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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: Kevin McCarthy
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: Judy McCarthy *or* None ☐
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ■ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: August 6, 2017 Return: August 14, 2017
   b. Dates at personal expense: _____ *or* None ■
4. Departure city: Los Angeles, CA Destination: Israel Return city: Los Angeles, CA
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Attended briefings w/ Israeli and regional leaders on security, the Syrian conflict, and regional politics.
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: _____

DATE: August 29, 2017

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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.

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

1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
2. Travel Destination(s): Israel
3. Date of Departure: August 6, 2017 Date of Return: August 14, 2017
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
   (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	$6,279.56	$1,246	$1,351.81	$1,613.66 (breakdown attached)
Accompanying Relative	$6,279.56	$1,246	$1,351.81	$1,613.66 (breakdown attached)

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: Chrystal Kern

Name: Chrystal Kern Title: Chief Financial Officer

Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

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

Address: 251 H Street NW
Washington DC 20001

Telephone number: (202) 639-5374

Email Address: ckern@aiefdn.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

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1. Name of Traveler: Kevin McCarthy

2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

3. Travel destination(s): Israel

4. a. Date of departure August 6, 2017 Date of return: August 14, 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: Judy McCarthy
   (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 House Majority Leader, I will be attending this educational trip to better learn and understand the regional and geopolitical challenges in this important region, especially their effect on our national security.

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: _____ _____
    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) 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): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

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 attached

5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

6. Date of departure: August 6, 2017 Date of return: August 14, 2017

7. a. City of departure: Los Angeles, CA
   b. Destination(s): Israel
   c. City of return: Los Angeles, CA

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: _____

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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:
    AIEF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the fundamental purpose of educating policy makers ~~about the U.S.-Israel relationship. AIEF is solely responsible for recruiting, coordinating, executing,~~ and funding all aspects of this trip. This includes the Friday evening dinners hosted by Jerusalem families - these dinners are funded solely by AIEF.

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:
    n/a

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):
    $138 per person per day
    2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:
    The trip will take place in Israel in order to educate participants about the U.S.-Israel relationship.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
    Hotel name: King David City: Jerusalem Cost per night: $321
    Reason(s) for selecting: location and affordability
    Hotel name: King David (room hold/day room) City: Jerusalem Cost per night: $160.50
    Reason(s) for selecting: location and affordability
    Hotel name: Scots City: Tiberias Cost per night: $270
    Reason(s) for selecting: location and affordability

DOUBLE

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:

☐ actual amounts ☒ good faith estimates	Total *Transportation* Expenses per Participant	Total *Lodging* Expenses per Participant	Total *Meal* Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	$7,140.25	$2,044	$966
For each accompanying relative	$7,140.25	$152 additional	$966

	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	$2,065.75	Please find breakdown attached
For each accompanying relative	$2,065.75	Please find breakdown attached

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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: Richard Fishman

Title: Executive Director

Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

Address: 251 H Street NW, Washington DC 20001

Telephone number: (202) 639-5233

Email address: rfishman@aiefdn.org

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

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(202) 225-7392 (general fax)

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July 31, 2017

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
U.S. House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your spouse's proposed trip to Israel,[1] scheduled for August 6 to 14, 2017, sponsored by the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF).

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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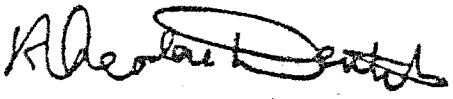
[1] We note that the U.S. Department of State (State Department) has issued a travel warning concerning travel to Israel, The West Bank and Gaza, available at https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings/israel-travel-warning.html. You may wish to contact the State Department regarding 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



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American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
Republican Members of Congress
August 6-14, 2017

Itinerary

Sunday, August 6, 2017: DEPART U.S.

10:37 PM	Depart JFK (Delta #468)
10:45 PM	Depart Newark (United #90)

Monday, Aug 7, 2017: ARRIVE ISRAEL / BIPARTISAN NIGHT

4:15 PM	Arrive Tel Aviv (Delta #468)
4:20 PM	Arrive Tel Aviv (United #90)
6:30 PM	Check into the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
7:30 PM	*Setting the Stage* Welcome and Orientation Remarks by: ▪ Lillian Pincus, President, National Board of Directors ▪ The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, House Majority Leader ▪ Cameron Brown, Director, AIEF Jerusalem Office -at the King David Hotel
8:00 PM	*1967: Fifty Years Later* Dinner with the Honorable Dr. Michael Oren Deputy Minister for Diplomacy, Office of the Prime Minister -at the King David Hotel
10:15 PM	Overnight at the King David Hotel

Tuesday, August 8, 2017: BIPARTISAN DAY/ DAY 6

7:00 AM	Breakfast is served
7:45 AM	*U.S.-Israel Strategic Cooperation: Part II* Lunch with Ari Sacher System Development Engineer, Short Range Missile Defense, Rafael Advanced Defense Systems -at the King David Hotel

