

Winter Convention: Machane Choref

What is BBYO?

BBYO is the world's largest Jewish youth movement, connecting 80,000 young people from over 60 countries. Our mission is to build resilient, confident, connected leaders through inspiring, developing and empowering Jewish youth who otherwise may not be involved in meaningful Jewish experiences. We embody this by delivering an experience steeped in pluralism, peer leadership and infused Judaism.

BBYO UK provides a range of programmes throughout the year including camps, international tours and local events at our 'Chapters' (local groups) where the members are empowered to take the lead in organising their own activities.

Our local Chapters are based in Mill Hill, Borehamwood, JW3, Manchester & Glasgow. If your child decides to come along to Machane Choref we would love them to come along and try out our local Chapters! To request more information on our Chapters please email office@bbyo.org.uk

Why choose Winter Convention – Machane Choref?

We won't just aim to give our participants an amazing camp experience – we go further. We aim to give participants a life-changing experience. BBYO UK creates an environment that enables all participants to feel welcome, supported and part of a wonderful community. It goes without saying that participants will have a truly impactful and enjoyable experience!

FAQs

When is Machane Choref?

We're thrilled to be running Machane Choref this year for 3 nights (instead of the usual 2 nights) between Friday 20 December – Monday 23 December.

What times does Machane Choref start and end?

We will be arriving at our site for approx. mid-afternoon which will mean your teen potentially missing a few hours of school on Friday 20 December if your teen hasn't broken up by then. We will provide authorised absence letters if necessary and securing time off for our amazing events is rarely an issue! We expect to have your teen back home on Monday 23 December by late afternoon or early evening.

What does Machane Choref Cost?

Machane Choref will be £280 for lifetime members and there is an earlybird price of £320 for all other teens, which expires on Friday 1 November at 4pm. The standard price is £365 which will apply after this date and time.

What are the age groups?

Winter Convention is open to all of secondary school and sixth form age! Camp programming will be a mix of activities that bring all year groups together as a community, while other programmes will be year group based. BRAND NEW for this year we are inviting year 13s to attend and take part in Machane Geshet, which year 12s will also be invited to take part in.

What is 'Machane Geshet'?

'Machane Geshet' to 'bridge' the BBYO UK journey between high school age (years 7-11) and sixth form (years 12-13) by providing bespoke programming for sixth formers. Years 12 & 13 will be provided with an age-appropriate camp experience whilst also enjoying many of the Winter Convention traditions and experiences that they know and love!

Can I apply for financial assistance?

We believe that nobody should miss out on our experiences due to finance, so if you want your child to attend our Machane Choref but you would require financial assistance please don't hesitate to get in touch with Ricky via rkaplan@bbyo.org.uk

How does BBYO UK ensure that the wellbeing of our participants is prioritised?

The wellbeing of our participants is our top priority and Machane Choref is designed to help build confidence and resilience. To ensure that your child is supported BBYO UK will have support staff on site to look after their needs including a trained Welfare Officer and our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

What will your child get up to at Machane Choref?

All of BBYO UK's programmes are steeped in at least one of the following six themes.

Tradition – this may include activities based on BBYO history and traditions such as traditional songs and chants and 'seperates' programmes, in which teens take part in programmes designed for their gender identity.

Leadership – we run programmes which are designed to teach teens new skills to boost their leadership attributes.

Social Action – these are activities that empower teens to unite in addressing relevant social issues.

Wellbeing – we pride ourselves in providing a space where teens develop self-confidence, build friendships for life and nurture their own bryut.

Israel – we celebrate a Jewish National identity and provide knowledge of politics of the land, for teens to develop their own vision for its future.

Judaism – we instil excitement in Judaism, knowledge of Jewish culture and confidence to develop a connection in your own terms.

How will participants travel?

BBYO UK will organise travel for participants to and from our campsite. For the majority this will likely be a coach, however for some this could involve other forms of chaperoned travel depending on your location.

Where is Machane Choref?

For security reasons BBYO UK cannot reveal the location until a few days before the event and the location will only be shared with parents / guardians.

How do I sign my teen up?

Please visit www.bbyo.org.uk/winter to sign up, or if you have questions see below!

What if I have questions?

You can contact our professional team by emailing office@bbyo.org.uk or calling 020 8202 6698. Ricky (Executive Director), Luke (Head of Programmes) and Michelle (Programme Administrator) will be back in touch as soon as possible.

And finally...

A BIG SHOUT OUT to our amazing National Executive Board who will plan LOADS of programmes to make this experience possible. Every year our National Exec work tirelessly to plan multiple camps and BBYO UK are lucky to have them.

We look forward to seeing your teen at Machane Choref!

Warmest regards

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