



**BYU JERUSALEM CENTER**  
**FOR NEAR EASTERN STUDIES**  
Brigham Young University

**2012-13**  
**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**

Fall Program: August 28-December 13, 2012  
*Applications Accepted: March 12-23, 2012*

Winter Program: January 8-April 25, 2013  
*Applications Accepted: July 9-20, 2012*

Spring/Summer Program: April 30-August 15, 2013  
*Applications Accepted: November 5-16, 2012*

***SUBMIT ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS TO THE ADDRESS BELOW:***

*BYU Jerusalem Center  
c/o BYU Conferences & Workshops  
120 HCEB, Provo, UT 84602  
Telephone: (801) 422-6017  
Fax: (801) 422-0702*

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Use the attached six-part application to apply for admission to the 2012 Fall Semester, 2013 Winter Semester, and 2013 Spring/Summer Programs. Refer to individual program information for detail on the program you choose.

## ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

- Eligibility is limited to matriculated full-time students currently enrolled in a four-year undergraduate program at either BYU, BYU-Idaho, or BYU-Hawaii at the time of application, prior to departure, and during the program. (This means attending at least two semesters in each academic year.)
- Applicants must have completed at least two semesters of full-time attendance in on-campus study. (AP and other "earned" credit does not count towards this requirement, but it can include transfer credit/attendance at another university.) Students must be progressing towards their first undergraduate degree. The Admissions Committee must be able to review successful completion of at least two semesters of full-time study prior having an interview for final acceptance.
- Applicants must have a current and cumulative GPA of 2.5 GPA or better, and must be in good standing (no academic or Honor Code warning, probation, etc.)
- Applicants must sign the Center's non-proselytizing agreement; agree to abide by the BYU Code of Honor and Dress & Grooming Standards as well as any other special rules governing conduct and appearance while enrolled in a Jerusalem Center Program; meet the information and payment deadlines; and be able to actively participate in a rigorous field trip program.
- Students who are married or pursuing graduate degrees are not eligible to attend.

## ADMISSIONS PROCESS

The Jerusalem Center has a two-part admissions process:

**Part I.** The Jerusalem Center accepts applications during a two-week application window for each program. (Refer to specific program information for individual submission dates.) All qualified applications received or postmarked during those two weeks are considered on an equal basis. If, during the two-week period, more students apply than the Jerusalem Center can accommodate, students will be randomly drawn for Part II of the admissions process (or for the waiting list). In the event that both the randomly drawn list and the waiting list are filled, any remaining applications will be returned. Qualified applications received after the application window will be considered for Part II of the admissions process only on a space-available basis and in the order they are received. The Jerusalem Center has separate lists for men and women; therefore, the need for a random drawing as Part I of the application process will depend on the number of applications received for each gender.

**Part II.** Each applicant given placement in Part I of the admissions process will be interviewed for final acceptance. Applicants on the waiting list may also be interviewed as necessary or as space becomes available. Applicants will be admitted for study at the Jerusalem Center based on their preparation for, and ability to, benefit from study at the Jerusalem Center, as well as their ability to contribute to the success of the experience for others in the unique Jerusalem Center setting.

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Students will not be considered to have applied until the following materials have been received (or postmarked) by the appropriate deadlines:

### Required at the time of application:

- \_\_\_ \$150 deposit (*cash, check or money order made payable to BYU Jerusalem Center*)
- \_\_\_ Part 1 - Student Information
- \_\_\_ Part 3 - Expectations of Participation
- \_\_\_ Part 4 - Student Essays
- \_\_\_ Part 5 - Matters of Sensitivity, Statement of Commitment
- \_\_\_ Part 6 - Assumption of Risk, Release and Indemnity Agreement (*Signed and notarized by **both** student **and** parent/guardian, regardless of student's age or independence*). Can come in on separate pages or by fax, but the original copy should also be submitted.
- \_\_\_ BYU-I or BYU-H students must submit an official transcript and verification of current enrollment (copy of class schedule). An updated transcript may be required later in the admissions process.

### Required by one week after the application deadline (in or postmarked):

- \_\_\_ Part 2 - Student Commitment and Confidential Report (*Must be submitted, even if a current endorsement is on file with the university.*) ***Both the bishop and a member of the stake presidency must sign part 2B.***

## CANCELLATION POLICY

- Cancellation from a Jerusalem Center program means forfeiture of the \$150 deposit. Students who do not qualify for the program, do not receive placement, or cannot be accommodated from a waiting list will receive a deposit refund.
- Failure to meet appropriate deadlines could result in the student's cancellation.
- If an airline ticket has been written prior to cancelling, a ticket cancellation fee will be assessed (currently \$250).
- Cancelling later than two weeks prior to departure requires a \$100 cancellation fee. Charges for room may also be assessed.
- A student cannot transfer an application from one program to another. Consideration for a future program means cancellation of the current application, forfeiture of deposit, and submission of a new application and deposit for the future program.

