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U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Ethics

MEMBER / OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual Financial Disclosure Statement. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, 135 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. Please do not file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

1. Name of Traveler: Ami Bera
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: \_\_\_\_\_ or None   
b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: June 30, 2017 Return: July 6, 2017  
b. Dates at personal expense: None or None
4. Departure city: Washington, DC Destination: Tel Aviv & Jerusalem, Israel Return city: Washington, DC (J Street did not pay for return flight)
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): J Street Education Fund
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_  
Met with Prime Minister Netanyahu, Israel Parliament members, and high level government officials; discussed regional security, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and US foreign aid.
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (*signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*):
  - a.  a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;
  - b.  the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor prior to the trip, including all attachments and Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
  - c.  page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the Member or officer; **and**
  - d.  the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda. (*Signify that statement is true by checking box*):   
b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER:

Ami Bera

DATE: 7/20/2017

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This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. *A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within 10 days of their return.* You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

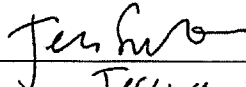
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1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): J Street Education Fund
2. Travel Destination(s): Tel Aviv and Jerusalem
3. Date of Departure: June 30, 2017 Date of Return: July 6, 2017
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Ami Bera  
(NOTE: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.)
5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in response to Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$4,888.02	\$2,442	\$745	Please see Addendum A
Accompanying Relative				

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. (Signify statement is true by checking box):

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:   
 Name: Jessica Smith Title: COO  
 Organization: J Street Education Fund

I am an officer of the above-named organization (signify statement is true by checking box):

Address: 1828 L St NW Ste 240  
Washington, DC 20036  
 Telephone number: 202.448.1607  
 Email Address: madeleine@jstreet.org

*Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.*

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at (202) 225-7103.

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TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. *Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392, sent or delivered to the Committee at 1015 Longworth, or e-mailed to [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).*

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**YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 30 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE.** Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.

Name of Traveler: Ami Bera

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I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Name of signatory (if other than traveler): \_\_\_\_\_

For staff, name of employing Member or committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Office address: 1431 Longworth

Telephone number: (202) 225-5716

Email address of contact person: marguerite.biagi@mail.house.gov

- Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

**NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.**

**KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM.** Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee:

Committee on Ethics  
1015 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 225-7103 (phone)  
(202) 225-7392 (fax)  
Travel email: [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov)

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1. Name of Traveler: Ami Bera
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): J Street Education Fund (JSEF)
3. Travel destination(s): Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, Israel
4. a. Date of departure June 30, 2017 Date of return: July 6, 2017  
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  Yes  No  
If yes, dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a relative at the sponsor's expense?  Yes  No  
b. If yes:  
(1) Name of accompanying relative: \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) Relationship to traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age:  Yes  No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (*i.e.*, travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)?  Yes  No  
b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms:  Yes  No  
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.

8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.

As Vice-Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Israel is a key partner in the Middle East. This trip will provide an opportunity to meet with Israel Knesset members and other high ranking officials about regional security, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and US foreign aid.

9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip?  Yes  No

10. **FOR STAFF TRAVELERS:**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:**

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: ~~5/30/2017~~

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Employing Member

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site ([ethics.house.gov](http://ethics.house.gov)) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): \_\_\_\_\_  
J Street Education Fund (JSEF) \_\_\_\_\_
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (signify that the statement is true by checking box):
3. Check only one: I represent that:
  - a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip  or
  - b. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds  or.
  - c. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):  
Please see addendum A.
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)?  Yes  No
6. Date of departure: June 30, 2017 Date of return: July 6, 2017
7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C.  
b. Destination(s): Tel Aviv and Jerusalem  
c. City of return: Washington, D.C. (J Street is not paying for return flight)
8. I represent that (check one of the following):
  - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965:  or
  - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent:  or
  - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. Check one of the following:
  - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above:
  - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging:
  - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night:  or
  - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights:If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) (indicate agenda is attached by checking box):

11. Check one:

a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (signify that the statement is true by checking box):  or

b. N/A – trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

The J Street Education Fund (JSEF) is a non-profit organization that works to promote a nuanced understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. JSEF alone has planned this trip, chosen the list of invitees and shaped the itinerary. JSEF employees will be staffing the trip.

