

## **SAFETY AND SECURITY**

**The Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester has been sponsoring outstanding teen travel programs in the United States and Israel for many years. The Jewish Federation provides the highest standard of health, safety and security in all its youth travel programs. Much has been learned on previous trips about how to operate a program that always places the welfare of young people entrusted to our care above all other considerations:**

- Itineraries are reviewed daily - and changed as necessary - to ensure that planned routes and destinations provide the highest level of safety
- With appropriate safety protocols in place, JFI provides comprehensive touring and learning programs focused on Jewish Identity, American Judaism, the Holocaust, ancient and modern Israel
- The Jewish Federation's full-time education and logistics professionals in Israel consult daily with the Security Department of the Jewish Agency for Israel, who are in constant contact with the government, police, and military authorities
- Jewish Federation groups do not travel in the West Bank nor in or near the Gaza Strip
- Jewish Federation groups are accompanied by an Israeli security guard in Poland and in Israel, as prescribed by the Jewish Agency's security office and travel only in our own chartered buses - never on public transportation
- Parents can reach the Federation staff in Israel, Poland, and North American 24 hours a day for the duration of the program.
- Federation staff carry cell phones and can be reached at any time in case of emergency
- Contingency plans are in place - and will be implemented as necessary - to move groups to safety and/or to bring them home as appropriate
- Federation teen participants and parents must sign the Jewish Federation's Code of Conduct, signifying their willingness to abide by all rules, regulations and safety guidelines throughout the program
- Federation staff members and participants receive a thorough orientation regarding expectations for appropriate behavior and safety and security procedures and protocols
- A Journey for Identity website is available 24 hours a day for updates and news. It is our goal to provide as much information as possible.