

VISITATION POLICY AND PROTOCOL FOR LEAVING CAMPUS

All requests for leaving the URJ Heller High School in Israel (Heller High) campus at Kibbutz Tzuba will be considered on an individual basis. Requests are considered with the safety, security and well-being of the student as the highest priority. Previously approved arrangements may be cancelled at the last-minute due to security issues, academic work, health, weather, etc. Students may leave at the end of the class day. Students are NOT allowed to miss class.

Students must get permission in advance for receiving visitors to any place Heller High is lodging. Schedule changes might occur that a student is unaware of which could cause disappointment and inconvenience to those wanting to visit. No visitors are ever allowed to sleep in the student's rooms. Meals are sometimes available for visitors by prior arrangement and cash payment.

Requests for visiting or spending time with adult relatives will always be considered. Other requests will be considered on a case by case basis at the discretion of the principal.

In general, visits to centrally located addresses within the "green line" for which the student has specific written parental permission, and for which pick up and return travel arrangements are available by the hosts in a private car, will be seriously considered. In such cases, the driver of the car must be at least 25 years old. Preference is always given to requests for visiting responsible adult relatives or family friends.

Visiting rabbis, youth advisors, educators or camp counselors may want to visit you on the kibbutz or treat you to some special time out with them. These requests also must be approved by the principal in advance.

Requests for leaving campus or receiving visitors on campus should be made at least 3 full working days (not Friday, Shabbat or holidays) in advance. Students may get request forms from their madrichim which include full name, address, home, work and cell phone numbers of hosts, their relationship to the student and detailed transportation arrangements. Parents are welcome to e-mail details and written permission to Hadas Zaken at hzaken@urj.org with a copy to David Solomon, Assistant Principal at dsolomon@urj.org and Rabbi Loren Sykes, Principal, at lsykes@urj.org.

Please provide us with an email that lists:

1. Name of visitor and relationship to student
2. Residential address of visitor
3. Cell phone number of visitor(s)
4. If this person can visit your teen on Kibbutz Tzuba or if they are permitted to take your teen away from Tzuba

A member of the Heller High staff in Israel will personally contact the potential host or visitor to verify the arrangements, the final approval always coming from the Principal. Students will not be allowed to visit places or engage in activities with their hosts or parents that are off limits to our program participants.

There will be occasions during the program where URJ HELLER HIGH has arranged for visits, including Shabbat meals, holidays and other programmatic activities hosted by individuals specifically known and approved by Heller High and our local affiliates (i.e. Israeli Reform movement colleagues, congregations and institutions).

Home hospitality, mingling with the locals and meeting friends and relatives are a wonderful and positive opportunity for program participants and every effort will always be made to consider each request.

URJ Heller High Public Transportation Policy

Heller High has always been first and foremost concerned with the safety of our students. Heller High has always been more conservative than the recommendations of the Jewish Agency and security situation room requirements. For more than a year the Jewish Agency and security situation room have allowed program participants to travel on all public transportation.

Based on and in accordance with the Jewish Agency and Security Forces standards, Heller High has implemented the following very limited procedure for our students when they go on Home Hospitality visits:

- 1) Students will be allowed to ride **INTERCITY** busses and trains. (For example; from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv or Haifa) The routes approved will be either non-stop or have a minimal number of stops. **INTRACITY BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED** on a very **limited** and supervised basis.
- 2) Madrichim will take students to the bus or train. We will coordinate with the host family by telephone that the students will be picked up by them at the approved station. On their return, the host will escort them and put them on the bus or train. **Students will NOT be chaperoned on these approved buses or trains.**
- 3) We will receive phone confirmation upon pick up and when they get on the bus or train to return.
- 4) **Parental approval via email must be received FOR EACH ROUND TRIP. There will be no "blanket" approval. If parents do NOT want to grant permission for intercity bus or train travel, the hosting family will be required to pick the student up and return the student to Kibbutz Tzuba.** If this is not possible, URJ HELLER HIGH can arrange an "approved" taxi (at the students' cost) to transport them. Parents will be able to consult with Heller High staff in Israel, if they desire, prior to deciding.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Whenever a student leaves campus on a personal visit to friends or family, Heller High and the URJ cannot be held responsible for the health and welfare of the individual. While parents may give permission to the visit and while Heller High may provide advice, all personal visits made by students off campus are the responsibility of the student's parents.