



Rothberg International School  
THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM



April 27, 2020

Dear Students,

**The Remembrance Day for Fallen Soldiers and Victims of Terrorism (*Yom Hazikaron*)** will be observed in Israel starting this evening, April 27th, through Tuesday evening, April 28th.

At 8:00 pm this evening, [sirens](#) will sound throughout Israel for one minute of silence.

Tomorrow, a 2-minute siren will be heard at 11:00 am after which the state memorial service will be held at Mount Herzl (without an audience). This will be broadcast on all Israeli news outlets.

During the sirens, people stop all movement and stand at attention; the whole country comes to a standstill as people pay silent tribute to Israel's Fallen Soldiers and Victims of Terrorism.

We have gathered a few online ceremonies and events you can watch: <https://sites.google.com/view/risol/yom-hazikaron/ceremonies-and-events?authuser=0>

**Independence Day (*Yom Ha'atzmaut*)** is heralded in on Tuesday night with the official ceremony held on Mt. Herzl – a marked transition from the sad day of *Yom Hazikaron* to the beginning of the festivities of *Yom Ha'atzmaut*.

The celebrations will continue through Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, and will end by Wednesday evening.

Join our Student Life Independence Day Live Quiz Sign-Up (with prizes!), Tuesday, April 28th at 7 pm.

Registration: <https://sites.google.com/view/risol/yom-haatzmaut?authuser=0>

We have also gathered a few online events for you to watch and enjoy: <https://sites.google.com/view/risol/yom-haatzmaut/ceremonies-and-events?authuser=0>

**Please note the following:**

- Classes will not be held on *Yom Hazikaron* – Tuesday, April 28th or *Yom Ha'atzmaut* – Wednesday, April 29th.

## Covid-19 Coronavirus Restrictions for Memorial Day, Independence Day, Ramadan & Ziyarat al-Nabi Shu'ayb:

### Regulations for Memorial Day

- The regulations for Memorial Day Eve and Memorial Day, beginning today (Monday, 27, 2020) at 4:00 pm, prohibit visits to cemeteries and memorial sites.

### Regulations for Independence Day

- **From Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 5:00 pm until Wednesday, April 29, 2020 at 8:00 pm**, people may leave their homes only to procure medicines and essential items or receive vital services in their local municipality (unless their municipality does not contain those services, in which case they are allowed to travel to the nearest municipality).
- During this period, public transport activity will not operate.
- The Ministry of Health reiterates that Independence Day may be celebrated only in the home, not outside. The procuring of food will not be allowed on the Eve of Independence Day or on Independence Day itself. Like the Seder night (at the start of Passover), it is permissible to leave the house in order to get fresh air or exercise near the home.

### Regulations for Ramadan

- During the period **from Thursday, April 23, 2020 to Sunday, May 3, 2020** in localities and Jerusalem neighborhoods with a primarily Muslim population, businesses and stores with that receive clients will be closed between the hours of 6:00 pm and 3:00 am, with the exception of pharmacies.
- Businesses will be allowed to operate only through delivery services.

### Regulations for Ziyarat al-Nabi Shu'ayb

- Prayer at home is permitted.
- Pilgrimage and receptions are canceled.
- Joint meals are permitted for core family members of the same household.
- Gatherings in which 2 or more people come into close contact are not permitted, unless they reside in the same household.

For more updates see: <https://govextra.gov.il/ministry-of-health/corona/corona-virus-en/guidelines/>

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the student life staff.  
Wishing you meaningful days,



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