

Report on BneiAkiva's 13th World Veida (AGM), Israel, January 2015

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Every four years, BneiAkivaOlami hosts a veida (AGM) to make sure that all the snifim around the world are still on track. This year (2015) for the first time, the Veida was run with a heavy educational base and focussed a lot on reforming our movement and leading it forward into the 21st century. Participants were invited to Jerusalem and literally came from all four corners of the globe, from Turkey to South America, or Holland to little old New Zealand.

This was an amazing opportunity for madrichim and even bogrim to meet people who are doing a similar thing to you on the other side of the world and learn to see if they do something that could be applicable in your own country. An example of this is how the madrichim of an Israeli snif taught the actions to our movement's anthem 'YadAchim' in Israeli sign language for us to implement back home.

The veida lasted for a week, where we listened to various speakers and saw a range of innovative ways to educate our very dynamic and tech savvy chanichim - this has been a great eye opener about so many new opportunities for BneiAkiva across the globe. At the end of the week we worked in small groups on projects that were voted on by the rest of the world movement participants. The project that I worked on was a chinuch (education) app for smartphones to help madrichim write activities by enabling them to share resources in the palm of their hand. Many projects (including mine) were passed and we all look forward to getting them underway here in New Zealand and across the world.

I really enjoyed meeting other BneiAkivamadrichim from other countries, especially because I was easily able to talk about how we do things back home - everyone is obsessed with New Zealand so it wasn't hard at all! I discovered that BneiAkiva New Zealand actually offers a lot more opportunity for its chanichim than larger snifim and I was very excited to give advice to others about why we are very good at some things. There was even a little joke by the end of the Veida that BneiAkiva NZ was the most perfect snif in the world!

Soon BneiAkiva Auckland and Wellington will have their AGMs and I can't wait to share all the experiences and lessons learnt from the Veida, as well as to hear from madrichim in NZ on what they think of all the projects passed and how they could work here.

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