



# U.S. House of Representatives COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## Member / Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form Original Amendment

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, B-81 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: Ron Wright
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Susan Mazanti Wright OR None   
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: August 8, 2019 Return: August 16, 2019  
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ OR None
4. Departure City: Dallas, TX Destination: Tel Aviv, Israel Return City: Dallas, TX
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): See attached.

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 the 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 attached sponsor's agenda.  
*Signify statement is true by checking the box:*   
 b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

LEGISLATIVE RESOURCE CENTER  
2019 AUG 30 PM 12: 56  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK  
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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.

Member / Officer Signature:

Date: 8/30/2019



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## Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form

Original  Amendment

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 ten 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 8, 2019 Date of Return: August 16, 2019

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): The Honorable Ron Wright and Susan Wright

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 Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$9,173.34	\$1,266.99	\$1,562.59	\$2,393.31 Please find breakdown attached
Accompanying Family Member	\$9,173.34	\$1,266.99	\$1,562.59	\$2,393.31 Please find 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: *Rachel Hirsch* Date: August 29, 2019

Name: Rachel Hirsch Title: In-House Counsel

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: (202) 639-5248 Email: rhirsch@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

1. Name of Traveler: Ronald Wright
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel: Israel
4. a. Date of Departure: August 8, 2019 Date of Return: August 16, 2019  
 b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  Yes  No  
 If yes, list dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense?  Yes  No If yes:  
 (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: Susan Mazanti Wright  
 (2) Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
 (3) Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age:  Yes  No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?  Yes  No  
 b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night 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.**

AIEF is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization with the fundamental purpose of educating policy makers and opinion leaders about the U.S.-Israel relationship. As a U.S. Member of Congress, this trip will provide me with a deeper understanding of U.S.-Israel relations for my official duties and on the Foreign Affairs Committee.

9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, 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.

Signature of Employing Member Ron Wright Date 7/8/2019



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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 website ([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: 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): The Honorable Ron Wright (complete roster attached)
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?  Yes  No
6. Date of Departure: August 8, 2019 Date of Return: August 16, 2019
7.
  - a. City of departure: Dallas, TX
  - b. Destination(s): Tel Aviv, Israel
  - c. City of return: Dallas, TX
8. Check only one. I represent that:
  - 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 only 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 you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_



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10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities 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 only one of the following:*  
 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. *Not Applicable.* 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 and opinion leaders about the U.S.-Israel relationship. AIEF is solely responsible for recruiting, coordinating, executing, and funding all aspects of this trip. This includes the Sabbath dinners hosted by Jerusalem families on Friday night.
13. *Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:*  
 a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (specify: taxis)  
 b. Class of travel: Coach  Business  First  Charter  Other  (specify: charter bus)  
 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. *Check only one.* I represent that either:  
 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): \$149 (includes meals, snacks, and water on the bus)  
 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: The trip will take place in Israel in order to educate members of Congress about the U.S.-Israel relationship.
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- |  |                        |                              |
|--|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Hotel Name: <u>King David - double room</u>                | City: <u>Jerusalem</u> | Cost Per Night: <u>\$367</u> |
| Reason(s) for Selecting: <u>location and affordability</u> |                        |                              |
| Hotel Name: <u>Scots - double room</u>                     | City: <u>Tiberias</u>  | Cost Per Night: <u>\$330</u> |
| Reason(s) for Selecting: <u>location and affordability</u> |                        |                              |
| Hotel Name: <u>Sheraton - day rooms</u>                    | City: <u>Tel Aviv</u>  | Cost Per Night: <u>\$249</u> |
| Reason(s) for Selecting: <u>location and affordability</u> |                        |                              |
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:*

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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	\$6,138.17-\$8,312.17	\$1,207	\$1,046
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$6,138.17-\$8,312.17	\$1,207	\$1,046

	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	\$2,270	Please see breakdown attached
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$2,270	Please see breakdown attached

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19. Check only one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below:  OR
- b. Not Applicable. Trip 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: [Signature] Date: July 3, 2019

Name: Rachel Hirsch

Title: In-House Counsel

Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

Address: 251 H Street NW, Washington DC, 20001

Telephone: (202) 639-5248

Email: rhirsch@aiefdn.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

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July 26, 2019

The Honorable Ronald J. Wright  
U.S. House of Representatives  
428 Cannon House Office Building  
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,<sup>1</sup> scheduled for August 8 to 16, 2019, sponsored by American Israel Education Foundation.

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 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> Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Sergeant at Arms (SAA) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. SAA may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or ohsstaff@mail.house.gov. House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at <https://step.state.gov>.

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

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Theodore E. Deutch in blue ink.

Theodore E. Deutch  
Chairman

Handwritten signature of Kenny Marchant in blue ink.

Kenny Marchant  
Ranking Member

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**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)  
Educational Seminar in Israel  
Republican Members of Congress  
August 8-16, 2019**

**Invitees**

Founded in 1990, the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF) funds Israel Seminars for members of Congress, and other political leaders. These educational seminars allow policy makers to understand the complex historical, religious and geopolitical context of the U.S.-Israel strategic partnership, and the Arab-Israeli conflict. Participants meet with Israeli government officials, military officers, members of the Knesset, U.S. government officials, Palestinian Authority officials and leading academics and journalists. For many of the participants, who make important decisions impacting Israel and the Middle East, these trips are their first, and sometimes, only exposure to the country.

RANK	TITLE	MOC_FIRST	MOC_LAST	P	ST
freshman	Rep.	Kelly	Armstrong	R	ND
freshman	Rep.	Jim	Baird	R	IN
sophomore	Rep.	Troy	Balderson	R	OH
freshman	Rep.	Ben	Cline	R	VA
sophomore	Rep.	Michael	Cloud	R	TX
sophomore	Rep.	John	Curtis	R	UT
sophomore	Rep.	Ron	Estes	R	KS
freshman	Rep.	Russ	Fulcher	R	ID
freshman	Rep.	Anthony	Gonzalez	R	OH
freshman	Rep.	Lance	Gooden	R	TX
freshman	Rep.	Mark	Green	R	TN
sophomore	Rep.	Clay	Higgins	R	LA
5th term	Rep.	Bill	Hulzenga	R	MI
freshman	Rep.	John	Joyce	R	PA
3rd term	Rep.	John	Katko	R	NY
sophomore	Rep.	Debbie	Lesko	R	AZ
Republican leader	Republican Leader	Kevin	McCarthy	R	CA
freshman	Rep.	Dan	Meuser	R	PA
freshman	Rep.	Carol	Miller	R	WV
3rd term	Rep.	Alex	Mooney	R	WV
sophomore	Rep.	Ralph	Norman	R	SC
freshman	Rep.	Greg	Pence	R	IN
freshman	Rep.	Guy	Reschenthaler	R	PA
freshman	Rep.	Denver	Riggleman	R	VA

freshman	Rep.	John	Rose	R	TN
freshman	Rep.	Chip	Roy	R	TX
freshman	Rep.	Ross	Spano	R	FL
freshman	Rep.	Pete	Stauber	R	MN
third term	Rep.	Elise	Stefanik	R	NY
freshman	Rep.	Bryan	Steil	R	WI
freshman	Rep.	Van	Taylor	R	TX
freshman	Rep.	William	Timmons	R	SC
freshman	Rep.	Mike	Waltz	R	FL
freshman	Rep.	Steve	Watkins	R	KS
freshman	Rep.	Ron	Wright	R	TX
McCarthy Staff	Director of Member Services	Natalie	Joyce	R	CA
McCarthy Staff	Chief of Staff	Dan	Meyer	R	CA
McCarthy Staff	Digital Communications Director	Caleb	Smith	R	CA

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)**  
**Educational Seminar in Israel**  
**Republican Members of Congress**  
**August 8-16, 2019**

**Breakdown of Other Expenses**

**Room Rentals: \$725.59 per person**

-The cost of renting rooms at hotels and restaurants for meetings and meals with speakers.

**Security: \$476.47 per person**

-AIEF considers the security of its trip participants as its highest priority. A security team accompanies all participants throughout the trip.

**Meals for contract staff and speakers: \$176.47 per person**

**Hotel Commission \$167 per person for single room; \$92 per person for double room**

-We pay a 7% hotel room commission to the company that books our hotels.

**Speaker Fees: \$164.71 per person**

-Honoraria for guest speakers

**Other: \$164.71 per person**

-Briefing materials, miscellaneous

**Tour Guide: \$158.82 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.

**Hotels for contract staff (tour guide, bus driver, security guards): \$117.65 per person**

**Tips: \$58.82 per person**

-Tips for hotel staff, and hostesses

**Airport Assistance: \$52.94**

-We use a service to help participants navigate passport control and customs.

**Entrance Fees: \$41.18 per person**

-Several sites require an entrance fee, including the southern Western Wall excavations and the holy sites around the Sea of Galilee.

**Photography: \$23.53 per person**

-On each trip we take a group photo with a professional photographer

**Transportation for contract staff and speakers: \$17.65 per person**

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)  
Educational Seminar in Israel  
Republican Members of Congress  
August 8-16, 2019**

**Itinerary**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2019**

Afternoon                Flights depart from various cities for Newark and JFK

Evening                    Flights depart from Newark and JFK to Tel Aviv

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2019**

Afternoon                Flights arrive at Ben Gurion  
Transfer to Jerusalem  
Check-in to the King David Hotel

7:45 PM                    Gather at Jaffa Hall

8:15 PM                    *Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem*  
Traditional Sabbath evening dinners with Jerusalem families  
-at their homes in Jerusalem

10:00 PM                   Overnight at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2019**

7:00 AM                    Breakfast on own  
-at the hotel, Main Dining Hall

7:30 AM                    Depart

9:00 AM                    *History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire*  
Guided survey of the National Archeological Park at Masada

11:30 PM                   Depart for the Dead Sea

12:00 PM                   *Exploration of the Dead Sea Region*  
Followed by lunch  
- at the Crowne Plaza Hotel

2:00 PM                    Depart for Jerusalem

3:30 PM Return to the King David Hotel

4:00 PM Depart for Bethlehem (optional)

4:45 PM *Guided survey of the Church of the Nativity*  
-in Bethlehem

6:00 PM Depart for Jerusalem

6:45 PM Return to King David Hotel

8:00 PM *Start-Up Nation: Israel's Hi-tech Innovation and Ingenuity*  
Hosted by Dan Senor,  
Co-Author, *Start-Up Nation; The Story of Israel's Economic Miracle*;  
Senior Advisor, Elliott Management  
-at the hotel

9:30 PM Overnight at the King David Hotel

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2019**

7:00 AM Breakfast on own

8:00 AM *Joint Press Conference with Congressional Delegations*  
-at the hotel

8:45 AM *Issues in Focus*  
Delegation will break up into various tracks  
Depart from the hotel

1. Agriculture, Volcani Institute, Gilat Research Center
2. CyberSpark, Israeli Cyber Innovation Arena in Beer-Sheva
3. Missile Defense, Palmachim Air Force Base
4. Water, Mekorot Granit Desalination Plant
5. Energy, Noble Energy Receiving Terminal

12:30 PM Groups Reunite at Adeo Restaurant, Kannot

12:30 PM *Strategic Survey of Gaza*  
Lunch with Shimrit Meir, Middle East Analyst  
-at Adeo

1:30 PM *Living Under the Threat of Rocket Fire*  
Survey of Kibbutz with Chen Abrahams, local resident  
-at Adeo

2:30 PM *Iron Dome Briefing*  
-briefing by an Israel Defense Forces soldier

3:30 PM Depart

3:45 PM *U.S.-Israel Strategic Cooperation*  
Visit Iron Dome battery

4:10 PM Bipartisan group photo  
Bipartisan program concludes

4:15 PM Depart

5:00 PM *Visit to Valley of Elah*

5:45 PM Depart for Jerusalem

6:30 PM Arrive at the King David Hotel

7:30 PM Depart hotel for dinner

7:45 PM *Welcome and Orientation*

- The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, Republican Leader
- Dr. Cameron Brown, Director, Jerusalem

-at the Khan

8:15 PM *The Pulse of Israel Today*  
Dinner with David Horovitz  
Editor in Chief, *The Times of Israel*  
-at the Khan

9:45 PM Overnight at the King David, Jerusalem

**MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR PASSPORT**

7:00 AM Breakfast Buffet Opens  
-at the hotel

9:00 AM Depart Hotel

9:30 AM                    *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem: The Historic and Holy Basin*  
 Guided survey of the Old City of Jerusalem:

- City of David
- Robinson's Arch
- Western Wall
- Church of the Holy Sepulcher

12:30 PM                    Depart

12:45 PM                    Change into business attire  
 -at the King David hotel

1:00 PM                    Buffet Lunch  
 -at the King David hotel

1:15 PM                    Israeli Politics Primer  
 Lunch with Dr. Cameron Brown, Director, Jerusalem  
 - At the hotel

2:00 PM                    Depart

2:30 PM                    Security check at the Prime Minister's Office

3:00 PM                    *A View from the Prime Minister's Office*  
 Meeting with the Honorable Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu  
 -at the Prime Minister's Office

4:30 PM                    Depart

5:00 PM                    Arrive at King David Hotel

7:45 PM                    Depart for dinner

8:00 PM                    *Dinner with Israel Defense Forces Soldiers*  
 -at Zappa

10:00 PM                    Overnight at the King David Hotel

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019**

6:00 – 7:00 AM            Optional early morning mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher

7:00 AM                    Breakfast Buffet Opens  
 -at the hotel

8:00 AM *U.S.-Israel Strategic Cooperation*  
Breakfast meeting with Ari Sacher  
Rocket Scientist, Air Superiority Systems Division, Rafael  
-at the hotel

9:15 AM Depart hotel

9:45 AM *Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust*  
Guided survey of Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum

11:45 AM Depart

12:15 PM Lunch  
-at the hotel

12:45 PM *A View from the Opposition*  
Lunch with the Honorable Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Benny Gantz  
Leader of the Opposition, Blue and White Party  
- at the King David hotel

2:00 PM Members only:  
Depart for Ramallah

3:00 PM *A View from the Palestinian Authority*  
Meeting with the Honorable Dr. Mohammad Shtayyeh and  
Dr. Sa'eb Erekat  
-at the Millennium Ramallah Hotel

4:15 PM Depart

5:15 PM Arrive at hotel

7:45 PM Depart for dinner

8:15 PM *The U.S.- Israel Relationship - Dinner with Ambassador David Friedman*  
U.S. Ambassador to Israel  
-at Mamila rooftop

10:00 PM Overnight at the King David Hotel

**PLEASE PACK FOR NEXT DAY'S DEPARTURE**



**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2019**

7:00 AM Check out  
Breakfast is served  
-at the hotel, Ambassador Hall

8:00 AM *Strategic Threats Overview*  
Breakfast meeting with Maj. Gen. (Res.) Amos Yadlin  
Director, The Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)  
-at the hotel

9:25 AM Depart

10:45 AM *Israel's Narrow Waistline*  
Strategic Briefing at Alfei Menashe by Dr. Ian Stern

11:30 AM Depart

1:15 PM Lunch  
-at Yardenit

3:15 PM Depart

4:45 PM *Northern Border Concerns, Part I*  
*The Lebanese Border*  
Meeting with Lt. Col. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi  
Director, Alma Research Center  
-at Misgav Am

5:30 PM The Hizballah Terror Tunnel Threat  
Briefing by Lt.-Col. Jonathan Conricus, IDF Spokesperson Unit  
-Misgav Am

6:00 PM Depart for hotel

7:15 PM Check in to The Scots hotel

8:15 PM Depart for dinner

8:30 PM Dinner  
-at Decks

10:00 PM Overnight at Scots hotel

**PREPARE FOR NEXT DAY'S DEPARTURE**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019**

7:00 – 8:15 AM      Check out  
Breakfast on own  
-at the hotel

7:45 AM              Optional Mass at the Mount of Beatitudes

8:15 AM              Depart

8:30 AM              *Historical Significance and Geopolitical Significance of the Sea of Galilee*  
*Survey to Historical and Religious sites around the Sea of Galilee*  
▪ Mt. of the Beatitudes – Sermon on the Mount  
▪ St. Peter’s Church – Primacy of Peter  
▪ Capernaum – Jesus’s Village

10:30 AM            Depart for the Golan Heights

11:30 AM            *Northern Border Concerns, Part II*  
*The Syrian Border*  
Briefing with Cpt. (Ret.) Ilan Shulman  
Northern Border Expert  
-at Coffee Anan, Mount Bental

12:45 PM            Depart

1:00 PM              Lunch  
-at Habokrim

2:00 PM              Depart for Tel Aviv

5:00 PM              Arrive at the Sheraton Hotel (day rooms)

6:00 PM              Depart

6:30 PM              *The U.S.-Israel Relationship: Bringing it All Together*  
Closing Dinner  
-at L28 Restaurant

8:45 PM              Depart for airport

Evening              Depart for Newark, JFK, and Dulles

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2019**

Early morning            Flights arrive at Newark, JFK, and Dulles

Morning                 Flights depart for various cities from Newark, JFK, and Dulles

**Waller, Caroline**

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**From:** jperetz@aiefdn.org  
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**AMERICAN ISRAEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

January 28, 2019

Representative Ron Wright  
428 Cannon House Office Building  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Wright,

On behalf of the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF), we would like to invite you and your family guest, to participate in an educational seminar in Israel for Republican members of Congress, August 8-16, 2019. The trip will depart Thursday afternoon, August 8; and return to the U.S. on Friday morning, August 16. The program will include two days of programming with Democratic members of Congress, visiting Israel at the same time. Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy will be the senior member traveling with the delegation.

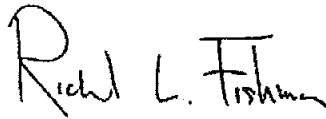
This seminar will delve into some of the most difficult issues facing Israel and the region. Israeli leaders from across the political spectrum, along with Palestinian leaders, will explore the peace negotiations and the obstacles to peace, the myriad of security threats facing the region, and the strategic relationship between the United States and Israel. Participants will hear a wide array of viewpoints, including discussions with: members of the Israeli Knesset and the Palestinian Authority; U.S. government officials; military

leaders; heads of non-governmental organizations; and prominent academics and journalists. The program will also include visits to historic and religious sites in Jerusalem and the Galilee.

All trip-related expenses will be paid for by AIEF, and all aspects of the trip will be in full conformity with House Ethics rules. AIEF will provide additional information to assure your compliance with ethics rules.

We hope you will be able to join us on what promises to be a rich, insightful and educational trip. To confirm your participation, please complete the confirmation form, and return to [sallen@aiefdn.org](mailto:sallen@aiefdn.org). Please also take a moment to review Frequently Asked Questions. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Peretz at (202) 639-5192 or [jperetz@aiefdn.org](mailto:jperetz@aiefdn.org).

Sincerely,



Richard Fishman  
Executive Director, AIEF

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**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)  
Educational Seminar in Israel  
Republican Members of Congress  
August 8-16, 2019**

**FINAL Breakdown of Other Expenses**

Room Rentals: \$698.46 per person

-The cost of renting rooms at hotels and restaurants for meetings and meals with speakers.

Security: \$544.83 per person

-AIEF considers the security of its trip participants as its highest priority. A security team accompanies all participants throughout the trip.

Other: \$268.21 per person

-Briefing materials, tips, miscellaneous

Hotels for contract staff (tour guide, bus driver, security guards): \$224.25 per person

Tour Guide: \$186.39 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: \$175.12 per person

-Honoraria for guest speakers

Meals for contract staff and speakers: \$151.31 per person

Airport Assistance: \$72.96 per person

-We use a service to help participants navigate passport control and customs.

Entrance Fees: \$38.38 per person

-Several sites require an entrance fee, including the southern Western Wall excavations and the holy sites around the Sea of Galilee.

Photography: \$18.54 per person

-On each trip we take a group photo with a professional photographer

Transportation for contract staff and speakers: \$14.86 per person