

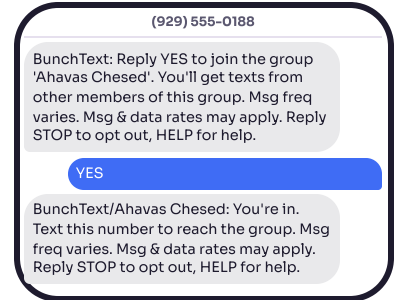
Everything works with plain texts. There is nothing to install. A smartphone can also open the group as an app (page 2), but nobody has to.

1 Joining

You get one text from the group's own number. Reply **(YES)** and you're in. Nothing else arrives until you do.

Three ways to get that invite: the organizer added your number, you texted the number yourself (from a flyer, say), or you filled in the group's web form at bunchtext.com/join/group. Either way, YES is the answer.

Save the number in your phone under the group's name. Every group on BunchText has its own number.



2 Texting the group

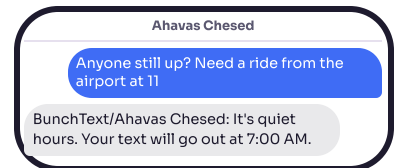
Text the number like any text. In an **open chat** group it goes to everyone, with your name in front. In an **announcements** group it goes to the organizers only, and a reply tells you so. Reply **(NAME)** and your name once, so people know who's texting.

Hebrew works. Emoji and symbols are dropped. A picture goes through only if the organizer turned pictures on; otherwise you're told "only text".



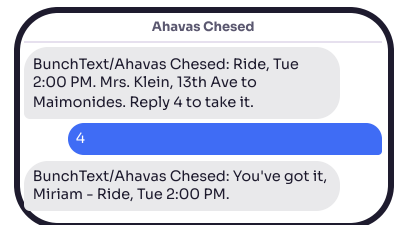
3 When a text waits

Three things hold a text instead of sending it: **quiet hours** (late night, usually 10 PM to 7 AM), **Shabbos and Yom Tov** if the group pauses for them, and the group's **daily limit**. The text goes out afterwards on its own, and you get a one-line note.



4 Taking a mission

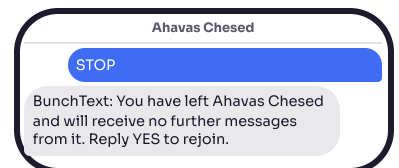
Some groups post missions: a ride, a meal, a shift. The text ends with a number. Reply **that number** to take it. First to reply gets it, and the text confirms you by name. If someone was faster, you get a "covered" text.



5 Leaving, coming back, help

Reply **(STOP)** to leave: one confirmation, then no more texts from that group. Text **(YES)** to the same number to come back. **(HELP)** texts you the help address.

It costs you nothing. Only your carrier's normal text rate, if you have one.



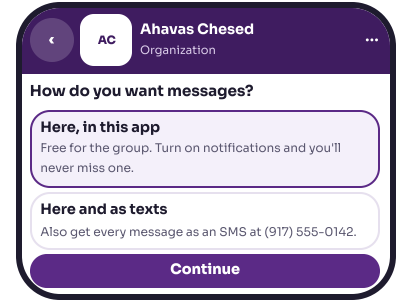
If the organizer turned on web chat, the group also lives at a link. Open it once and you can read the whole conversation in one place. Flip phones skip this page.

6 Opening the chat

The link is on the group's flyer, like **bunchtext.com/c/ahavas**. Sign in with the mobile number the group texts; a 6-digit code comes by text. Added by email instead? Type your email and the code comes by email. No password.

Then choose: **Here, in this app** (texts stop, you get notifications instead) or **Here and as texts**.

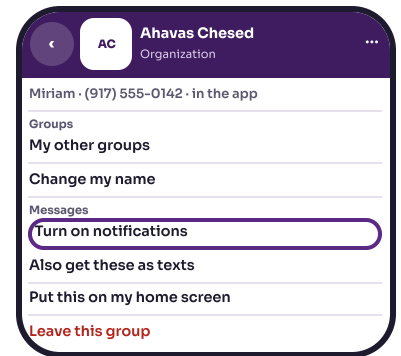
In more than one group? **bunchtext.com/c** lists all of yours.



7 Notifications and a home-screen icon

Tap the ... menu at the top right. **Turn on notifications** gives you a buzz when the group posts. **Put this on my home screen** makes it an app icon, with a badge for unread messages.

The same menu changes your name, turns texts back on, or leaves the group.



8 What the app shows

Announcements and chat on two tabs, everyone's name, the full history, and pictures at no cost to you. A mission looks like the text; reply its number in the message box.

The app is the group, not a private line: there are no direct messages, and members don't see the member list. Ask the organizer for that.