# BYU Jerusalem Center Application

## Part 1: STUDENT INFORMATION

Legal name _____ Last First Middle	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
US SSN # or BYU ID # (circle one): _____ - _____ - _____	Preferred Name _____
Current Mailing Address (street, apt. #, city, state, and zip code). <b>NOTE: Placement notice will be sent to this address:</b>	Birth date: _____ / _____ / _____
_____	Home Phone: (____) _____
_____	Cell Phone: (____) _____
_____	E-mail address: _____

Program Application:  2012 Fall Program  2013 Winter Program  2013 Spring/Summer Program

Current University:  BYU-Provo (transcript accessed online)  BYU-Idaho (official transcript required)  BYU-Hawaii (official transcript required)

**If you are NOT a United States citizen or Permanent Resident, complete this section.** (Additional materials may be required of non-U.S. Citizen applicants.)

Country of citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ Country of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of current visa:  F-1  J-1  Other - please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**Religious Affiliation:**

LDS Church Member  Other Religion (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

For LDS Church Members: Home Ward: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Stake: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you served an LDS mission?  Yes  No Date entered MTC: \_\_\_\_\_ Date released: \_\_\_\_\_

Current name of mission: \_\_\_\_\_

**Family/Permanent Address:**

Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Relationship:  Father  Mother  Guardian  Other

Complete mailing address of contact (include city, state, and zip code):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify all statements in this application are complete and true and acknowledge that my admission and my continuing status are conditional on such completeness and truthfulness.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant Date

## Part 2A: STUDENT COMMITMENT AND CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

### Student Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ US SSN # or BYU ID # (circle which one): \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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**Instructions to the LDS Applicant:** Review and commit to abide by the Honor Code and the Dress and Grooming Standards. After completing this page, you must interview with your LDS bishop **and** a member of the stake presidency. Your ecclesiastical leaders will complete Part 2B and return it to the BYU Jerusalem Center Office (301 HCEB, BYU, Provo, UT 84602; or FAX: 801-422-0702).

**Instructions to the Non-LDS Applicant:** You must be interviewed by clergy of your own faith or by an LDS bishop. The ecclesiastical leader will complete Part 2B and return it to the BYU Jerusalem Center Office.

### Church Educational System Honor Code

Brigham Young University exists to provide a university education in an atmosphere consistent with the ideals and principles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. That atmosphere is created and preserved through commitment to conduct that reflects those ideals and principles.

"We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men...if there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things." – 13<sup>th</sup> Article of Faith. As a matter of personal commitment, students, staff and faculty of Brigham Young University seek to demonstrate in daily living on and off campus those moral virtues encompassed in the gospel of Jesus Christ, and will:

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| *Be honest   | *Use clean language   |
| *Live a chaste and virtuous life   | *Respect others   |
| *Obey the law and all campus policies  | *Participate regularly in church services                           |
| *Observe the Dress and Grooming Standards                                    | *Encourage others in their commitment to comply with the Honor Code |
| *Abstain from alcoholic beverages, tobacco, tea, coffee, and substance abuse |   |

### Dress and Grooming Standards

The dress and grooming of both men and women should always be modest, neat, clean, and consistent with the dignity adherent to representing The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, CES Institutions, and the BYU Jerusalem Center. Modesty and cleanliness are important values that reflect personal dignity and integrity, through which students, staff, and faculty represent the principles and standards of the Church. Members of CES Institutions and Jerusalem Center communities commit themselves to observe these standards, which reflect the direction of the Brigham Young University Board of Trustees and the Church publication *For the Strength of Youth*. The BYU Dress and Grooming Standards are as follows:

**Men:** A clean and well-cared-for appearance should be maintained. Hairstyles should be clean and neat (not completely shaved), avoiding extreme styles or colors and trimmed above the collar, leaving the ear uncovered. Sideburns should not extend below the earlobe or onto the cheek. If worn, mustaches should be neatly trimmed and may not extend beyond or below the corners of the mouth. Men are expected to be clean shaven; beards are not acceptable. Earrings and other body piercing are not acceptable. Shoes should be worn in all public campus areas.

**Women:** A clean and well-cared-for appearance should be maintained. Clothing is inappropriate when it is sleeveless, strapless, backless, or revealing; has slits above the knee; or is form-fitting. Dresses and skirts must be knee-length or longer. Hairstyles should be clean and neat, avoiding extreme styles and colors. Excessive ear piercing (more than one per ear) and all other body piercing are not acceptable. Shoes should be worn in all public campus areas.