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13. Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.

a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

b. Class of travel: Coach  Business  First  Charter  Other  (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

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14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (signify that the statement is true by checking box):

15. I represent that either (check one of the following):

a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees:  or

b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation:

If "b" is checked:

1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \_\_\_\_\_

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2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: \_\_\_\_\_

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16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel name: David Intercontinental Hotel City: Tel Aviv Cost per night: \$305

Reason(s) for selecting: This hotel is a popular choice due to proximity, security and comfort.

Hotel name: Mamilla Hotel City: Jerusalem Cost per night: \$450

Reason(s) for selecting: This hotel is a popular choice due to proximity, security and comfort.

Hotel name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost per night: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for selecting: \_\_\_\_\_

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (signify that the statement is true by checking box):

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$4,439	\$2,410	\$900
For each accompanying relative			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$195	Please see addendum B
For each accompanying relative		

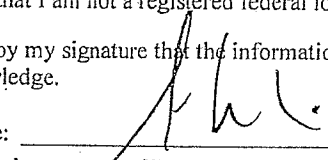
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19. Check one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below.  *or*  
 b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name: Jeremy Ben-Ami

Title: President

Organization: J Street Education Fund

Address: P.O. Box 66073, Washington, D.C. 20035

Telephone number: 202-448-1607

Email address: madeleine@jstreet.org

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

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 U.S. House of Representatives  
 1015 Longworth House Office Building  
 Washington, DC 20515  
 (202) 225-7103 (phone)  
 (202) 225-7392 (general fax)



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The Honorable Ami Bera  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1431 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel,<sup>1</sup> scheduled for June 30 to July 6, 2017, sponsored by J Street Education Fund. We note that you are not accepting return airfare from the sponsor.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$390 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$390] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments filed with the Committee, and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

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<sup>1</sup> We note that the U.S. Department of State (State Department) has issued a travel warning concerning travel to Israel, available at <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings/israel-travel-warning.html>. You may wish to contact the State Department regarding the safety of your proposed trip.



If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,



Susan W. Brooks  
Chairwoman



Theodore E. Deutch  
Ranking Member

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## Addendum A

As Members of Congress, the following trip participants are asked to vote on legislation related to the issues that will be addressed on this trip surrounding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, US foreign aid and other policies related to Middle East issues.

Ami Bera (CA-7)

Earl Blumenauer (OR-3)

Cheri Bustos (IL-17)

James Clyburn (SC-6)

Dwight Evans (PA-2)

Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX-30)

Brenda Lawrence (MI-14)

Barbara Lee (CA-13)

Carol Shea-Porter (NH-1)

Bonnie Watson Coleman (NJ-12)

## Addendum B

Other expenses of the trip include AV equipment and set up, speaker honoraria, private meeting room rentals, registration/tour fees

Congressional Delegation Itinerary  
June 30- July 7, 2017

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**Friday, June 30**

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Afternoon Individual flights depart for Tel Aviv

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**Saturday, July 1**

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Afternoon Individual flights land in Tel Aviv

6:30 - 7:00 PM Welcome Reception at the hotel

7:00 - 7:15 PM Walk to Dinner

7:30 - 9:30 PM Welcome Dinner for Members of Congress

*Hotel: David Intercontinental Hotel | 12 Kaufman Street, Tel Aviv | +972-3-795-1111*

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**Sunday, July 2**

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6:30 - 8:00 AM Buffet breakfast served at hotel

8:30 - 10:00 AM Seminar: Israeli-Palestinian Conflict  
*This orientation session will frame the week ahead in light of the history, geography and political dynamics in the region.*  
Speakers: Jeremy Ben-Ami and Yael Patir, J Street staff

10:00 - 10:30 AM Drive to Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)

10:30 - 11:50 AM INSS Briefing  
Israeli Strategic Assessment and a Security Framework Towards a Two State Solution  
Speaker: Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Udi Dekel, Managing Director, INSS