9:15 PM	Depart Hotel
10:30 AM	*U.S.-Israel Strategic Cooperation: Part II* Visit to Palmachim Air Force Base ▪ Briefing with Brig. Gen. Zvika Haimovich, Chief of Air Defense ▪ Briefing on Arrow ▪ Visit to Arrow Launcher
12:30 PM	Depart for Tel Aviv
1:15 PM	Lunch with Soldiers -at Ray
2:45 PM	Meeting with Ambassador David Friedman, U.S. Ambassador to Israel -at Ray
4:00 PM	*Start-Up Nation: Israeli Innovation and Ingenuity* Panel discussion with Israeli entrepreneurs ▪ Eli Neer, United Hatzala ▪ Gideon Ben Zvi, Briefcam ▪ Cathy Sebag, MobileODT ▪ Tomer Tzach, CropX Moderated by Dan Senor -at Ray, Tel Aviv
5:30 PM	Depart for Jerusalem
7:00 PM	*State of the Nation* With David Horovitz Founding Editor, *Times of Israel* -at Terasa
10:00 AM	Overnight at the King David Hotel

<u>Wednesday, August 9, 2017: DAY 2</u>

7:30 AM	Breakfast is served -at the King David Hotel
8:30 AM	*Israeli Politics Primer* Breakfast with Professor Reuven Hazan Political Science Department, Hebrew University -at the King David Hotel

9:45 AM	*A View from the Opposition* Meeting with the Honorable Tzipi Livni Member of Knesset, Zionist Union Party -at the King David Hotel
10:45 AM	*The Meaning of the Holocaust in the Israeli Psyche* Visit to Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum and Memorial
12:45 AM	Depart
1:15 PM	Lunch -at Olmaya
2:15 PM	Depart
2:30 PM	*Strategic Survey of Jerusalem: The Historic and Holy Basin* Guided survey of the Old City of Jerusalem ▪ City of David ▪ Southern Wall Excavations ▪ Western Wall ▪ Church of the Holy Sepulcher ▪ Via Dolorosa
5:30 PM	Return to Hotel
7:45 PM	Depart
8:15 PM	*Tikkun Olam: Israel and the World* Dinner with: ▪ Hagit Krakov, Country Director, IsraAID ▪ Dr. Clive Lipchin, Director, Center for Transboundary Water Management ▪ Dr. Ofer Merin, Director, Shaare Tzedek Hospital Trauma Unit; and Director, Israel's Medical First Response Team ▪ Sivan Ya'ari, CEO, Innovation Africa -at Modern
9:45 PM	Overnight at the King David

Thursday, August 10, 2017: DAY 3

7:15 AM	Breakfast is served -at the King David Hotel
8:00 AM	Depart for Bethlehem
8:45 AM	*Visit to Bethlehem* ▪ Church of the Nativity ▪ Manger Square ▪ Milk Grotto
10:30 AM	Depart for hotel
11:30 AM	Depart for Ramallah (Members only) Lunch boxes en route
12:30 PM	*A View From the Palestinian Authority* Meeting with the Honorable Rami Hamdallah Prime Minister, Palestinian Authority - at the Mukata'a, Ramallah
1:30 PM	Depart for Prime Minister's office
2:15 PM	Security check (delegation reunites)
3:15 PM	Meeting with the Honorable Benjamin Netanyahu Prime Minister, Israel -at the Prime Minister's office
4:30 PM	Depart for hotel
5:00 PM	Regional Overview Meeting with Maj.-Gen. (Ret.) Amos Yadlin Director, Institute for National Security Studies -at the King David hotel
6:15 PM	Dinner is served
7:15 PM	Overnight at the King David Hotel

Friday, August 11, 2017: DAY 4

7:00 AM	Breakfast is served -at the King David Hotel
8:00 AM	Depart for the Dead Sea Region En route briefing: ▪ *Jerusalem's Outlying Neighborhoods and the Security Barrier* ▪ *Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor: Strategic Concerns*
9:30 AM	*History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire* Survey of the National Archeological Park at Masada
12:00 PM	Depart
12:30 PM	*Exploration of the Dead Sea Region* Lunch - at Herods
3:00 PM	Depart
4:30 PM	Arrive at hotel
7:00 PM	Depart for dinner
7:30 PM	*Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem* Sabbath dinner with Jerusalem families ▪ Karyn and Joe Gellman ▪ Judith and David Litoff ▪ Susan and Tom Sawicki ▪ Wendy and Saul Singer ▪ Gil Troy and family -at their homes in Jerusalem
9:30 PM	Overnight at the King David Hotel

Saturday, August 12, 2017: DAY 5

7:30 AM	Breakfast is served -at the King David Hotel
8:00 AM	*On the Front Lines: Civil War in Syria* Breakfast with Dr. Jonathan Spyer Director, Rubin Center, IDC Herzliya -at the King David hotel
9:00 AM	Depart
10:30 AM	*Israel's Narrow Waistline: Strategic Concerns* Briefing at Alfei Menashe
11:30 AM	Depart En route briefing: ▪ *The Jezreel Valley: The Strategic Land Bridge connecting Asia and Africa* ▪ *Upper Galilee: Potential for Development*
1:30 PM	Lunch -at Yardenit
3:30 PM	Depart
5:00 PM	*Northern Exposure, Part I: Hizballah Next Door* Briefing with Brig. Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel Former Director, Counter-Terrorism Bureau, Prime Minister's Office -at Dovev
6:00 PM	Depart
7:00 PM	Check into the Scots Hotel, Tiberias
8:15 PM	Depart
8:30 PM	*Life on the Border* Dinner and discussion -at Decks
10:00 PM	Overnight at the Scots Hotel

