



## STANDING ORDERS

The Constitution of Bnei Akiva UK

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## **PART 1:**

### **STANDING ORDERS FOR THE TNUA**

#### **(A) PURPOSE**

- A1 Bnei Akiva UK (hereinafter 'Bnei Akiva') is the national organisational body of all the Bnei Akiva branches, institutions, and activities in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.
- A2 Bnei Akiva espouses the ideology of Torah va'Avodah, as a means of unifying Am Yisrael, Eretz Yisrael, and Torat Yisrael.
- A3 Torah va'Avodah reflects the desire to be actively involved in the rebuilding of Medinat Yisrael, bringing Torat Yisrael into fruition.
- A4 Avodah, as a part of the ideology of Bnei Akiva encompasses but is not limited to:
- (a) Building up the land and the State of Israel
  - (b) Proactive giving
  - (c) Personal spiritual service, including, but not limited to, tefillah
  - (d) The spirit of Religious Zionism and Modern Orthodoxy
- A4 Bnei Akiva's educational framework shall encompass its three fundamental principles, namely: Am, Eretz, and Torat Yisrael.
- A5 Bnei Akiva identifies as a Modern Orthodox Jewish youth movement, defined as the synergetic relationship between the modern world and Torah values/Halacha, as prescribed by the Rabbinic head of the Movement.
- A6 The nature of Bnei Akiva dictates that it should always remain a not-for-profit organisation. In the event that any financial surplus is made in one or more years, such surplus should be retained by the organisation for future use in the carrying out of its normal activities.

#### **(B) AFFILIATIONS**

- B1 Bnei Akiva shall not be directly affiliated to any political party and shall be deemed as 'politically non-partisan'.
- B2 Bnei Akiva shall be affiliated to the World Movement of Bnei Akiva, based in Yerushalayim.
- B3 Bnei Akiva shall be affiliated to the Mizrachi Federation of Great Britain.
- B4 Bnei Akiva shall be affiliated to British Emunah.

- B5 Bnei Akiva shall be affiliated to the Zionist Youth Council of Great Britain. This affiliation can be rescinded by a unanimous decision of the Hanhalla, however the Bogrim should be made aware of the decision and its reasons.
- B6 Bnei Akiva shall work in close contact with the Bachad Fellowship (Brit Chalutzim Dati'im) - Friends of Bnei Akiva.
- B7 Bnei Akiva recognises it should do all that is possible to work with other Zionist and Jewish organisations, provided it is to the benefit of Bnei Akiva, as decided by the Veida or Hanhalla.
- B8 Bnei Akiva may affiliate to any other organisations or bodies as decided by the Veida or Hanhalla.

**(C) MEMBERSHIP**

- C1 Members shall become affiliated to Bnei Akiva through payment of an annual subscription fee, to be known as Mas Chaver.
- C2 Upon payment of Mas Chaver, a member shall be known as a Chaver/a (referred to as a BA Member in the Articles of Association).
- C3 Bnei Akiva shall not tolerate discrimination by or against its members on any grounds.

**(D) COMPOSITION**

- D1 The composition of the membership of Bnei Akiva shall be the Shevet structure, as recommended by the World Movement.
- D2 Each Shevet shall include all members of a particular year group, based on the academic yearly cycle.
- D3 The whole membership shall be divided into sections to be known as Chevrayot, reflecting the Shevet of the member, as follows:

<b>CHEVRAYA ALEPH</b>	<b>School Years 2-6</b>
Shevet Atid	Year 2
Shevet Hachana Aleph	Year 3
Shevet Hachana Bet	Year 4
Shevet Zeraim	Year 5
Shevet Nitzanim	Year 6

<b>CHEVRAYA BET</b>	<b>School Years 7-9</b>
Shevet Ma'alot	Year 7
Shevet Ma'apilim	Year 8
Shevet Haroeh	Year 9

<b>CHEVRAYA GIMMEL</b>	<b>School Years 10-13</b>
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**CHEVRAYA DALED****School Years 14+**

- D4 The names of the Shevatim of Chevrayot Aleph and Bet shall be permanent and standard for all Chaverim progressing through the Movement.
- D5 Upon entering Chevraya Gimmel, each year group around the world shall be given a unique Shevet name to be determined by the World Movement. This name shall remain with the Shevet henceforth.
- D6 Those Chaverim in Chevraya Daled shall collectively be known as Bogrim.

