

## Guidelines for Family Visits – Spring 2022

*As of today (August 3, 2021), individual tourists are not allowed into the country and general visitation guidelines have yet to be decided upon for the 2022 semester. This document relates to the visitation guidelines should regular visitation be allowed.*

Parents/guardians are welcome to visit their children during the TRY program. Ramah Israel offers a **TRY Family trip** which is specifically geared to exposing our students' families (all ages) to Israel programming in the spirit of Ramah's educational approach. The dates for the TRY Family trip are April 22-25, 2022. More information can be found on our website (<http://try.ramah.org.il/parent-family-trip/>).

1. Parents/guardians are asked to inform the administration in advance of any visit. All visits that remove students from the regular program must be approved by and coordinated with the TRY Director.
2. As a rule, family visits should not take place during the first two weeks (January 24-February 4) or the last two weeks of the program (May 15-29).
3. Students may not miss classes during the **last two academic weeks** except in extraordinary circumstances.
4. Students may miss **up to two days** of classes to spend time with their parents/guardians. These days may not include exam days or ICC field trips.
5. Students are responsible for all work, material, and/or exams missed as a result of any time off. Teachers will continue with regular lesson plans and testing schedules.
6. Parents/guardians should **not** schedule time with their child at these times:
  - i. **January 24- February 4, First two weeks**
  - ii. **February 14-15, Masada tiyul**
  - iii. **February 22, ICC Unit Test**
  - iv. **March 1 - 2, Upper Galilee tiyul**
  - v. **March 6-8, Midterms**
  - vi. **March 9-13, Ketura tiyul (southern kibbutz)**
  - vii. **March 22-28, Poland Masa (journey)**
  - viii. **April 22-28, Pesach Tiyul & Gadna**
  - ix. **May 4-5, Yom Hazikaron & Yom Ha'atzmaut**
  - x. **May 15-May 29, Last two weeks of program**
7. Many families visit around the Pesach holiday. **Please take note that all students are to be picked up/travel to hosts on the day before Pesach, and only return to regular programming on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Pesach for our big tiyul (trip) to the North.** All students will be required to stay with hosts during this period of time. Visiting families are welcome to join us, starting on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Pesach, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, for our four day "Family Trip" (more details here - <https://try.ramah.org.il/parent-family-trip/>). Students are not excused from this integral TRY experience.
8. For all family visits, please consider that in addition to the fun surrounding a parent/guardian visit, some students can become very homesick during or following a visit. Please bear in mind that there will be other students who were not visited by their families who may feel sad during or following their peer's family visit. From our experience, visiting families often try to include friends if possible, i.e., invite a friend to join you for dinner.
9. Sometimes, parents/guardians like to join their children on part of a TRY tiyul (educational day trip) or sit in on classes. We would be happy to help coordinate this when possible. Please be in touch with our Family Liaison, [info@ramah.co.il](mailto:info@ramah.co.il).