

SUMMER 2024 SECURITY GUIDELINES



The war launched against Israel on October 7th 2023 brought fear and concern to Jews all over the world. **As of February 1, 2024** the majority of areas in Israel are safe according to the Israeli Ministry of Education. Israeli children are able to go on field trips and participate in outdoor activities with no limitations. Israel currently has hundreds of young adults visiting and travelling through Israel who are sharing their feeling of safety, security and inspiration including [URJ's Heller High](#) school that just begun their spring semester.

The war does put specific areas near the borders of Lebanon, Syria and Gaza in danger. Here is a [link to an updated map by the National Emergency Portal](#). The areas in the yellow and orange colors are not safe enough to have activities with no limitations. **Our programs will only be in the part of the green area** that together with our partners at the Jewish Agency and the Ministry of Education, we decide are safe. Since the situation is dynamic, we cannot provide the exact areas and lines that we will be able to visit in the summer. Every day during the summer, we will send the exact locations of all activities with relevant maps, so it is clear to everyone where the group is at all times. Decisions are made up until the time we depart and can even be updated during travel.

The security guidelines we already have in place for the summer are very clear, as they do not depend on any change of circumstances:

Accommodations

- Accommodations will not be in proximity to areas of tension near the borders of Lebanon, Syria or Gaza
- Every accommodation will have a safe room. The campers will receive clear instructions on its location upon arrival.
- An armed guard will always be present on site.

Tours and outdoor activities

- Every site and activity will be approved in advance and on the day of the activity by the situation room of the Israel Ministry of Education.
- An Armed Guard will always be with the group (24/7). Campers will be briefed on ways of responding in case of an alarm or an emergency.
- All travel will be done privately on chartered buses – no public transportation will be used.
- Yallah! Israel takes the liberty and the responsibility to change the itinerary and the accommodations if there is reason to believe the original plan can no longer ensure the safe environment we must have.

On this basis of putting health, safety and security first, we look forward to celebrating an unforgettable joyful and meaningful summer in Israel together.