



Moshava Ba'ir Westchester Summer 2024 Update

Shalom U'vracha

As you are well aware, the *Moshava Ba'ir Network* has worked diligently for many months to launch a new branch in Westchester for this summer. When *Bnei Akiva of the US and Canada* was approached by the board of Westchester Torah Academy, it was clear that many members in the community were passionate about having their children experience everything that they had heard about our program.

As we shared during the Open Houses, we strive for excellence in every facet of our program from the well-rounded daily activities to the educational program and the high caliber of the staff. From the start, we were impressed by the facility of WTA as well as the caliber of the staff members who applied to join our team this summer.

Identifying a suitable aquatics facility was a high priority from the start. The swim program has always been an integral part of our program and of key importance to many of our families. From our initial research, we felt confident that we could find a local facility that would meet our needs. Unfortunately, despite our optimism and great efforts, we wanted to update you that we still find ourselves unsuccessful on this front.

It is for this reason that we have decided that Moshava Ba'ir Westchester **will not** be opening this summer. We know that there are families who will be disappointed. We want to assure you that we did everything in our power to try and find a solution for a pool. At the same time, we do not want to leave your children's summer plans in limbo any longer, hence we have made this decision. Ultimately, we do not feel that your children will have the **full Moshava Ba'ir experience** if we are unable to provide a plan for swimming.

Please note that if any family has already signed up for camp *with a child who is entering Kindergarten and up*, we welcome you to join our Moshava Ba'ir New Jersey branch. While it is not as close to home as WTA, we have hosted dozens of happy children from your area and we have an experienced transportation program. We will honor any discounts you have accrued and will make sure that your child's spot is secure.

- If you would like to learn more about MBNJ, please reach out to director, Ben Fried at bfried@bneiakiva.org.
- To apply to MBNJ, click [here](#)

We truly wish that MBW could have been a reality this summer and we hope that we will be able to make it happen for the Westchester and surrounding communities in the future.

Shavua Tov,
Bnei Akiva of the US & Canada & Moshava Ba'ir National Team