



# STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT



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All student participants will subscribe to the following set of behaviors during March of the Living experience with the Southern Region:

1. **Personal Integrity:** You represent not only the American delegation, but also the entire International March of the Living. Your actions should never put you or any other members of the group in a compromising situation.
2. **Hotel:** No one may leave the hotel premises or grounds without specific permission of the Bus Captain or Travel Group Leader. No student is allowed in any of the hotel restaurants. Delivery of food from such entities as Uber Eats is strictly forbidden.
3. **Hotel Property:** No towels, pillows, etc. may be taken from the hotel. Any damage to a hotel room will be charged to all individuals assigned to that room.
4. **Keys:** Room keys are shared with roommates. Should you or anyone in your room lose the key, an up-to \$75.00 lost key fine must be paid by everyone assigned to the room.
5. **Courtesy and Respect:** Other hotel guests exist. Show them the same respect that you would like them to show you. Staff and adult participants are due the same type of courtesy and respect. **SEE RULE NUMBER ONE.**
6. **Rooming:** All students will sleep in their assigned rooms, with no changes, unless instructed to do so by Travel Group Leader.
7. **Lock Hotel Room Doors:** All rooms must be locked upon leaving the room, even if you are just going down the hallway. When inside the room lock your door!
8. **Room Visitation:** Students may not be inside opposite gender rooms. All such meetings may take place in assigned areas.
9. **Curfew & Wake-Up:** Each participant is responsible for his/her roommates in terms of curfew and wake-up. Curfew is enforced. Gross violation can send participant home at his/her and family expense.
10. **Visitors:** Permission to have visitors must be obtained from the Travel Group Leader. No outside visitor is allowed in your room or on the sleeping floors at any time. Visitors may see you only during announced visitation time. All visitors must leave the hotel at assigned times. You are responsible for the actions of your visitors.
11. **Room Charges:** No room charges are to be made including long distance phone calls, rent-a-movie, room service, etc.
12. **Alcohol, Drugs, Smoking, Vapes, E-Cigarettes and Illegal or Unauthorized use of Prescription Medicine are strictly forbidden:** Student participants **are not allowed in drinking establishments**, even if they drink only non-alcoholic beverages. Due to the seriousness of this rule, all students agree to inform the staff of any violation, or pending violation, of other students. **Violation will result in sending those students home at parent's expense, no matter who is responsible.**
13. **Participation and Attendance:** Prompt attendance at all sessions is required.
  - a. **Meals:** Attendance at all meals is required. Let your Bus Captain know if you need to leave the dining room.
  - b. **Prayer:** Attendance at Morning Prayer services is a requirement of all students. Students select which service they wish to attend. Attendance is taken daily. Afternoon & evening services are optional.
14. **Luggage:** All luggage is the responsibility of the individual student. Any luggage damaged or lost during the March of the Living is not the responsibility of the Southern Region or the International March of the Living.
15. **I.D. Badges:** March of the Living ID badges must be visibly worn at all times.
16. **Masks:** Facial Masks may be required and will be enforced according to local mandates.
17. **COVID-19 Testing:** All participants will be required to take PCR and Rapid tests as a requirement for participation on the March of the Living.
18. **Cell Phones:** These may not be used for personal calls or texts during Program times. Staff will determine inappropriate use of cell phones. In such a case, the phone may be confiscated.
19. **Pre-Trip Classes and Meetings:** You are required to attend all preparatory and post – MOL sessions, classes and retreats.

*Failure to abide by the rules as set above, could lead to your not being able to participate in the March, or being sent home from Poland or Israel. Any cost incurred in sending a participant home due to the violation of the Code of Conduct will be at the participant's and his or her parent's or guardian's own expense.*

## March of the Living Southern Region – Shabbat Guidelines

**Shabbat** is a special part of the March of the Living Journey. Whatever individual participants' own beliefs and practices, **Shabbat** has a different pace and feel than the other days. Programming is less physical. We do not operate buses, so there are no long journeys, and it provides a pause to reflect on what we have seen, where we have been, and what we have felt; it is a chance to take a breath.

**Shabbat** is the Jewish Sabbath, our day of rest. It starts from shortly before sundown on Friday and lasts until just after sundown on Saturday. It is central in the Ten Commandments and a pillar of Jewish practice through thousands of years of our precious history.

March of the Living's policy is to actively encourage celebrating **Shabbat** in a manner with which you are comfortable. We appreciate that for some of our participants, **Shabbat** is joyously and exactingly celebrated every week, while for others this may indeed be one of few experiences – or your very first experience. We ask that you are mindful of those around and respectful of each other's ways of celebrating this special day.

Consider the two **Shabbatot** as a great opportunity to learn about **Shabbat** observance and traditions. We respectfully ask that you refrain from using cameras, cell phones, and other electronic devices during meals, services, and other programs during Shabbat. Please do not assume everyone can have their photo taken on **Shabbat**, as some participants would be uncomfortable with this.

This is an excellent opportunity to unplug, live in the moment, and truly embrace the spirit of **Shabbat**. The memories that you will create with your MOL family will leave a deeper imprint than that of a photo.

Ahad Ha'am (Asher Ginsberg, poet and Zionist ideologue: 1856-1927) is quoted as saying, "More than Jews have kept **Shabbat**; **Shabbat** has kept the Jews."