11:55 AM - 12:10 PM Drive to Liliyot

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- 12:10 - 1:30 PM Lunch discussion – The Vision of Israel  
*The modern State of Israel was born in 1948, based on an idea of reclaiming Jewish history and the Jewish people's right to self-determination. At lunch, we explore the Israeli founding fathers' vision and reflect upon where we are today.*  
Speaker: Professor Anita Shapira, Emerita Professor at Tel Aviv, University
- 1:30 - 2:00 PM Drive to Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) Headquarters
- 2:00 - 3:30 PM IDF Security Briefing  
Speaker: Lt. Col. Peter Lerner
- 3:30 - 4:00 PM Drive back to the Hotel
- 4:00 - 5:00 PM Meeting with Ehud Barak
- 5:00 - 6:00 PM Change for dinner at hotel
- 6:00 PM Meet at 2nd Floor to depart for dinner
- 6:00 - 7:00 PM Drive to Dinner
- 7:00 - 9:30 PM Dinner with Israeli business and civil society leaders
- 9:30 - 10:00 PM Drive back to the Hotel

*Hotel: David Intercontinental Hotel | 12 Kaufman Street, Tel Aviv | +972-3-795-1111*

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**Monday, July 3**

*\*Logistical note: We will be checking out of the hotel today. Before we meet, please (1) bring your luggage to the lobby; (2) settle any additional items charged to your room at the front desk and (3) bring your passports with you.*

- 6:30 - 8:00 AM Buffet breakfast served at hotel
- 8:00 - 9:20 AM Drive to Gaza Envelope area  
Conflict 101 briefing continued on the bus
- 9:20 - 10:00 AM Meeting with Mayor Alon Schuster, overlook on Gaza  
Location: Black Arrow Memorial, Sha'ar Hanegev
- 10:00 - 10:15 AM Drive to Kibbutz Nahal Oz

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10:15 - 11:15 AM	Tour and Meeting with Local Residents <i>A look at the emotional, educational and political impact of living in the Gaza Envelope region.</i>
11:15 - 11:35 AM	Drive to Iron Dome Launch Site
11:35 - 12:00 AM	Iron Dome visit and explanation
12:00 AM - 12:45 PM	Drive to Be'er Sheva
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Lunch and meet & greet at Ben Gurion University of the Negev
2:00 - 3:00 PM	Tour of Ben Gurion University and High-Tech Park <i>On this tour we will learn about the innovation and technological advances on water and desertification being made in Israel.</i>
3:00 - 4:45 PM	Drive to Jerusalem
4:45 - 5:45 PM	Check-in to hotel and freshen up for dinner
6:00 - 7:00 PM	Gaza Human Rights Briefing <u>Speaker:</u> Tania Hary, Executive Director of Gisha
7:00 - 7:15 PM	Walk to Dinner
7:15 - 9:00 PM	Dinner with Israeli Peace and Human Rights Activists
9:00 - 9:15 PM	Walk back to the Hotel

*Hotel:* Mamilla Hotel | Shlomo ha-Melekh St 11, Jerusalem | +972-2-548-2222

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**Tuesday, July 4**

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6:30 - 8:00 AM	Buffet breakfast served at hotel
8:00 - 9:30 AM	Drive to Hebron
9:30 AM - 11:30 PM	Walking tour of Hebron <i>On this walking tour of Hebron we will see checkpoints in the city and see the Jewish settlement of Hebron. We will learn how the</i>



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*division of the city affects the local economy and daily reality of the residents' lives.*

11:30 - 12:30 PM	Drive to Bethlehem
12:30 - 2:00 PM	Lunch with Palestinian Peace Activists
2:00 - 2:30 PM	Visit the Church of Nativity
2:30 - 3:30 PM	Drive to Jerusalem
3:30 - 4:30 PM	Ministry of Foreign Affairs Meeting <u>Speaker:</u> Amb. Yuval Rotem, Director General, Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs
4:30 - 6:30 PM	Optional Tour of the Old City <i>On this tour we will have an opportunity to learn more about the history of Jerusalem as we walk the streets of the Old City and visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the Via Dolorosa and the Western Wall.</i>
6:30- 7:00 PM	Leave Hotel for 4th of July Reception
7:00 - 9:30 PM	4th of July Reception
9:30 - 9:45 PM	Drive back to the Hotel

*Hotel: Mamilla Hotel | Shlomo ha-Melekh St 11, Jerusalem | +972-2-548-2222*

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**Wednesday, July 5:**

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6:30 - 7:30 AM	Buffet breakfast served at hotel
7:30 - 8:00 AM	Drive to residence of President Rivlin
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Meeting with President Rivlin
9:15 - 10:00 AM	Drive to the Knesset
10:00 AM - 12:45 PM	Political Meetings at the Knesset
11:00 - 11:30 AM	Meeting with Member of Knesset Tzipi Livni

