

Veida 5784 Report and Updates

Here are the listed 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 all head cooks should go through a practical Kashrut course with the Rav Shaliach before pre-camp.

Seeing Kashrut is such an important part of our Jewish life, especially on camp, the head cooks should be provided with all the practical information on how to run the Kitchen and ensure no problems arise.

This is an additional process to the Q&A WhatsApp group the head cooks have with the Rav and the Kitchen tour the Rav does with head cooks, TOs and techs during pre-camp.

Notes: Rav Avichai (Rav Shaliach) and Simon Raivid (Technical Director 5785) are actively working on putting this together.

MOTION 2: MOVED TO HANHALLAH - FAILED

This veida believes that Bnei akiva should re-introduce a gap year which splits the year evenly between kibbutz and yeshiva in order (to experience the best of both worlds) as there used to be.

Notes: The Hanhalla admired the ideological motives of this motion but were concerned regarding the ramifications for our existing programming and practicalities of instituting such an initiative

MOTION 3: PASSED

This Veida believes that section A should be amended as followed:

A2 Bnei Akiva espouses the ideology of Torah va'Avodah, as a means of unifying Am Yisrael, Eretz Yisrael, and Torat Yisrael.

Bnei Akiva's educational framework shall encompass these values.

A3 Torah V'Avodah reflects the synergetic relationship between appreciating and understanding Torah and actualising Hashem's will in the world via mitzvot.

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A4 Torah V'Avodah shall further incorporate a commitment to fulfilling the mitzvah of Yishuv Ha'aretz through active involvement in developing Medinat Yisrael.

(Remove existing section A5 & Re-Number Subsequent Sections:)

A5 Bnei Akiva identifies as a Religious Zionist movement, in recognition of the religious significance of Medinat Yisrael and the centrality of Eretz Yisrael to Jewish life.

MOTION 4: PASSED

This Veida believes that when bogrim draft/start sherut leumi, they should both be posted on the BAUK Instagram and put into Shabbat Lashem.

Notes: The Mazkirut 5785 are extremely proud of all of our bogrim who are contributing to Medinat Yisrael, and have committed to making this a reality

MOTION 5: PASSED

This Veida believes that all Chaveirim of Bnei Akiva have lost the game

MOTION 6: PASSED

This Veida believes that Bnei Akiva UK should continue to deepen its relationship with Kibbutz Alumim through a variety of projects and initiatives.

Notes: The Mazkirut are working together with Kibbutz Alumim to continue our relationship.

MOTION 7: PASSED

This veida believes that before the start of Machane the tzevet should have access to photos to help recognise or identify Chanichim. Every chanich/a would be encouraged (but not compelled) to send in a photo as part of their application to machane. This would help Madrachim/ot with name-learning for those who would otherwise struggle.

Notes: Simon Raivid, together with members of the office staff, are investigating the best way to carry this out.

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MOTION 8: FAILED

This Veida believes that Shabbat Ha'Irgun at Sviva should henceforth be referred to as Shabbat HaTnua.

MOTION 9: MOVED TO HANHALLAH - FAILED

This Veida believes that A8 should be added: Torah, as part of the ideology of Bnei Akiva encompasses a) a belief in the torah and a belief that the oral torah is as important as the written torah (Tanach) b) a belief that all Jews should strive to the best of their ability to follow the Torah's laws and customs. c) the belief that one should structure their day in a way to maximise their torah learning.

MOTION 10: FAILED

This Veida believes that A8 should be added: In the event of the arrival of the moshiach and the rebuilding of the Beit Hamikdash, Bnei Akiva must (protocol to be decided at this Veida through amendments)

Notes: This motion prompted strong ideological discussion

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

MOTION 11*

Amend section A3 to read: "Torah va'Avodah reflects the desire to be actively involved in enhancing Medinat Yisrael, bringing Torat Yisrael into fruition." This has changed the phrase "the rebuilding of Medinat Yisrael" to "enhancing." This is necessary because the term "rebuilding" suggests something has been broken / destroyed, and it is our job to fix it. This is incorrect for two reasons. Firstly, the presence of Jews in Eretz Yisroel under the name "Medinat Yisrael" has only ever occurred once. Secondly, Medinat Yisrael is currently built and thriving.

** This motion conflicted with a motion passed during Veida and meant this motion was applicable to a section of the constitution which no longer exists.*

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MOTION 12: FAILED

This veida believes that every madrich/ah over 18 will be able to choose half a day off the pre-camp schedule to explore and have free time round the city/village using public transport.

MOTION 13: FAILED

This Veida believes that porridge should be available at breakfasts on Machane

Notes: The Hanhalla noted the importance of healthier breakfast options, and Simon, Technical Director, will work to implement this for Winter Machane

MOTION 14: FAILED

This Veida believes that 'Al Tira' should be sung at all tefillot on machane, after 'Aleinu'.

Notes: The Hanhalla admired wanting to sing more of davening and will encourage this for future Machanot.

MOTION 15: FAILED

This Veida believes that all english spelling of hebrew words should be updated to follow the correct tradition. Where the letter n is written with a ה, a כּ should be written as a kh, a ק as a q etc...

MOTION 16: PASSED

This Veida believes that the Mazkirut should have a secret handshake. There must also be a shomer negiah version available

Notes: The Mazkirut looks forward to implementing this but can't tell you when it has

MOTION 17: FAILED

This veida believes that pre-camp must take place in London.

Notes: The Hanhalla expressed the immense value of pre-camp taking place as a cohesive experience on a machane site and will work to make it as beneficial as possible.