### Student Commitment:

I have read the Church Educational System Honor Code and the Dress and Grooming Standards, and I agree to abide by the above requirements. If LDS, I also confirm that I have been and will continue to attend my Church meetings. I certify all statements in this application to be complete and true and acknowledge that my admission and continuing status are conditional on such completeness and truthfulness.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Part 2B: STUDENT COMMITMENT & CONFIDENTIAL REPORT (Continued)

## To Be Completed by Current Ecclesiastical Leaders

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Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Instructions to the Interviewing Officer:** Please give thought to the Jerusalem Center's unique position and recommend mature, thoughtful, responsible, and sensitive students who will be diligent in their learning. Careless behavior by students can cause serious problems, especially in this setting of cultural and political sensitivity. Please review the Honor Code and Dress and Grooming Standards with the applicant. The First Presidency requests ecclesiastical leaders do not endorse students with unresolved worthiness or activity problems. If the applicant is LDS, bishops should complete the top portion of the form and send it in a sealed envelope to a member of the stake presidency. After both interviews are complete, return the form in a sealed envelope to the **BYU Jerusalem Center Office (301 HCEB, BYU, Provo, UT 84602; or send by fax (801-422-0702).**

Please answer the questions below as they relate to the applicant's church service and participation.

- A. The applicant is a:     New convert             Member more than three years             Member of another religious denomination
- B. Is the applicant's Church membership record in your unit?     Yes     No            If no, please contact the previous bishop or branch president.
- C. Please indicate the applicant's recent (6 months) Church activity.     Active             Semi-active             Inactive
- D. Is the applicant currently on informal or formal probation with, disfellowshipped or excommunicated from, or voluntarily disaffiliated from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints?     Yes     No            (If yes, the applicant is likely inadmissible to a Church school.)
- E. Mark this box if you need to discuss confidential information or if you need clarification regarding policies or standards:
- F. Please mark one of the following:     Strongly Endorse             Endorse             Endorse with reservations             \*Do not endorse
- G. Please share any insights, unique circumstances, or other factors the Jerusalem Center Admissions Committee should consider in its evaluation of this applicant.

I have thoroughly reviewed all of the requirements contained in the Honor Code and the Dress and Grooming Standards with the applicant and the applicant is currently abiding by these standards and has committed to continue doing so. **[After signing, please forward directly to a member of the stake presidency.]**

Name (please print)	Signature	Date
Church Position	Ward/Branch or Religious Denomination	LDS Unit #
Stake/Mission (if LDS)	Home Telephone	Business Telephone

**Stake/District Presidency's Interview:** Please share your observations regarding any unique factors we should consider in our evaluation. Your comments are very important.

- H. Mark this box if you need to discuss confidential information or if you need clarification regarding policies or standards:
- I. Please mark one of the following:     Strongly Endorse             Endorse             Endorse with reservations             \*Do not endorse
- J. Please share any insights, unique circumstances, or other factors the Jerusalem Center Admissions Committee should consider in its evaluation of this applicant.

Name (please print)	Signature	Date
Church Position	LDS Unit #	
Stake/Mission (if LDS)	Home Telephone	Business Telephone

\*If you marked "Do Not Endorse," please inform the applicant of the non-endorsement. Then sign this form and return it to the BYU Jerusalem Center Office.

# Part 3: EXPECTATIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ The following information is provided as a disclosure on the demands and expectations of participating in a Jerusalem Center program. Students must be able to participate fully and independently.

<p>1. <b>MOBILITY:</b> The Jerusalem Center program is physically demanding. The Center is an eight-story building without elevators in the housing area, which means that you must be able to easily negotiate several flights of stairs a number of times each day. Field trips require extensive walking, generally over rough and rocky terrain and the ability to easily negotiate getting on and off buses and climbing stairs. Two of the field trips involve several hours of hiking in mountainous terrain (comparable to hiking to the "Y" three or four times). Can I climb several flights of stairs each day? Can I walk 4 miles at a time? Can I hike to the "Y" and back twice in a row? ___ Yes ___ No. If no, please explain:</p>
<p>2. <b>KEEPING UP WITH THE GROUP:</b> Most of the field trips are a full day in length. No field trip has a rest break so you will need to be able to participate fully for 10 to 12 hours without difficulty. Students travel on field trips in groups of 40 and it is not possible to make accommodations for individual challenges—each student must be able to participate fully, without special assistance, with the other students in their travel group, and without imposing on other students. Do I tire easily? Will I have a hard time keeping up with a field trip group for 12 hours? ___ Yes ___ No. If yes, please explain:</p>
<p>3. <b>FUNCTIONING IN HIGH TEMPERATURES:</b> Temperatures during most of the year are warm or hot, particularly in Egypt and southern Jordan. There is no access to reliable refrigeration during extended trips to Egypt and Jordan for preserving special foods or medications. Do I have a hard time functioning in the heat, or do I require any special foods or medications that need constant refrigeration? ___ Yes ___ No. If yes, please explain:</p>
<p>4. <b>LIMITED FOOD CHOICES:</b> With regard to food, the Center has a small cafeteria, which means that options are limited. Special accommodation for unique or special dietary needs is not possible and there isn't sufficient variety for a student to self-select food that will meet unique or special dietary needs. Student rooms do not have kitchens, so self-preparation isn't possible. Similarly, overnight field trips to Egypt, Jordan and the Galilee include room and board arrangements where there are few, if any, food options and no provision for special dietary needs. Meat, wheat/flour, and dairy based ingredients are a common part of Middle Eastern food. Do I have food allergies or medical conditions that require a special diet? ___ Yes ___ No. If yes, please explain:</p>
<p>5. <b>LIVING WITH ROOMMATES:</b> There are four students in each apartment. You must be able to share housing accommodations with others without imposing on them and without expecting special accommodations from your roommates. Students are not permitted to travel outside of the Center in groups of fewer than three students. You must be able to travel with others without imposing on them and without expecting special accommodations from them. Can I live and travel with other students independently? ___ Yes ___ No. If no, please explain:</p>
<p>6. <b>EARLY-MORNING HOURS:</b> Center classes are only offered in the early morning hours. Field trips always begin in the early morning as well, often with breakfast between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. Students with sleep disorders or similar challenges should expect that they will need to be able to function effectively each day by 6 a.m. or earlier. Can I function effectively at 5 am? ___ Yes ___ No. If no, please explain:</p>
<p>7. <b>COUNSELING NEEDS:</b> The Center does not have, nor is there outside access to, counseling or psychiatric services. Similarly, the Center does not provide special accommodations or services for students with learning disabilities. Do I require the help of a counselor or tutor? ___ Yes ___ No. If yes, please explain:</p>
<p>8. <b>PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS:</b> As mentioned before, you are required to enroll in an Israeli-based insurance offered through the Center during the time of participation on a Jerusalem Center program. Premium costs are included in program fees. Please note that preexisting medical conditions are not covered by this insurance. If you have ongoing ("pre existing") medical challenges that might require medical treatment in Israel, please understand that you must be prepared to prepay all expected medical expenses and make any additional payments for costs for medical treatment and medications associated with pre-existing conditions. While you will be able to get bills for services provided, they will be denominated in shekels and be in Hebrew. Medical providers in the Middle East will not bill or collect from you, or your parent's, insurance company—you will be responsible for all medical expenses associated with pre-existing conditions on a cash basis. Am I currently under the care of a physician for any reason that would be considered a pre-existing medical condition if I were to become ill at the Center? ___ Yes ___ No. If yes, please explain:</p>