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12:30 - 1:15 PM	Meeting with Member of Knesset Yair Lapid
12:45 - 1:15 PM	Drive to Yad Vashem
1:15 - 2:15 PM	Visit Yad Vashem <i>We will visit an art exhibit commemorating the Holocaust and the loss of six million Jews. We will pay our respects and lay a wreath in their memory.</i>
2:15 - 4:00 PM	East Jerusalem and Settlement Watch Tour with Peace Now <i>On the ground visit to settlements, outposts, hot-spots in East Jerusalem, and the security barrier. Discussion of legal, human rights, and international ramifications of the settlement policy.</i>
4:00 - 5:15 PM	Meeting with settlers in Psagot
5:15 - 6:00 PM	Drive to Jerusalem
6:00 - 7:00 PM	Freshen up for Dinner at Hotel
7:00 - 7:15 PM	Drive to Dinner
7:15 - 8:45 PM	Dinner with Palestinian Jerusalemites
8:30 - 8:45 PM	Drive Back to the Hotel

*Hotel: Mamilla Hotel | Shlomo ha-Melekh St 11, Jerusalem | +972-2-548-2222*

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**Thursday, July 6**

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6:00 – 8:00 AM	Buffet breakfast served at hotel
8:00 - 9:30 AM	Drive to Rawabi
9:30 - 11:00 AM	Tour of Rawabi and Meeting with Bashar Masri <i>Rawabi is Palestine's first planned development community. It seeks to provide opportunities for home ownership, employment, education and leisure all in one place. We will tour the construction site with the project's chief developer.</i>
11:00 - 11:30 AM	Drive to Ramallah



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11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Meeting with President Abbas and Saeb Erekat
12:45 - 1:00 PM	Drive to lunch
1:00 - 2:30 PM	Lunch with Palestinian entrepreneurs
2:30 - 3:30 PM	Drive back to Jerusalem
3:30 - 4:00 PM	Return to the hotel, packing and getting ready
4:00 - 5:00 PM	What's Next Panel <i>A forward look at U.S. Israel relations and U.S. role in the region</i> <u>Speakers:</u> Gadi Baltiaski, Director, Geneva Initia Nimrod Novick, Commanders for Israel's Security Noa Eliasaf Shoham, Director, Israeli Peace Initiative
5:00 - 5:15 PM	Walk to Dinner
5:30 - 7:30 PM	Farewell Dinner
9:00 PM	Depart for Tel Aviv Ben Gurion airport

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**FRIDAY, JUNE 30: TRAVEL DAY**

**6:00 PM** Flight departs from DC to Tel Aviv

**SATURDAY, JULY 1: WELCOME**

**6:00 PM** Flights arrives in Israel (flight was delayed)

7:50 PM Meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor to depart by bus for dinner

**8:15 – 10:00 PM** **Welcome Dinner, Introductions and Trip Overview**  
*Participants will have the opportunity to introduce themselves, including expectations for the week ahead.*

**Location:** Claro, 23 Ha'arbaa St., Tel Aviv (Sarona complex)

**Hotel:** *David Intercontinental Hotel | 12 Kaufman Street, Tel Aviv | +972-3-795-1111*

**SUNDAY, JULY 2: ISRAEL- HISTORICAL NARRATIVE, SECURITY CHALLENGES, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES**

6:30 – 8:30 AM Buffet breakfast served at hotel

**8:30 – 10:00 AM** **Seminar: Israeli-Palestinian Conflict 101 (Part 1)**  
*This session will serve as an orientation, with the goal of framing the week ahead in light of the history, geography and political dynamics in the region.*

**Speakers:**

Jeremy Ben-Ami, J Street President  
Yael Patir, J Street Israel Director

**Location: Hotel**

**10:00 AM** Meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor to depart by bus for the INSS

**10:30 – 11:20 AM** **Two-State Solution from a Security Perspective**  
*This session will serve to layout Israeli strategic interest in promoting the two state solution given the momentous geo-strategic developments and emerging regional reality*

