
IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR WINTER MACHANE 5784

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to welcoming you and your child/ren to Bnei Akiva this winter. Please find below travel details and additional information you will need to know before attending Machane.

Please read these details carefully and if there are any queries, please call Ari (020 8209 1319 ext. 2), Lorraine (020 8209 1319 ext. 8), or Hannah (020 8209 1319 ext. 9). You can find a checklist of things to remember on the final page.

In case of any travel changes or bad weather conditions, we will send text message updates to the primary contact number.

Machane will be taking place at the following locations:

Ma'apilim & Haroeh,
(Years 8 & 9)
Lea Green
Main Road,
Lea, Derbyshire,
DE4 5GJ

Gimmel & H-Course (Years 10 &12)
Alton Castle
Castle Hill Road,
Alton,
Stoke-on-Trent,
ST10 4TT

Due to the holiday period, we recommend that no post is sent to Machane. There is only a small chance that post will be received on time. Bnei Akiva takes no responsibility for lost or late post over Winter Machane.

COACH DETAILS FOR DEPARTURE AND RETURN TRAVEL

Coaches will depart for Machane on Thursday 21st December 2023. Please arrive promptly and follow instructions from Bnei Akiva staff at the stop. The primary contact will receive a text update when the coaches have arrived at Machane.

Return times are estimated, and the primary contact number on your child's application form will receive a text update on the last day of Machane with updated arrival times if there is any traffic.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD BRINGS A NUT FREE PACKED LUNCH AND TWO DRINKS (ONE MUST BE WATER).

LONDON

Car Park of London Gateway Services M1 between junctions 2-4 London, NW7 3HU

MACHANE	CHECK-IN	DEPART (21/12)	RETURN (28/12)
MA'APILIM	10:30am	11:00am	2:00pm (approx)
HAROEH	10:30am	11:00am	2:00pm (approx)
GIMMEL	10:30am	11:00am	2:00pm (approx)
H-COURSE	10:30am	11:00am	2:00pm (approx)

MANCHESTER

Outside the Manchester Bayit, 72 Singleton Road, Salford, Manchester, M7 4LU

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- Parents are requested to park in a considerate manner. This will help to avoid congestion and thus delays in departure.
- No one is to board a coach without confirmation from one of the staff.
- Parents who do not listen or are rude/threatening towards any Bnei Akiva staff will be asked to leave the premises immediately and will jeopardise their children's places at any future Bnei Akiva event or Machane.
- Please ensure that your child arrives promptly at the departure points. **We will not wait for latecomers.**
- Please ensure that luggage is confined to **one case and one backpack (please see packing list for specific camp bedding details)**. If more than one case is brought, there will not be enough room to transport it on the coach. We will only permit one suitcase per person.
- Please ensure that luggage is clearly labelled with your child's name and Machane.
- No child will be permitted to travel from any departure point other than the one stated on their form, unless otherwise arranged by prior agreement.

If your child is being picked up early from Machane, please email us at camps@bauk.org to confirm dates and times.

You will receive a text message with travel updates, including the safe arrival of coaches, to the primary mobile number marked on your child's application form.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Aerosol sprays/deodorants are not permitted on Machane due to sensitive fire alarms on site. Please pack roll on deodorants. Bnei Akiva will be charged for any false fire alarm calls that are made as a result of aerosols and this charge will be passed on to the family of the child responsible.**
- Should there be a problem with your child/ren we will contact you. Should you need to contact us, please leave a message on 020 8209 1319 extension 7. We will be checking several times a day for messages on this line. **In emergencies only, please use the emergency pager number.** This will be emailed out to all parents prior to Machane. Parents abusing the emergency contact system may jeopardise their child's place at future Bnei Akiva events. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to respond to messages left on other lines or through other channels.
- Parents are requested, for everyone's benefit, not to send your child/ren to Machane if they display any flu-like or Covid symptoms, or other illnesses, before the beginning of Machane. The group insurance policy covers you for last minute cancellations due to ill health. Please read the policy carefully. Children who develop flu-like or Covid symptoms, or other illnesses, at Machane may be asked to return home.

