

# Pitt Perspectives Israel Trip Participation Policies

## **PURPOSE:**

Listed below are guidelines, policies, and terms of participation for all students on this year's Pitt Perspectives Israel Trip (the "Trip") as coordinated through the Hillel Jewish University Center of Pittsburgh ("Hillel JUC"). This policy must always be followed during the Trip by all student participants who are accepted for and gifted the opportunity of attending the Trip by Hillel JUC staff.

Participants on the Trip are expected to understand that they will have the responsibility of properly representing both Hillel JUC, the Trip coordinator, and the University of Pittsburgh, as full-time matriculated students. Participants are also expected to understand the risks involved with the Trip and all policies described below.

## **CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION:**

To attend the Trip, each Participant must:

- Be a full-time matriculated student at the University of Pittsburgh in a position of leadership on-campus
- Have a valid passport and, if needed, be able to work with Hillel JUC on obtaining a visa for travel to Israel
- Apply for, be accepted to and offered the gift of attending the Trip by Hillel JUC staff
- Sign the below Policy Agreement
- Disclose all prior relevant travel, any medical considerations and all other relevant information to Hillel JUC for proper planning and facilitation of the Trip

## **GUIDELINES FOR & EXPECTATIONS OF RESPECTFUL CONDUCT:**

As the Trip is expected to contain intense group comradery over a fairly-short ten-day period, it is requested and expected of all participants to:

- Use their best judgment when conducting themselves
- Be respectful of all world views and maintain an open mind other's opinions and perspectives
- Demonstrate and expect good faith in one another
- Refrain from defamatory, hostile and aggressive conduct, such as speaking ill of differing political, religious, or other personal opinions, perspectives and views
- Be polite and professional natured
- Not judge one another based on their knowledge of Israel, the Middle-East Conflict, or any other discussed topics
- To be aware how their actions may reflect the image and reputation of themselves, the program, and Hillel JUC
- Understand that some information shared by individuals may be shared in confidence and should therefore be considered confidential or sensitive and must be treated as such

## **ALCOHOL POLICY:**

Alcohol can be legally purchased and consumed in Israel by people over the age of 18.

All participants are expected to be responsible adults and mindful members of the community. It is requested and expected of all participants that any alcohol use will NOT prove to be disruptive or unsafe to themselves, others, or the program.

Note:

- The Trip includes considerable, fast-paced, potentially strenuous travel and emotionally engaging conversation in unfamiliar terrain. It is important for the safety of all participants that everyone be well-prepared, rested and alert
- Alcohol may not be consumed on the bus, out on streets, in hotel rooms, during the day time when there is a highly rigorous itinerary to keep, or during any organized group activity (unless otherwise noted by the Trip's staff)

#### **DRUG POLICY:**

Use of illegal substances, including marijuana, which is illegal in Israel, will NOT be tolerated. Any participants found to be using, buying or purveying illegal substances will be sent home at their own expense.

#### **ACCIDENT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY:**

Participants of the Trip waive, release and discharge any and all claims for damage for personal injury, death or property damage which may occur or accrue on the Trip. All organizations involved in organizing the Trip, their officers, employees and agents are released from any and all liability arising out of or in connection to in any way with participation on the Trip. Participants must affirm prior to the Trip that they are physically able to participate.

Participants indemnify and hold the persons and entities involved in organizing the Trip free and harmless from any loss, liability, damage, cost or expense that they, or heirs and assigns, may incur as result of their own death or any injury or property damage that may be sustaining while participating in the Trip.

Note: All precautions possible are made to prevent any possible harm, potentiality for harm, or harmful situations to occur.

#### **PHOTO AUTHORIZATION POLICY:**

By participating in this, or any, Hillel JUC program or event, participants grant permission to the Hillel JUC to use photographs or other images of their likeness for any Hillel JUC marketing and promotional materials, and further waive any claim for compensation of any kind from Hillel JUC to use the images.

#### **POLICY AGREEMENT:**

- I, the undersigned Participant, affirm that I am 18 years old or older, have read, understood, and, of my own free will, agree to abide by all the above guidelines, policies, and terms of participating on this year's Pitt Perspectives Israel Trip
- I, the undersigned Participant, agree to the above described Accident Waiver & Release of Liability as a participant on this year's Pitt Perspectives Israel Trip
- I, the undersigned Student Participant, understand that breaching any of these guidelines, policies, or terms of participation may result in Hillel JUC requesting that I leave the Trip, which I acknowledge would be at my own expense
- I, the undersigned Participant, acknowledge that it is my responsibility to meet Hillel JUC staff at Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR), at my own expense, in Terminal C no-later than 12:30

PM on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and that any further travel needs upon our return at EWR on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 is also my responsibility.

- I, the undersigned Participant, acknowledge that it is my responsibility to review the Trip's itinerary at [hilleljuc.org/pitt-perspectives-participant-registration](http://hilleljuc.org/pitt-perspectives-participant-registration),

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Participant Signature