**(E) VEIDA**

- E1 The Veida of Bnei Akiva shall be the sum of its membership.
- E2 The Veida is the highest governing and decision-making body of Bnei Akiva, to which all other bodies are accountable.
- E3 The Veida shall meet at least once every calendar year.
- E4 A Veida shall only be deemed quorate if attended by twenty-five percent of all Mas Chaver paying Bogrim and two-thirds of the members of the Hanhalla excluding those out of the country with Bnei Akiva. If the Veida shall be found to be inquorate, the steering group shall call a further Veida and if this is found inquorate, direct the Hanhalla to take responsibility for the Veida's function.
- E5 A Veida may be called by the Hanhalla or a quorum of Bogrim as defined above.
- E6 For a Veida to be called, at least one week's notification must be given to Chaverim with voting rights. Chaverim must be made aware of all Motions expiring at this Veida.
- E7 The Veida shall be co-ordinated by a Steering Committee to be nominated by the Hanhalla, as defined in Section (F). The Steering Committee must be ratified by the Veida as the first procedural motion.
- E8 The Veida shall be governed by a set of Standing Orders, as detailed in Section (K).
- E9 The Veida shall perform the following activities:
- (a) Receive reports of the Hanhalla;
  - (b) Elect the Nivcharim and Board of Deputies representative for the forthcoming Movement year, defined as the time period from 1st September until 31st August;
  - (c) Consider motions, constitutional amendments, and all their respective amendments, as submitted by Chaverim of the Movement;

- (d) Where possible, Veida must begin with a Dvar Torah given by the Rav/Rabbanit Shaliach.
- E10 The electorate for the election of Nivcharim shall be Mas Chaver paying members of the eldest two of the four Gimmel Shevatim, together with the Mas Chaver paying Bogrim. They shall vote for their preferred Nivcharim, and shall place such votes in order of preference, the highest being the most favoured. If there should be a tie between candidates, the candidate with the most 'highest preferences' shall be elected.
- E11 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.
- E12 Voting on motions and constitutional amendments at the plenary session shall be open to Mas Chaver paying members of the eldest two of the four Gimmel Shevatim, together with the Mas Chaver paying Bogrim.
- E13 Ordinary motions shall require the approval of a simple majority of the Veida. Amendments to this constitution shall require the approval of a two-thirds majority of the Veida.
- E14 A motion of no confidence in the Mazkirut and/or the Hanhalla shall require a two-thirds majority, and if successful, shall be followed by elections at the earliest possible time.
- E15 All votes and elections shall be adjudicated by the returning officers, who shall be the Shlichim present, as defined in Section (H). In the event of no Shlichim being present at Veida, the Veida will elect a returning officer who will be a Mas Chaver paying Boger of the movement.
- E16 Motions shall take effect for three years after the Veida, unless overturned by a future Veida.
- E17 The results of all motions must be widely publicised on Bnei Akiva's social media platforms.
- E18 Anonymised notes must be taken at every Veida by a designated secretary, chosen by the Steering Committee. These must include all motions raised, key points debated, the result of the vote and any points of order, amendments and procedural motions. These notes must then be ratified by the Hanhalla (with any redactions being clearly indicated) and then these will be available on request (the motions which were moved to Hanhalla), within sixty days of Veida.

- E19 If within a month of publication of the Veida motions, the Hanhalla receives an appeal from a quorum of the Bogrim as defined in Section E4, the motion shall be returned to the next Veida.
- E20 It is the duty of the Hanhalla to implement any motion passed at Veida. It is the responsibility of the proposer of any motion, or any Mas Chaver paying members of the eldest two of the four Gimmel Shevatim, together with the Mas Chaver paying bogrim, to work with the Hanhalla to implement their motion and hold them accountable if they fail to do so. It is the duty of the Rosh Nivchar/eret to report to the bogrim on this progress.
- E21 Whenever possible, Veida motions that are passed will take effect immediately after the conclusion of the Veida.
- E22 All constitutional amendments will take effect immediately after they are voted on.
- E23 Motions which were not discussed at Veida due to time constraints should be automatically referred to the incoming Hanhalla.