- Please note the importance of ensuring that all items of clothing and other personal property are clearly labelled with your child's name. This is to ensure lost property can be traced and returned.
- Please ensure that all tuck brought to Machane is Kosher in accordance with the Kashrut Guide of The London Beth Din. This prevents potential confiscation and embarrassment. The Kosher Nosh Guide can be checked at <https://www.kosher.org.uk/article/klbd-kosher-nosh-guide-2023> Please note, any non-kosher food which is confiscated cannot be returned.
- We have several Chanichim on Machane with severe nut and sesame allergies. Any contact with nuts could be life threatening to them and therefore all our Machanot are **NUT FREE ZONES**. Please ensure your child does not bring any tuck to Machane that contains nuts or sesame. Any nut or sesame product brought to Machane will be confiscated and not returned.
- Please ensure any medication that your child brings to Machane is clearly labelled. If you have not mentioned this on the medical form please email welfare@bauk.org prior to Machane starting. No child can bring antibiotics to Machane without informing the office beforehand. Please do not send your child if they are still infectious.
- If your child has any welfare information that hasn't been disclosed on the application form, please email welfare@bauk.org prior to Machane starting.
- Social media updates of what is going on at Machane will be available during Machane and will be sent to parents via Facebook (please like the Bnei Akiva page) and Instagram (follow @bneiakivauk). Please understand that while we will endeavour to update this daily it may not always be possible as internet reception on site may be limited.

MOBILE PHONES

All Chanichim across Bnei Akiva Machane can bring their mobile phones, however these must be handed in on arrival, regardless of age. Phones will be handed back at specific times during Machane to call home. **Bnei Akiva does not take responsibility for any mobile phones or other electronic devices brought to Machane.**

Bnei Akiva encourages an engaging social environment, and an experience on Machane that is wholly immersive.

The decision to limit the use of mobile phones on Machanot will help create this unique Bnei Akiva environment, whilst also encouraging Chanichim to interact away from their screens. The use of mobile phones at Machane can also lead to a negative impact on the

group environment through bullying and other social pressures. Bnei Akiva has structures in place to cater for the welfare of all Chanichim, and if necessary, to arrange that they speak to their parents. If you need to speak to your child urgently, please call the Bayit on 0208 209 1319 ext.7 and this can be facilitated.

Bnei Akiva strongly discourages bringing any tablet or other streaming device to Machane. If it is found that a device is having a negative impact on the overall experience, these will be confiscated and returned at the end of Machane.

Please note that signal may be limited on the site.

POCKET MONEY

The Bnei Akiva Tuck Shop is now online. You can top up your child's account at <https://www.bauk.org/tuckshop/> and we recommend no more than £10 for Winter Machane. You can top this up at any point over the course of Machane. **Please top up the tuck shop by Thursday 14th December 2023.**

There will be no opportunities on Winter Machane for any cash to be spent, and therefore it is not necessary to bring any money to Machane. Bnei Akiva will not be responsible for any lost or stolen money over the course of Machane.

MACHANE CODE OF CONDUCT

Although you and your child/ren have already signed the Code of conduct and Guidelines section on the Application and Medical form, please go through this again with your child/ren before they leave, so there can be no misunderstanding of what is expected of them while at Machane. You can find these by clicking [HERE](#).

We look forward to seeing everyone at Machane and we hope that your children have a brilliant time.