I confirm that the above information is truthful and complete.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Part 4: STUDENT ESSAYS

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Type or print legibly in black ink. Use a separate sheet, if necessary.**

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1. What additional information regarding your qualifications would you like the Jerusalem Center Admissions Committee to consider? (200 words or less)

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2. Describe a significant experience in your life that has strengthened your character. (200 words or less)

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3. Tell us why you want to go to the Holy Land and the spiritual and educational benefits you hope to gain. (200 words or less)

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## Part 5: MATTERS OF SENSITIVITY, STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### NON-PROSELYTIZING AGREEMENT

Brigham Young University, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and BYU's Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies, have given assurances and made commitments to the State of Israel to the effect that no member of the Church, nor anyone affiliated with the University or participating in a University-sponsored program will engage in proselytizing of any kind within Israel and Palestine (the West Bank and Gaza). It is very important that these assurances and commitments be honored and that those who travel to the Holy Land or have reason to correspond or work with individuals living there be informed of these assurances and commitments and agree to abide by them.

Any activities that could be construed as aimed at including, encouraging or leading people in Israel to investigate any religion for possible conversion are strictly contrary to the desires of the government and people of Israel and to the commitments made by BYU, The Jerusalem Center, and The Church. By signing below, you agree to not distribute, either directly or by mail, any materials pertaining to the Church or its doctrines within Israel or Palestine. You will not discuss the Church or its doctrines or answer any questions regarding the Church or its doctrines with individuals who reside in the Holy Land or who may be visiting there. You will not invite guests who are not LDS to attend Church services held in the Holy Land. You understand the assurances and commitment of the Church, University and the Jerusalem Center not to proselyte within Israel or Palestine and agree to abide by them.

### DRESS AND DATING:

Specific dress standards for Jerusalem Center participants are outlined in the Program Information, and students must dress appropriately. By signing below, you understand that if you are dressed inconsistent with these dress standards at any time, you will be asked to leave the program and return to the U.S.

Dating and pairing off between members of the program is strongly discouraged. Dating or pairing off with anyone outside of the program is not allowed. Friendships develop and intensify on this study program because of the amount of time spent living, studying and traveling together; but time, the setting, and the environment make dating unwise.

### TRAVEL:

Students are not allowed to arrange for their own air travel. All travel outside the Center **must** be in groups of three or more. Any travel outside Jerusalem must have the prior approval of the director. All students must leave the Middle East at the end of the program. (The only exception is if a parent picks up their student in Jerusalem on the day of departure.)

### GROUND FOR DISMISSAL:

Students failing to abide by the BYU Jerusalem Center Honor Code, Dress and Grooming Standards, and Jerusalem Program guidelines may be released from the program. The Jerusalem Center will take no responsibility for additional costs incurred to return the student to his or her home, nor will monies be refunded to the student for services not rendered.

