2019 Fall Semester Program: Sept 3 – Dec 19  
Applications accepted for priority placement: March 4-15, 2019

2020 Winter Semester Program: Jan 7 – April 23  
Applications accepted for priority placement: July 8-19, 2019

2020 Spring/Summer Program: April 28 – Aug 13  
Applications accepted for priority placement: Nov 4-15, 2019

Applications (w/ $150 deposit) received after the priority placement deadline will be considered on a space-available basis in the order received.

Send or deliver to:  
BYU Jerusalem Center Office  
101 HCEB, Provo, UT 84602  
Phone: (801) 422-6017
GENERAL INFORMATION
Use the attached six-part application to apply for admission to the 2018 Fall, 2019 Winter, and 2019 Spring/Summer Programs. Refer to individual program information for detail on the program you choose. There is no online submission. Complete applications with $150 deposit can be submitted in person or by mail.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA
● Eligibility is limited to continuing full-time students, currently enrolled in a first undergraduate program at either BYU, BYU-Idaho, or BYU-Hawaii at the time of application, prior to, and during the program. This means attending at least two semesters in each academic year.
● In general, the Admissions Committee must be able to receive successful completion of at least two semesters of full-time study prior to an interview for final acceptance. Please note the following:
  - Enrollment in online courses, AP and other "earned" credit does not count towards this requirement.
  - Full-time enrollment in online courses does not meet this requirement.
  - Transfer credit from full-time attendance at another university can be counted; however, transfer students must be in-residence at BYU, BYU-I, or BYU-H at the time of application, completing at least one semester of full-time study prior to final acceptance.
● An applicant’s current AND cumulative BYU, BYU-I, or BYU-H GPA from on-campus courses (not including transfer credit, graded language exam credit or graded independent study credit) must be at least 2.5.
● Applicants must be progressing towards their first undergraduate degree and 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 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, applicants 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, remaining applications will be returned. Applications received after the application window will be considered on a space-available basis and in the order received. The Jerusalem Center has separate lists for men and women; therefore, the need for a random draw 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 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. Applicants on the waiting list may also be interviewed as necessary or as space becomes available.

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 2a – Student Commitment & Confidential Report
  ___ Part 3 – Expectations of Participation
  ___ Part 4 – Student Essays
  ___ Part 5 – Matters of Sensitivity & 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. Signatures can be submitted on separate pages.)
BYU-I or BYU-H students must submit an official transcript and verification of current enrollment (official verification letter or copy of class schedule). An updated transcript may be required later in the admissions process.
Required within two weeks from applying:
  ___ Both the bishop and a member of the stake presidency must submit a new evaluation for this Level-2 endorsement.

CANCELLATION POLICY
• Cancellation from a Jerusalem Center program means forfeiture of the $150 deposit. Students who do not receive placement, or cannot be accommodated on a waiting list, will receive a full deposit refund.
• Failure to meet appropriate deadlines may result in the student’s cancellation.
• If an airline ticket has been written prior to cancelling, a ticket cancellation fee will be assessed (currently $300). At this point, the airfare may be non-refundable.
• Cancelling within two weeks prior to departure requires a $100 cancellation fee. Charges for room may also be assessed along with any other costs already encumbered.
• Applications cannot transfer 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.
**Part 1: STUDENT INFORMATION**

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**Current Mailing Address (street, apt. #, city, state, and zip code).**

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| Home Phone: | ☐ ☐ ☐ |
| Cell Phone: | ☐ ☐ ☐ |
| E-mail address: | |

**Program Application:**

- ☐ 2019 Fall Program
- ☐ 2020 Winter Program
- ☐ 2020 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: |

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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 & CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

Student Information:

Name: ___________________________________________       Birthdate: ____________________________

Application submitted: ☐ 2019 Fall ☐ 2020 Winter ☐ 2020 Spring/Summer

CES Honor Code
All applicants should review the Church Educational System Honor Code which describes appropriate conduct, dress & grooming standards, etc. (http://saas.byu.edu/catalog/2013-2014ucat/GeneralInfo/HonorCode.php). All BYU institutions exist 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. All students are required to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the Honor code. In addition, students may not influence others to engage in behavior inconsistent with the Honor Code.

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:

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

CES 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.

Specific Jerusalem Center Standards
In addition to the CES Honor Code standards, Jerusalem Center students are expected to adhere to specific standards as outlined in the Program Information found on the Jerusalem Center website (http://jerusalemcenter.ce.byu.edu) All students should review these standards and understand that they are an important part of participation. Although clothing standards vary from region to region in the Middle East, some contemporary clothing styles, particularly for young women in the US and Europe, are inconsistent with standards of modesty for many residents of the region and, in particular, of Jerusalem who generally belong to orthodox—and hence conservative—Christian, Muslim or Jewish faiths. Even commonly accepted clothing styles worn by students at BYU would be considered by many in Jerusalem and elsewhere in the Middle East to be immodest. Hence, Jerusalem Center students need to adopt a modest look that will both set them apart and show respect.