Within ninety days of Veida the Mazkir/a must publish a report on Bnei Akiva's social media platforms on the progress of motions that were passed or not discussed.

- E24 The Standing Orders and all standing motions should be widely available for Chaverim to access throughout the year.
- E25 There shall be a panel with the authority to check through the Standing Orders for spelling, grammatical and consistency errors, and to amend these in the spirit in which the Standing Orders are currently understood. This panel will comprise of:
- (a) The incoming Mazkir/a;
  - (b) The COO;
  - (c) One outgoing Nivchar/eret, to be suggested by the Steering Committee and ratified by the Veida;
  - (d) One representative of the Veida to be elected at Veida.

Each amendment must be ratified by the Hanhalla. Any amendments which are not ratified can be brought as Constitutional Amendments at the next Veida.

**(F) HANHALLA**

- F1 The Hanhalla shall be the National Executive Committee of the Movement.
- F2 The Hanhalla shall consist of the following groups:
- (a) Mazkirut;

- (b) Shlichim;
  - (c) Nivcharim.
- F3
- (a) All members of the Hanhalla have voting rights, except for the Shlichim who attend in an advisory capacity only.
  - (b) A vote within the Hanhalla can only be taken if there are at least half the members of the Mazkirut and half the members of the Nivcharim present. Only those present at the meeting can cast a vote.
  - (c) In the event that the number of Mazkirut is strictly fewer than the number of Nivcharim, those present at the meeting shall have one vote each, those not present at the meeting shall have no votes each.
  - (d) In the event that the number of Mazkirut is greater than or equal to the number of Nivcharim, then the Mazkirut shall have the number of votes equal to the number of its members present and the Nivcharim shall share equally amongst their members present, one more than the number of votes of the Mazkirut.
- F4
- The Hanhalla shall be responsible to the Veida for the following activities:
- (a) Election of the Mazkirut for the forthcoming Movement year;
  - (b) Election of senior positions of responsibility within the Movement;
  - (c) Maintaining standards of conduct within the Hanhalla itself. Should any member(s) of the Hanhalla be found in breach of acceptable conduct, a vote will be conducted at the earliest possibility by the Hanhalla, and will require a two thirds majority to remove any member from their position on the Hanhalla. The Hanhalla member(s) in question shall be excluded from the vote.
  - (c) Pursuing disciplinary matters, with the authority to expel Chaverim from the Movement, if felt necessary;
  - (d) Determining and developing Movement policy, as set out in the Policy Documents of Bnei Akiva;
  - (e) Ensuring Bnei Akiva has run effectively in the previous year.
- F5
- The Hanhalla is the representative, decision making body of the movement. As such:
- (a) the Hanhalla must be consulted on all pertinent decisions, including, but not limited to, decisions affecting the structure of the movement, the image of the movement, job descriptions, etc.



- (b) it is the responsibility of all members of the Hanhalla to consult widely with Chaverim from all Chevrayot, in order that informed decisions may be taken

F6 The Hanhalla must act in a responsible manner with regards to confidential matters. If a member of the Hanhalla is found to be in breach of confidentiality, the Hanhalla must take appropriate, and if necessary, serious action.

F7 The Hanhalla shall meet at least five times during its term to discuss the activities and progress of the Movement.

**(G) MAZKIRUT**

G1 The Mazkirut shall be the employed secretariat of the Movement, responsible for its administration and organisation.

G2 The Mazkirut shall be elected by the Hanhalla on behalf of the Movement.

G3 The Mazkirut shall be composed of salaried sabbatical officers, responsible for the following portfolios:

- (a) Mazkir/a;
- (b) Camps and technical organisation;
- (c) Education;
- (d) Svivot;
- (e) Israel Programmes.

G4 Applications from Chaverim for the above positions shall be submitted to the Hanhalla, who shall agree on and publicise their procedure for selection. Successful applicants' manifestos may be published and publicised online.

