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STAY SAFE IN
ISRAEL

Priority Checklist

READY...
Do This First!

☐ Your passport should be valid for at least six months when traveling internationally. If your passport won't be valid, make a passport appointment as soon as possible. Use an expediting service if necessary.

☐ Buy flight tickets way in advance (including group flight tickets, if your schools offers them). Make sure the name on your ticket matches the name on your passport exactly.

☐ Request your kosher meal (specify glatt, vegan, etc.) ahead of time.

☐ Apply for a student visa, using your school's guidelines.

☐ Buy health insurance for your year in Israel and travel insurance for your flights.

☐ Find out whether medications you may need in Israel are available there. Medications that seem similar may not actually be the same, so discuss them with your doctor to be sure they're comparable.

☐ Get a maximum supply of your medications filled ahead of time, and pack them in your luggage.

☐ Exchange a small amount of dollars for shekalim (Israeli currency) for when you arrive.

SET...
One Week Before!

☐ Get the latest, most recently updated information about Covid-19 regulations for your departure airport, airline, and entry to Israel. Gather all relevant documentation (I.D., test results, vaccination card, etc.) and submit it to the airline, if required, by the deadline.

☐ Schedule time with family and friends for goodbyes before your departure date.

☐ Start packing! Buy any last-minute items you forgot. Try to choose luggage that stands out from others, and use bright- colored luggage tags, tape, ribbons, etc.

☐ Keep a list and count of carry-on, personal items, and luggage you're taking with you. Take pictures of them and their contents, in case they're lost or damaged.

☐ Weigh your packed luggage to be sure it's not over your airline's weight requirements.

☐ Check the weather for your departure day so you can dress accordingly.

☐ If the school doesn't provide transportation from Ben Gurion Airport, arrange for a relative or someone you trust to pick you up, or be prepared to use a *monit* (taxi,) *sheirut* (shared shuttle) or train. Pack your driver and your school's contact information (and an administrator's cell phone number, if your arrival will be before or after office hours).

☐ Check the handbook for more important tips and advice!

GO!!!
Today's the Day!

- ☐ Check the weather.
- ☐ Charge all your electronic devices, including portable chargers.
- ☐ Check your email for any updates.
- ☐ Check with the airport, airline, school, and the Israel Ministry of Health for last-minute updates.
- ☐ Check in for your flight early and print out your boarding pass. Keep a copy on your phone as well.
- ☐ Double-check your luggage weight and make sure luggage tags are attached and legible.

Before leaving home, take the following items:

- ○ Phone, earbuds, charging cords, and chargers
- ○ Wallet, purse, or pocketbook (with cash and credit cards inside)
- ○ Passport
- ○ Driver's license or state-issued I.D.
- ○ Important documents like travel/ health insurance, Covid-19 and vaccination documents, TSA Precheck, Clear, and Global Entry documents.
- ○ Masks, hand sanitizer, and alcohol wipes.
- ○ Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, Ibuprofen, anti-nausea medication)
- ○ Eye mask, travel pillow, earplugs, and tissues
- ○ Siddur/Tehillim
- ○ Tallis and tefillin, if needed
- ○ Glasses, if needed
- ○ Reading material
- ○ Emergency food and chewing gum
- ○ Reusable water bottle
- ○ Contact information for whoever will pick you up in Israel and your school address.
- ○ The Priority Checklist (what you a re reading now) and the Stay Safe in Israel guide to review at the airport and while traveling.
- ☐ Leave plenty of time to get to the airport in case of unexpected delays.
- ☐ Remember to say Tefillas HaDerech.

Have a nesiah tova (safe trip)!

Save this checklist to use again for reminders when leaving Israel!

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