Sunday, August 13, 2017: DAY 6

7:00 AM	Breakfast is served -at the Scots Hotel
7:45 AM	Depart
8:30 AM	*Historical, Religious and Geopolitical Significance of the Sea of Galilee* Survey of historical and religious sites around the Sea of Galilee ▪ Mt. of Beatitudes – Sermon on the Mount ▪ St. Peter's Church – Primacy of Peter ▪ Capernaum – Jesus' Village
10:15 AM	Depart
11:15 PM	*Northern Exposure, Part II: The Tragedy in Syria* Syrian Border Briefing with Capt. (Res.) Ilan Shulman Northern Border Expert -at Mt. Bental
12:30 PM	Depart for Jerusalem Lunch boxes en route Travel via the Jordan Valley En route briefing: ▪ *Israel's Relations with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan* ▪ *Jordan's Syrian Refugee Crisis*
5:00 PM	Arrive at King David Hotel
6:00 PM	*The U.S.-Israel Relationship: Bringing it All Together* Closing Dinner -at the King David Hotel
7:45 PM	Depart for airport
11:10 PM	Republicans Depart Tel Aviv (United #91)

Monday, August 14, 2017 GOP

12:15 AM	Depart Tel Aviv (Delta #469)
4:15 AM	Arrive Newark (United #91)
5:01 AM	Arrive JFK (Delta #469)
Morning	Domestic flights to DC or home district

American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
U.S. Republican Members of Congress
August 6-14, 2017

List of Invitees

AIEF strives to educate all members of Congress about the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel. This seminar also enables policy makers to better understand the complex historical, religious and geographic context of the Arab-Israeli conflict, as well as events taking place in the larger Middle East region.

TITLE	MOC_FIRST	MOC_LAST	PARTY	STATE	DIS
Representative	Jodey	Arrington	R	TX	19
Representative	Don	Bacon	R	NE	2
Representative	Jim	Banks	R	IN	3
Representative	Jack	Bergman	R	MI	1
Representative	Andy	Biggs	R	AZ	5
Representative	Rod	Blum	R	IA	1
Representative	James	Comer	R	KY	1
Representative	Warren	Davidson	R	OH	8
Representative	Neal	Dunn	R	FL	2
Representative	John	Faso	R	NY	19
Representative	Drew	Ferguson	R	GA	3
Representative	Brian	Fitzpatrick	R	PA	8
Representative	Matt	Gaetz	R	FL	1
Representative	Mike	Gallagher	R	WI	8
Representative	Greg	Gianforte	R	MT	AL
Representative	Jenniffer	González Colón	R	PR	AL
Representative	Glenn	Grothman	R	WI	6
Representative	Karen	Handel	R	GA	6
Representative	Jaime	Herrera Beutler	R	WA	3
Representative	Clay	Higgins	R	LA	3
Representative	French	Hill	R	AR	2
Representative	Randy	Hultgren	R	IL	14
Representative	Mike	Johnson	R	LA	4
Representative	Trent	Kelly	R	MS	1
Representative	David	Kustoff	R	TN	8
Representative	Darin	LaHood	R	IL	8
Representative	Roger	Marshall	R	KS	1
Representative	Brian	Mast	R	FL	18
Majority Leader	Kevin	McCarthy	R	CA	23

TITLE	MOC_FIRST	MOC_LAST	PARTY	STATE	DIS
Chief Deputy Whip	Patrick	McHenry	R	NC	10
Representative	Ralph	Norman	R	SC	5
Representative	Bruce	Poliquin	R	ME	2
Representative	Francis	Rooney	R	FL	19
Representative	Keith	Rothfus	R	PA	12
Representative	John	Rutherford	R	FL	4
Representative	Lloyd	Smucker	R	PA	16
Representative	Scott	Taylor	R	VA	2
Representative	Claudia	Tenney	R	NY	22
Representative	Mark	Walker	R	NC	6
Representative	David	Young	R	IA	3
Chief of Staff, The Office of Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy	Barrett	Karr	R	CA	23
Constituent Services Representative, The Office of Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy	Monica	Martin	R	CA	23
National Security Advisor, The Office of Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy	Luke	Murry	R	CA	23

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Breakdown of Other Expenses

Security: $537.50 per person
-AIEF considers the security of its trip participants as its highest priority. A security team accompanies all participants throughout the trip.

Room Rentals: $468.75 per person
-The cost of renting rooms at hotels and restaurants for meetings and meals with speakers. This also includes the cost for portable toilets which we bring to the northern border briefings.

Travel Agency Commission: $429 per person (**SINGLE**); $229.50 per person (**DOUBLE**)
-AIEF pays an upcharge of 21% per room per night, split between our U.S. and Israeli travel vendors

Tour Guide: $227.50 per person
-As a detailed historical understanding is crucial to maximizing the educational aspect of the trip, a licensed tour guide accompanies the group throughout the trip.

Speaker Fees: $137.50 per person
-Honoraria for guest speakers

Hotels for contract staff (tour guide, bus driver, security guards): $137.50 per person

Meals for contract staff and speakers: $118.75 per person

Tips: $50 per person
-It is customary to tip the driver and tour guide that accompany trip participants.

Snacks: $50 per person
-Snacks between meals, and light refreshments during meetings

Entrance Fees: $37.50 per person
-Several sites require an entrance fee, including the southern Western Wall excavations and the holy sites around the Sea of Galilee.