G5 In the event of one or more of the above portfolios not being filled by full-time sabbatical officers, it is the responsibility of the Hanhalla to fill the positions as they see fit.

G6 The Mazkirut shall have the right to appoint/employ office staff to assist in the administration of the Movement.

**(H) SHLICHIM**

H1 The role of the Shlichim is to assist and advise the Mazkirut and Nivcharim, and act as educators to the Movement spreading Bnei Akiva ideology to all communities nationwide.

- H2 The Mazkirut of Bnei Akiva of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Mazkirut of the World Movement, together with the Jewish Agency, shall have the right to appoint Israeli Shlichim to Bnei Akiva of Great Britain and Ireland.
- H3 The above appointment is conditional upon an interview by representatives appointed by the Mazkirut of Bnei Akiva of Great Britain and Ireland.
- H4 The above appointment is conditional upon ratification by a vote of the Hanhalla following H3 taking place.
- H5 The Shlichim shall occupy the following portfolios:
- (a) Educational Northern;
  - (b) Educational Rabbinical.
- H6 There shall be at least one family Shaliach, who should be making regular trips to the movement nationwide.
- H7 Prior to the selection process, exact job descriptions and guidelines must be formulated by the existing Mazkirut and Shlichim.
- H8 The selection process must include both World Bnei Akiva, current Shlichim and appropriate members of the Mazkirut of Great Britain and Ireland.

**(I) NIVCHARIM**

- I1 The Nivcharim are the representatives of the Chaverim of the Movement, elected by the Chaverim above Shevet of suffrage, as specified in E10.
- I2 The Nivcharim shall be Bogrim elected by the Veida (see E10), and the number of Nivcharim shall be one more than the number of Mazkirut portfolios (as defined by G3).
- I3 The duties of the Nivcharim shall be as follows:
- (a) The Nivcharim shall support the Mazkirut in fulfilling their portfolios as defined in G3;
  - (b) The Nivcharim are required to engage with and listen to Chaverim from across the Movement, in order to provide constructive feedback on the Movement and to relay the views of the Chaverim to the Hanhalla;
  - (c) The Nivcharim shall be an active and visible presence in the implementation of and attendance at Movement programming;
  - (d) The Nivcharim shall meet at least once every calendar month;
  - (e) The Nivcharim shall be responsible to the Chaverim for monitoring the progress of the Mazkirut in fulfilling their portfolios as defined in G3.

- 14 One of the Nivcharim shall be appointed “Rosh Nivchar/eret” by the voting members of the Hanhalla, as defined in section F, through a simple majority vote. In the case of a tie, the most recent Rosh Nivchar/eret who does not hold a tafkid on the current Hanhalla will get the deciding vote.
- 15 The duties of the Rosh Nivchar/eret shall be as follows:
- (a) Meet with the Mazkir/a every two weeks. The agenda of this meeting shall include:
    - (i) An update on the progress of the Mazkirut in fulfilling their portfolios as defined in G3, provided by the Mazkir/a;
    - (ii) An update on the Movement and views of the Chaverim, provided by the Rosh Nivchar/eret.
  - (b) Arrange and chair the meetings of the Nivcharim as specified in I3d;
  - (c) Be responsible for monitoring the progress of the Nivcharim in fulfilling their duties, as specified in I3;
  - (d) The Rosh Nivchar/eret shall, together with the Mazkir/a, set the agenda of the Hanhalla meetings, as specified in F7.
- 16 A vote of no confidence in the Rosh Nivchar/eret may be proposed by any voting member of the Hanhalla and, if seconded by another voting member, will proceed to vote. The vote will exclude the Rosh Nivchar/eret, and pass by either a two-thirds overall majority, or a unanimous decision of the Nivcharim in addition to one member of the Mazkirut

