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REGISTRATION FOR YOUNG ISRAEL'S INNOVATIVE ACHVA SUMMER PROGRAMS IS IN FULL SWING

The National Council of Young Israel (NCYI) announced that registration for its innovative summer programs for Jewish teens is currently in full swing as its programs continue to draw wonderful Modern Orthodox Jewish high school students from across the country and even from around the world. Through its famed Achva programs, the NCYI has been running co-ed tours for teenagers finishing 8th to 11th grade for 35 years.

Each of Achva's summer programs, including East, West, Israel and Canada/Hawaii, offers an incredible synthesis of touring, fun and friends that features fantastic sites and attractions, spectacular views, exciting cities, meaningful *chesed* opportunities, great friends, and a warm, caring staff.

Achva Israel, which is an exciting touring program for girls and boys finishing 10th grade, is a fabulous five week comprehensive tour of Israel that includes a solid *chesed* component, Israeli Army programs, and exciting, fun, and meaningful activities that will help make the participants appreciate *Eretz Yisrael* like never before. The tour is supervised by a combination of Achva's American senior staff, talented counselors, and a local Israel guide and medic.

Achva Canada/Hawaii is a spectacular tour for girls and boys finishing 10th grade that will feature stunning scenic sites, inspiring views, and innovative Jewish content and *chesed* programming. The tour will span the world famous and majestic Canadian Rockies, to Banff and Jasper National Parks, to Western Canada, to the beautiful islands of Hawaii. The *Shabbatot* on Achva Canada/Hawaii are not just opportunities to relax, but inspirational days that bring everyone closer together and features interaction with interesting local Jewish communities.

"Our primary mission is to provide the best summer travel program possible for Jewish teens," said Roger Braverman, the Director of the Achva Summer Programs at the National Council of Young Israel. "Achva offers unique and innovative programs that will create fun-filled memories which will last a lifetime. We love bringing together great Jewish kids to make new best friends."

"The itinerary of our Achva tours truly stands alone," said Ari Matityahu, NCYI Assistant Director of Synagogue Services and a senior Achva staff member. "The Achva participants will be doing some mind-blowing activities that are just not found anywhere else, all under the direct guidance and supervision of our experienced and adult staff members. We continue to perfect

our itineraries to ensure that our participants have an incredible and meaningful experience in which every day is a new adventure.”

Achva also offers a program called Achva East, which is a fun tour of the Eastern United States for boys and girls finishing 8th grade, and Achva West, which is a fabulous program for boys and girls finishing 9th grade that takes advantage of the great sites and attractions all over the Western United States.

Achva East, one of the oldest Achva programs, starts out from New York and goes through Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia, and Maryland, while doing a large array of fun and meaningful activities all along the way. The program runs for three weeks starting in late July allowing participants to choose other options for the first part of the summer if desired.

The popular Achva West program offers an incredible, fun-filled five week tour of the most beautiful National Parks and most exciting cities found anywhere all over the Western United States. The tour visits Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Arizona and California. The tour also includes topical Torah learning sessions and a lively *Shabbat* at the end of each exciting week.

For more information about Young Israel’s Achva programs including full itineraries and pricing, call 212-929-1525 ext. 181 or email achva@youngisrael.org. Information is also available at www.youngisrael.org/achva.