

RISK AND CONDUCT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
THE JAFFA CULTURAL HERITAGE PROJECT
2009

I have voluntarily chosen to be a member of the Jaffa Cultural Heritage Project's (JCHP) excavations in Jaffa, Israel in the summer of 2009. I was not required to undertake this project for academic credit or as a condition of receiving my degree. This agreement confirms my understanding of the following points with reference to my decision to undertake this opportunity:

1. Risks of International Travel. I understand that international travel involves risks not found in the USA. These include risks involved in traveling to and within, and returning from, international locations; foreign political, legal, medical, social and economic conditions; different standards of design, safety and maintenance of buildings, public places and conveyances; and local weather conditions. The country to which I will travel may have health and safety standards substantially below those enjoyed in the United States, and I recognize that I may be subjected to potential risks, illnesses, injuries, and even death. I have made my own investigation of these risks, understand these risks and assume them knowingly and willingly.

I also acknowledge that in working, living, and traveling in cities abroad, I may experience problems associated with urban living, including increased crime, pollution, high population density or standards of living and health standards (e.g., smoking) that are not equivalent to life in the United States. I will take every precaution to safeguard my health and to protect my personal belongings from damage or theft. I acknowledge that Johannes Gutenberg-Universität and the directors of the project recommends that I never travel alone, particularly at night. Being alone, especially at night, may present additional danger to my safety and well being.

Among other things, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität is not in the position to evaluate, and therefore has not evaluated, whether the research will take place in a safe and secure environment. These are judgments that I recognize I must make independently as an adult. I recognize that I am responsible for my actions, including my choice of travel, outside the confines of the project and related activities. I recognize that neither Johannes Gutenberg-Universität, the JCHP, nor the JCHP's institutional members is responsible for risks that I chose to undertake outside the field and the residences of the JCHP.

I have read and understood the U.S. Department of State Consular Information Sheet about travel to Israel, available on the State Department website at <http://travel.state.gov>. I understand that the State Department has warned U.S. citizens to defer travel to the West Bank and Gaza.

2. Health Insurance; Medical Care. I carry valid and current medical insurance and have a valid insurance identity card to bring. I have determined that this insurance is adequate to cover injuries or illnesses that I may sustain while participating in the Internship. I will be solely responsible for payment in full of all costs of medical care I may receive overseas.

3. Standards of Conduct. I recognize that I assume an important personal obligation to conduct myself in a manner compatible with local laws and regulations. I promise to act responsibly and

will become informed of, and will abide by, all such laws, regulations and standards. I agree that Johannes Gutenberg-Universität, the JCHP, and the JCHP's institutional members have the right to enforce the standards of conduct described above.

4. Project Arrangements. I understand that Johannes Gutenberg-Universität, the JCHP, and the JCHP's institutional members do not represent or act as an agent for, and cannot control the acts or omissions of, any host employer, transportation carrier, hotel, tour organizer, or other provider of food, goods, or services involved in the project. I understand that Johannes Gutenberg-Universität, the JCHP, and the JCHP's institutional members are not responsible for matters that are beyond their control, and that they cannot warrant the safety or convenience of the circumstances under which I will be living or working.

5. Volunteer Participation. I am aware that the volunteer relationship between the JCHP and its member institutions, including the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA), and myself is not an employer-employee relationship. I agree that:

- I am not entitled to any payment whatsoever, including National Insurance (*Bituah Leumi*) for my voluntary activities with this project.
- I agree to carry out instructions from my supervisors and heed all work regulations.
- I agree not to divulge or transfer either directly or indirectly, any find and/or information, material, document to any individual or organization (including public and/or government offices and/or any communications media received by me either directly or indirectly in the framework of my voluntary activity with the JCHP and its member institutions, including the IAA, or at anytime following the completion of my volunteer activity with the JCHP and its member institutions, including the IAA.
- I hereby release the JCHP and its member institutions, including the IAA, from any legal action that may be brought against the project initiated by any family member, third party, or myself.

6. Emergency Contact Information.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address:

Relationship to you: _____

I have carefully read and freely signed this Acknowledgment of Risk Form.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (printed): _____