B'virkat Chaverim L'Torah Va'Avodah

The Bnei Akiva Mazkirut

PACKING LIST

IT WILL BE VERY COLD. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS ENOUGH WARM CLOTHING

Bedding

Ma'apilim: Pillow, duvet, bedsheet and sheets will be provided

Haroeh: Pillow, duvet, bedsheet and sheets will be provided

Gimmel: Pillow, duvet, bedsheet and sheets will be provided

H-Course: Please bring a sleeping bag. A bottom sheet, pillow and pillow case will be provided

Weekday

Warm jumpers & long-sleeved tops

Casual Trousers/Jean/Skirts (must cover the knee at all times)

T-Shirts – Need to have a proper sleeve at least halfway towards the elbow and must cover the midriff (front and back) at all times. (No cap sleeves for boys or girls)

Nightwear

Changes of underwear (and warm socks)

Swimwear (for showers)

Outdoor and Indoor Shoes (trainers/hiking boots/wellies and a change of shoes for indoors should the outdoor shoes get wet)

Shabbat Clothes

Bnei Akiva creates a unique atmosphere on Shabbat and we request that all participants wear smart clothes for all of Shabbat. Traditionally, Bnei Akiva Chaverim wear smart white and navy clothes for Shabbat, which helps create a sense of community.

Chanichim will not be allowed to wear jeans or other casual clothes on Shabbat.

Boys: Smart collared shirts

Smart trousers

Smart shoes

Girls: Blouse/smart top

Shabbat skirt/ dress – must cover the knee when sitting down.

Shoes (heels are not recommended for Machane)

General

Spare pair of glasses or lenses

Toiletries and tissues

Torch/batteries

Bath towel/hand towel x2

Gloves/scarf/hat

Warm waterproof coat

Trainers, wellington boots and/or waterproof outdoor shoes

Siddur and Chumash – you must bring a siddur with Shabbat Davening included

Reusable water bottle

Paracetamol/Ibuprofen (labelled and to be handed in on arrival)

Tzitzit & Kippot (Boys) – You must bring at least 2 Kippot to Machane as they are often lost.

Tefillin (Boys) – All boys over the age of 13 are required to bring Tefillin to Machane.

Girls – If you wear leggings or tight trousers then your skirt or dress must cover your knee. Leggings are not a substitute for trousers.

We are unable to keep any unnamed items after Machane. Labelled lost property will be kept for 30 days and then donated to charity.

If you have any lost property, please call 020 8209 1319 from 4th January 2024.

PLEASE REMEMBER

- AEROSOL SPRAYS/DEODORANTS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON MACHANE DUE TO SENSITIVE FIRE ALARMS ON SITE. PLEASE PACK ROLL ON DEODORANTS. BNEI AKIVA WILL BE CHARGED FOR ANY FALSE FIRE ALARM CALLS THAT ARE MADE AS A RESULT OF AEROSOLS AND THIS CHARGE WILL BE PASSED ON TO THE FAMILY OF THE CHILD RESPONSIBLE.

- PLEASE ENSURE IF YOUR CHILD NEEDS AN EPI-PEN OR INHALER THAT YOU SEND TWO, ONE TO BE KEPT BY YOUR CHILD AND ONE BY THE FIRST AIDER

- TO LABEL ALL PROPERTY

- TOP UP TUCK MONEY ONLINE

- ALL FOOD BROUGHT TO MACHANE MUST BE KOSHER AND NUT & SESAME FREE

- TO REMIND YOUR CHILD ABOUT THE **MOBILE PHONE POLICY** AND READ THE MACHANE CODE OF CONDUCT WITH THEM

- TO CHECK EMAIL and MOBILE UPDATES ON DAYS OF TRAVEL

- PACKED LUNCH AND TWO DRINKS (ONE MUST BE WATER) FOR OUTWARD JOURNEY

- FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH THE BNEI AKIVA FIRST AID POLICY AT BAUK.ORG/CAMPS

- FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH THE BNEI AKIVA INSURANCE POLICY AT BAUK.ORG/CAMPS

- REMINDER- TO ENABLE US TO RETURN YOUR £100 DAMAGE DEPOSIT, PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILD TO BE RESPECTFUL OF THE BUILDING AND SITE.