The Lowy International School is committed to ensuring your safety and wellbeing during your time at Tel Aviv University (TAU). In the wake of recent events, we want to share important information and resources to support you during this challenging time.

### International Students and Researchers

- **Top Priorities:**
  - The safety and wellbeing of our students and international community.
  - Our top priority is to make sure you feel supported and connected.

- **What if things escalate in Israel?**

  - **What happens if there is an alert?**
    - Sirens are part of the “Iron Dome” system in Israel, which alert and protect us at any given time.
  - **What is the protocol?**
    - When a siren is heard in Tel Aviv (where TAU is located), you have approximately 1.5 minutes to get to a secure area.

- **Security Guidelines**

  - **Hybrid Classes:**
    - Classes will start with a hybrid format to prioritize safety and provide flexibility.
    - Once in-person classes are safe, we will proceed to in-person classes.
  - **Concerts and Social Gatherings:**
    - Social gatherings will occur in secure areas.
  - **Emergency Protocols:**
    - There are secure areas across TAU and in the dorms. For more information on safety protocols, visit [Security Guidelines](#).

- **Communication:**

  - **Contact Information:**
    - While we will always reach out to our international students and researchers directly, subscribing to this newsletter will provide you with regular updates.
    - If you haven't received the newsletter, you can sign up at [https://telavivuniversityinternational1606128003.activehosted.com/f/11](https://telavivuniversityinternational1606128003.activehosted.com/f/11).

- **Mental Health Resources:**

  - **Support Line:**
    - There is a 24/7 mental health support line available, and students will be connected with a trauma psychologist.
    - For those at TAU, you can contact the Student Life Team at [study@tauex.tau.ac.il](mailto:study@tauex.tau.ac.il).

- **Campus Life:**

  - **What is day-to-day life like?**
    - Dormitories remain unchanged, and students have 24/7 access to the Student Life Team to help with day-to-day arrangements.

- **Focus on Wellbeing:**

  - **What is the focus on during this time?**
    - The focus is on taking care of you, keeping you safe, and providing support.

### Additional Resources

- **Practically Asked Questions (FAQ):**

  - **International Students and Researchers:**
    - The Lowy International School recently offered a series of sessions to this community, including international students. Opt-in to the newsletter can be done here: [https://telavivuniversityinternational1606128003.activehosted.com/f/11](https://telavivuniversityinternational1606128003.activehosted.com/f/11).
  - **Who do I contact?**
    - For international students and researchers, please reach out to the Student Life Team at [study@tauex.tau.ac.il](mailto:study@tauex.tau.ac.il).

- **Donations:**

  - The Lowy International School maintains frequent contact with government security agencies to stay updated on developments.
  - For those interested in donating, please visit [https://telavivuniversityinternational1606128003.activehosted.com/f/11](https://telavivuniversityinternational1606128003.activehosted.com/f/11).
  - Contributions can be made [here](#).

- **News & Updates:**

  - **What is going on in Israel?**
    - More than 2,500 are injured and over 100 have lost their lives in the terror attack on the State of Israel. In the coming days, we want to share some of these stories of goodwill and for the victims of the horrific terror attack on the State.

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  - For any emergency situation, please contact the Student Life Team at [study@tauex.tau.ac.il](mailto:study@tauex.tau.ac.il).

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*Thank you for your understanding and support during this challenging time.*