**(J) MAZKIRUT APPLICATION PROCESS**

- J1 Applications should be sent out to all members of the youngest six Shevatim of Bogrim. This should ask for the application form to be sent back to the Mazkir/a marked PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL.
- J2 The closing date for applications should be determined by the Mazkir/a, Rosh Nivchar/eret and Ombudsman.
- J3 Interviews should be conducted by one member of the Mazkirut, one representative of the Nivcharim, one Shaliach and a past member of the Mazkirut, who has not been involved in Bnei Akiva for at least two years. The Mazkir/a should strive to sit in every interview and to transcribe in each.
- J4 If two or more candidates are standing for the same position, then the interviews should be conducted by the same interviewers. These measures will ensure both candidates receive an equal and fair chance to express themselves.
- J5 Minutes of the interviews should be sent to all members of the Hanhalla at least one week before the meeting. The meeting shall not take place until this has occurred. Candidates may not send any other additional information to Hanhalla

members. If there are further rounds of applications, the minutes should be sent at least three days before the meeting.

J6 It is the obligation of the Hanhalla to read all the candidate's application forms and be open and receptive to the candidate.

J7 Total confidentiality must be upheld by all members of the Hanhalla.

J8 Application timetable:

Application forms sent out Beginning of Week 1

Closing date End of Week 5

Interviews Week 6

Minutes of interviews sent out End of Week 6

Hanhalla meeting End of Week 7

J9 The above protocol will be sent to candidates with the application form as in J1.

J10 The Hanhalla are responsible to ensure that the above protocol is adhered to. However, if for any reason this is not feasible, the Hanhalla have the right to amend the protocol at their discretion.

J11 The protocol of the election meeting must be decided in advance of the Mazkirut application process by the Mazkir/a, Rosh Nivchar/eret, Shlichim and Ombudsman, and then must be ratified by the Hanhalla.

J12 All votes must be counted by the Shlichim and verified by the Ombudsman.

## **PART 2:**

### **STANDING ORDERS FOR THE VEIDA**

#### **(K) MOTIONS**

- K1 Motions should be submitted to the Steering Committee at least 48 hours before the Veida, factoring in Shabbat, Tisha b'Av and any other religious factors.
- K2 The order of motions to be discussed at Veida shall be determined by a vote whereby all Mas Chaver paying Chaverim eligible to attend Veida will have the opportunity to indicate their support for the motions raised. All Mas Chaver paying Chaverim will have an equally weighted vote.
- K3 Each motion must have a proposer and seconder, both of whom have paid Mas Chaver for the current year.
- K4 The motion shall be introduced with a speech by the proposer, the maximum length of which shall be five minutes. The motion shall thereafter be open for discussion, in the form of speeches from the floor.
- K5 Once a motion has been introduced it may be withdrawn only at the discretion of the proposer and seconder of that motion.
- K6 The proposer shall sum up the debate in no more than three minutes, immediately before the vote is taken.
- K7 No interruptions shall be permitted during the proposition and summing up of the motion, save a point of information correcting a factual point.
- K8 Chaverim wishing to speak shall do so only through the Chair. The Chairperson shall decide the priority of speakers.
- K9 Points of Order, which shall take preference over any other business, may be raised by any Chaver/a through the Chair. This includes procedural motions as described in Section (N).
- K10 Motions shall require a simple majority, except where otherwise stated in the Standing Orders. Amendments to the Standing Orders shall require a two-thirds majority. Only votes to accept or to reject the motion or amendment shall be used to determine if the required majority has been reached. All votes require at least two-thirds of the participants of the Veida to be present in order for the motion to be passed.

#### **(L) AMENDMENTS**

- L1 An amendment to the motion currently before the plenum may be proposed by any Chaver/a during the debate. This shall be done through the Chairperson.
- L2 Discussion on amendments shall follow the same form as that for motions.

- L3 If an amendment is accepted by the proposer of a motion, it shall be incorporated into that motion, and not discussed separately.
- L4 If an amendment is not acceptable to the proposer of a motion, and is subsequently carried by a simple majority, the mover of the amendment shall become the proposer of that amended motion.
- L5 An amended motion may be further amended at any time during the debate.

