

INTERNATIONAL OF THE LIVING

March of the Living - 2017

Regulations and preventative safety measures for the participants:

Dear Participant,

Congratulations on joining the thousands of youth, Jewish leaders and others from around the world in the “March of the Living” program. We are certain that the March will be a significant experience for both you and us. To achieve a successful program and to ensure your security and that of your fellow participants, we ask for your maximum cooperation.

We wish to draw your attention to the following guidelines and ask that you follow them carefully. By doing so, you will directly contribute to the success of the March of the Living.

General Guidelines and Reminders

- Remember that, like all of us, you are representing Israel, the Jewish nation, your own country and yourself. Act accordingly, wherever you go, by exhibiting restraint, politeness, respect for others and self-discipline.
- It is extremely important that you keep to schedules and follow the counselors’ instructions. It is of utmost importance to heed the guidelines of the escorts and the various security personnel and organizations working with the program.
- Prior to landing in Poland or Israel, check that you have on hand all of the necessary personal documents. Check that your luggage has been labeled, and locked, appropriately.
- If you take medication on a regular basis, keep it in your backpack/carry-on luggage (or on your person).
- Carefully look after your money, passport, and other valuables in your possession.
- Comply with all Polish/Israeli laws, including customs, immigration and any relevant domestic laws during your stay.
- Do not accept gifts or any other packages from strangers.

Group Leaders, Counselors, Escorts, Security Officers, and Drivers

These people are very important to a successful program. We ask that you exercise discipline, behave politely, and follow the instructions of the group leaders, counselors, escorts, security officers and drivers. Doing so will help us make the program a success and will contribute to your security.

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Contact with the locals and movement

- In general, we request that you refrain from moving about except within the framework of the group. Do not wander about unless accompanied by two other people.
- Refrain from the unnecessary display of flags, slogans, posters and other obvious signs that might create provocation. Shouting and loud behavior that is unruly and irresponsible will only diminish our status and the regard the locals have for us.
- Pay attention to people with strange and aggressive behavior, pickpockets, and the like. It is imperative that you not be provoked into acts that may end in violence. Should you encounter a problem, cease contact immediately and leave the place.
- Try to abstain from all contact with unfriendly strangers and stay in constant contact with your group.
- If you need to use a taxi be certain that you initiate contact by calling for a taxi. Do not accept a taxi ride from a cab that approaches you.

Security Guidelines

Accommodation

- Remember, upon entering your room, always conduct a search for objects which are suspicious and do not belong to you. Do this every time you enter your room.
- Familiarize yourself with the shortest path to the nearest emergency exit and stairs.
- Be sure to lock the door, using any means at your disposal.
- Do not invite strangers into your room. Identify those who wish to enter your room.
- Do not order a taxi via the hotel reception.
- It is forbidden to receive any package and/or mail at the hotel, even if you expect it. If a package arrives for you – call security.
- Should you leave the hotel outside of the framework of the group make sure that your group leader knows you are leaving, where you will be, and when you expect to return.

Bus Travel

- Upon arriving in Poland or Israel, you will be directed to a bus that will transport your group throughout the “March of the Living” program. Make sure that you are completely familiar with the bus that will be transporting you.
- You may not change buses for the entire duration of “The March of the Living”.
- Loitering near the bus before boarding or after disembarking can be dangerous. Please get on and off the bus directly and quickly.
- Do not fly flags or display any signs or symbols outside the bus while it is in motion.
- Do not throw garbage or any other objects out of the bus.

Luggage and Personal Items

- Be sure to label your luggage appropriately before leaving for Poland/Israel.

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- Keep watch over your luggage and personal items at all times; never leave your luggage unattended.
- Keep your luggage locked whenever you do not need immediate access to your bags.
- Whenever opening your luggage verify that all items in there are familiar and that nothing has been inserted.
- Do not accept any packages or gifts from strangers.

Alertness

Always be prepared and alert. Should you discover a suspicious package or person, or anything out of the ordinary, report it immediately to the nearest security official.

Documents

Do not leave your passport at the hotel reception desk. After registering at the hotel, keep your passport on you at all times.

Shopping

- If you decide to go shopping do so only within the permitted area, in a well-known store, and according to and within the permitted travel paths.
- Always be present while your purchases are being wrapped.
- Never have your purchases delivered to your hotel. Your purchases must be kept with you and must be under your supervision from the moment you leave the store.

You are a full partner in bearing the responsibility for the success of the March of the Living. We expect and look forward to receiving your complete cooperation. We wish you and your group a momentous experience. Let us all work together to make the March of the Living a success.

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