

The Whittier Law School administration and the Whittier College President are in daily contact with Dean Cogan, the Onsite Director for our Summer Program at Bar-Ilan University near Tel Aviv, Israel on the safety for our students. We are also in contact with family and friends of the students and the Deans of the other law schools who have students attending the program. Dean Cogan is in contact with the U.S. Embassy, located near where our students are housed, and other Israeli sources in order to obtain the most up-to-date information regarding the conflict and any possible danger.

At this time we have decided to allow the program to continue, but have given students the option to return home if they so choose. Dean Cogan reports that they are having regular meetings and, unlike the other summer programs, all the students are staying together. Several students have chosen to leave and return home. Of course, if it becomes apparent that the Tel Aviv area has been targeted for attack or any other danger is imminent, we are prepared to move quickly to safely evacuate everyone. The four-week program is scheduled to end July 28th.

In the past several days we have been focused on the safety and condition of the students and faculty who had arrived at Bar Ilan well before the hostilities erupted prior to communicating information regarding the situation.

If you or any of your fellow students have additional questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the School.

Deans Gilchrist and Haythorn