PROTECT THE HARVEST

Acknowledgment and Assumption of Risks, Waiver of Rights, and Releases from Liability

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Acknowledgment and Assumption of Risks

1. Volunteer. I agree to participate as a volunteer with Protect the Harvest (the "Program"), a coalition of organizations and individuals working together to assist farmers during the olive harvests in various zones of the West Bank. I understand that I will serve as a guest on the land of the farmers, and that any work I am called upon to do will be for the purpose of supporting farmers during the harvest season. I represent that I have disclosed on my application whether I also hold Israeli citizenship, as the government of Israel does not permit Israeli citizens to travel to certain areas that may be included in the Program but to which I will not be permitted to travel with the Program.

2. Mandatory Training. I acknowledge that, as a prerequisite to participation, I will be required to participate in training before the trip, and also be available for training while on the ground in the West Bank. Training may include, *but is not limited to*:

- Briefings on issues and practices relating to nonviolence and de-escalation
- Participating in know-your-rights briefings
- Acquiring and applying media discipline and storytelling skills
- Understanding political orientation
- Demonstrating respect in a culturally-appropriate manner, and
- Instructions on making an orderly retreat

3. Risk of injury. I understand that inherent in being in an olive grove or on other agricultural land I will likely be on naturally-occurring uneven terrain with the presence of obstructions such as roots and rocks, as well as depressions that may not always be obvious to the eye before stepping. Those present the possibility of falls and other injuries. There is also a possibility of rain during the harvest season, which may cause muddy conditions and present further chances for serious bodily injury, death, or damage to personal property, both in the field and on roads that become slippery.

4. Local travel, travel disruptions, and unanticipated itinerary modifications.

(a) I understand that the Program will contract with independent third-party supplier of transportation services to transport volunteers between accommodations and the harvest locations. I further understand that the Program organizers will exercise due diligence in vetting and screening those suppliers, but that the Program organizers are not responsible for negligence by any supplier.

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(b) There may be circumstances out of the Program's control such as, but not limited to, political and security changes causing transportation disruptions and/or itinerary modifications. In that connection, I understand that any proposed itinerary is subject to change at any time, whether for our protection, a mandate by the authorities, or other reasons that in the judgment of the Program leaders at the time they occur and under the circumstances in which we are found are deemed at the moment to be in our best interests.

5. Risk of assault. I further recognize that individuals, groups from other communities, and even members of the army or those who they have recruited have been known to approach farmers, volunteers, and others present during the harvest and may attempt to intimidate participants and become aggressive or violent. If that happens, I will not confront those persons and instead I will retreat. I will do my best to follow the cues of the point person assigned to that role, consistent with the training I will have received. I will not do anything to provoke the individuals attempting to sow chaos or to cause harm. I undertake not to carry any weapons.

6. Risk of detainment and visa status. I understand that some locations may involve misunderstandings as to the legal or military status of an area, including areas that are unmarked military zones. I further understand that, without warning or justification, representatives of the army or others have been known to declare a farmer's private property or any piece of land on which we are present to be a closed military zone, requiring that we immediately leave the area. If we are advised that the area is closed to us, I will follow the Program leader's instructions and leave together with the group. To the extent the military or others deem the presence of Program participants to be unlawful, authorities may determine that participants are in violation of local regulations or military orders, which could affect visa status or future entry.

7. Personal Responsibility. I acknowledge that discussions and experiences during the Program may involve politically sensitive issues and emotionally challenging situations. I certify that I am physically and emotionally capable of participating in the Program and am not participating against medical advice.

8. Insurance.

(a) I understand that I am responsible for obtaining my own travel insurance, which is voluntary, including coverage for political unrest, medical evacuation, and emergency care.

(b) I understand that I am *required* to have medical insurance that will cover me in the region, and that I will not be permitted to participate in the program without it. I will obtain from my medical insurance provider and carry with me proof of insurance coverage in the region.

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(c) I understand that there are no resources available from any of the organizers or others to cover any physical or other harm to me as a result of my participation as a volunteer.

9. Media Coverage. I will not post on social media during the Program. I acknowledge that the organizers of the Program may use any photographs taken of me as a participant in the Program.

