

Terms & Conditions – Machaneh Choref 2026

1. Payment & Registration

Payment is required within 48 hours of submitting registration or placement cannot be guaranteed.

- Payment is fully refundable until 5th November.
- Until 1st December, cancellations or application rejections will refund the deposit minus a £75 administration fee.
- After 1st December, payments are fully non-refundable.

Programme Fees

- £370 - BBYO Members
- £390 - Earlybird non-Members (until 16th October)
- £440 - Standard price (after 16th October)
- £275 – Year 13s
- £1818 – Combined price for Winter Convention 2026 + Shorashim Summer Camp 2027 (16th September)

[Lifetime Membership](#) can be purchased for:

- £189 for Years 7-11
 - £149 for Sixth Form
- If purchased before 30th October, the participant is eligible for the Member rate.

Payments should be made via BACS (Bank Transfer) using the participant's name as reference.

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2. Cancellations & Refunds

All payments (deposit, instalments, and full balance) become non-refundable after 1st December.

If a participant withdraws or is removed from the programme for behavioural reasons:

- No refund will be issued.
- BBYO cannot cover the cost of return travel or any additional expenses.

If a participant withdraws at any stage before the programme begins for medical or personal, their place can only be refunded if their spot is filled with a suitable participant. If no suitable participant is found to replace them, they will be charged the full balance.

BBYO has no obligation to find a replacement for the cancelled participant. The replacement participant must register with three weeks after the cancellation/withdrawal. Or two weeks before Winter Convention begins – whichever occurs first.

In circumstances beyond BBYO's control (e.g., extreme weather, industrial action, infectious disease, geopolitical events) and the programme is cancelled, partial refunds will be issued by BBYO depending on the cancellation policies of site. Refunds in such cases are not guaranteed; families are encouraged to secure their own comprehensive insurance.

In the case of major adjustment or curtailment of the programme, any cost differences will be communicated with the parents. They will be given the opportunity to ask for a refund (minus the £75 admin fee or continue with the changed version of the programme.

3. Travel Arrangements

- BBYO provides return group transportation from Borehamwood and Manchester – as well as pickups and drop offs to agreed upon airports (Luton, Heathrow, Manchester)
- Transportation is not guaranteed to be provided to communities where there is not critical mass of participants. They will be asked to coordinate their arrival and return with HQ.

4. Leaving Winter Convention and Visitors

Participants cannot leave the site without explicit permission from the Executive Director of BBYO. If permission is granted, the participant may only leave accompanied by a designated staff member or approved adult.

Visitors (including family and friends) are not permitted unless explicitly authorised by the Executive Director in coordination the site and security team.

5. Compliance with Code of Conduct

Participants must adhere to the BBYO UK [Code of Conduct](#)

The three-strike system applies:

1. Strike 1 – Verbal warning; Event Leader notified. Parents notified by email from BBYO HQ.
2. Strike 2 – Meeting with teen, parents, Event Leader, and BBYO HQ
3. Strike 3 – Immediate dismissal from the programme.

Zero-tolerance behaviors result in immediate removal without warnings:

- Sexual harassment, assault, or any other sexual misconduct where one party did not give enthusiastic and consistent consent.
- Bullying (including online harassment)
- Alcohol or drug use
- Possession of prohibited substances

- Violence or dangerous conduct

Participants removed for disciplinary reasons are not entitled to a refund and may be suspended from future BBYO events.

Strikes carry on from one event to the next major national event: ie, from Winter Convention to Shorashim/Trek and visaversa. They reset after a full year from the last strike given.

6. Searching

If BBYO has reasonable grounds to suspect possession of prohibited items (drugs, alcohol, weapons, unauthorised medication, inappropriate digital content), BBYO reserves the right to:

- Search belongings
- Inspect beds/sleeping areas
- Confiscate items

Refusal to cooperate may be treated as confirmation of possession.

7. Medical Information

Participants and parents must:

- Complete all required medical forms accurately
- Fully disclose all medical, mental health, and dietary conditions
- Update BBYO on any changes before departure

Failure to disclose relevant information may lead to:

- Removal from the programme
 - Voiding of insurance coverage
 - Inability to guarantee safety accommodations
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8. Early Termination of Participation

A participant may leave early due to:

- Voluntary withdrawal
- Medical/mental health concerns
- Disciplinary action

In these cases:

- BBYO is not responsible for costs incurred in returning home.
 - Parents must immediately arrange and pay for return travel.
 - Any bursary awarded may need to be partially or fully repaid within 28 days.
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9. Itinerary & Programme Content

BBYO strive to deliver the programme as advertised. However, all activities are subject to change due to:

- Security conditions
- Weather
- Logistics

Safety takes priority. BBYO may substitute, modify, or cancel elements without compensation.

10. Insurance

Included:

- Limited coverage for certain pre-existing conditions (per provider policy)

Parents/Guardians Must:

Consider purchasing enhanced insurance, especially if the teen has:

- A pre-existing condition
- Mental health diagnoses
- Recent injuries
- Special equipment needs

Coverage is conditional on full medical disclosure.

11. Damage to Property

Damage caused by participants - whether intentional or accidental - is the responsibility of the participant and their parents/guardians.

- BBYO will investigate any incidents.
- If blame cannot be assigned, costs may be divided among all room occupants.
- Charges must be paid promptly upon notification.