### COMMITMENT:

I am currently a member in good standing in my church, and I understand the aforementioned statements and certify that there is no reason why I am not eligible to register. If accepted as a member of the program I agree to:

1. Abide by the Non-proselytizing Agreement as outlined above.
2. Support and uphold the moral standards and other ideals of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the Jerusalem Center, and the Honor Code.
3. Strive to be friendly and honest in my dealing with all members of the group.
4. Accept the will of the majority of the group whenever a matter of choice presents itself.
5. Accept the suggestions and recommendations of the program director in all matters pertaining to the program or personal conduct.
6. Obey the special rules of appearance, conduct, and travel associated with participation in programs of the Jerusalem Center.

I understand that all tickets for transportation are issued subject to any and all terms and conditions under which such means of transportation or other services are offered and provided by the issuer. I will not hold the BYU Jerusalem Center liable or responsible in any way in connection with such transportation or their services, or for any loss, injury, or damage to my person or property howsoever caused, or for damages resulting from any cause connected directly or indirectly with the program for which application is made, absent gross negligence on the part of a Jerusalem Center employee or authorized agent which is the direct and proximate cause of my loss or injury.

I have read and I understand the MATTERS OF SPECIAL SENSITIVITY, STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT, and other requirements set forth in this application and I hereby agree to abide by them all.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

## **Part 6: ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

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This document is a legally binding agreement to be signed by the student and the student's parent/guardian before a notary public. Before signing this document, you are advised to fully familiarize yourself with the BYU Jerusalem Center Study Abroad Program and its rules and regulations.

1. Parties. The parties to this Assumption of Risk, Release and Indemnity Agreement ("Agreement") are:
  - A. Brigham Young University, a nonprofit corporation and institution of higher education, and its affiliates, including The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, related entities, subsidiaries, predecessors and assigns and all of its past, present, and future officers and directors, including its Board of Trustees and each of the Board's members, employees, agents, representatives, volunteers, and donors and their respective heirs and legal representatives. These parties are sometimes hereinafter collectively referred to as "BYU."
  - B. The student applicant, an individual and his or her parents, guardians, respective heirs and legal representatives. These parties are sometimes hereinafter referred to as "Student" or "we."
2. General. As used in this Agreement, the word "Program" shall mean the BYU Jerusalem Center Study Abroad Program.

The words "Program terms" shall mean all policies, terms, conditions, rules and regulations, whether written or unwritten, associated with the Program. These Program terms may be changed, modified, or newly made at any time, including after the signing of this Agreement.

By signing this Agreement, we acknowledge that we have read, understood and agreed to be bound by all Program terms. We also agree that depending upon the circumstances, the actions of BYU may vary from the Program terms, and we agreed to such variances.

3. Hazards and Risks. We understand that through participating in the Program there are serious hazards and risks of loss of personal property, of personal injury, of illness, or of death arising from the Student's actions, the actions of others, or events beyond the Student's control or the control of BYU. We expressly acknowledge that we have read and understand the present U.S. Department of State Travel Warning with respect to Israel, the West Bank and Gaza. The most recent Travel Warning is set forth below as follows:

### **Travel Warning**

United States Department of State *Bureau of Consular Affairs*  
Washington, DC 20520

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#### **ISRAEL, THE WEST BANK AND GAZA**

**June 22, 2011**

The Department of State warns U.S. citizens of the risks of traveling to Israel, the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip, and about threats to themselves and to U.S. interests in those locations. The Department of State urges U.S. citizens to remain mindful of security factors when planning travel to Israel and the West Bank and to avoid all travel to the Gaza Strip. This replaces the Travel Warning issued August 10, 2010, to update information on the general security environment and to warn against participation in any attempt to reach Gaza by sea.

#### **The Gaza Strip and Southern Israel**

The Department of State strongly urges that U.S. citizens refrain from all travel to the Gaza Strip. This recommendation applies to all U.S. citizens. U.S. citizens should be aware that as a consequence of a longstanding prohibition on travel by U.S. citizen employees of the U.S. Government into the Gaza Strip, the ability of consular staff to offer timely assistance to U.S. citizens there is extremely limited, including the provision of routine consular services.

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The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) strictly controls the crossing points between Israel and the Gaza Strip. The security environment within Gaza, including its border with Egypt and its seacoast, is dangerous and volatile. U.S. citizens are advised against traveling to Gaza by any means, including via sea. Previous attempts to enter Gaza by sea have been stopped by Israeli naval vessels and resulted in the injury, death, arrest, and deportation of U.S. citizens. U.S. citizens participating in any effort to reach Gaza by sea should understand that they may face arrest, prosecution, and deportation by the Government of Israel. The Government of Israel has announced its intention to seek ten-year travel bans to Israel for anyone participating in an attempt to enter Gaza by sea. On May 31, 2010, nine people were killed, including one U.S. citizen, in such an attempt. The U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv and the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem are not able to provide consular assistance in Gaza or on the high seas or coastal waters.

