

1995 Education Abroad Student Deaths

Death date/ Day	Name (age) Home state	Home university/ Study abroad program/ Student status, Program type, Timing of incident/ Country of study	Location of death/ Cause of death/ Details	About this student
4/10/95 Monday	Alicia Flatow (21) New Jersey	Brandeis University/ Nishmat Center/ Undergraduate, Direct enroll, During program/ Israel	Gaza, Israel/ Homicide, terrorism/ Alicia was participating in a spring semester study abroad program at Nishmat Center in Israel. She was on a bus on the way to the beach when a terrorist rammed his vehicle and detonated a bomb. In addition to killing Alicia, seven soldiers were killed. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Killing_of_Alicia_Flatow https://www.nytimes.com/1995/04/11/world/father-says-us-victim-loved-israel.html?sq=Alisa+Flatow&scp=4&st=cse https://www.cs.brandeis.edu/~philip/memorial/alisa/alisa.html https://apnews.com/article/156d418e6f90a5c1db344d1e99864224	Alicia was a sociology major and junior at Brandeis University. Family described Alicia as believing in the good inherent in all people and was certain she would be safe in Israel. Alicia was one of the first students at Brandeis to study at a women's yeshiva. Her focus was on intensively studying rabbinic texts. Described as funny and caring, Alicia hoped to become a physical therapist.
5/3/95 Wednesday	Aron Sobel	University of Maryland/ U-M medical school rotation/	Turkey/ Motor vehicle crash/ Aron had been in Israel for a medical rotation. When the rotation was	Aron was a 4 th year medical student finishing his last rotation. He was scheduled to graduate in two weeks. Said to be bright,

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		<p>Graduate, academic program, post-program/ Israel</p>	<p>complete, he traveled to Turkey for a short holiday. The bus driver was said to be speeding down the wrong way of a narrow, ill-maintained road with no guardrail—long on a government list of “black spots” in need of repair. The bus plunged over a twisting road killing 23 people, including Aron. In September of 1995, another bus crash in Turkey killed thirteen people. Reporting indicates that Turkey has a “grim” road safety record due to the combination of heavily laden vehicles, low seatbelt use, and high speeds, especially during holidays. In 1995, Aron’s mother, Rochelle Sobel, founded Association for Safe International Road Travel (ASIRT), with the goal of evidence-based prevention-focused public policies, both nationally and internationally. Toward this end, ASIRT works with many entities, including US legislators (state and federal), World Health Organization (WHO), colleges and universities, and more.</p> <p>https://www.baltimoresun.com/news/b-s-xpm-1999-05-30-9906080370-story.html</p>	<p>warm, funny, and athletic, he was also a good student with goals, “an overachiever with a regular-guy attitude. He told jokes, including bad ones, loved to compete but never bragged or held a grudge.</p>
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Non-lethal student safety incidents during 1995:
Rape, motor vehicle crash injuries (boat, bus)