Dear Haifa Student,

In light of your expressed desire to participate in the Boston University program in Israel next semester, it is important that we confirm in writing to you our concerns about the risks to which you may be exposed:

As recent world events have made clear, incidents of terrorism occur worldwide and innocent people who simply happen to be “there”—on a plane, in a building, on a bus, walking on the street—can become the victims of international or domestic terrorism arising from conflicts in which they have played no role.

Recent tensions and attacks on civilians in Israel heighten our concern for the safety of any student or others associated with this University in connection with travel to and their presence in Israel.

Boston University has no special ability to provide protection against the risks of international travel or against the risks of everyday life in Israel or any other country. We have no special or private ability to know when or where acts of violence may occur or against whom they will be directed. We have no special crystal ball that would enable us to predict whether conditions in Israel will improve or deteriorate during the period of your proposed study there. Similarly, we have no ability to promise or suggest to you that in your travel to and from Israel and your presence in Israel, you will be safe or safer than any other person.

If you do decide to go to Israel, it must be with your understanding (and that of your parents) that the University cannot and does not promise safety. Indeed, given current news reports, we must make explicit that there is a safety risk involved in travel to and from Israel as well as in being in Israel. We have no control over those factors and thus must leave the final decision as to whether you wish to go to you—presumably to be made in consultation with your parents.

If you decide to go, we ask that the attached waiver and release be signed by you. In signing the release, you do so in the light of the above warnings concerning both the risks to travel to and living in Israel and the University’s explicit caution this it cannot and does not promise safety regarding such conditions.

If we can answer any questions, please let us know.

Very truly yours,

Boston University Study Abroad

SPECIAL RISKS NOTICE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I have decided to go to Haifa and I have received, read, and understood the Special Risks Notice letter.

Student Name (please print)_______________________________________

Student Signature ________________________________________________

Date ____________                  ________________________________________________