**Speaker:** Maj. Gen (ret.) Udi Dekel, Director of the INSS

**Location:** Institute for National Security Studies, Haim Levanon 40, Tel Aviv

- 11:20 – 11:50 AM**      **American opportunities to promote the resolution to the Isr-Pal conflict**  
*What are President Trump's strengths and weaknesses regarding his effort to return Israelis and Palestinians to the negotiating table.*
- Speaker:** Amb. Daniel Shapiro, former U.S. Ambassador to the state of Israel
- 11:55 – 12:15 PM      Drive to lunch
- 12:15 – 1:30 PM**      **Lunch discussion – The Vision of Israel**  
*The modern State of Israel was born in 1948, based on an idea of reclaiming Jewish history and the Jewish people's right to self-determination. At lunch, we explore the Israeli founding fathers' vision and reflect upon where we are today.*
- Speaker:** MK Stav Shaffir, The Zionist Union
- Location:** Liliyot, 2 Dafna St., Tel Aviv
- 1:30 – 2:00 PM      Drive to IDF Headquarters - The Kirya
- 2:00 – 3:30 PM**      **Security Briefing by IDF Spokesperson's Unit**
- Speaker:** Lt. Col. Alon Paz, IDF Unit for Strategic planning
- Location:** IDF Headquarters, The Kirya
- 3:30 – 4:15 PM      Drive to the hotel
- 4:15 – 5:30 PM**      **Meeting with Eran Pollak, CEO of Ndrup, Israeli Water Technology Start-Up Company (Optional)**  
*In this meeting we will get the chance to hear about top of the line water related technologies being developed in Israel and around the world.*
- Speaker:** Eran Pollak.
- Location:** Hotel meeting room
- 5:30 – 7:30 PM      Downtime
- 7:30 PM**      **Meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor to depart for dinner**
- 7:30 – 8:00 PM      Drive to Dinner
- 8:00 – 10:00 PM**      **Dinner with Israeli Business and Civil Society Leaders**
- Hosts:** Avi and Judy Tiomkin
- Guests:**  
Alon Pinkas  
Avigdor (Dori) Klagsbald  
Benny and Hagit Bergman  
Dr. Zvi Ekstein

Dror Aloni  
Giora Inbar (Commanders for Israel's Security)  
Hagai Tiomkin  
MK Merav Michaeli and Lior Shlein  
Dr. Shula Rekanati  
Dr. Judith Richter and Dr. Jacob (Kobi) Richter  
Rami and Yael Unger  
Rolly Giron (Commanders for Israel's Security)  
Ehud Gross (Commanders for Israel's Security)  
Naftali Granot (Commanders for Israel's Security)  
Shira Margalit and Ilan Shiloach  
Shmuel and Anat Harlap  
Raviv Druker and Anat Goren  
Udi Pridan and Nirit Yaron  
**Location:** 37 Hazoreah St., Kfar Shmaryahu

10:00 – 10:30 PM      Drive back to the Hotel

**Hotel:**            *David Intercontinental Hotel | 12 Kaufman Street, Tel Aviv | +972-3-795-1111*



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**MONDAY, JULY 3: FOCUS ON GAZA**

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*\*Logistical note: We will be checking out of the hotel today. Before we meet, please (1) bring your luggage to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor to be loaded to the bus; (2) settle any additional items charged to your room at the front desk and (3) bring your passports with you.*

- 6:30 – 8:00 AM Buffet breakfast served at hotel
- 8:30 – 8:45 AM **Load luggage onto the bus (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**
- 8:45 – 9:55 AM **Gaza Today**  
*We will receive an overview of the current humanitarian situation in Gaza and learn about options for improving the situation in Gaza, turning it from part of the problem into part of the solution.*
- Speakers:**  
Gidon Bromberg, Israel Director, EcoPeace  
Noam Rabinovich, Director of International Relations, Gisha
- Location:** David Intercontinental hotel, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, gallery room
- 10:00 – 11:00 AM **Meeting with Amb. David Friedman, US Ambassador to Israel**
- Location:** David Intercontinental hotel, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, gallery room
- 11:15 AM – 12:35 PM Drive to Gaza Envelope region
- Seminar on the bus: Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**  
*Briefing on the bus with Jeremy Ben Ami: The Road to Peace – an overview of peace-processes, agreements and core issues.*
- 12:35 – 1:05 PM **Visit Iron Dome Launching site**  
*Meet with Iron Dome operators and learn about this state-of-the art defense technology.*
- 1:05 – 1:25 PM Drive to Kibbutz Nahal Oz
- 1:25 – 2:50 PM **Short Bus Tour and Lunch in Kibbutz Nahal Oz**  
*The Israeli towns bordering Gaza have managed to adapt to the difficult circumstances of living under rocket fire. We will visit Kibbutz Nahal Oz and look at the emotional, educational and political impact of living in the region during a brief tour of the kibbutz and lunch with local community members.*
- Speakers:**  
Yael Raz-Lachiani, Kibbutz Nahal Oz spokesperson  
Inbal Porat, Hachalutz Movement
- 2:50 – 3:30 PM **Meeting with Head of the Sha’ar HaNegev Regional Council, Mayor Alon Schuster**
- Location:** Kibbutz Nahal Oz
- 3:30 – 5:30 PM Drive to Jerusalem
- 5:30 – 7:15 PM **Check-in to hotel and freshen up for dinner**