**(M) THE CHAIRPERSON**

- M1 The Chairperson shall be nominated by the Steering Committee and elected by the Veida.
- M2 The Steering Committee reserves the right to replace the current Chairperson at any time.
- M3 There shall be order and silence when the Chairperson speaks.
- M4 The Chairperson shall only exercise a casting vote.
- M5 If the Chairperson should wish to participate in any debate, they shall relinquish the Chair to another Chairperson, as elected by the Steering Committee. This shall be done prior to the proposition of the motion. The Original Chairperson shall resume the Chair immediately prior to the proposition of the next motion.
- M6 The Chairperson reserves the right to impose a time limit in respect of any debate.
- M7 The Chairperson reserves the right to adjourn the session at their discretion. Where this has occurred, the Chairperson may reconvene the session at any point within the next 24 hours without giving the due notice specified in E6.
- M8 The Chairperson together with the Steering Committee shall be responsible for counting the votes, overseen by the returning officers as defined in Section E15.

**(N) PROCEDURAL MOTIONS**

- N1 The following are procedural motions, which shall be raised as points of order by a proposer and seconder. They are to be dealt with as described below.

**(a) A vote of no confidence in the Chairperson**

The Chairperson shall leave the Chair. This procedural motion shall be proposed, after which the Chairperson shall defend their position. A vote will immediately follow. Should the Chairperson be defeated, they shall not return to the Chair for the duration of that Veida. They shall be replaced by a person elected by the Steering Committee.

Should the Chairperson not be defeated, they shall return to the Chair.

**(b) A challenge to the Chairperson's ruling**

The Chairperson shall leave the Chair. The procedural motion shall then be proposed, and the Chairperson shall then reply. A vote on the procedural motion shall be taken immediately, and if the motion is carried, the Chairperson's decision shall be reversed.

**(c) That Section ... of these Standing Orders be suspended/resumed**

One speaker shall speak in favour of, and one against, the procedural motion. A vote shall immediately follow.

**(d) That the current motion shall be referred to the incoming Mazkirut**

One speaker shall speak in favour of, and one against, the procedural motion. A vote shall immediately follow.

**(e) That the current motion be voted on in parts**

The proposer shall state the parts to be voted on separately and explain the reasoning. One speech against shall be permitted. A vote shall immediately follow. The separate parts shall then be treated as separate motions.

**(f) That the current motion is unconstitutional**

One speaker shall speak in favour of, and one against, the procedural motion. A vote shall follow after a discussion mediated by the Chairperson. No further discussion or vote shall be held regarding any motion deemed to be unconstitutional.

**(g) That the plenum is not quorate**

If notice is given at any time during plenum, the Chairperson shall immediately order a quorum count. Should the plenum be found to be inquorate, as defined in Section K10, the Chairperson shall adjourn the plenum.

**(h) That the Veida should move to vote**

One speaker shall speak in favour of, and one against, the procedural motion. A vote shall immediately follow.

## PART 3:

### STANDING ORDERS FOR MIFKAD

#### (O) PROTOCOL FOR MIFKAD

- O1 The Mifkad (Movement assembly) as laid down in Section O2, shall conclude all official Movement activities. Mifkad shall include the Movement mottoes, greetings and anthem.

O2

**Hamifkad na ya'avor l'noach, amod noach**  
(Stand easy)

**המפקד נא יעבר לנח - עמוד נח**

**Hamifkad na ya'avor l'dom, amod dom**  
(Stand to attention)

**המפקד נא יעבר לדום - עמוד דום**

**Mi Anachnu?**  
(Who are we?)

**מי אנחנו?  
בני עקיבא!**

**Bnei Akiva!**

**Meh Chayeinu?**  
(What is our way of life?)  
**Torah and Work!**

**מה חיינו?  
תורה ועבודה!**

**Ma Sismateinu?**  
(What is our motto?)

**The People of Israel**  
**In the Land of Israel**  
**According to the Torah of Israel!**

**מה סיסמתנו?  
עם ישראל  
בארץ ישראל  
על פי תורת ישראל!**

**Nashir shir himnon tnuateinu, "Yad Achim"**  
(We will now sing the anthem of our movement, "Yad Achim")

**נשיר שיר המנון תנועתנו, "יד אחים"**

Yad achim lachem shelucha hano'ar he'chaviv  
Al digleinu kulachem chanu misaviv  
Yazhir lachem kochav Torah  
Dar'kechem sugah ba'Avodah  
B'leiv amitz b'ezrat Hashem aloh na'aleh!  
Kadimah Bnei Akiva heidad b'ma'aleh!