Water: $31.25 per person
-Water bottles kept on the bus

Photography: $18.75 per person
-A professional photographer will take photos at meetings with dignitaries.

Other: $15 per person
-Briefing materials, miscellaneous

Taxis for contract staff and speakers: $6.25 per person

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Itinerary

Sunday, August 6, 2017: DEPART U.S.

10:37 PM Depart JFK (Delta #468)

10:45 PM Depart Newark (United #90)

Monday, Aug 7, 2017: ARRIVE ISRAEL / BIPARTISAN NIGHT

4:15 PM Arrive Tel Aviv (Delta #468)

4:20 PM Arrive Tel Aviv (United #90)

6:30 PM Check into the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

7:30 PM *Setting the Stage*
Welcome and Orientation
- Remarks by the Honorable Kevin McCarthy
- Remarks by Cameron Brown

-at the King David Hotel

8:00 PM *1967: Fifty Years Later*
- Opening remarks by U.S. Ambassador David Friedman
- Remarks by The Honorable Dr. Michael Oren
  Deputy Minister for Diplomacy, Office of the Prime Minister

-at the King David Hotel

1967

2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the June 1967 Arab-Israeli war, also known as the Six-Day War. The 1967 war has set the stage for every major event in the Arab-Israeli crisis since. The group will meet with member of Knesset Michael Oren, a renowned historian who wrote the acclaimed account of the war, "Six Days of War: June 1967 and the Making of the Modern Middle East." He will discuss how this event shaped the region, and the Arab-Israeli conflict over the past five decades.

10:15 PM Overnight at the King David Hotel

Tuesday, August 8, 2017: BIPARTISAN DAY/ DAY 1

7:15 AM	Breakfast on own -at the King David Hotel
8:00 AM	Depart
9:15 AM	*U.S.-Israel Strategic Cooperation: Part I* Visit to Hatzor Air Force Base ▪ Roundtable with soldiers ▪ Briefing on David's Sling
12:00 PM	Depart
1:00 PM	*U.S.-Israel Strategic Cooperation: Part II* Lunch with Ari Sacher System Development Engineer, Short Range Missile Defense, Rafael Advanced Defense Systems -at Ray, Tel Aviv
2:30 PM	*Start-Up Nation: Israeli Innovation and Ingenuity* Panel discussion with Israeli entrepreneurs Moderated by Dan Senor -at Ray, Tel Aviv

Start-Up Nation

Israel is a giant when it comes to innovation: a global leader in R&D spending and Venture Capital investment, and home to global R&D centers for the likes of Google, Apple and IBM. This session will include a discussion with entrepreneurs representing Israeli innovation and ingenuity that has had enormous impact both in Israel and abroad.

4:00 PM	Depart for Jerusalem
5:30 PM	Return to the King David Hotel
7:00 PM	*State of the Nation* With David Horovitz Founding Editor, *Times of Israel* -at Terasa

David Horovitz

David Horovitz is the founding editor of Times of Israel, the leading current affairs website in Israel. Mr. Horovitz is a talented and insightful speaker and is known for providing an illuminating synthesis of domestic political trends, current international affairs and the general state of mind of the Israeli voters.

10:00 AM Overnight at the King David Hotel

Wednesday, August 9, 2017: DAY 2

7:30 AM Breakfast is served
-at the King David Hotel

8:30 AM Depart

9:00 AM *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part I: The Historic and Holy Basin*
Guided survey of the Old City of Jerusalem

- Church of the Holy Sepulcher
- Via Dolorosa
- Southern Wall Excavations
- Western Wall

Jerusalem

Throughout its 4,000-year history, the city of Jerusalem has changed hands many times. As home to the world's three great monotheistic religions — Judaism, Christianity and Islam — Jerusalem is probably the most disputed city in history. Today, the status of Jerusalem remains the most contentious issue in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Jerusalem has been at the heart of all recent Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, from the Oslo Accords to the Camp David Summit to the Taba negotiations, and in the most recent talks under the auspices of the U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry. To understand the current political issues, it is critical to understand Jerusalem's history and the role it has played in shaping the Middle East. This seminar will include site visits to various locations in and around Jerusalem to give participants a first-hand look at the historic significance of the city, as well as its geographic layout.

Old City of Jerusalem & the Holy Basin

The Old City of Jerusalem is home to the holiest shrines of the three monotheistic religions, including the Temple Mount, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and the Al-Aqsa Mosque. During the Camp David II talks, the Palestinians and Israelis differed on the Jerusalem question, namely the Old City, the status of Arab neighborhoods just outside the Old City, and religious sites such as the Temple Mount.

The Holy Basin is the historic location of Jerusalem and refers to the land surrounding the Old City, including the Mount of Olives, which is believed to be the departure point for Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem and where Jews have been burying their dead for 2,500 years. The Holy Basin also includes the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site, and the Temple Mount (Haram al-Sharif), sacred ground for Jews, Muslims, and Christians. Control over these sensitive areas remains among the largest disputes in the Middle East.

The professionally guided survey will walk through all of these sites and others, educating trip participants on their historical impact and their role in today's political discussions.