7:15 PM Meet in the lobby to walk to dinner

**7:30 – 9:15 PM Dinner with Israeli Peace and Human Rights Leaders**

**Speakers:**

Ronit Sela, Israeli Association for Civil Rights

Jessica Montel, SISO

Hamutal Gouri, Woman Wage Peace

Robi Damelin, Parents Circle Family Forum

Dana Moss, Physicians for Human Rights

Mickey Gitzin, New Israel Fund

**Location:** Olive and Fish, Jabotinsky 2, Jerusalem

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**TUESDAY, JULY 4: PALESTINIAN POLICY AND POLITICS/ PALESTINIAN DAILY REALITY- A VISIT TO HEBRON AND BETHLEHEM**

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- 6:30 – 8:00 AM Buffet breakfast served at hotel
- 8:00 – 9:15 AM Drive to Hebron
- 9:30 – 11:30 AM Walking tour of Hebron**  
*On this walking tour of Hebron, we will visit the H2 area, see checkpoints in the city and see the Jewish settlement of Hebron.*
- 11:30 – 12:30 PM Members of Congress depart to Jerusalem for meeting with PM Netanyahu
- 2:00 – 3:00 PM Meeting with Prime Minister Netanyahu  
**Location:** Prime Minister's office, Jerusalem
- 2:30 – 3:30 PM Drive to Jerusalem
- 3:30 – 4:30 PM Meeting with Palestinian peace activists**
- Speakers:**  
Ali Abu Awwad, Taghyeer Movement  
Mary Mahmoud, Taghyeer Movement  
Huda Abu Arquob, ALLMEP  
Nimala Kharouf, Willy Brandt Center  
Riman Barakat, Experience Palestine  
Mazen Faraj, Bereaved Family Forum
- Location: David Citadel, Jerusalem**
- 4:30 – 5:20 PM Optional Tour of the Old City**
- 5:30 – 6:45 PM Freshen up at hotel
- 6:45 – 7:00 PM Drive on bus to reception
- 7:00 – 9:00 PM 4th of July Reception with friend of J Street in the region**  
**Location:** Touro Restaurant, 2 Sh.A. Nakhon St., Jerusalem

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**WEDNESDAY, JULY 5: ISRAELI POLICY AND POLITICS**

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- 6:30 – 8:30 AM Buffet breakfast served at hotel
- 8:30 – 9:00 AM Drive to Yad Vashem
- 9:00 – 10:00 PM** **Tour and Ceremony at Yad Vashem**  
*On this tour, we will visit an art exhibit commemorating the Holocaust and the loss of six million Jews. We will pay our respects and lay a wreath in their memory.*
- 10:15 – 10:45 AM Drive to the Knesset - Israeli Parliament
- Seminar on the bus: Israeli Politics 101**  
*Briefing on the bus with Jeremy Ben Ami and Yael Patir: Israeli politics 101, parties, political players, Parliamentary system and ongoing changes.*
- 11:15 – 11:40 AM** **Meeting with MK Ayman Odeh, Chairperson, Joint List**
- 11:45 – 12:15 PM** **Meeting with MK Ksenia Svetlova, Hatnuah, Zionist Union**
- 12:30 – 12:55 PM** **Meeting with MK Yair Lapid, Chairperson, Yesh Atid**
- 1:00 – 1:30 PM** Leave Knesset on bus
- 1:30 – 2:00 PM** **Lunch**  
**Location:** Falafel stand, Giva Tzarfatit
- 2:00 – 4:00 PM** **Settlement Watch Tour (including East Jerusalem)**  
*On this tour, we will visit hot spots in East Jerusalem, including E1, Binyamin region and the vicinity and a stop at Qalandia check point. We will evaluate the status of the settlements and consider the steps forward.*  
**Guide:** Lior Amihai, Director, Settlement Watch, Peace Now
- 4:00 – 5:00 PM** **Meeting with Settler Leaders**  
**Speakers:**  
Elie Pieprz, Director of External Affairs  
Eliana Passentin, Director of the International Desk Binyamin Regional Council  
**Location:** Psagot Winery
- 5:00 – 6:00 PM Drive to Jerusalem
- 6:00 – 7:00 PM Freshen up at the hotel
- 7:15 – 7:30 PM Drive to Dinner

**7:30 - 9:15 PM**

**Dinner with Young Palestinian Entrepreneurs and activists from East Jerusalem**

*At dinner, we will be joined by a young cadre of Palestinian civil society leaders from East Jerusalem. We will have a candid discussion about the obstacles and achievements for business in the Palestinian territory.*

**Host:** Bashar Azzeh, Wassal Group

**Speakers:**

Mustafa Alami, Jerusalem Company and activist

Nada Majdalani, EcoPeace

Samer Nusseibah, CEO Nusseiba Realestate Jerusalem

Madees Khoury, Taybeh Beer

George Halabi, Social Media Enterpeneuer

Kamel Hussein, Bank of Palestine

Momen Sinokrot, Sinokrot Group

**Location:** The Ambassador Hotel, 5 Nablus Road, Sheikh Jarrah, Jerusalem

**Hotel:** *Mamilla Hotel | Shlomo ha-Melekh St 11, Jerusalem | +972-2-548-2222*

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**THURSDAY, JULY 6: LOOKING FORWARD**

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- 6:00 – 8:00 AM Buffet breakfast served at hotel
- 8:30 – 9:15 AM Drive to Rawabi
- 9:30 – 11:20 AM Tour of Rawabi**  
*Rawabi is Palestine's first planned development community. It seeks to provide opportunities for home ownership, employment, education and leisure all in one place. We will tour the construction site with the project's chief developer.*
- Host:** Shadia Jaradat, Civil Engineer, Rawabi
- 11:20 – 11:50 AM Drive to Ramallah**
- 12:00 – 1:00 PM Meeting with Jibril Rajoub, Member of PLO Executive Committee**
- Location:** Ramallah
- 1:00 – 2:30 PM Lunch with Palestinian Entrepreneurs**
- Host:** Bashar Azzeh
- Speakers:**  
**Manal Adel Refaat Zreiq**, Director at Massar International  
**Abdallah Sabat**, VP Finance and Admin at Siraj Fund Management  
**Nihad Kamal**, Secretary of the Executive Board - PADICO  
**Murrad Tahboub**, partner and managing director of ASAL Technologies  
**Jamal Hourani**, Country director at Arab Bank plc  
**Mazen Sinokrot**, Founder Sinokrot Global
- Location:** Darna, Ramallah
- 2:30 – 3:30 PM Drive to Jerusalem
- 3:30 – 4:00 PM Check out
- 4:20 – 4:45 PM Drive to American Colony Hotel
- 4:45 – 5:45 PM Panel Discussion: The Future of US-Israel Relationship and US Role in the Region**
- Speakers:**  
Ruti Winterstein, Senior political and policy advisor to Tony Blair  
Dr. Assaf Sharon, Co-Chairman of Molad: The Center for the renewal of Israeli democracy
- Location:** American Colony Hotel
- 5:45 – 7:45 PM Farewell Dinner**
- Location:** American Colony Hotel



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<b>Other Expenses</b>	
Yad Vashem entrance, guide, memorial service & wreath	\$45.00
Meeting Rooms	\$70.00
Food on bus and refreshments in meeting rooms	\$80.00
Guests at Meals	\$88.75
4th of July Reception	\$75.00
Old City Tour Guide	\$18.75
Da'at Tour Logistics Company	\$269.70
Security Guards	\$520.35
Photographer	\$162.30