**יד אחים לכם שלוחה הנוער החביב,  
על דגלנו כלכם חנו מסביב.  
יזהר לכם כוכב תורה,  
דרככם סוגה בעבודה.  
בלב אמיץ בעזרת ה', עלה נעלה!  
קדימה, בני עקיבא, הידד במעלה!**

Moledet zo eretz avot artzeinu hak'doshah  
Midei avir Ya'akov lanu morasha  
Rasheinu bi'imkei Toratah  
Kapeinu b'rigvei admatah  
B'leiv amitz b'ezrat Hashem aloh na'aleh!  
Kadimah Bnei Akiva heidad b'ma'aleh!

**מולדת זו, ארץ אבות ארצנו הקדושה,  
מידי אביר יעקב לנו מורשה.  
ראשינו בעמקי תורתה,  
כפינו ברגבי אדמתה.  
בלב אמיץ בעזרת ה', עלה נעלה!  
קדימה, בני עקיבא, הידד במעלה!**



A brotherly hand is stretched out to you, O beloved youth:  
 Gather yourselves around our flag.  
 The star of the Torah shall shine for you,  
 Your path shall be one of labour.  
 With a sturdy heart, with the help of G-d, we will go up!  
 Forward, Bnei Akiva, forward to the heights!

This homeland, the holy Land of our fathers,  
 our heritage from the hand of the Mighty One of Jacob.  
 Our minds are steeped in her Torah,  
 Our hands are immersed in her soil.  
 With a sturdy heart, with the help of G-d, we will go up!  
 Forward, Bnei Akiva, forward to the heights!

**Nashir shir himnon medinateinu b'artzeinu, "Hatikva"**  
*(We will now sing the anthem of our homeland "Hatikvah")*

**נְשִׁיר שִׁיר הַמְנוֹן מְדִינַתֵּנוּ אֶרְצֵינוּ "הַתִּקְוָה"**

Kol od balevav p'nima  
 Nefesh yehudi homiya  
 Ulfa'atei mizrach kadima  
 Ayin l'Tziyon tzofiya,  
 Od lo avda tikvateinu,  
 Hatikvah bat shnot alpayim,  
 Li'hiyot am chofshi b'artzeinu  
 Eretz Tziyon v'Yerushelayim.

כָּל עוֹד בְּלִבָּב פְּנִימָה  
 נֶפֶשׁ יְהוּדֵי הוֹמִיָּה,  
 וּלְפָאֵתֵי מִזְרַח קְדִימָה  
 עֵינַי לְצִיּוֹן צוֹפִיָּה.  
 עוֹד לֹא אֲבָדָה תִּקְוַתֵּנוּ,  
 הַתִּקְוָה בֵּת שְׁנוֹת אַלְפִּים  
 לְהִיּוֹת עִם חֹפְשֵׁי בְּאֶרְצֵנוּ,  
 אֶרֶץ צִיּוֹן וִירוּשָׁלַיִם.

So long as still within our hearts  
 A Jewish spirit sings  
 So long as the eye looks eastward  
 Gazing toward Zion  
 Our Hope shall not be lost  
 The Hope of two millennia  
 To be a free people in our land  
 The land of Zion and Jerusalem

**Hashem imachem!**  
*(May Hashem be with you)*

**ה' עִמָּכֶם!**

**Yevarechecha Hashem!**  
*(Hashem will bless you)*

**יְבָרְכֶךָ ה'!**

**Mifkad, P'turim**  
*(Mifkad dismissed)*

**מִפְקָד פְּטוּרִים**

- O3 The official Movement colours shall be blue and white.
- O4 The movement shirt shall be the official uniform of Bnei Akiva and should be worn by all Rashei Sviva and Madrichim at their respective Svivot.
- O5 The Movement emblem shall be known as the Semel and shall be as follows:

