

Taglit-Birthright Israel: Shorashim Bus 30-323
Travel Safety Tips

Here is a list of guidelines that participants should follow when traveling in Israel – and in other places.

General Travel Do's and Don'ts

- If you shouldn't do it at home, you shouldn't do it abroad either. Just because you are on 'break' does not mean that you can act irresponsibly or without consequence.
- Make a copy of your passport and keep it with you. Store your passport and important travel data, i.e. credit card or traveler's check numbers, in a safe place (like a safe or safe-deposit box in your hotel if you are staying there overnight).
- Travel light and avoid carrying too many pieces of luggage.
- Never let go of your shoulder bag or camera. When walking, it should rest in front of you and not over your shoulder. When sitting, keep your arm through the strap.
- Do not leave any packages or bags unattended. In Israel, such a 'suspicious' package is called a *hafetz hashud* – police are called immediately and the package is imploded.
- Be attentive on the streets. Be particularly aware in crowded areas such as local festivals, markets, crowded tourist sites, railway and bus stations.
- Don't leave your itinerary lying about or discuss travel plans with strangers.
- Lock your hotel room door at night. Non-participants are not allowed in your room.
- Be wary, but don't be paranoid either.

Free Time Guidelines

- Participants not allowed to leave the hotel once the group has returned for the day.

Some Additional Guidelines

- ANYONE WHO LEAVES THE GROUP DURING PROGRAM TIME WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL WILL IMMEDIATELY BE REMOVED FROM THE PROGRAM AND FORFEIT HIS/HER DEPOSIT.
- In the event of emergency, contact the appropriate authorities and your rakaz IMMEDIATELY. Check your emergency card (to be distributed in Israel) for the appropriate numbers to call.

By following these guidelines, you can help to ensure that all participants on the Birthright Israel trip have a safe and enjoyable experience.