10. Conduct. I will at all times conduct myself in a manner consistent with the expectations of Program participants, and that if I do not so conduct myself I will be dismissed from the program and will not be due any refund:

- I will show respect towards the local communities
- I will follow our guide's security instructions
- I will not move independently into sensitive areas
- I will refrain from political, physical, or other escalation or confrontation
- I will not engage in violence of any kind, either verbal or physical
- I will not engage in sexual harassment

Waiver of Rights and Releases from Liability

11. Waiver of Rights. I know and understand the scope, nature, and extent of the risks involved in the activities covered by this agreement and that some dangers cannot be foreseen. In light of my acknowledgment of the risks of participating in the Program, as stated in but not limited to the paragraphs set forth above, I hereby waive any and all rights I may otherwise have had against: (a) the organizations or their representatives serving as part of the Protect the Harvest coalition, including but not limited to Mejdi Tours U.S.; (b) the farmers we are helping, their families, and others joining in the harvest; and (c) all other volunteers.

12. Release from Liability. I further release and discharge from liability all members of the Protect the Harvest coalition, the service providers assisting with logistics, and all other personnel or host organizations assisting with the Protect the Harvest coalition in any way

(a) I agree not to sue any of the released parties, either alone or on behalf of others, and further agree that my heirs, executors, administrators, personal representative, or any one else claiming on my behalf shall be bound by my agreement not to sue.

(b) This release extends to any and all liability, claims, demands, or causes of action whatsoever arising out of any damage, loss, or injury to me or my property, or my death, while participating in any of the activities covered by

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this agreement, whether resulting from the negligence or other fault, either active or passive, of any of the released parties, or from any other cause.

(c) If, notwithstanding this agreement, I sue any of the released parties, I agree that the Program organizers as the released parties will be entitled to recover from me attorney's fees and costs incurred in the defense of any lawsuit brought by me or by anyone on my behalf against the Program organizers. I further agree to hold harmless the released parties from any and all losses, claims, actions or proceedings of every kind and character, including from an award of attorney's fees and expenses, in the event a third party brings suit against any members of the coalition.

13. Applicable Law. This agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of New York.

14. Dispute Resolution. I agree to resolve any disputes directly with the appropriate member of the Program coalition. Should direct negotiations not yield a result on which both sides reach a consensus as to the outcome, the parties may choose to engage a mediator at no expense to the coalition partners.

15. Segregability. Each of the provisions of this document is a separate and distinct agreement and independent of the others, so that if any provision of this document shall be held to be invalid for any reason, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the other provisions or portions of those provisions. Furthermore, if this document shall be invalidated in its entirety on any ground, then the I shall nevertheless assume all risks associated with my participation as a volunteer, and waive all rights against and release from liability the Program organizers to the fullest extent allowed by applicable law.

16. Finality. This Agreement is intended as the final, complete, and exclusive statement of the terms of Agreement between me as a volunteer in Protect the Harvest 2026 and the Program organizers and its participating service providers.

I understand and agree that no statement not already part of this written agreement (*i.e.*, oral or other "parol" evidence) shall be effective, unless set forth in a written instrument authorized and executed with the same formality as this Agreement, and with specific reference to this Agreement.

If I have previously reviewed or signed - or in the future review or sign - any other agreement relating to the Program or from a single one of the participating Program organizers or vendors that appear/ed to be relating to the Program but does not reference this Agreement, or have viewed "Terms" that are inconsistent with anything that appears in this Agreement, this Agreement governs.

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SIGNATURE PAGE

Accepting and Agreeing to the Acknowledgment and Assumption of Risks, Waiver of Rights, and Releases from Liability

My electronic signature shall be deemed my valid approval and authorization of, and agreement to, the terms of this Agreement entitled Acknowledgment and Assumption of Risks, Waiver of Rights, and Releases from Liability.

I understand and agree that this Agreement shall continue in force during the Program and after the Program concludes, and that all of the terms of the Agreement bind my heirs and assigns.

_____ **I have read this entire agreement.**
Initial here

_____ **I fully understand the entire agreement and acknowledge that have had the opportunity to consult with an attorney of my choosing if I so desire.**
Initial here

_____ **I agree to be legally bound by this agreement.**
Initial here

_____ **I ___am / ___am not a citizen of the State of Israel.**
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PRINTED NAME
AS SHOWN ON PASSPORT

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE

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DATE SIGNED

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