



# CODE OF CONDUCT

1. All **March of the Living, Western Region** (MOTL) participants are representatives of not only your community and the American contingent, but the entire March of the Living program. It is expected that they will behave at all times in a manner befitting that responsibility. MOTL participants also are expected to remember that behaviors that are acceptable in the United States may not be acceptable in Poland or Israel. Participants are expected to act accordingly, as instructed by program personnel.
2. MOTL participants are expected to comply with all policies and rules of the March of the Living as they currently stand, or as they may change from time to time. This includes, but is not limited to, policies that are written in this contract or other documents, as well as policies that are described orally at the orientation meetings or by the staff.
3. MOTL Western Region participants are required to attend all pre-trip educational seminars.
4. MOTL participants are expected to attend all programs and to participate fully in all aspects of the program. The March of the Living experience is based upon a sense of shared identity and community. This requires everyone to be active participants in **all aspects of the program** (i.e., hikes, study sessions, religious services, etc.). In the case of medical issues, the doctor, in consultation with staff, will determine if an individual is excused from participation.
5. MOTL participants are not permitted to go to areas placed off limits without the expressed, specific permission of MOTL Western Region staff.
6. **DRUGS:** The use or possession of any drugs is **prohibited**, other than the use for medicinal purposes of over-the-counter drugs or those drugs for which the MOTL participant possesses a valid prescription. Staff has the discretion to investigate any reported or suspected violation of this policy to determine if there has been a violation. All participants must maintain sobriety.
7. **ALCOHOL:** The use or possession of alcohol is **prohibited**. This refers to both “hard liquor” (scotch, whisky, vodka, etc.) as well as “soft liquor” (wine, beer) and is without regard to the amount of alcohol in question (i.e., one shot or one bottle). Staff has the discretion to investigate any reported or suspected violation of this policy and to determine if there has been a violation. All participants must maintain sobriety.
8. **SMOKING:** Smoking is **prohibited** on the March of the Living. If a student is suspected of smoking or is in possession of cigarettes or any tobacco product, he/she will be subject to disciplinary action. This includes vaping.
9. **WEAPONS:** The threatened use or possession of any weapon is **prohibited**, including **any tool or item** that may be used to intimidate or threaten another person. Staff has the discretion to investigate any reported or suspected violation of this policy and to determine if there has been a violation.

10. **BODY PIERCING AND TATTOOS:** Getting a body piercing (navel, nose, lip, tongue, ear, etc.) or getting tattooed is not permitted while on the March of the Living. Any MOTL participant who violates this policy and gets pierced or tattooed will be subject to removal of the piercing, disciplinary action and probation.
11. **OPEN DOOR POLICY:** When a participant is in the room of someone of the opposite sex, the door must remain completely open at all times. Any participant who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action and probation.
12. MOTL Western Region participants are expected to stay with the group at all times. Participants are not to leave hotel premises at any time, or go to any places that are off limits as determined by MOTL Western Region staff or security.
13. Personal music devices (iPods, mp3, CD players, etc.) are permissible only on airplanes, in hotel rooms, and during free time on the bus.
14. **GENERAL BEHAVIOR:** Staff may, in its sole and absolute discretion, take disciplinary action up to and including removal from the program, in response to any behavior on the part of the participant which staff deems to unduly disrupt the program or compromise the safety or well being of the participant or other participants. Behavior warranting disciplinary action may occur either as a single act or combined with prior actions and may include, but not be limited to, any acts of violence, theft, hazing, emotional or physical abuse, hitchhiking, general misconduct, or a failure to comply with additional rules which are communicated to the participants during the program. If a participant is put on probation, parents will receive a telephone call and written notification of the terms of their child's probation.

***At the sole and absolute discretion of MOTL Western Region staff, a participant who violates any of the above policies may be subject to immediate dismissal from the program and will return home at the family's expense, which includes the travel expense of an accompanying adult.***

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*To confirm your agreement and understanding of this document,  
please sign the separate Authorization Signature Form.*