



# האוניברסיטה העברית בירושלים

## THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM

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Dear HUJI international community members,

The past 36 hours have been extremely difficult, and we are sure that you have many questions. At the moment, Jerusalem and its surrounding area remain quiet. Currently, tensions are mostly limited to the Gaza perimeter. We want to emphasize that your safety and well-being in Israel are our top priority, and to that end, we need to request your cooperation on a few matters.

In the event that you hear a siren, you will need to enter the nearest protected area. Once you have entered the protected area, you should remain there for 10 minutes. It is important to familiarize yourself with the instructions in the event that you find yourself in an area at the time of a rocket attack. Please take a moment to review the instructions of the Home Front Command in case of a rocket attack - [Home Front Command instructions](<https://www.oref.org.il/12761-en/Pakar.aspx>) (please note that this link may not work outside of Israel). We recommend that you download the Home Front Command app [here](#).

Additionally, we have attached all the relevant information regarding shelters at HUJI dorms.

**Important Note: It is extremely important that our staff can reach you to provide important updates or in the case of emergencies.**

**Please update your contact information on the [HUJI](#) / [Rothberg personal information websites](#).**

**When possible, please provide an Israeli phone number and emergency contact details if you still need to do so. If you do not have a phone number in Israel, please provide a number where you can be reached via WhatsApp.**

**For those students who have not yet arrived in Israel for the start of the Fall semester**, we recommend delaying your arrival by a week. If relevant, dorm fees will be

calculated according to the student's arrival date in Israel. This decision will allow you to stay informed about any developments and ensure a smoother transition when you arrive.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in this matter, as it contributes to the safety and well-being of our entire international community. We expect to provide additional updates regarding the Fall semester in the coming days. We understand that the current situation creates uncertainty.

Please let us know if you decide to postpone your arrival in the following [link](#).

In case of an emergency, or if you feel stressed or confused because of the situation, please get in touch with our 24/7 emergency line – 0548820217. We are here for you.

I also want to share three additional resources for mental health support:

- Natal - National Trauma Center: Call 1800-363-363
- Crossroads - Mental Health Support: Call 02-624-6265
- Eran - Mental Health Support: Call 1201

Finally, in times of uncertainty, it is helpful to stay informed. We suggest the following English media outlets to remain informed:

- Times of Israel: [Times of Israel](<https://www.timesofisrael.com/>)
- Ynet English news: [Ynet English News](<https://www.ynetnews.com/category/3083>)
- Israel I24 News: [Israel I24 News](<https://www.i24news.tv/en>)

Once again, we remind you that we are here to answer any questions that you may have at this challenging time.

With hope that calm is soon restored to the region.

Sincerely,

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