The Center’s dress standard is conservative and what might be termed “dressy casual.” It is very important that clothing be loose fitting and modest in terms of body coverage and style. Details about the Center’s dress standard will be outlined in the Student Handbook given to all students after placement. We understand that dressing this way won’t make you stylish by US standards and that you may need to acquire a few new things that fit within these standards. Please understand that for reasons of safety and cultural sensitivity, on this matter there is zero tolerance. If you are dressed inconsistent with specific Jerusalem Center standards at any time, you may be asked to leave the program and return to the US.

Student Commitment:
I agree to complete the Ecclesiastical Endorsement process with my ecclesiastical leaders. I have read the CES Honor Code and the Dress and Grooming Standards, as well as any other special rules governing conduct and appearance while enrolled in a Jerusalem Center Program and agree to abide by all requirements as outlined. I certify all statements in this application to be complete and true and acknowledge that my admission to a Jerusalem Center Program is conditional on such completeness and truthfulness.

Signature of Applicant ___________________________ Date ___________________________
Part 2B: CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

All Jerusalem Center applicants must complete a NEW ecclesiastical endorsement. Even if you have a current CONTINUING endorsement on file, you will need to change your endorsement status to NEW APPLICANT since you are applying for a new program. Please note that your Application for Admission is not complete without this Level-2 endorsement.

► Go to www.endorse.byu.edu and indicate that you are a new APPLICANT. This will trigger a Level-2 endorsement so both your bishop and member of the stake presidency can endorse you online. If you choose CONTINUING, only your bishop will see the prompt.

► Schedule interviews with both your bishop and a member of the stake presidency. They can then process your endorsement online. (Current missionaries need only one interview by a mission president.)

All questions regarding the online endorsement process should be directed to the BYU Honor Code Office by phone (801-422-2847) or by email: hco@byu.edu.
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.

1. MOBILITY: 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 you climb several flights of stairs each day? Can you walk 4 miles at a time? Can you hike to the “Y” and back twice in a row? ____ Yes ____ No. If no, please explain:

2. KEEPING UP WITH THE GROUP: 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 you tire easily? Will you have a hard time keeping up with a field trip group for 12 hours? ____ Yes ____ No. If yes, please explain:

3. FUNCTIONING IN HIGH TEMPERATURES: Temperatures during most of the year are warm or hot. There is no access to reliable refrigeration for preserving special foods or medications during extended trips to Jordan and Turkey or Egypt. Do you have a hard time functioning in the heat, or do you require any special foods or medications that need constant refrigeration? ____ Yes ____ No. If yes, please explain:

4. LIMITED FOOD CHOICES: 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 is not possible. Similarly, overnight field trips to Turkey, 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 you have food allergies or medical conditions that require a special diet? ____ Yes ____ No. If yes, please explain:

5. LIVING WITH ROOMMATES: 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 you live and travel with other students independently? ____ Yes ____ No. If no, please explain:

6. EARLY-MORNING HOURS: Center classes are 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 you function effectively at 5 a.m.? ____ Yes ____ No. If no, please explain:

7. COUNSELING NEEDS: The Center does not provide access to counseling or psychiatric services. Similarly, the Center does not provide special accommodations or services for students with learning disabilities. If counseling services are required during the program, the student must cover all costs. Do you require the help of a counselor or tutor? ____ Yes ____ No. If yes, please explain:

8. PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS: As mentioned before, you are required to enroll in an Israeli-based medical insurance offered through the Center during the time of participation on a Jerusalem Center program, and premium costs are included in the program fees. Please note that pre-existing medical conditions are not covered by this insurance. If you have ongoing 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 your, or your parent’s, insurance company. You will be responsible for all medical expenses associated with pre-existing conditions on a cash basis. Are you currently under the care of a physician for any reason that would be considered a pre-existing medical condition if you were to become ill at the Center? ____ Yes ____ No. If yes, please explain:

I confirm that the above information is truthful and complete.

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

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

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)
Part 5: MATTERS OF SENSITIVITY & 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 proselytize within Israel or Palestine and agree to abide by them.

DRESS AND DATING
In addition to the CES Dress & Grooming standards, specific standards for the Jerusalem Center 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 could 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
The Jerusalem Center arranges air travel for all students. All travel outside the Center must be in groups of three or more, and travel outside Jerusalem must have 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 prior to departure.

GROUNDS FOR DISMISSAL
Students failing to abide by the CES Honor Code and Dress and Grooming Standards, and all BYU Jerusalem Center standards and rules may be dismissed 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 attend. 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.
3. Strive to be friendly and honest in all my dealings.
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 & COMMITMENT, and other requirements set forth in this application and hereby agree to abide by them all.