From December 27, 2008, through January 17, 2009, Israel conducted a military operation in Gaza. Israel and Hamas, a State Department-designated Foreign Terrorist Organization that violently seized power in Gaza in June 2007, declared separate truces to end the fighting. Small clashes continue to occur along the boundary of the Gaza Strip. Rockets and mortars are still fired into Israel from Gaza, and Israel continues to conduct military operations inside Gaza, including airstrikes. Israel has also declared an exclusion zone inside Gaza along its boundary with Israel and has taken lethal measures against individuals who enter it. The Rafah crossing between Egypt and Gaza is open, but it does not operate full time, and U.S. citizens are not always able to leave Gaza at a time of their choosing.

In the past, some rockets have traveled more than 40 km (24 miles) from Gaza and landed as far north as Yavne and Gadera and as far east as Beersheva. As a result of possible military operations by the Government of Israel in Gaza and the ever-present risk of rocket and mortar attacks into Israel from Gaza, U.S. government personnel travelling in the vicinity of the Gaza Strip boundary, to include the city of Sderot, require approval from the Embassy's Regional Security Office. U.S. citizens in the area should be aware of the risks and should take note of announcements by the Government of Israel's office of Homefront Command.

### **The West Bank**

The Department of State urges U.S. citizens to exercise caution when traveling to the West Bank. Palestinian Authority (PA) security forces are now deployed in all major cities and other limited areas within the West Bank. As a result, violence in recent years has decreased markedly throughout the West Bank. Nonetheless, demonstrations and violent incidents can occur without warning. Vehicles have also been the target of rocks, Molotov cocktails and gunfire on West Bank roads. The IDF continues to carry out security operations in the West Bank. Israeli security operations, including incursions in Palestinian population centers, can occur at any time and lead to disturbances and violence. U.S. citizens can be caught in the middle of potentially dangerous situations. Some U.S. citizens involved in demonstrations in the West Bank have sustained serious injuries in confrontations with Israeli security forces. The State Department recommends that U.S. citizens, for their own safety, avoid demonstrations. During periods of unrest, the Israeli Government sometimes closes off access to the West Bank and those areas may be placed under curfew. All persons in areas under curfew should remain indoors to avoid risking arrest or injury. U.S. citizens have been killed, seriously injured, or detained and deported as a result of encounters with Israeli operations in the West Bank. Travel restrictions may be imposed by Israel with little or no warning. Strict measures have frequently been imposed following terrorist actions, and the movement of Palestinian Americans, both those with residency status in the West Bank or Gaza as well as foreign passport holders, has been severely impeded. Security conditions in the West Bank can hinder the ability of consular staff to offer timely assistance to U.S. citizens.

### **Jerusalem**

The Department of State urges U.S. citizens to remain vigilant while traveling throughout Jerusalem, including in commercial and downtown areas of West Jerusalem. Spontaneous or planned protests within the Old City are possible, especially after Friday prayers. Some of these protests have led to violent clashes. Travelers should exercise caution at religious sites on holy days, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Isolated street protests and demonstrations can also occur in areas of East Jerusalem, including around Salah Ed-Din Street, Damascus Gate, Silwan and the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood. U.S. Government employees are authorized to visit the Old City from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., but not between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Fridays. The area of the ramparts on the city wall between Herod's Gate and Lion's Gate is off-limits to U.S. Government personnel at all times. The Sherover or Haas Promenade (scenic overlook) located in Armon Hanatziv is open to U.S. Government personnel during daylight hours only. Official personnel and their family members are prohibited from using public buses and bus terminals or stations.

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### Travel Restrictions for U.S. Government Personnel

Personal travel in the West Bank for U.S. Government personnel and their families is allowed for limited mission-approved purposes in the areas described below. They may travel to Bethlehem on weekends and holidays during daylight hours only and to Jericho on weekends and holidays; and transit through the West Bank using Routes 1 and 90 to reach the Allenby/King Hussein Bridge, or the Dead Sea coast near Ein Gedi and Masada. They also may travel north on Route 90 from the Allenby/King Hussein Bridge to the Sea of Galilee. Use of these routes is approved for transit purposes during daylight hours, with stops permitted only at roadside facilities on Highways 1 and 90. Personal travel also is permitted to Qumran National Park off Route 90 by the Dead Sea, and all areas south of Highway 1 and east of route 90 (Dead Sea area). Each transit requires prior notification to the Consulate General's security office.

U.S. Government personnel and family members are permitted both official and personal travel on Route 443 between Modi'in and Jerusalem without prior notification between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. only. All other personal travel in the West Bank, unless specifically authorized for mission-approved purposes, is prohibited.

### General Safety and Security

Israeli authorities remain concerned about the continuing threat of terrorist attacks. U.S. citizens are cautioned that a greater danger may exist around restaurants, businesses, and other places associated with U.S. interests and/or located near U.S. official buildings, such as the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv and the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem. U.S. citizens are also urged to exercise a high degree of caution and to use common sense when patronizing restaurants, nightclubs, cafes, malls, places of worship, and theaters, especially during peak hours. Large crowds and public gatherings have been targeted by terrorists in the past and should be avoided to the extent practicable. U.S. Government personnel have been directed to avoid protests and demonstrations and urged to maintain a high level of vigilance and situational awareness at all times. U.S. citizens should take into consideration that public buses, and their respective terminals are "off-limits" to U.S. Government personnel. Two U.S. citizens were murdered in separate incidents while walking in the woods in the Beit Shemesh area near Jerusalem in the last 18 months. Israeli authorities characterized the murders as terrorist attacks. A bomb blast near the Central Bus Terminal in Jerusalem on March 23, 2011 injured several U.S. citizens. In the Golan Heights and West Bank, there are live landmines in many areas and visitors should walk only on established roads or trails.

