

Responsibilities and Expectations for Taglit-Birthright Israel: Hillel Participants

To All Participants:

We are delighted that you are participating on a **Taglit-Birthright Israel: Hillel** trip. 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 Taglit-Birthright Israel program.

Responsibilities and Expectations for Participants

Free time will only be permitted at structured, supervised times and locations. Otherwise, Taglit-Birthright Israel: Hillel participants are expected to remain with their group. Participants will not be allowed to separate from the group during scheduled activities, or leave the hotel after the group returns in the evening.

Please be on time for all programs and activities.

You are expected to treat your fellow participants and Taglit-Birthright Israel 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 are prohibited at any time during the course of the trip.

Living accommodations are provided in a hotel or Kibbutz guest house. Please remember that you are a guest and not in your own home; it is unacceptable and will not be tolerated if any participant vandalizes the hotel or disturbs other hotel guests. 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, which is extremely dangerous, is prohibited for Taglit-Birthright Israel participants.

This trip has been well-planned, but participants must be flexible and understanding if plans change due to unforeseeable circumstances.

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 Taglit-Birthright Israel trip.

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 the Taglit-Birthright Israel: Hillel trip.

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 while programming is taking place – inside or outside.

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.

Violation of these policies will result in immediate expulsion from the Taglit-Birthright Israel trip and the participant will be responsible for all costs associated with their return to the US. This may include and are not limited to: hotel and food costs for the period of time between expulsion from the program and return to the US, transportation to the airport, and change fees associated with the plane ticket.

AFFIRMATION OF UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT

Taglit-Birthright Israel: Hillel participants engaging in any form of proscribed behavior, as described above, may lose their security deposit and/or be expelled from the **Taglit-Birthright Israel** 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 parents, guardians or 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 be 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 **Taglit-Birthright Israel: Hillel** policies and I understand the consequences of my failure to abide by such rules.

Participant name _____

School name _____

Signature _____

Date _____