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, 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: Rep. Angie Craig

2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Cheryl Greene
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse  ☐ Child  ☐ Other (specify): ___

   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: ___ OR None ☐

4. Departure City: Minneapolis  Destination: Tel Aviv  Return City: Minneapolis

5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Meetings and events attended were for educational purposes to further inform my decisions in matters regarding Middle East security and aid to Israel as it pertains to my official duties.

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: ___

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: 11/22/2019

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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 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: November 2, 2019  Date of Return: November 10, 2019

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): The Honorable Angie Craig and Ms. Cheryl Greene
   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:

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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: [Signature] Date: November 21, 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: Representative Angie Craig

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: November 2, 2019 Date of Return: November 10, 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: Cheryl Greene
   (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.
   I am asked to vote on military assistance to Israel and would like to see first-hand where that assistance is invested and the need.

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 Angie Craig

Date October 2, 2019
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) 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 Angie Craig (complete roster attached)

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

6. Date of Departure: November 2, 2019 Date of Return: November 10, 2019

7. a. City of departure: Minneapolis, MN
   b. Destination(s): Tel Aviv, Israel
   c. City of return: Minneapolis, MN

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 dinner hosted by a Jerusalem family on Friday night.

13. Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:
   a. Mode of travel: Air ☑ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☑ Other ☐ (specify: taxi)
   b. Class of travel: Coach ☐ Business ☑ First ☐ Charter ☑ Other ☐ (specify: charter bus in Israel)
   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: King David - double room City: Jerusalem Cost Per Night: $386
   Reason(s) for Selecting: location and affordability
   Hotel Name: Sheraton - double room City: Tel Aviv Cost Per Night: $391
   Reason(s) for Selecting: location and affordability
   Hotel Name: Galei Kinrenet - double room City: Tiberias Cost Per Night: $375
   Reason(s) for Selecting: location and affordability

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:

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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: September 26, 2019

Rachel Hirsch

Name: ____________________________________________

Title: In-House Counsel

Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

Address: 251 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20001

Telephone: (202) 639-6248

Email: rhirsch@aiefdn.org

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

Committee on Ethics
U.S. House of Representatives
1015 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515
Phone: 202-225-7103  General Fax: 202-225-7392

Version date 12/2018 by Committee on Ethics
Ms. Angie Craig  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1523 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your spouse’s proposed trip to Israel,

scheduled for November 2 to 10, 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.

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,

Theodore E. Deutch
Chairman

Kenny Marchant
Ranking Member

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American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
Women Members of Congress
November 2-10, 2019

FINAL Breakdown of Other Expenses

Security: $1,327.27 per person
-AIEF considers the security of its trip participants as its highest priority. A security team accompanies all participants throughout the trip.

Speaker Fees: $925.16 per person
-Honoraria for guest speakers

Hotels for contract staff (tour guide, bus driver, security guards): $371.04 per person

Tour Guide: $334.45 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.

Meals for contract staff and speakers: $317.19 per person

Other: $191.95 per person
-Briefing materials, miscellaneous

Room Rentals: $178.81 per person
-The cost of renting rooms at hotels and restaurants for meetings and meals with speakers.

Airport Assistance: $108.52
-We use a service to help participants navigate passport control and customs.

Photography: $54.96 per person
-On each trip we take a group photo with a professional photographer

Transportation for contract staff and speakers: $49.92 per person

Entrance Fees: $38.47 per person
-Several sites require an entrance fee, including the southern Western Wall excavations and the holy sites around the Sea of Galilee.

Tips: $7.63 per person
-Tips for hotel staff
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FINAL Itinerary

Saturday, November 2, 2019
Afternoon Depart from various airports

Evening Arrive Newark

11:00 PM Depart Newark

Sunday, November 3, 2019
3:20 PM Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport

En route:
*Shalom Jerusalem:*
*Introduction to the History of the City*

5:00 PM Check in to the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

6:30 PM *Welcome and Orientation*
- The Honorable Debbie Wasserman Schultz
- Marilyn Rosenthal, Washington DC
- Becky Strapp, Jerusalem
  - at the King David Hotel, Ambassador Garden Hall

7:30 PM *Zionism and Feminism*
Dinner with Dr. Einat Wilf
Senior Fellow, Jewish People Policy Institute
  - at the King David Hotel, Ambassador Garden Hall

9:30 PM Overnight at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
Monday, November 4, 2019
PLEASE BRING YOUR PASSPORT

7:45 AM  Breakfast is served
           - at the hotel, Olive Hall

8:00 AM  *The Pulse of Israel Today*
           Breakfast with David Horowitz
           Editor, Times of Israel
           - at the hotel, Olive Hall

9:20 AM  *Israeli Politics Primer*
           Coffee with Lahav Harkov
           Senior Contributing Editor, Jerusalem Post
           - at the hotel, Olive Hall

10:20 AM Session ends, depart

11:00 AM Security check

11:30 AM *A View from the Prime Minister’s Office*
          Meeting with The Honorable Binyamin Netanyahu
          Prime Minister of Israel
          - at the Prime Minister’s Office

12:45 PM Depart

1:15 PM  *Israeli Democracy in Action*
          Lunch with Members of Knesset:
           ▪ The Honorable Stav Shaffir, Democratic Union Party
           ▪ The Honorable Pnina Tamama-Shato, Blue and White Party
           - at Anna

2:00 PM  Depart

2:30 PM  *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part I:*
           *The Old City and Holy Basin*
           ▪ Southern Wall Excavations
           ▪ Western Wall
           ▪ Church of the Holy Sepulchre

4:00 PM  Depart
4:30 PM  The U.S.-Israel Relationship Part I  
Meeting with U.S. Ambassador David Friedman  
- at the U.S Embassy

5:30 PM  Families Affected by Terror  
Meeting with Racheli Frankel  
- at the U.S Embassy

6:30 PM  Depart for hotel

7:45 PM  Depart for dinner

8:00 PM  Tikkun Olam- How Israel Repairs the World  
Dinner with:  
- Molly Bernstein, Program Director, IsraAid  
- Galit Sasson, Senior Water Treatment Engineer, Mekorot  
- Cathy Sebag, Former Program Manager, MobileODT  
- Sivan Ya’ari. Founder and CEO, Innovation: Africa  
- at Touro

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

PLEASE PREPARE FOR NEXT DAY'S CHECK-OUT

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**Tuesday, November 5, 2019**

PLEASE BRING YOUR PASSPORT  
Check out  
Luggage in the lobby

7:30 AM  Breakfast is served  
- at the hotel, Olive Hall

7:45 AM  Prospects for Peace  
Breakfast with Dr. Tal Becker  
Senior Fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute  
- at the hotel, Olive Hall

9:00 AM  Depart

9:30 AM  The Meaning of the Holocaust in Israeli Society  
Guided visit to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum and Wreath Laying Ceremony
12:00 PM  Depart

12:30 PM  Lunch
- at Caffit

1:30 PM  Depart

2:30 PM  MEMBERS ONLY:
        A View from the Palestinian Authority
        Meeting with Dr. Saeb Erekat
        Secretary-General, PLO
        - at his office in Ramallah

        FAMILY GUESTS:
        Alternative Programming:
        The Israel Museum

3:45 PM  Depart

5:00 PM  Check in to Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv

7:45 PM  Depart for dinner

8:00 PM  Israel's Civil Society
        Dinner with:
        ▪ Ashager Araro
        ▪ Chen Arieli, Deputy Mayor of Tel Aviv
        ▪ Shirin Natour Hafi, Principal, New Arabic High School
        - at Goshen

10:00 PM  Overnight at the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv

Wednesday, November 6, 2019
8:00 AM  Breakfast is served

8:15 AM  Regional Threats Assessment
        Breakfast with Shimrit Meir
        - at the hotel, Topaz Hall

9:15 AM  Depart
9:45 AM  
_Save a Child’s Heart_
- Briefing at Wolfson Medical Center
- Visit to Recovery Home

11:15 AM  
_Israel’s Southern Front_
Depart for the Gaza Envelope Region

12:15 PM  
_Living Under the Threat of Missiles_
Meeting with Michal Zur, Local Resident
- at Kibbutz Erez

1:15 PM  
Depart, lunch en route

2:30 PM  
Arrive at hotel

6:30 PM  
_A View from the Opposition_
Meeting with the Honorable Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Benny Gantz
Head of the Opposition, Member of Knesset, Blue & White Party
- at the hotel, Emerald Hall

7:30 PM  
Depart for dinner

8:00 PM  
_Women of Start Up Nation_
Dinner with Wendy Singer
Executive Director, Start Up Nation Central
and female entrepreneurs:
- Michal Aimelek, Tech- Career
- Inbal Reichler, Founder, Wave-Ability
- Shimrit Tzur-David, Secret Double Octopus
- at 2C

10:00 PM  
Overnight at the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv

**PLEASE PREPARE FOR NEXT DAY'S CHECK-OUT**

_Thursday, November 7, 2019_
Check out
Luggage in the lobby

8:15 AM  
Breakfast is served
- at the hotel, Topaz Hall
8:45 AM  
*Settlements in Focus*
Discussion with
- Yariv Oppenheimer, Director, “Two State Coalition”
- The Honorable Oded Revivi, Mayor of Efrat
  - at the hotel, Topaz Hall

9:45 AM  
Depart

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

11:15 AM  
Depart

12:30 PM  
*Minorities in Israel – the Druze Experience Lunch*
- at Nura’s Kitchen

1:45 PM  
Depart

En route briefings:
- *The Jezreel Valley –*
  - *Strategic Land Bridge Between Africa and Asia*
- *Upper Galilee – Potential for Development*

3:45 PM  
*Northern Exposure – Part I: Hizballah Next Door*
Strategic briefing on Israel’s border with Lebanon
Briefing by Lt. Col. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi
Director, Alma Research Center
- at Dovev

4:30 PM  
Depart

5:30 PM  
Check in to Galei Kinneret Hotel

6:45 PM  
Depart for dinner

7:00 PM  
*Dinner and discussion*
- at Decks

9:00 PM  
Overnight at U-Boutique Hotel

PLEASE PREPARE FOR NEXT DAY’S CHECK-OUT
Friday, November 8, 2019
Check out
Luggage in the lobby

7:45 AM
The U.S.-Israel Relationship Part I
Breakfast with Daniel Shapiro
- at the hotel, Kinneret Hall

8:45 AM
Depart

9:00 AM
Historical, Religious and Geopolitical Significance of the Sea of Galilee
- Mt. of Beatitudes – Sermon on the Mount
- Primacy of Peter Church

10:30 AM
Depart for the Golan Heights

11:30 AM
Northern Exposure Part II: The Tragedy in Syria
Briefing on the Israel-Syria border by Cpt. (Res.) Ilan Shulman, Northern Border Expert
- at Kibbutz Merom Golan

12:45 PM
Women in the IDF
Lunch with Israel Defense Forces Soldiers
- at HaBokrim

2:00 PM
Travel back to Jerusalem via the Jordan Valley

En route briefings:
- Israel’s Relations with Jordan
- Jordan’s Syrian Refugee Crisis

5:30 PM
Check in to the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

7:00 PM
Depart for Dinner

7:30 PM
Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem
Shabbat dinner hosted by Tamar and Tani Benovitz
- at their home

9:30 PM
Overnight at the King David Hotel
Saturday, November 9, 2019

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

8:30 AM  Depart

En route briefings:
- Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor
- The Dead Sea Region – Environmental Concerns

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

10:00 AM Depart

10:30 AM Exploration of the Dead Sea Region
        - at Herods Hotel

12:00 PM Depart for Jerusalem

1:30 PM  Lunch in the Old City
        - at Golden Panoramic

4:00 PM  Prepare for Departure

6:00 PM  The U.S.-Israel Relationship – Bringing it all Together
         Closing dinner
         - at the hotel, Olive Hall

8:00 PM  Depart for Ben-Gurion Airport

11:10 PM Depart Israel

Sunday, November 10, 2019

4:30 AM  Arrive Newark

Morning  Depart for various airports
American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
Women Members of Congress
November 2-10, 2019

Invitees

1. The Honorable Angie Craig (D-MN)
2. The Honorable Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA)
3. The Honorable Brenda Lawrence (D-MI)
4. The Honorable Susie Lee (D-NV)
5. The Honorable Martha Roby (R-AL)
6. The Honorable Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ)
7. The Honorable Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL)
8. The Honorable Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ)
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Breakdown of Other Expenses

Security: $1,147.06 per person
-AIEF considers the security of its trip participants as its highest priority. A security team accompanies all participants throughout the trip.

Speaker Fees: $647.06 per person
-Honoraria for guest speakers

Tour Guide: $264.71 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): $194.12 per person

Meals for contract staff and speakers: $188.24 per person

Room Rentals: $176.47 per person
-The cost of renting rooms at hotels and restaurants for meetings and meals with speakers.

Airport Assistance: $58.82
-We use a service to help participants navigate passport control and customs.

Entrance Fees: $52.94 per person
-Several sites require an entrance fee, including the southern Western Wall excavations and the holy sites around the Sea of Galilee.

Transportation for contract staff and speakers: $35.29 per person

Photography: $29.41 per person
-On each trip we take a group photo with a professional photographer

Other: $29.41 per person
-Briefing materials, miscellaneous

Tips: $6.76 per person
-Tips for hotel staff, and hostesses
American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
Women Members of Congress
November 2-10, 2019

Itinerary

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019
Afternoon
Depart from various airports

Evening
Arrive Newark

11:00 PM
Depart Newark

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019
3:20 PM
Arrival at Ben-Gurion Airport
Transfer to Jerusalem
Check into the King David Hotel

7:00 PM
Depart for dinner

7:15-7:45 PM
Welcome and Orientation
  ▪ The Honorable Debbie Wasserman Schultz
  ▪ Marilyn Rosenthal, Washington DC
  ▪ Becky Strapp, Jerusalem
  -at Touro

7:45-9:45 PM
Zionism and Feminism
Dinner with Dr. Einat Wilf, Senior Fellow,
Jewish People Policy Institute
-at Touro

Zionism and Feminism
Dr. Einat Wilf is a leading intellectual and original thinker on matters of foreign policy, economics, educations, and Israel and the Jewish people. A member of the Israeli Parliament from 2010-2013, Dr. Wilf is considered one of Israel’s most articulate representatives on the international stage. She is the author of six books that explore key issues in Israel Society. During this opening dinner, Dr. Wilf will discuss the role of women in Zionism, and diplomacy, as well as the treatment of women in Israel and the broader region.

9:45 PM
Overnight at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019
7:45 AM Breakfast served
- at the hotel

8:15-9:15 AM The Pulse of Israel Today
Breakfast with David Horovitz, Editor, Times of Israel
-at the hotel

The Pulse of Israel Today
David Horovitz is the founding editor of Times of Israel, the leading current affairs website in Israel. Mr. Horovitz is will provide staff with a synthesis of domestic political trends, current international affairs and the general state of mind of the Israeli voters.

9:15 AM Depart hotel

9:30 AM-12:30 PM Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part I:
The Old City and the Holy Basin
Guided survey of the Old City

The 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 these sites and others, educating trip participants on their historical impact and their role in today’s political discussions.

12:30 PM Depart

1:00-1:45 PM Israeli Politics Primer
Lunch with Lahav Harkov, Senior Contributing Editor, Jerusalem Post
-at Anna

Israeli Politics Primer
It is critical for trip participants to understand how Israel’s parliamentary party system works, how coalitions rise and fall, and how Israeli politics differ from American politics. Since the group will
be visiting with government officials throughout the week, we believe it’s important to provide
this overview early in the seminar. This seminar will take place during Prime Minister Benjamin
Netanyahu’s second attempt at forming a coalition, which comes after recently-held second
elections and the dissolution of the government. Lahav Harkov will explain the Israeli political
system, and also provide an update on the unprecedented political dynamics currently taking place
in the Jewish state.

1:45-2:45 PM

*Israeli Democracy in Action*
Dessert and Coffee with Female Members of Knesset:
- The Honorable Gila Gamliel, Likud
- The Honorable Stav Shaffir, Democratic Union
- The Honorable Pnina Tamama-Shato, Blue and White
-at Anna

**Israeli Democracy in Action**
The delegation will have the opportunity to hear from women members of Parliament from three
of the nation’s parties, including Likud, Blue and White, and Democratic Union. Each of these
members will share their party’s platform, key areas of focus, and their current status in coalition
talks.

2:45 PM

Depart

3:15-3:45 PM

*Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part II:
Post-1967 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
decreased 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.

3:45 PM
Depart

4:00-5:00 PM
*The U.S.-Israel Relationship*
Meeting with U.S. Ambassador David Friedman
-at the Jerusalem Embassy

**The U.S-Israel Relationship**
Every member delegation has the opportunity to meet with the U.S. Ambassador to Israel. Ambassador David Friedman was the first bilateral ambassador to be confirmed in the Trump Administration. Prior to his appointment as ambassador, Mr. Friedman was a nationally top-ranked attorney, and a founding partner of Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman of New York, New York. He frequently represented high-profile clients in large and significant cases and has published articles and lectured on novel and complex areas of law. Ambassador Friedman has played a lead role in negotiating multilateral disputes in some of the nation’s most complex business and financial restructurings. Well known for his excellent public speaking, negotiating and interpersonal skills, Ambassador Friedman has been active for decades in U.S. policy as it relates to Israel and the Middle East. He speaks and reads Hebrew and has traveled to Israel extensively. Ambassador Friedman earned a J.D. from New York University School of Law.

5:00 PM
Depart for hotel

7:30 PM
Depart for dinner

7:45-9:45 PM
*Tikkun Olam- How Israel Repairs the World*
Dinner with:
- Molly Bernstein, Program Director, IsraAid
- Galit Sasson, Senior Water Treatment Engineer, Mekorot
- Cathy Sebag, former Program Manager, MobileODT
- Sivan Ya’ari, Founder and CEO, Innovation: Africa
-at the Kinor Bakikar

**Tikkun Olam**
One of the major tenets of Judaism is “Tikkun Olam,” to “repair the world.” This dinner will focus on representatives from organizations seeking to make the world a better place in various sectors. This evening will be a dinner 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 work in the developing world.

9:45 PM
Overnight at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
PLEASE PACK FOR NEXT DAY’S CHECKOUT

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019
Checkout, luggage in the lobby
PLEASE BRING YOUR PASSPORT

7:30 AM Breakfast is served
- at the hotel

7:45-8:45 AM Prospects for Peace
Breakfast with Dr. Tal Becker,
Legal Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- at the hotel

Tal Becker
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. Dr. Tal Becker was most recently a senior member of the Israeli peace negotiation team. In this position, he is on the front lines of many of Israel's most pressing diplomatic, legal and policy challenges. He 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.

8:45 AM Depart

9:15-11:15 AM The Meaning of the Holocaust in the Israeli Psyche
Visit to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum

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.

11:15 AM  Depart

12:30-1:30 PM  MEMBERS ONLY:
_A View from the Palestinian Authority_
Lunch with the Honorable Mahmoud Abbas
-at the Office of the President, Muqataa

_A View from the Palestinian Authority_
During each seminar, we invite a representative of the Palestinian Authority to address the group. Our speaker will present the current state of Palestinian Authority Affairs, including the Palestinian perspective on the issues of the day, as well as relations with Israel and prospects for peace.

_FAMILY GUESTS:_
Alternative Programming (may include one of the following)
- Mt. of Olives
- Church of Gethsemane
- The Israel Museum

1:30 PM  Depart

2:45 PM  Arrive at the Prime Minister’s Office
_MULTIPLE GROUPS:_

3:15-4:15 PM  _A View from the Prime Minister’s Office_
Meeting with the Israeli Prime Minister
-at the Prime Minister’s Office

_Meeting with The Honorable Benjamin Netanyahu_
Every member delegation has the opportunity to meet with Israel’s Prime Minister. Prime Minister Netanyahu is currently working to form a coalition government for the second time this year. Israeli’s just had a historical second election in September, after the Prime Minister was unable to form a coalition earlier this year.

4:30 PM  Depart

6:00 PM  Check into the Sheraton Hotel

7:45 PM  Depart for Dinner
8:00-9:45 PM  
*Israel’s Civil Society*  
Dinner with:  
- Chen Arieli, Deputy Mayor, Tel Aviv  
- Shirin Natour Hafi, Principal, New Arabic High School  
- Racheli Yaso, Development Officer and Visiting Relations Director, Yemin Orde  
-at Lumina

**Israeli’s Civil Society**  
This program will be a dinner discussion with Israelis representing some of the various societal sectors—all integral parts of the fabric of Israeli society and broader identity. The evening will be an opportunity to gain insight into the Israeli population as a whole, to learn what governs the perspective and decisions of various sectors and to explore how each of the sectors represented fits into Israeli society and informs the collective national narrative.

9:45 PM  
Overnight at Sheraton Tel Aviv

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019**

8:00 AM  
Breakfast is served

8:15-9:15 AM  
*Regional Threat Assessment*  
Breakfast with Brig.-Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel  
Immediate Past Director, Counter-Terrorism Bureau at the Office of the Prime Minister  
-at the hotel

**Strategic Threats Overview**  
Before the delegation visits Israel’s southern border with Gaza, and then heads north to the borders with Lebanon and Syria, it is critical to understand the threats faced by Israel from these three areas, all Iranian proxies. The briefing will cover the unique situation at each border, as well as the malign activity from Iran contributing to unrest in the region.

9:15 AM  
Depart

9:45-11:15 AM  
*Save a Child’s Heart*  
Briefing at Wolfson Medical Center and Visit to Recovery Home-Tamar Shapira, Dr. Dayan (Female Dr)

**Save a Child’s Heart**  
Save a Child’s Heart (SACH) is an Israeli-based international, non-profit organization. SACH is committed to saving lives by improving the quality of cardiac care for children from developing countries and creating centers of medical competence in these countries. SACH Israel has saved the lives of over 3,700 children from 50 countries where adequate medical care is simply unavailable. Approximately 50% of these children are from the Palestinian Authority, Jordan, Iraq and Morocco (countries with whom Israel has either no diplomatic relations or who are in a
state of war with Israel). More than 30% are from Africa, and the remainder are from Asia, Eastern Europe, and the Americas. These children are treated at the Wolfson Medical Center and housed at the Legacy Heritage Children’s Home of Save a Child’s Heart, both located in Holon.

11:15 AM  Depart

12:15-1:15 PM  
Living Under the Threat of Missiles
Meeting with Michal Zur, Local Resident
-at Kibbutz Erez

Living Under the Threat of Missiles
Since 2001, Israeli communities bordering the Gaza Strip have been living under the threat of rocket fire. Since the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip in 2005 and the Hamas takeover of the Gaza Strip in 2007, the volume, range, and accuracy of the rockets has only increased. The summer of 2014 witnessed Operation Protective Edge, which returned the issue of rocket fire from Gaza to international headlines. At Kibbutz Erez, participants will be able to see the border between Israel and the Gaza Strip, to better comprehend the landscape of the region, as well as the unique challenges faced by this area. The visit to Kibbutz Erez and meeting with a local resident will help the participants better understand the reality of living just kilometers from Israel’s border with Gaza, to learn how over 15 years of rocket fire has shaped those living in the communities most affected, to discuss the advent of Hamas “terror tunnels” into Israel’s border towns and how communities have sought to cope with the threat on their doorstep, both physically and psychologically.

1:15 PM  Depart
Lunch En Route

2:30-3:30 PM  
Meeting with the Honorable Benny Gantz
-at the hotel

Meeting with the Honorable Benny Gantz
The Honorable Benny Gantz served as the 20th Chief of General Staff of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) from 2011 to 2015. In 2019, he started the Blue and White Party—named after the colors of the Israeli flag – along with Yair Lapid and Moshe Ya’alon. In the March elections, the new opposition party, The Blue and White Party, managed to attain the same number of seats as Prime Minister Netanyahu’s Likud party. Netanyahu, tasked with forming a coalition government, was unable to do so, and Israelis had a second election in September. Prime Minister Netanyahu was again tasked with forming a coalition, and talks will be underway during this seminar.

3:30 PM  Depart for the Azrieli Center

4:15-5:00 PM  
360 Birds Eye View of Israel
-from atop the Arieli Center

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Azrieli Center Rooftop
From the rooftop of the Azrieli center, participants will be standing at the highest observatory in the Middle East. The panoramic view stretches from Ashkelon in the south to Hadera in the north. On a clear day one can see almost 70 percent of the country, as far as Jerusalem to the East. The importance of this visit is to provide participants a geostrategic viewpoint from which to understand the narrow waistline of Israel, which at its narrowest spans 9 miles from the Mediterranean to the West Bank. Additionally, the area visible from this vantage point—referred to as the Gedera-Hadera corridor—comprises a small rectangle of land that can be covered lengthwise in under an hour. This section of Israel includes over 50% of Israel’s population, economic infrastructure, as well as its only International Airport.

5:00 PM  Depart for hotel

7:30 PM  Depart

8:00-9:30 PM  Women of Start Up Nation
Dinner with Wendy Singer, Executive Director, Start Up Nation Central
and female entrepreneurs
- at Start Up Nation Central

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 evening’s Start-Up Nation dinner will include a discussion with entrepreneurs representing Israeli innovation and ingenuity that has had enormous impact both in Israel and abroad.

9:30 PM  Overnight at Sheraton Tel Aviv
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2019
Check out, luggage in the lobby

8:45 AM  Breakfast is served

9:00-10:15 AM  Settlements in Focus
Breakfast Discussion with
- Yariv Oppenheimer, Director of “Two State Coalition”
- Miri Maoz, International Desk Director, Binyamin Region
- at the hotel

Settlements in Focus
Israeli settlement policy is one of the more complex issues in the ongoing negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians. Miri Maoz works on behalf of the Binyamin Region, which governs close to 50 settlements in the West Bank. Yariv Oppenheimer is the former head of Peace now, and
current director of the Two state Coalition. This session provides an opportunity for members to get an insider’s perspective on Israeli settlement policy, the differing views among Israeli citizens, and the role settlements play in the current political climate.

10:15 AM  
Depart

11:00 AM-12:00 PM  
Israel’s Narrow Waist Line  
Briefing with Ian Stern  
-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.

12:00-1:30 PM  
Depart  
Lunch in a Druze village – Dalyat El-Karmel  
-at Nura’s Kitchen

Lunch in a Druze village – Dalyat El-Karmel
The Israeli Druze are a unique religious and ethnic minority among Arab citizens of Israel. In 2019, there were 143,000 Druze living in Israel1.6% of the total population of the country. Male members of the Druze community serve in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), and many have attained top positions in Israeli politics and public service. This lunch will allow participants to visit a traditional Druze village and have lunch with a family there.

1:30 PM  
Depart for the North

3:30-4:30 PM  
En route briefings:  
The Jezreel Valley and the Upper Galilee

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 survey of 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 Buffett’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.

4:30-5:30 PM  
Northern Border Exposure, Part I: Hizballah Next Door  
Briefing at the Border with Lebanon  
With Lt. Col. (res.) Sarit Zehavi  
-at Dovev

Israel’s Northern Border Exposure, Part I: Hizballah next Door
Lt. Col. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi served 15 years in the IDF in Military Intelligence—first in the Research and Analysis Branch, and later in the Northern Command. During her military service she briefed hundreds of delegations, ranging from U.S. Senators, Congressmen and politicians to global military commanders, senior journalists, and visiting VIP delegations. She is the founder/director of Alma, an educational research center focusing on the security issues of Israel’s northern border. Zehavi has authored many position papers focusing on Lebanon, Syria, and
Israel’s national security challenges, and continues to brief delegations on these topics. She holds an MA in Middle East Studies from Ben Gurion University and is a resident of the northern Galilee region. She will brief the group on the current threats facing Israel by Iranian backed Hizballah in Lebanon.

5:30 PM  Depart
6:30 PM  Check into Galei Kinneret
8:00 PM  Depart for dinner
8:15-10:00 PM  *Dinner and Discussion*  
  -at Decks

**Dinner and Discussion**
We will use this dinner as an opportunity to discuss the speakers and topics we have experienced to date. We have found giving our participants an opportunity to discuss the topics and perspectives presented to them assists them in their ability to more fully understand the complexities Israel faces.

10:00 PM  Overnight at Galei Kinneret, Tiberias

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2019**

Check out, luggage in the lobby

7:45 AM  Breakfast on own  
  - at the hotel, Main Dining Hall
8:30 AM  Depart

9:00-10:30 AM  *Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee*  
Guided survey of historical and religious sites:  
  - Mt. of Beatitudes  
  - Church of the Primacy of Peter

**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 survey and discussion of some of the most important events in the life of Jesus by the Sea of Galilee. Just as strategic surveys in 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 a discussion through St. Peter’s Church.
10:30 AM  Depart, travel to the Golan Heights

11:30 AM-12:45 PM  
*Northern Border Exposure, Part II: The Tragedy in Syria*
Briefing at the border with Syria
Briefing by Cpt. (Res.) Ilan Shulman
- at Merom Golan

**Ilan Shulman**
Captain (Res.) Ilan Shulman, a disabled IDF veteran, divides his time guiding geopolitical tours on the Galilee and Golan Heights, lecturing to students, giving geo-political briefings for delegations through various Israeli foreign ministry programs, and fulfilling his IDF reserve duties in the Northern Command’s intelligence unit. Shulman was raised in Kibbutz Merom Golan near Israel’s border with Syria, where one of his favorite jobs was herding the kibbutz cattle. Shulman served in the IDF’s paratrooper’s unit, rising to the position of company commander. He holds a BA in Israel and Middle East Studies. During this session he will take participants to the border between Israel and Syria and provide an overview of the Syrian civil war.

12:45-2:00 PM  
*Women in the IDF*
Lunch with Israel Defense Forces Soldiers
-at HaBokrim

**Women in the IDF**
Israel is one of the few countries in the world with a mandatory military service requirement for women—presently women serve for 2 years and 4 months after high school. Women are represented in all units of the army, including combat roles. During this lunch, the delegation will have a chance to hear from a diverse group of women serving in various units of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF).

2:00 PM  Depart
Travel back to Jerusalem via the Jordan Valley

2:00-3:00 PM  
*Israel’s Relations with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan*

**Israel’s Relations with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan**
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.

5:30 PM  
Check into the King David Hotel

7:00 PM  
Depart for dinner

7:15-9:15 PM  
*Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem*
Dinner hosted by Tamar and Tani Benovitz
- at their home in Jerusalem

**Reflections on 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. Eighty 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, holding 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.

9:15 PM  
Overnight at the King David Hotel

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2019**

7:00 AM  
Breakfast on own
- at the hotel

7:30 AM  
Depart for Dead Sea Area

7:30-9:00 AM  
En route briefing:
*Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor*

**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 boundaryinto
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.

9:00-10:00 AM  
*History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire*  
Guided survey of the Masada National Park

**Masada**

The Sabbath in Israel begins Friday afternoon and concludes on Saturday evening. 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 and, 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 one hour atop of Masada with a professional guide. The time at Masada with the guide is focused on three areas: 1. surveying the magnificent ancient excavations; 2. learning the narrative of Jewish resistance to the Romans backed by the archeological and historical evidence; and 3. discussing the importance of the Masada story to the contemporary Middle East and the threats in the region.

10:00 AM  
Depart

10:30 AM-12:00 PM  
*The Dead Sea Region*  
- at Herods Hotel

**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 that 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.

12:00 PM  Depart for Jerusalem
2:00-4:00 PM  Lunch in the Old City
             -at Golden Panoramic
4:00 PM  Prepare for Departure
6:00-8:00 PM  The U.S.-Israel Relationship: Bringing It All Together
             Closing dinner
             - at the 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, and 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 during the week.

8:00 PM  Depart for the airport
11:10 PM  Depart Israel
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019

4:30 AM      Arrive Newark

Morning      Depart for various airports