

CHAPTER SIX

Rules and Policies

Below you will find the rules that Bnei Akiva has established for all Mach Hach BaAretz participants. These rules are designed to create an atmosphere of adherence to *halacha* (Jewish law), self-respect and respect for others. Please read and consider the rules carefully. All participants must sign a copy of these rules to demonstrate your acceptance of these rules. The form is available in your online account.

1. All campers are expected to act respectfully and cooperatively at all times. Inappropriate language (word choice or content) will not be tolerated, nor will aggressive, abusive or offensive behavior toward staff members or fellow campers. The same applies to all digital interactions.
2. Disrespect for property, public or private, will not be tolerated. Any repair or replacement fees incurred by Bnei Akiva for damages caused by a camper (whether or not the act was intentionally destructive) will be charged to the family.
3. All aspects of the program are mandatory, and punctuality at all activities is expected. Campers may not leave the group at any time without authorization from the head counselor.
4. It is strictly forbidden to engage in or possess drugs, alcohol, cigarettes or e-cigarettes (Juil, vape, etc.) during the program. Involvement in, or possession of, any of these things may result in immediate expulsion from the program and will be reported to your high school. If you have a history of usage of any of these in the past, you are obligated to notify the Director of the program immediately. Please note that this is not grounds for automatic non-acceptance. Possession of lighters is strictly forbidden.
5. Body piercing (including ears), dying of hair, shaving of head, mohawks and tattooing during the program are forbidden.
6. The Mach Hach program is structured around strict observance of *halacha*. Attendance at *Tfilah* 3 times a day, attendance at daily *sheurim*, *Kashrut* observance and *Shabbat* observance are all mandatory. Non-conformance may be grounds for dismissal from the program.
7. Girls and boys are not allowed in each other's rooms at any time. Violation of this rule may lead to suspension and/or expulsion from the program. Girls and boys are expected to conduct themselves according to the laws of *negiah*, *yichud* and *tzniut*. No physical contact between the genders will be permitted.
8. Girls and boys are expected to dress in a *tzanua* (modest) fashion when in public areas. Tight clothing is not permitted, and the midriff must be covered. Some specifics follow, and more details can be found on the packing list. Please note that any camper who does not possess clothing that conforms to the dress code, will be required to purchase such clothing at their own expense.

Boys:

- Kippah and tzitzit must be worn at all times.
- Shirts must have sleeves and shorts must reach the lower thigh.
- Earrings and other body piercings are not permissible.

Girls:

- Shorts and skirts must come to the knee.
- Shirts must have sleeves that cover shoulders and armpits at all times. Low-cut and sheer shirts are not permitted.
- Leggings, tights and yoga pants may only be worn under knee-length skirts or shorts.

