WORLD BNEI AKIVA

The largest, most influential & vibrant Jewish youth movement around the world
Bnei Akiva - At the FOREFRONT of Zionist Education since 1929!

Bnei Akiva is a youth movement, founded in 1929, which aims to inspire and empower young Jews across the world with a sense of commitment to the Jewish people, the Land of Israel and the Torah, placing emphasis on the importance of Aliyah.

World Bnei Akiva, a nonprofit organization with headquarters in Jerusalem, works with Jewish communities in the Diaspora, assisting and strengthening the local Bnei Akiva snifim (branches), as well as the wider Jewish community. Today we are the largest Zionist youth movement in the world, active in 26 countries, 43 cities, with more than 110 snifim and represented by over 120 shlichim (emissaries).

Our mission is to educate Jewish youth around the world and encourage them to live by the movement's ideology of Torah Va'Avodah, by way of an inclusive approach, as well as to encourage Aliyah by instilling a love for Israel through Zionist education.

For over nine decades, we have played an integral part in shaping and training the future leaders of Bnei Akiva and Jewish communities in Israel and around the world.

This brochure will give you an overview of all our accomplishments as well as our visions for the future.

Jerusalem, January 2020
THE WORLD COUNCIL was established in 2015 as part of the movement’s governance renewal. To implement our objectives we have 27 amazing STAFF members, mainly based in our office in Jerusalem.
**OUR SHLICHIM & SNIFIM**
THE WORLD'S LARGEST ZIONIST YOUTH MOVEMENT

**NORTH AMERICA**
1. CANADA • Montreal, Toronto
2. USA, CALIFORNIA • Los Angeles
3. USA, FLORIDA • Hollywood
4. USA, GEORGIA • Atlanta
5. USA, ILLINOIS • Chicago
6. USA, MASSACHUSETTS • Boston
7. USA, MICHIGAN • Detroit
8. USA, MINNESOTA • Minneapolis
9. USA, MISSOURI • St. Louis
10. USA, NEW JERSEY • Teaneck
11. USA, NEW YORK • 12 Snifim
12. USA, OHIO • Cleveland, Hamilton
13. USA, PENNSYLVANIA • Philadelphia, Pittsburgh
14. USA, TEXAS • Dallas, Houston
15. USA, WASHINGTON • Seattle
16. USA, WASHINGTON DC

**LATIN AMERICA**
1. ARGENTINA • Buenos Aires
2. BRAZIL • Belém, Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo
3. MEXICO • Mexico City
4. URUGUAY • Montevideo

**AFRICA**
1. ETHIOPIA • Addis Ababa, Gondar
2. SOUTH AFRICA • Cape Town, Johannesburg

**EUROPE**
1. AUSTRIA • Vienna
2. BELGIUM • Antwerp, Brussels
3. FINLAND • Helsinki
4. FRANCE • Boulogne, Marseille, Paris, Strasbourg
5. GERMANY • Dortmund, Hessen, Krefeld, Nuremberg
6. HOLLAND • Amsterdam
7. ITALY • Milan, Rome
8. SWEDEN • Gothenburg, Malmö, Stockholm
9. SWITZERLAND • Basel, Zurich
10. UNITED KINGDOM • Birmingham, London, Manchester

**ISRAEL**
400 SNIFIM

**AUSTRALASIA**
1. AUSTRALIA • Melbourne, Perth, Sydney
2. NEW ZEALAND • Auckland, Wellington

**ASIA**
1. HONG KONG

SHLICHUT is one of World Bnei Akiva’s primary tasks. Working directly with Jewish communities in 26 countries across six continents, we send shllichim to work with the madrichim and chanichim of Bnei Akiva around the world. Currently we have more than 120 shllichim across the globe in more than 100 snifim.
Hachshara gives me the opportunity to be fully me. It provides the experiences to allow me to stand on my own feet - in relation to Israel, Judaism, personal independence and life skills. It provides an environment that is educational and nurturing, while I do a lot of fun stuff and get to know a lot of new people from around the world.

- Jalta Muller, Holland
CHINUCH - EDUCATION

ALIYAH & BOGRIM IN ISRAEL

CHINUCH, with our ideology, offers a unique style of peer-led, informal education, encouraging Jewish youth to change from being takers to givers, contributing to their local community and educating other children through Bnei Akiva’s ideals. In an increasingly materialistic age we offer a counter-culture in which volunteering, idealism and passion are what matters most.

ALIYAH is the ultimate expression of our ideology, and a step that we encourage our chanichim from around the world to take. Since the movements founding, Bnei Akiva has brought over 100,000 olim to Israel. But our work doesn’t end there. Through our BOGRIM BA’ARETZ we have built Bnei Akiva bogrim-olim community in Israel, where support is offered, and events and networking takes place.
FUNDRAISING is an important task that we take upon ourselves in order to SUSTAIN our current level of work in Israel and around the world, as well as allowing us to turn our DREAMS into reality. Thanks to a wonderful circle of friends, we are expanding, year after year. You are welcome to join us!

The Sheila and Eric Samson BEIT BNEI AKIVA is currently being built in Jerusalem and will become our main Educational & Cultural Center. Our vision is that Beit Bnei Akiva will allow us to increase the ingathering of Jewish youth to the Israel, so we can prepare the next generation of leaders through Religious Zionist education, firsthand.
MECHINA OLAMIT

MECHINA OLAMIT is a pre-military and preparatory school. It is a half-year course in a religious, Zionist, co-ed environment, for Israelis and Bnei Akiva graduates finishing high school from across the globe. Participants experience an incredible process of learning, self-empowerment and preparation for the army and or community service.

NEW PARTNERSHIPS

WORLD BNEI AKIVA is currently leading an initiative to open new branches in communities with a limited affinity for Judaism. The assumption is that a religious Zionist message conveyed by Shlichim from Israel will bring people closer to Judaism as well as strengthen their Zionist connection. Five new branches in Germany, and a new branch in Argentina, have been established in recent years.
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