



WORLD BNEI AKIVA

*The largest, most influential & vibrant
Jewish youth movement around the world*



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ABOUT US

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

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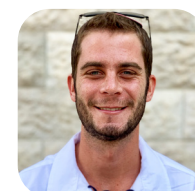
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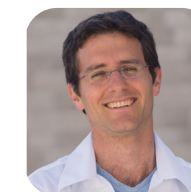
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THE WORLD COUNCIL was established in 2015 as part of the movement's governance renewal. To implement our objectives we have 27 amazing **STAFF** members, mainly based in our office in Jerusalem.



OUR SHLICHIM & SNIFIM

THE WORLDS LARGEST ZIONIST YOUTH MOVEMENT

SHLICHUT

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

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

ASIA

1. HONG KONG

AFRICA

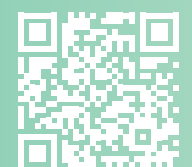
1. ETHIOPIA • Addis Ababa, Gondar
2. SOUTH AFRICA • Cape Town, Johannesburg

AUSTRALASIA

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



SHLICHUT is one of World Bnei Akiva's primary tasks. Working directly with Jewish communities in 26 countries across six continents, we send shlichim to work with the madrichim and chanichim of Bnei Akiva around the world. Currently we have more than 120 shlichim 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



PROGRAMS IN ISRAEL



300
Yearly on Hachshara

150
On Mechina Olamit



1,500
On camps in Israel

100,000
Olim Bogrim since 1929



HACHSHARA, a year trip to Israel, has played a part in shaping and training the future leaders of Bnei Akiva and Jewish communities around the world for close to nine decades. Hachshara is a vital component in the Bnei Akiva journey, devoted to Torah learning, developing independently, exploring identity and experiencing Israel.



CHINUCH - EDUCATION

ALIYAH & BOGRIM IN ISRAEL

Camps in Israel



15,000 kids yearly



The Dream Team



Leadership Training



Camps in Europe



Machane Sayarim



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.



BUDGET 2020

Total Income ₪22,758,000
Total Expenses -₪22,758,000
Balance ₪0

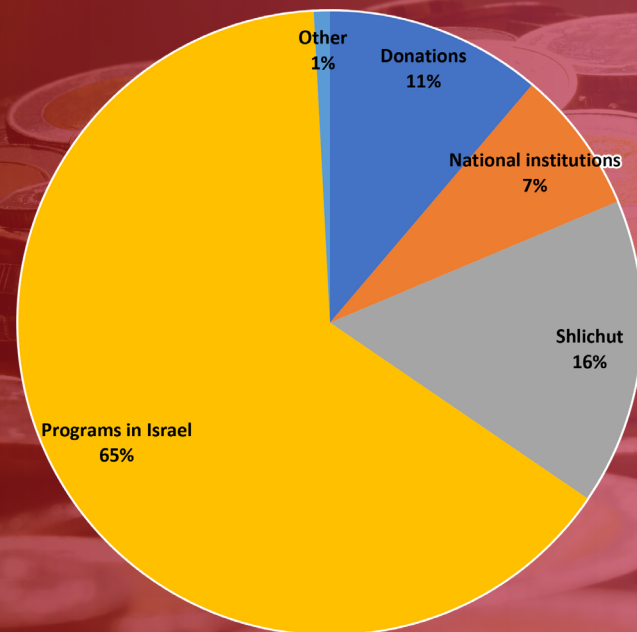
Income

Donations ₪2,550,000
National institutions ₪1,695,000
Shlichut ₪3,615,000
Programs in Israel ₪14,709,000
Other ₪189,000

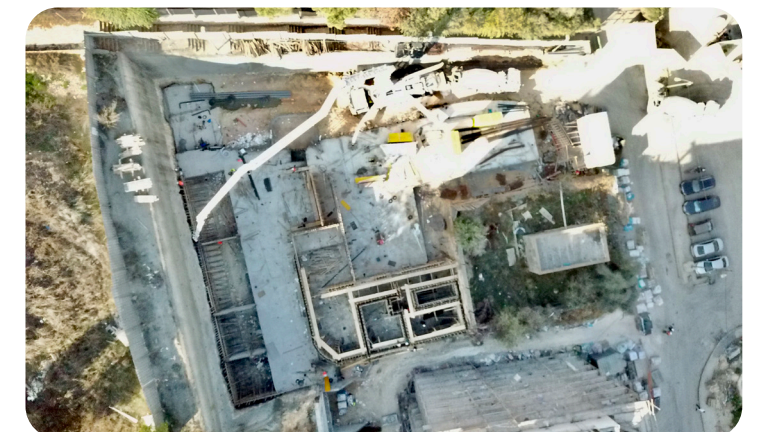
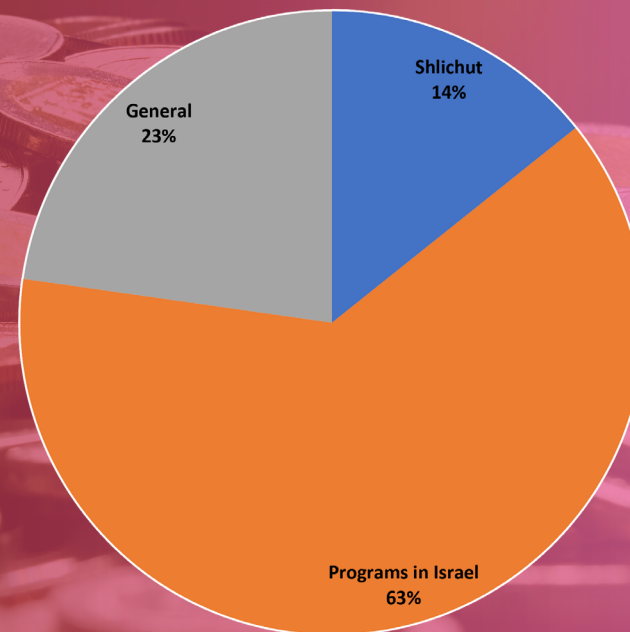
Expenses

Shlichut -₪3,247,000
Programs in Israel -₪14,333,000
General (loans, office, desks, etc) -₪5,178,000

Income 2020



Expenses 2020



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



NEW PARTNERSHIPS



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.



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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