### Entry/Exit Difficulties

U.S. citizens planning to travel to Israel or the West Bank should read carefully the detailed information concerning entry and exit difficulties in the Country Specific Information sheet. U.S. citizens in Israel, the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip are strongly encouraged to enroll with the Consular Sections of the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv or the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem through the State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). Occasional warden messages issued by the Embassy and the Consulate General are e-mailed to registered U.S. citizens and are posted on State Department websites to highlight time-sensitive security concerns. U.S. citizens who require emergency services may telephone the Consulate General in Jerusalem at (972) (2) 630-4000, after hours (for emergencies): (972) (2) 622-7250, or the Embassy in Tel Aviv at (972) (3) 519-7575, after hours (for emergencies): (972) (3) 519-7551.

Current information on travel and security in Israel, the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip may be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States and Canada, or, from overseas, 1-202-501-4444. For additional and more in-depth information about specific aspects of travel to these areas, U.S. citizens should consult: the Country Specific Information for Israel, the West Bank and Gaza; and the Worldwide Caution. These along with other Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts and Country Specific Information are available on the Department's Internet website. Up-to-date information on security conditions can also be accessed at <http://usembassy-israel.org.il> or <http://jerusalem.usconsulate.gov>. Follow us on Twitter and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on facebook as well.

We understand that this Travel Warning is subject to change at any time by the United States Department of State and we agree that this Agreement will remain in full force and effect in the event of any changes in the Travel Warning. We assume all risks associated with travel to Israel whether or not mentioned in any travel warning or otherwise in this document.

If we are not United States citizens or residents, we acknowledge that BYU has advised us to check any travel warnings issued by our own country.

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We acknowledge that we have read and understood this Travel Warning and have decided that the Student will participate in the Program. We accept all risks associated with the heightened dangers of such travel. In addition, we understand that participation in the Program will include living and traveling through areas where there is a constant risk of violent clashes, confrontations, and acts of terrorism; that these areas have a heightened threat of terrorist incidences; and that for these reasons BYU cannot guarantee the safety of the Student in participating in the Program. The Student also acknowledges to have been fully briefed and informed by BYU as to the nature of the Program, the field logistics involved in implementing the Program, and the specific hazards and risks associated with participation in the Program.

4. Conduct. The Student agrees that throughout the Program, the Student will at all times and in all places act in accordance with applicable statutes, ordinances, and laws and applicable BYU rules, policies and regulations including but not limited to BYU's Honor Code and the specific applicable Program rules. Student acknowledges that violation of any law, rule, regulation, or instruction of BYU personnel or of any lawful authority is grounds for immediate dismissal from the Program. Student further agrees that BYU supervisory personnel shall have the right to terminate the Student's participation in the Program if it is determined that the Student's conduct violates any law or rule or if, in the sole discretion of the supervisor, the supervisor determines that the Student's actions are detrimental to or are in conflict with the Program aims and objectives or are out of harmony with the best interests of the Program. In such an event, the Student shall return home at Student's own expense and may be subject to further disciplinary actions by BYU including but not limited to suspension or expulsion from the University. In the event the Student is required to return home, the Student agrees no money paid for or in connection with the Program will be refunded.
5. Assumption of Risk, Release and Indemnification. The term "claims" as used in this Agreement shall mean any and all claims and liability of any kind whatsoever, past, present and future, both known and unknown, including attorney fees and costs of litigation and including those which have not yet arisen or matured, whether in law or in equity, arising from, related to, or in connection with the Program, Student's participation in the Program, travel to, from, during, before and after the Program (including personal travel), Student's use of free time during the Program, any medical treatment or testing (including without limitation blood tests), or vaccination Student may or may not receive, any discipline Student may receive during or after the Program, Student's departure, withdrawal, dismissal or other removal from the Program, any changes in the Program, any communication or notices or lack thereof before, during, or after the Program, any anti-discrimination laws and regulations of any jurisdiction, any delay, property damage, loss or theft, any hostile act, government act or omission, terrorism, social unrest, local laws, climatic conditions, or other conditions, developments, or disruptions, any bodily, emotional or mental injury, illness, disease, or death, and all other claims, liability, damage, cost, loss, or expense of any nature whatsoever, including but not limited to, claims for negligence or any intentional act on the part of BYU or any other person or entity.

