must act through all means available to members of the Tnuva to combat the cultural genocide and oppression of the Uyghur Muslim minority in the Xinxiang autonomous region of China.

This oppression has taken the form of surveillance, limiting freedoms of travel, expression and thought, erosion of culture and religion, arrest without cause, detention in concentration camps, physical, emotional and sexual abuse and assault, torture, rape

and murder. It is estimated that up to 2 million Uyghur Muslims are or have been detained in the concentration camps.

This Veida mandates that:

- 1) The Tnua must educate its members regarding the oppression and how they as individuals can act. This can be through educational materials such as the Sviva Choveret and Machane Chomer, through publications such as Shabbat Lashem and Yediot, and through Bnei Akiva's social media presence.
- 2) The Tnua should work with any appropriate organisations within the UK Jewish community (e.g. ZYC, Rene Cassin) and outside it, (e.g. The World Uyghur Congress) to facilitate the end of this oppression.
- 3) The Tnua should seek to expand these activities through connections within the Orthodox community here in the UK (e.g. along with the United Synagogue), as well as the Religious Zionist community in Israel (e.g. through working with World Bnei Akiva).

MOTION 3

This Veida believes that Bnei Akiva must provide fundraising training and support (ideas and help from Mazkirut) to the Senior Tzevet members of each Sviva in order to help them raise funds and therefore improve the Sviva experience for all those involved.

MOTION 4

This Veida believes that our world faces a climate emergency; that without significant and immediate action to reduce our emissions of greenhouse gasses we likely face environmental destruction and loss of life; and that the obligation to reduce humankind's impact on the environment falls to every community, organisation and individual.

This Veida further believes that, as an organisation whose values are Torah values, we recognise that the Torah's imperatives to protect the world God created for us, to care for the most vulnerable in society and to save lives compel Bnei Akiva and its members to help in the fight to tackle the climate emergency.

Therefore, this Veida mandates that:

- 1) The Hanhalla, or somebody appointed by them, shall prepare a report outlining the environmental impact of all Bnei Akiva UK activities, and recommendations on significantly reducing that impact, with the long-term aim of achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2030. This report shall include a financial impact section and shall be presented to Veida 5781 for ratification.
- 2) Bnei Akiva will undertake to educate its own members about the climate emergency and ways to reduce their own environmental impact. It shall also seek to spread awareness of this in the wider Jewish community.
- 3) Bnei Akiva shall encourage its members to join youth led climate campaigning in the UK and Israel.

MOTION 10

This Veida believes that as part of the Nivcharim hustings, a minimum of three questions that are pre-submitted by the Mas Chaver paying members of the eldest two of the four

Gimmel Shevatim and Mas Chaver paying Bogrim and selected by the Steering Committee should be asked and each candidate should have the opportunity to answer.

MOTION 11

This Veida believes that any T-shirt provided by, or on behalf of Bnei Akiva UK, should have a long-sleeved option as well as a short-sleeved option, as indicated by multiple options on the order form.

MOTION 12

This Veida believes that all Tisch and Ruach songs and chants should be recorded and published along with the words in Hebrew with English translation and transliteration where possible.

This should take the form of an online archive, accessible through the Bnei Akiva website or YouTube. It would be open access in order to allow anyone that wants, to learn or revise the songs. This would be a continuous process, able to be updated.

There should also be efforts made to find and record older, less well-known and 'lost' tunes, along with the words in Hebrew with English translation and transliteration where possible.

Veida 5779 (Expiring Summer 5782)

MOTION 9

This Veida believes that Bnei Akiva must ensure two Tzevet members of each Sviva are first aid trained. Where Svivot do not meet this standard, first aid training must be provided by Bnei Akiva. Bnei Akiva must send an email to Roshim of all Svivot before Yom Kippur each year to inform them of these requirements and training must be offered for a date within a month of the email being sent out. If a Rosh/Roshim are appointed after this email is sent, training must still be provided to this Sviva. (This was moved to Hanhalla and approved.)

MOTION 13

This Veida believes that all Bnei Akiva UK Machanot should provide a collection of Sefarim and Jewish educational literature, (ideally some form of Bet Midrash) for all Chanichim and Madrichim to have access to during free time. (This was moved to Hanhalla and approved with the following notes.)

NOTE: While this motion was raised before Sefarim were ultimately delivered to the UK site, the Hanhalla recognised and appreciated the passion of Bogrim and Bogrot to Torah learning. It was discussed about ensuring what can be provided to overseas Machanot.

MOTION 15

This Veida believes that at least one hour of each day of pre camp should be assigned solely for the purpose of individual learning. (This was moved to Hanhalla and approved with the following notes.)

NOTE: The Hanhalla again noted with pride the dedication of Bogrim and Bogrot to Talmud Torah and agreed that a more structured atmosphere of learning should be present on Machane. It was thought the provision of assorted Sefarim and potentially series of shiurim or bringing in educators may help boost this atmosphere. At the same time, logistical issues may require the whole framework of learning on Machane to be reviewed, potentially moving away from the informal and uncommitted after breakfast approach towards a set time perhaps around lunch or in the early afternoon.