The Western Wall

The Western Wall, a remnant of the Second Temple in Jerusalem, is Judaism's holiest site and the heart of the Jewish people's 3,000-year connection to the Land of Israel.
King David established Jerusalem as the capital of ancient Israel circa 1,000 B.C.E., and his son Solomon built the First Jewish Temple on what is known today as the Temple Mount. This Temple became the focal point of ancient Judaism, drawing religious pilgrims from throughout the region. There are more than 850 references to Jerusalem in the Hebrew Bible and innumerable references to the city throughout more than 2,000 years of post-biblical literature.

Even after the destruction of the Second Jewish Temple by the Roman Empire in 70 C.E., Jews maintained a continuous presence in Jerusalem. Jerusalem has been central to the Jewish people through daily prayer and ritual expressing the aspiration to return there. For 2,000 years, Jews prayed for the rebuilding of the Holy City, and to this day, Jews throughout the world face Jerusalem and pray to return to this holy place. The centuries-old Jewish dream of reestablishing Jerusalem as the Jewish capital was partially realized in 1948, when the western half of the city became the capital of the new State of Israel. However, the armistice agreement following Israel's War of Independence left Jerusalem divided in half by the "Green Line" between Israel and Jordan.

Between 1949 and 1967, Jordan controlled the parts of Jerusalem east of the Green Line, severely limiting access to Jews from Judaism's holiest sites, and completely denying access for Israeli Jews to the Old City or the Western Wall, a key remnant of the Second Temple. Furthermore, Christians living in Israel were only allowed to visit churches and holy sites in eastern Jerusalem once a year. Thousands of Jews, some of whose families had been living there for centuries, were expelled from eastern Jerusalem. During the period of Jordanian occupation of eastern Jerusalem, synagogues were destroyed and Jewish burial grounds were desecrated.

When Israel gained control of eastern Jerusalem after the Six-Day War, the Jewish state immediately abolished Jordanian restrictions on access to the city, allowing all Jews, Christians and Muslims to worship at their holy places. Israel later incorporated the eastern half of the city and declared unified Jerusalem to be the capital of Israel.

11:45 PM	Depart
12:45 PM	Lunch is served -at Olmaya
1:15 PM	*A View from the Opposition* - at Olmaya

2:15 PM	*Regional Threats* With Maj. Gen. (ret.) Amos Yadlin Former IDF Chief of Military Intelligence - at Olmaya
3:30 PM	Depart
4:00 PM	*Strategic Overview of Jerusalem: Part II:* *Jerusalem's Outlying Neighborhoods and the Security Barrier*

Post-1967 Neighborhoods

When Jerusalem was reunified in 1967, following 19 years of division, the State of Israel extended the city's boundaries to include the strategic hills surrounding Jerusalem. These hills served as launching pads between 1948 and 1967 for sniper and mortar attacks on Israeli parts of the city by the Jordanian Army. Since 1967, these hills have become vibrant neighborhoods, fully integrated into the fabric of Jerusalem. It is vital for those discussing the issue of Jerusalem to understand these neighborhoods' strategic importance and their relationship to the areas in the immediate vicinity.

Security Barrier

After scores of suicide bombings and daily terrorist attacks against its civilians launched following the breakdown of the Camp David II talks, Israel began construction of a security barrier near the pre-1967 "Green Line" between Israel and the West Bank to prevent Palestinian terrorists from infiltrating into Israeli population centers. Since its construction began, the number of attacks declined by more than 90% and the number of Israelis murdered and wounded decreased by more than 70% and 85%, respectively. The barrier is approximately 455 miles long. To Israel, the security barrier serves as a necessary obstacle to protect its people. To the Palestinians and others in the world, the barrier represents a physical and symbolic divide.

This seminar will survey the security barrier at different points along its route to see first-hand the barrier's construction, the operation of crossing points in and out of Palestinian areas, and the technology that facilitates its operation. Both en route to the barrier and at the barrier itself, the group will explore the competing arguments raised by the Israelis, Palestinians and the international community.

4:45 PM	Depart for hotel
7:00 PM	Depart

7:30 PM *Tikkun Olam: Israel and the World*
Dinner with:

- Gil Haskel, IsraAID
- Dr. Clive Lipchin, Director,
  Center for Transboundary Water Management
- Dr. Ofer Merin, Director, Shaare Tzedek Hospital Trauma Unit;
  and Director, Israel's Medical First Response Team
- Sivan Ya'ari, CEO, Innovation Africa

-at Modern

Tikkun Olam: Israel and the World
This session will include a discussion with entrepreneurs representing Israeli innovation and ingenuity that has had enormous impact both in Israel and abroad. The group will be meeting with innovators that are global leaders in water conservation, fighting against HIV/AIDS through medical innovation, and bringing Israeli technology and medicine to third world countries.

9:30 PM Overnight at the King David

Thursday, August 10, 2017: DAY 3

7:30 AM Breakfast is served
-at the King David Hotel

8:30 AM Depart

9:00 AM *The Meaning of the Holocaust in the Israeli Psyche*
Visit to Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum and Memorial

Yad Vashem
One cannot understand Israel's position on Iran's nuclear program without understanding the trauma of the Holocaust. Israelis view threats to its destruction in light of the events of the 1930s and 1940s, when the German government's threats to exterminate the Jewish people were not taken seriously by the international community. This museum provides an important reference point as to how Israelis interpret the threat of an Iranian nuclear program and Iranian leaders committed to Israel's destruction.

Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, was established in 1953 by an act of the Israeli Knesset. Since its inception, Yad Vashem has been entrusted with documenting the history of the Jewish people during the Holocaust period, preserving the memory and story of each of the six million victims, and imparting the legacy of the Holocaust for generations to come through its archives, library, school, museums and recognition of the Righteous Among the Nations. Located on Har Hazikaron (the Mount of Remembrance) in Jerusalem, Yad Vashem is a sprawling complex of museums, exhibits, archives, monuments, sculptures, and memorials.

Every foreign leader that travels to Israel visits Yad Vashem. Yad Vashem has become a symbol of the Jewish people and its transformation from total helplessness to self-reliance and strength. Thus, a visit to Yad Vashem provides a historical context for the Jewish state. The museum's professional docent will guide the group through the main exhibit hall and the children's memorial.

11:00 AM Depart

11:30 AM *Prospects for Peace*
Lunch with Tal Becker
Senior Fellow, Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem
Principal Deputy Legal Adviser, Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs
-at Beit Belgia

Prospects for Peace
Since Israel's founding, the Jewish state has sought to reach a just and lasting solution to the Israeli Palestinian conflict. The United States has been closely involved in negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. Most recently, in July 2013, Secretary of State John Kerry helped initiate a round of direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. The peace talks conclusively dissolved when the Palestinian political party Fatah signed a unity deal with the terrorist group Hamas.

Dr. Tal Becker is a senior member of the Israeli peace negotiation team, including in the last round of talks mediated by US Secretary of State John Kerry. In this position, he is on the front lines of many of Israel's most pressing diplomatic, legal and policy challenges and is a veteran negotiator, and key behind the scenes representative, for Israel in a wide variety of contexts. During this session, he will address the prospects for peace in the current political climate. He will also discuss the complex challenges that have prevented a final status agreement thus far.

1:00 PM Depart for Ramallah

2:00 PM *A View From the Palestinian Authority*
Meeting with the Honorable Mahmoud Abbas
President, Palestinian Authority
- at the Mukataa, Ramallah

3:00 PM Depart for Bethlehem

4:15 PM *Visit to Bethlehem*
- Church of the Nativity
- Manger Square
- Milk Grotto

Bethlehem
One of the main objectives of the seminar is to provide participants with a deep understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The city of Bethlehem is located just three miles from Jerusalem but already lies in a different country. Bethlehem is under full control of the Palestinian Authority. It is separated from Jerusalem by a security barrier and those traveling between Jerusalem and Bethlehem need to pass through a border checkpoint. By visiting Bethlehem, participants witness first-hand Palestinian self-rule. They also observe how the border checkpoint operates – this is especially important because each day thousands of Palestinians enter through such checkpoints on their way to work in Israel.

Additionally, the New Testament identifies Bethlehem as the birthplace of Jesus, making it one of the most significant religious sites in the world.

5:30 PM	Depart, return to hotel
8:00 PM	Dinner with the Honorable Benjamin Netanyahu Prime Minister, Israel -at the King David Hotel
10:00 PM	Overnight at the King David Hotel

Friday, August 11, 2017: DAY 4

6:00 AM	Breakfast is served -at the King David Hotel
7:00 AM	Depart for the Dead Sea Region En route briefing: ▪ *Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor: Strategic Concerns*

Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor
On the drive from Jerusalem to Masada, the group will travel on the highway known as the "Jericho Road" is the strategic importance of the area east of Jerusalem. In 1948 and in 1967, the Jordanian army attacked Jerusalem from the east – the 1948 attack resulted in the city's division that lasted until 1967. Since then Israel has established the City of Ma'ale Adumim east of Jerusalem, today home to some 40,000 residents. To the Palestinians, however, Ma'ale Adumim is the largest settlement on the West Bank. When Israel attempted to expand Ma'ale Adumim's boundary, into an area known as "E-1", the U.S. State Department stepped in and asked that no construction take place there. The issue needs to be examined with those discussing the future of Jerusalem in the context of the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.
Depart for Dead Sea/Masada

9:30 AM *History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire*
Survey of the National Archeological Park at Masada

Masada

The Sabbath in Israel begins Friday and concludes on Saturday. On Friday, and during the Sabbath virtually everything in the country is closed including all government offices, businesses, newspapers etc. Therefore, for years, we have used Saturdays to expose our congressional members and staff delegations to some of the key historical and cultural sites in Israel such as Masada. Masada, which was excavated in the 1960s, is considered one of the most important archeological sites in Israel, indeed in the whole world.

Masada was the site of the last stand of the Jews in Israel after the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the Holy Temple in 70 A.D. A group of Jewish zealots fled to the Judean Desert and lived in the former mountaintop fortress of King Herod known as Masada for two years resisting the onslaught of the most powerful army in the world. Determined to break the resistance, the Romans finally scaled the mountain to capture and enslave the Jewish rebels. However, when they finally arrived, they found that all the men, women and children had killed themselves as a last act of defiance. They refused to give in to the Romans and become their slaves.

The ancient story of Masada has important contemporary relevance for the modern State of Israel. "Masada shall never fall again" has become the watchword of the country which has faced existential threats since its founding in 1948. Israel's elite military units, for example, are sworn in on top of Masada in a symbolic act of defiance against Israel's contemporary enemies. These soldiers along with the thousands of Israeli school children who visit Masada each year learn the lesson that Israel should never become so weak again that it would ever face national suicide as an option.

We will spend approximately two hours atop of Masada with a professional guide. The time at Masada with the guide is focused on three areas: 1. viewing the magnificent ancient excavations; 2. learning the narrative of Jewish resistance to the Romans backed by the archeological and historical evidence; 3. discussing the importance of the Masada story to the contemporary Middle East and the threats in the region.
During our trip to the Negev, we will also visit the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth and a major source of minerals for both Israel and Jordan.

12:00 PM Depart

12:30 PM *Exploration of the Dead Sea Region*
Lunch
- at Herods

Dead Sea Region
During our drive to and from the Dead Sea area, as well as during our visit to the Dead Sea, our tour guide will discuss a variety of issues integral to understanding the region, the country, and relations with both the Palestinians and Jordanians.

It is important to note that the region is mostly desert. For decades, Israel has been challenging this arid area and developing its agricultural potential. While the Middle East is suffering from water shortages, Israel, through modern technology and water conservation policies, including the recycling of over 80 percent of water used for domestic purposes and transferring it to agriculture, has literally "made the desert bloom." Some of this technology is already being shared with Jordan and the Palestinian Authority. All sides realize that a comprehensive regional water policy will ensure food production necessary to satisfy the Middle East's growing population. For example, in late 2013, the three parties agreed to build a Red Sea-Dead Sea water project to address the shortage of fresh, clean water in the region and the rapid loss of water at the Dead Sea. This highlights the growing importance for Israel and her Arab neighbors to work together on joint environmental projects.

The key regional players also face serious environmental issues in the Dead Sea region. One of the major environmental concerns is the receding of the Dead Sea and the appearance of sinkholes, which cause the earth above to collapse. Roads, fields and buildings have collapsed due to this phenomenon, and experts are concerned the tourist infrastructure along the Jordanian and Israeli shores of the Dead Sea are also in danger. This issue has led to unprecedented cooperation between Israelis, Jordanians and Palestinians and serves as a model for regional cooperation.

2:30 PM	Depart
4:30 PM	Arrive at the hotel
7:30 PM	*Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem* Sabbath dinner with Jerusalem families

The Sabbath in Jerusalem
Israel, the only Jewish country in the world, boasts the unique tradition of honoring the Jewish Sabbath from Friday sundown until Saturday sundown. 80 percent of the Israeli population will commemorate the Sabbath, in various forms, which typically include a family dinner and special blessings. The Sabbath is especially significant in Jerusalem, home to the holiest site for Jews worldwide - the remains of the First and Second Temple.

The dinner will include a discussion on the importance of Jerusalem to the Jewish, Christian and Muslim populations; the potential for a final status agreement on Jerusalem (arguably the most sensitive final status issue); and the diplomatic challenges faced by Israel and the United States regarding Israeli urban development in the area.

9:30 PM Overnight at the King David Hotel

Saturday, August 12, 2017: DAY 5

8:00 AM Breakfast is served
-at the King David Hotel

9:00 AM Depart

10:30 AM *Israel's Narrow Waistline: Strategic Concerns*
Briefing at Alfei Menashe

Alfei Menashe

Alfei Menashe is a Jewish community located on the western edge of the West Bank. Less than 10 miles from the Mediterranean Sea, Alfei Menashe provides a unique vantage point to discuss Israeli settlement policy, the routing of the security barrier, as well as Israel's narrow waistline.

The sliver of Israeli land west of the West Bank is often referred to as the Hadera-Gadera rectangle, with the city of Hadera denoting the northern point, and the city of Hadera the southern point. The Hadera-Gadera rectangle is home to over 50 percent of Israel's population, as well as civilian infrastructure. The area is also home to Israel's "silicon valley", as well as Ben Gurion international airport.

The discussion at Alfei Menashe will allow participants to see firsthand the proximity of Jewish and Arab neighborhoods in both Israel and the West Bank; as well as the strategic threats faced by the Israeli population living in Israel's narrow waistline.

11:30 AM Depart

En route briefing:

- *The Jezreel Valley: The Strategic Land Bridge connecting Asia and Africa*
- *Upper Galilee: Potential for Development*

The Jezreel Valley

Our tour guide will spend an hour during the drive from Israel's center to the north to provide the delegation a briefing on the Jezreel Valley and the Upper Galilee and the challenges facing these regions of the country.

For thousands of years, the Jezreel Valley served as a land bridge linking Africa, Asia and Europe, and serving as a thoroughfare for ancient caravans and, more frequently, armies. In modern times, during World War I, for example, the British and Turkish forces fought a number of pitched battles in the valley. In 1948, following Israel's establishment, the combined forces of

Iraq and Jordan attempted unsuccessfully to capture the valley in order to split the just-born Israel into two parts. In the early 20th century, after decades of neglect, Jewish pioneers drained the swamps in the valley, transforming this region into Israel's "breadbasket" known for wheat, cotton, sunflowers and fish ponds. The Jezreel Valley is also home to historical and biblical sites including Tel Megiddo and Nazareth.

Today it is an important symbol of Israel's complex and diverse political reality. The Jezreel Valley, together with the areas of the Lower and Upper Galilee, is home to the majority of Israel's Arab citizens. A visit to this area provides an opportunity to discuss and learn about Israel's Arab citizens – 20 percent of the population – each of which has full democratic, social and welfare rights, the right to vote and serve in the Knesset, and the opportunity to serve on Israel's Supreme Court. These issues are not widely known and this segment gives trip participants the opportunity to understand Israel's relationship with its largest minority group.