In consideration of Student's acceptance to participate in the Program, and by signing, we for ourselves, individually and jointly, hereby agree to:

- A. Voluntarily assume full responsibility for all hazards and risks associated with participation in the Program; and
- B. Release, waive and discharge BYU from any and all claims; and
- C. Covenant not to sue BYU with respect to any and all claims; and
- D. Indemnify, defend and hold harmless BYU from any and all claims.

We further agree that this language of assumption of risk, release and indemnification shall be interpreted as broadly as possible in favor of BYU.

6. Medical Consent. We certify that student is fully able to participate in all program activities without the need of specialized or individualized attention, accommodation or medical regimen. In the event of any medical emergency either physical or emotional, we hereby grant to BYU or any of its representatives of the Program the full authority to take any action deemed necessary to protect the Student's emotional and physical health and safety at the Student's own expense, including but not limited to, placing the Student under the care of a doctor

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or in a hospital or any other place for medical examination and/or treatment, or returning the Student to the United States or the Student's country of origin at Student's own expense, if such return is deemed necessary after consultation with medical authorities. In the event the Student is returned to the United States or country of origin, the Student shall not recover any money paid in connection with the Program. The Student further agrees BYU is not required to take any such actions if it is not aware of any emergency or in its discretion determines no emergency warrants action.

We expressly authorize BYU to request, receive, and disclose, among BYU personnel and third parties, confidential Student medical information in connection with the diagnosis and treatment of the Student.

7. Governing Law/Jurisdiction. We agree that this Agreement and any and all issues relating to it or the Program are to be solely and exclusively governed by and construed in accordance with laws of State of Utah without giving affect to principles of conflicts of law. We agree that the state or federal courts located in the State of Utah shall have exclusive jurisdiction to determine disputes arising from, related to, in connection with or in any way involving this Program or this Agreement, and we consent to the exercise by such court of personal jurisdiction over us and waive and agree not to assert any objection or defense based on lack of personal or subject matter jurisdiction or venue. If any term or provision of this Agreement is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining terms of this Agreement shall remain unimpaired and in full force and effect.
8. Publicity. We irrevocably grant to BYU the right to photograph, film, videotape, audio tape, or otherwise record, by any and all methods now or hereafter known, the Student's or parent's/guardian's image, voice and/or likeness and to use any photograph, image or likeness in which the Student or parent/guardian may appear or any utterance or statements Student or parent/guardian may make, or any portion thereof, in any and all media, including the Internet, any number of times, in any and all manners, and by any and all means now or hereafter known, for promotional and other purposes without approval by or compensation to the Student or parent/guardian. We agree that any photograph, image, likeness, utterance, or statement shall be BYU's sole and exclusive property. We release BYU from any and all liability in connection with the use of such photograph, image, likeness, utterance or statement.
9. Non-Program Activities. We understand that from time to time Student may be allowed to travel separately from the Jerusalem Center group on weekends or at other times when it will not interfere with required Program activities and group field trip travel; that this travel will be at Student's own initiative and expense; that it must be with small groups of other Students; and that it must be in areas authorized by the Director of the Jerusalem Center within Israel, Jordan, Egypt, and Europe (on Student's return trip) independent of the Program sponsored by BYU. We acknowledge that this additional travel will not be directly supervised by BYU, although Students traveling on their own, except immediately in and around Jerusalem, must obtain prior permission from the Director of the Jerusalem Center. All such travel, with the exception of travel in Europe, must be in a group of at least three individuals. We therefore acknowledge that the assumption of risk, release and indemnification provisions contained in paragraph 5 of this Agreement are applicable to such travel which is independent of the Program.
10. Entire Agreement. This Agreement is the only, sole, entire and complete agreement between BYU, the Student and Student's parent/guardian relating in any way to the Program. No other statements, promises or representations regarding the subject matter of this Agreement have been made by BYU to Student or parent/guardian or relied upon by Student or parent/guardian other than as expressly provided in this Agreement. This Agreement supersedes any earlier written or oral understandings or agreements between BYU and the Student or parent/guardian related to the subject matter hereof.

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11. Knowing and voluntary Assent. Student and parent/guardian specifically affirm that they have carefully read this ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, understand its content, and voluntarily agree to all of its terms and conditions. Student expressly represents to BYU that Student is currently 18 years of age or older.

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**STUDENT APPLICANT:** Please note that both student and parent/guardian must sign the agreement in the presence of a notary (regardless of student age or independence). Original signatures are required, and forms can be submitted on separate pages, if necessary.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip Code

State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
Subscribed and sworn before me on this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year \_\_\_\_\_.  
DAY MONTH YEAR

NOTARY: \_\_\_\_\_

SEAL:

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**PARENT/GUARDIAN:**

I, the undersigned parent/guardian, have read and understand the above Agreement, understand the potential dangers incident to the Student engaging in this Program, am fully aware of the legal consequences of this Agreement, agree to its terms, and understand I am releasing and waiving certain rights and assuming the risk of injury and damage to Student resulting from Student's participation in the Program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip Code

State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
Subscribed and sworn before me on this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year \_\_\_\_\_.  
DAY MONTH YEAR

NOTARY: \_\_\_\_\_

SEAL: