

## **Responsibilities and Expectations for Hillel Winter Israel Experience Participants**

### **To All Participants:**

We are delighted that you are participating on Hillel's **Winter Israel Experiences**. Hillel is committed to providing all participants with a safe and enjoyable Israel experience. Your safety and well-being are our top priorities.

Please review the following policies, guidelines and requirements. By signing the affirmation below, you will verify your understanding of, and your agreement to the terms of Hillel's policies during the entire length of the trip.

### **Responsibilities and Expectations for Participants**

Free time will be permitted at the discretion of the trip staff and with specific guidelines. Otherwise, Hillel Winter Israel Experience participants are expected to remain with their group. Participants will not be allowed to separate from the group during scheduled activities.

Please be on time for all programs and activities. You are expected to treat your fellow participants and staff members with respect. Staff members are responsible for your well-being and Hillel's policies have been crafted for your benefit.

Please respect the privacy and property of others under all circumstances.

Physical violence, verbal abuse, and/or vandalism is prohibited at any time during the course of the trip.

Due to hotel and security regulations, no visitors to the program are allowed on the bus or to sleep in your room at any time.

Hitchhiking, riding in private vehicles and riding on public buses is prohibited for trip participants.

### **Shabbat Policy**

Hillel believes in celebrating Shabbat in a pluralistic environment and asks all participants to respect the sanctity and spirit of the day. Many Jews refrain from the use of electricity, telephones, and musical instruments. Please be sensitive to your surroundings and to others—particularly in public.

### **Illegal Drugs/ Substance Abuse Policy**

The laws of the State of Israel provide that it is illegal for any visitor to or citizen of Israel to purchase, distribute, possess or use a controlled substance or illegal drug. These substances include, but are not limited to, marijuana, ecstasy, hashish, cocaine, PCP, LSD, heroin, designer drugs, and others. In addition, purposeful abuse of prescription or over-the-counter medications is also illegal. Violation of the law may result in arrest, incarceration or deportation from Israel. Violation of this policy will result in immediate expulsion from Hillel's Winter Israel Experience trips.

### **Alcohol Policy**

The minimum drinking age in Israel is 18. Public drunkenness and/or disorderly conduct is punishable by law and may lead to arrest, incarceration or deportation from Israel and/or immediate expulsion from Hillel's Winter Israel Experience trips.

Participants may not use or possess alcohol during program times – i.e. from when the program begins in the morning until the program concludes in the evening – other than at specific, proscribed program activities. The effects or after-effects of alcohol will not be tolerated. Participants are strongly encouraged to exercise appropriate restraint.

### **Smoking Policy**

Smoking is not permitted on buses, in hotel rooms or in indoor public meeting spaces.

### **Engaging in Illegal Behavior**

Any violation of the law, including shoplifting and other forms of theft, will not be tolerated at any time during the course of the trip and will result in immediate expulsion.

### **AFFIRMATION OF UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT**

Hillel Winter Israel Experience participants engaging in any form of proscribed behavior, as described above, may be expelled from the program. Any participant removed from the program will be responsible for all personal expenses thereafter, however return airfare will be provided by Hillel and Hillel reserves the right to determine the date and time of the return flight.

Hillel reserves the right to contact your emergency contact in the result of a violation of these rules or an emergency.

Additionally, should you be found to have provided incorrect, false, or incomplete information on your application (including eligibility information), you may removed immediately from the program and/or asked to pay for the full cost of your participation.

By signing below, I affirm my agreement to adhere to Hillel's Winter Israel Experience policies and I understand the consequences of my failure to abide by such rules.

Participant name \_\_\_\_\_

School name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Hillel Winter Israel Experience Waiver and Permission Agreement

In consideration for being selected to participate in Hillel's Winter Israel Experience (hereafter referred to as the Experience), you hereby acknowledge and agree to the following:

You hereby acknowledge that Hillel and any affiliated company, their Boards of Directors, officers, servants, agents, employees and representatives, all of the above together shall hereinafter be referred to as Hillel, and all individuals and organizations that provide financial support directly or indirectly to Hillel (hereinafter referred to as "Hillel Funders,") shall not be liable or responsible for any loss or damage which you may sustain to your person or property. It is understood and agreed that Hillel and Hillel Funders assume no responsibility whatsoever, and shall not be held responsible for the operation and management of any of the facilities which may be employed in connection with the Tour and/or any extension thereof or for any damage or claim arising there from or in connection therewith.

You understand that should you decide to extend your ticket and remain in Israel longer, or should you participate in a program which goes beyond the days in which Hillel participates financially, the decision to do so is yours, and the said extension is in no way part of the program for which any funding or assistance was provided by Hillel and/or by Hillel Funders.

You have consulted a physician of your own choice and have been advised by said physician that you are in good health, do not suffer from any physical or mental ailment or disability which requires any medical or surgical care or treatment, or which would make your travel and/or participation on the Experience hazardous, unwise, unwarranted or a potential source of danger to you or to others who may travel with or participate on the Tour.

You acknowledge that Experience activities, including, but not limited to, hiking, rafting, snorkeling, swimming, camping, bus, jeep and air travel, may be subject to certain hazards; and further that you are voluntarily participating in the Experience and these activities, and understand the dangers and risks involved. You are aware that in the past there have been terrorist attacks, which must be regarded as an additional risk of travel in Israel. You hereby agree to accept any and all risks associated with participating in the Experience.

You hereby give Hillel permission to post or publish your name and quotes, articles, thank-you letters, or photographs, etc. related to your participation in the Experience, in whole or in part, without compensation, on any pages of the Hillel website, which is currently located at <http://www.hillel.org>, on any pages of a Hillel supporter's Web site and in any promotional materials prepared for or on behalf of Hillel. You understand that Hillel's Web site and promotional materials in which your name, quotes, articles, thank you letters, or photographs, etc. may appear will not include your address and that your address will not be disclosed to third parties in the course of preparing your name, quotes, articles, thank-you letters, or photographs, etc. for posting or publishing.

You agree that by signing below, you hereby acknowledge that you have read and understand this waiver and permission agreement and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions.

**DECLARATION:**

**I HEREBY AGREE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS WAIVER AND PERMISSION AGREEMENT AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Track \_\_\_\_\_

Please return these signed forms along with a photocopy of your passport by mail only to:

Hillel  
Attn: Winter Israel  
800 Eighth Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001