Upper Galilee

The Upper Galilee is home to the largest variety of ethnic communities in Israel including Druze, Circassian, Arab Muslim and Arab Christian villages. The Galilee is also home to ancient Jewish and Christian holy sites that provide additional historical and political context to regional tensions. Just as in the case of the Jezreel Valley, the area illustrates the role of minorities in Israel.

At the same time, the Upper Galilee is home to some of the most prominent industrial hubs. Best known among them is the Tefen Industrial area, home to numerous enterprises established by the region's residents – Jewish and Arab. In 2006, Upper Galilee's ISCAR Metal Working Company was purchased for $5 billion by Warren Buffet's conglomerate holding company. Since then, a number of American investors have become partners in some of the region's hi-tech and bio-tech companies.

While time does not permit for sites visits, a drive through the region allows for expanding on the importance of the area in the context of the U.S.–Israel relationship.

1:30 PM	Lunch -at Yardenit
3:30 PM	Depart
5:00 PM	*Northern Exposure, Part I: Hizballah Next Door* Briefing with Brig. Gen. (res.) Nitzan Nuriel Former Director of the Counter-Terrorism Bureau, Prime Minister's Office -at Dovev
6:00 PM	Depart
7:00 PM	Check into the Scots Hotel, Tiberias

8:15 PM	Depart
8:30 PM	*Life on the Border* Dinner and discussion -at Decks
10:00 PM	Overnight at the Scots Hotel

Sunday, August 13, 2017: DAY 6

7:15 AM	Breakfast is served -at the Scots Hotel
8:15 AM	Depart
8:30 AM	*Historical, Religious and Geopolitical Significance of the Sea of Galilee* Survey of historical and religious sites around the Sea of Galilee ▪ Mt. of Beatitudes – Sermon on the Mount ▪ St. Peter's Church – Primacy of Peter ▪ Capernaum – Jesus' Village

Christian Sites at the Sea of Galilee

As part of the seminar's focus on the complex religious fabric of Israeli society, the group will be visiting several of the most sacred sites for Christians in the Holy Land. Included is a guided walk through and discussion of some of the most important events in the life of Jesus by the Sea of Galilee. Just as explorations of Jerusalem focused on Jewish, Muslim, and Christian history and claims to the land, the site visits to the Christian sites help provide context for the competing religious narratives for the land of Israel. For example, we will be visiting the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount, the most studied and read speech of any religion in history. Our guide will also lead discussions through Capernaum and St. Peter's Church.

10:30 AM	Depart
11:30 PM	*Northern Exposure, Part II: The Tragedy in Syria* Syrian Border Briefing with Capt. (Res.) Ilan Shulman Northern Border Expert -at Mt. Bental
12:30 PM	Depart Lunch en route

2:00 PM Depart for Jerusalem
Travel via the Jordan Valley

En route briefing:

- *Israel's Relations with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan*
- *Jordan's Syrian Refugee Crisis*

Jordan: Relations with Israel, and the Growing Refugee Crisis
The tour guide will spend approximately an hour during the drive through the Jordan Valley to explore several topics related to Israel's eastern neighbor: specifically, Israeli-Jordanian strategic cooperation, as well as the implications of the Syrian civil war on the Kingdom.

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan became the second Arab country after Egypt to recognize Israel when it signed a comprehensive peace agreement that ended nearly five decades of warfare. Shepherded by United States President Bill Clinton, the accord signed on Oct. 6, 1994, marked the onset of a new era of economic, cultural, and political dialogue and cooperation between the two countries.

In recent years, the two countries have worked together to combat the increased threat from terrorism by coordinating their security efforts and preventing infiltrations across their shared border. Today, Jordan hosts over 1.4 million Syrian refugees fleeing civil war. Following our discussion with Israeli soldiers patrolling the Syrian border, our guide will address how the influx of Syrian refugees and the threats in the region impact Jordan internally; as well as relations and further potential for strategic partnership between Jordan, the United States, and Israel.

5:00 PM Day rooms at the King David Hotel

6:15 PM *The U.S.-Israel Relationship: Bringing it All Together*
Closing Dinner
-at the King David Hotel

Closing Dinner
The closing dinner provides an opportunity for participants to process the scope of the week, from the religious center of the Judeo-Christian world in Jerusalem, to the bustling economic powerhouse of Tel Aviv; from the conflict plagued northern borders with Syria and Lebanon, to the environmental and geographical wonders of the Negev desert and the Dead Sea. We will process the range of topics explored, including the U.S.-Israel strategic partnership, prospects for Arab-Israeli peace, the experience of minorities in Israel, as well as greater existential threats throughout the region. Participants will also have the opportunity to share their takeaways, and ask any lingering questions that weren't covered throughout the week.

7:45 PM Depart for airport

11:10 PM	Republicans Depart Tel Aviv (United #91)
12:15 AM (August 14)	Republicans Depart Tel Aviv (Delta #469)

Monday, August 14, 2017 GOP

4:15 AM	Republicans Arrive Newark (United #91)
5:01 AM	Republicans Arrive JFK (Delta #469)
Morning	Domestic flights to DC or home district

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