

# IsraelNow Participant Agreement & Code of Conduct

We are thrilled that you will be joining us for IsraelNow. IsraelNow is more than a tour to Israel. It is an opportunity to experience the joys of being Jewish with new friends from across Chicago to interact with Israeli peers, to learn from experienced educators and from each other, to think about your own Jewish identity, and to spend a week exploring the sights, sounds, smells, and tastes of Israel. On IsraelNow everybody has a special responsibility, as we represent the Chicago Jewish community, JUF, and the United States of America. The way we conduct ourselves – our behavior, our manners, our respect (Kavod-כבוד) for people and property – is a reflection not only on you as an individual, but on the entire IsraelNow community (Kehillah-קהיל). Our primary concern is everybody's health and safety. Some things may feel a bit restrictive, but they are in place to ensure that everybody is safe, secure, and valued. That's why we need to have some rules. Please read through the following checklist so you are aware of our expectations and indicate that you have read and understand everything contained in this document by placing your initials by each statement.

- I will treat everyone involved in IsraelNow (my peers, staff members, tour guides, bus drivers, hotel staff, etc.) with respect at all times and will display a healthy, respectful attitude throughout the experience, including the pre-trip orientations.
- I understand that bullying or harassment of any kind will not be tolerated and will result in immediate dismissal from the program at additional expense to my family.
- I will fully participate in all activities and programs on the trip.
- I will follow all instructions regarding security policies and procedures. I will follow the directions of the IsraelNow staff and security team.
- I will not leave the group at any time without permission and will only leave when accompanied by an IsraelNow staff member.
- I will not switch hotel rooms.
- At no time will participants be allowed to be in each other's rooms.
- Once I am in my hotel room, I will not open the door or leave the room except in accordance with the IsraelNow schedule or specific instructions from IsraelNow staff.
- On the way to breakfast each morning, I will only leave my hotel room with all my roommates.
- I will not possess or use any non-prescription drugs, illegal substances, or alcohol. Smoking, vaping or use of tobacco in any way is not allowed. A staff member will be responsible for keeping and dispensing any medication I may need to bring on the trip.
- I understand that there will be no shoplifting and theft.

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- I will not bring or use any electronic devices. This includes, but is not limited to, cellphones, music devices, video games, electronic readers, laptops, tablets, smart watches etc. Digital cameras are the only exception.
- I will respect the sites we visit, our hotel, and the property of other group members. I understand that if I am responsible for any damage, my parents/guardians and I are responsible for restitution.
- I understand that we will be coming from many different parts of Chicago, and that one of the goals of IsraelNow is to meet new friends and establish our own community for the time we are together. This means making everybody feel as comfortable as possible. That's why we discourage cliques and do not permit any public displays of affection.
- I understand that people on the trip will be coming from a wide variety of backgrounds, with different interests, different Jewish backgrounds, and different life experiences. I pledge to keep an open mind and be respectful of people and practices that are different than my own.

**AGREEMENT**

I agree to all the rules and regulations in this document. I understand that if I fail to follow them or am uncooperative with them or any other rules set prior to or during the trip, JUF reserves the right to dismiss me from the IsraelNow program at any time, and that any additional expenses incurred in sending me home due to violation will be at my expense and the expense of my parent or guardian. (A Parent/Guardian will be required to fly to Israel at their own expense to bring you home.) I have read, understand, and agree to the terms set forth in this document.

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IsraelNow participant (please print)	IsraelNow participant signature /date
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Parent/Guardian name (please print)	Parent/Guardian signature /date
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