Signature of applicant __________________________ Date ______________
Part 6: ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

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

   **ISRAEL, THE WEST BANK AND GAZA**

   **December 28, 2018**

   Do not travel to Gaza due to **terrorism, civil unrest, and armed conflict.**

   Reconsider travel to The West Bank due to **terrorism, potentially violent civil unrest, and the potential for armed conflict.**

   Terrorist groups and lone-wolf terrorists continue plotting possible attacks in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza. Terrorists may attack with little or no warning, targeting tourist locations, transportation hubs, markets/shopping malls, and local government facilities. Violence can occur in Jerusalem and the West Bank without warning.

   U.S. government personnel can travel freely in Israel, except to areas in close proximity to Gaza, Syria, Lebanon, and Egypt. Travel of U.S. government personnel is extremely limited throughout the West Bank, and occasionally portions of Jerusalem are off limits to personnel. The U.S. government prohibits its employees from traveling Gaza.

   Read the Safety and Security section on the [country information page](#).
If you decide to travel to the areas covered in this document:

- Check the most recent Alerts at the Embassy and Consulate General websites for the latest information on travel in all of these areas.
- Maintain a high degree of situational awareness and exercise caution at all times, especially at checkpoints and other areas with a significant presence of security forces.
- Avoid demonstrations and crowds.
- Follow the instructions of security and emergency response officials.
- Beware of and report suspicious activities, including unattended items, to local police.
- Learn the location of the nearest bomb or other hardened shelter.
- Obtain comprehensive travel medical insurance that includes medical evacuation prior to travel. Most travel insurance packages do not cover mental health related illnesses/care.
- Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive Alerts and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Follow the Department of State on Facebook and Twitter.
- Review the Crime and Safety Report for Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza.
- U.S. citizens who travel abroad should always have a contingency plan for emergency situations. Review the Traveler’s Checklist.

Jerusalem: Violent clashes, protests, and terror attacks have occurred throughout the city, including in the Old City. Acts of terrorism have resulted in death and injury to bystanders, including U.S. citizens. During periods of unrest, the Government of Israel may restrict access to and within portions of Jerusalem.

West Bank: U.S. government travel throughout the West Bank is extremely limited. Terror attacks and violent clashes in the West Bank have resulted in the deaths and injury of U.S. citizens and others. During periods of unrest, the Government of Israel may restrict access to and within the West Bank, and some areas may be placed under curfew.

Gaza: The U.S. government is unable to provide emergency services to U.S. citizens in Gaza as U.S. government employees are prohibited from traveling there. Hamas, a U.S. government-designated foreign terrorist organization, controls security in Gaza. The security environment within Gaza and on its borders is dangerous and volatile. Demonstrations occur on a frequent basis and may turn violent without warning. Sporadic mortar or rocket fire and corresponding Israeli military responses may occur at any time. U.S. government employees are not allowed to travel to Gaza and are restricted from traveling close to the Gaza demarcation line.

Visit our website for Travel to High Risk Areas.

Restrictions on U.S. Government Employee Travel

- U.S. government personnel are prohibited from travel to Gaza and areas in close proximity to Gaza.
- U.S. government official travel into the West Bank is conducted only with enhanced security measures. U.S. government employees are largely restricted from most personal travel in the West Bank, though portions of the West Bank are occasionally authorized for personal travel, depending on the security environment.
- U.S. government personnel take additional security precautions when visiting refugee camps and “seam areas” where Israelis and Palestinians are in proximity to each other, and which have historically been flashpoints for violence. For example, sites with significant religious meaning to multiple faiths can be subject to violent protests or security incidents with little or no warning, especially during or around significant religious holidays.
- The U.S. government occasionally restricts travel for its employees to Jerusalem’s Old City based on the security environment. U.S. government employees are prohibited from personal travel into Jerusalem’s Old City on Fridays during the Muslim month of Ramadan.
- U.S. government employees are prohibited from using public buses and public bus terminals throughout all of Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza.
- U.S. government employees must observe additional security requirements if traveling for any reason to the following locations:
  - Within 7 miles of the Gaza demarcation line;
  - Within 1.5 miles of the Lebanon border;
  - East of Route 98 in the Golan; and
  - Within 1.5 miles of the Egypt border along the Sinai (including all portions of Route 10 and portions of Route 12).
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.

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” 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 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.

6. **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.
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.

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 needed.

**STUDENT APPLICANT:**

____________________________                  State of _____________)
Student Signature                        County of _____________)

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Student Printed Name

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Address

____________________________
City/State/Zip Code

NOTARY: ______________________________
SEAL:

**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.

____________________________                  State of _____________)
Parent/Guardian Signature                  County of _____________)

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Parent/Guardian Printed Name

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Address

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City/State/Zip Code

NOTARY: ______________________________
SEAL: