



# 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: Peter Welch
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Margaret Cheney OR None   
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: November 1, 2019 Return: November 8, 2019  
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ OR None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Tel Aviv, Israel and <sup>PW</sup> Jerusalem Return City: Burlington, VT
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: J Street Education Fund
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):  
See attached itinerary

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: 11/22/19



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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.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: J Street Education Fund (JSEF)

2. Travel Destination(s): Tel Aviv, Israel and Jerusalem

3. Date of Departure: November 1, 2019 Date of Return: November 8, 2019

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Peter Welch and Margaret Cheney

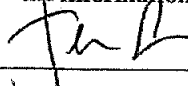
Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if *all* information is *identical* for each person listed.

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	\$10,918.90	\$2,413.68	\$814.10	Please see attached document.
Accompanying Family Member	\$10,918.90	\$135.60	\$814.10	Please see attached document.

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:  Date: 11.22.19

Name: Jessica Smith Title: COO

Organization: J Street Education Fund

I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box:

Address: PO Box 66073 Washington, DC 200035

Telephone: 202.448.1607 Email: madeleine@jstreet.org

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

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



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## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Peter Welch +

2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: J Street Education Fund, Len Hill Charitable Trust

3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Tel Aviv, Israel and Jerusalem

4. a. Date of Departure: November 1, 2019 Date of Return: November 8, 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: Margaret Cheney

(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.**

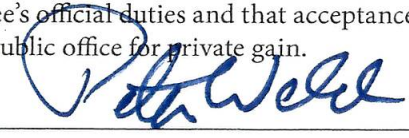
This trip will provide a deeper perspective into the complexities related to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, U.S. foreign aid, and other issues in the Middle East. This experience will bolster the Member's ability to continue to make the most informed decisions when related legislation is brought to Congress.

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 

Date 9/30/19



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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) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

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

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip: J Street Education Fund (JSEF)

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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: Len Hill Charitable Trust

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4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): Please see attached

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5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?  Yes  No
6. Date of Departure: November 1, 2019 Date of Return: November 8, 2019
7.
  - a. City of departure: Washington, DC
  - b. Destination(s): Tel Aviv, Israel and Jerusalem
  - c. City of return: Burlington, VT
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:  
JSEF is a non-profit organization that works to promote a nuanced understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.  
JSEF alone has planned the trip, chosen the attendees and shaped the itinerary. The Len Hill Charitable Trust is a non-profit foundation that supports educational organizations but has not been involved in the planning of this trip.
13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**  
 a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)  
 b. Class of travel: Coach  Business  First  Charter  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)  
 c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
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): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:  
 Hotel Name: David Intercontinental City: Tel Aviv Cost Per Night: \$423  
 Reason(s) for Selecting: This hotel is a popular choice due to proximity, security and comfort.  
 Hotel Name: King David City: Jerusalem Cost Per Night: \$426  
 Reason(s) for Selecting: This hotel is a popular choice due to proximity, security and comfort.  
 Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_
17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:*



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18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	7000	2500	900
For each Accompanying Family Member	7000	n/a	900
	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	Please see attached.	Please see attached.	
For each Accompanying Family Member	Please see attached.	Please see 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: Jessica Smith Date: 9/27/19

Name: Jessica Smith

Title: Chief Operating Officer

Organization: J Street Education Fund

Address: PO Box 66073, Washington DC 20035

Telephone: 202.448.1607

Email: madeleine@jstreet.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



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## Grantmaking Trip Sponsor Form

This form should be completed by a public charity or private foundation (both as defined under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code) that provides a grant of funds to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.

**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.**

- I certify that (name of your organization): Leonard Hill Charitable Trust  
has been designated a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service.  Yes  No
- Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: J Street Education Fund, Inc.
- I certify that my organization (check and complete a or b):
  - Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. **OR**
  - Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to  
Destination: \_\_\_\_\_ on Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor.
- Check only one:**
  - My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent **OR**
  - My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
- I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.
- I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: 7/26/19

Name: Gabriel Rose Title: Philanthropic Adviser

Organization: Len Hill Charitable Trust

Address: 400 S Beverly Dr, #420 Beverly Hills, CA 90212

Telephone: 310-314-8393 Email: gabe@fundamental-inc.com

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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October 30, 2019

The Honorable Peter Welch  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2187 Rayburn 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 November 1 to 8, 2019, sponsored by J Street Education Fund and Leonard Hill Charitable Trust.

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](mailto: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

TED/KM:adw

## JSEF November 2019 Delegation Invitees

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

Rep. Jan Schakowsky (IL-9)  
Rep. Peter Welch (VT-AL)  
Rep. Colin Allred (TX-32)  
Rep. Deb Haaland (NM-1)  
Rep. TJ Cox (CA-21)  
Rep. Andy Levin (MI-9)  
Rep. Ed Perlmutter (CO-7)  
Rep. Cedric Richmond (LA-2)  
Rep. Jahana Hayes (CT-5)  
Rep. Joe Neguse (CO-2)

Estimated other expenses:

\$200 Logistics Coordinator fee

\$60 Meeting room rentals and A/V equipment and set up

\$45 Yad Vashem entrance, guide, memorial service & wreath

\$100 Speaker honoraria and guests at meals

\$250 Security guards

\$60 Photographer

\$60 Printing

<b>Other Costs Per Person</b>	
Private Rooms	\$106.13
Hotel Porterage	\$13.56
Netiv HaAsara visit donation	\$5.75
Yad VaShem Tour (Head Sets, Ceremony, Guide)	\$12.02
Rabin Center Tour	\$11.50
AV	\$2.41
East Jerusalem Tour and Old City Tour	\$49.41
Printing	\$27.00
Tips	\$111.11
Security + expenses	\$13.62
Photographer	\$48.89

## The Len Hill Education Program

*Dedicated to providing American policymakers and opinion leaders with balanced information that lays the groundwork for pursuing Israeli- Palestinian peace through diplomacy*

**November 1 - 7, 2019**

**MISSION GOALS:** *The aim of the mission is to explore the current state of affairs and facts on the ground in the region, while gaining increased understanding of the challenges and the opportunities in both Israeli and Palestinian politics today. The delegation will be particularly focused on the role of U.S. policy and the options for American assistance in moving toward peaceful resolution of long-running conflicts in the region.*

**RELEVANCE TO OFFICIAL DUTIES:** *The subject matter of the trip is important to Members of Congress as they will likely encounter future legislation concerning the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The objective of this trip is to provide participants with a window into the broad spectrum of opinions and issues related to the conflict and its resolution in order to foster a deeper understanding of the complexities of the issues at hand.*

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#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1: TRAVEL

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*Evening flights depart Washington DC or Member's home district.*

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#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2: WELCOME

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*Flights arrive mid-afternoon. Travel to hotel by van and check in to hotel.*

**7:10 PM**                      **Meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor to depart for dinner**

**7:30 – 9:30 PM**            **Welcome Dinner, Introductions and Trip Overview**  
*As we welcome the Members of Congress, all participants will have the opportunity to introduce themselves and their expectations for the week ahead. The duration of this meal will be officially-connected programming.*

**\*\*\*DRESS CODE: BUSINESS CASUAL**

**Location:** Copula, 22 Hat'hiya St., Tel Aviv

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

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#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3: ISRAEL - HISTORICAL NARRATIVE, POLITICS, & SECURITY CHALLENGES

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**\*\*\*DRESS CODE: BUSINESS CASUAL**

**8:00 AM–9:00 AM**        **Breakfast and Seminar: Israeli-Palestinian Conflict 101 (Part 1)**  
*This session will serve as an orientation, with the goal of framing the week ahead in light of the history, geography and political dynamics*

in the region. The duration of this meal will be officially-connected programming.

**Speaker:** Jeremy Ben-Ami, J Street President

**Location:** Gallery Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, David Intercontinental Hotel

**9:00 – 9:30 AM**

**Drive to Rabin Center**

**9:30 –11:30 AM**

**The Israeli Museum at the Rabin Center: A journey through Israel's modern history**

A docent will lead participants through the Israeli Museum at the Yitzhak Rabin Center, which presents two parallel stories: the history of Israel and Israeli society, and the biography of Yitzhak Rabin. The Museum exhibits focus on historical turning points in the country's development, presenting the conflicts, social challenges and dilemmas the country faced at that time. In preparation for our lunch discussion, this museum will teach us about how the modern state was born.

**Location:** The Israeli Museum, Rabin Center

**11:30 AM–12:30 PM Israeli Politics 101(continued)**

This session will serve as an orientation to Israeli society, public opinion, and the political system.

**Speaker:** Yael Patir, J Street Israel Director

**Location:** Rabin Center

**12:30 – 12:45 PM**

**Drive to Lunch**

**12:45 – 2:00 PM**

**Lunch Discussion – A Vision for Israel**

The modern State of Israel was born in 1948, based on an idea of reclaiming Jewish history and the Jewish people's right to self-determination. At lunch, we will explore visions for the future of the State of Israel. The speakers will discuss the challenges the State of Israel is facing, their vision for the future of the state and their thoughts on the future of the US-Israel relationship to help inform the group's understanding of the country and to help further frame the week. The duration of this meal will be officially-connected programming.

**Speakers:**

MK Stav Shaffir, Co-Chair, Democratic Union

MK Yair Golan, Democratic Union

**Location:** Mul Beita Café, 19 Brodetsky St., Tel Aviv

**2:15 PM – 3:15 PM**

**Security Briefing: The two-state solution and the threat of Annexation**

This session will serve to layout Israeli strategic interest in promoting the two-state solution as well as discuss the concrete threat of annexation to the future of the State of Israel.

**Speakers:**

Dr. Nimrod Novik, Israel Policy Forum  
Rolly Gueron, Commanders for Israel's Security

**Location:** Mul Beita Café, 19 Brodetsky St., Tel Aviv

3:30 – 4:00 PM Drive to hotel

4:00 – 5:45 PM Executive time/freshen up for dinner

**6:00 – 6:45 PM Meeting with MK Yair Lapid, Chair, Yesh Atid & co-leader of Blue and White**

A discussion about the current state of affairs in Israel, his vision regarding the future of the Israeli- Palestinian conflict and the US- Israel relationship.

**Location:** Library Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, David Intercontinental Hotel

**6:45 PM Depart for dinner by bus**

**7:30 – 9:30 PM Dinner with Israeli Business Leaders and Friends**

An opportunity to meet with a variety of accomplished Israeli professionals to learn about their vision and hopes for the future of the State of Israel. *The duration of this meal will be officially-connected programming.*

**Hosts:**

Oded Gera, Businessman and philanthropist  
Ella Gera, Lawyer and social activist

**Location:** Kfar Vitkin

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

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**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4: GAZA & GAZA PERIMETER**

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

**\*\*\*DRESS CODE: CASUAL**

**8:10 – 8:25 AM Load luggage onto the bus (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

**8:30 - 9:30 AM Drive to Gaza Perimeter: Israeli-Palestinian Conflict 101 (continued)**

**9:45 – 11:30 AM Tour and Meeting with Residents in Gaza Perimeter**

Meeting with residents on an Israeli moshav on the Gaza border, we will learn about daily life in the Gaza perimeter and discuss the effects of the ongoing rocket fire as well as the recent “fire-kites” from Gaza.

**Location:** Netiv Ha’asara

**11:45 AM – 1:45 PM Gaza Briefing (including lunch)**

In this briefing, we will meet with the director of UNRWA's operations in Gaza who will brief us on the conditions on the ground. We will

also meet have the opportunity to learn more about life in Gaza and the healthcare needs, education, and protection situation of the population. The duration of this meal will be officially-connected programming.

**Speakers:**

Matthias Schmale, Director of UNRWA Operations in Gaza  
Dr. Ghada Al Jadba, Chief, UNRWA Health Programme in the Gaza Strip  
Amal Abu Shawareb, Child Protection Specialist, UNRWA

**Location:** Kibbutz Zikim

**2:00 - 3:30 PM**

**Drive to Jerusalem**

**3:30 – 5:00 PM**

**Tour and Ceremony at Yad Vashem**

The trauma and history of the Holocaust has had a lasting impact on the Israel of today. On this tour, we will visit the museum commemorating the Holocaust and the loss of six million Jews. We will pay our respects and lay a wreath in their memory.

5:00 – 5:30 PM

Drive to hotel

**5:30 – 7:15 PM**

**Check in to hotel and freshen up for dinner**

**7:15 PM**

**Meet in lobby to depart for dinner**

**7:30 – 9:30 PM**

**Dinner with Israeli and Palestinian Peace and Human Rights Activists**

An opportunity to meet with a variety of peace and human rights activists from both sides of the conflict. We will learn about their work, what drives them, the challenges they face, and their hopes for the future. The duration of this meal will be officially-connected programming.

**Speakers:**

Wasim Almasri, Alumni Coordinator, ALLMEP  
Nurit Gery, Founding Director, Givat Haviva International School (GHIS)  
Mayar Husam Jubran, student, GHIS  
Nada Majdalani, Palestinian Director, EcoPeace Middle East  
Sarit Michaeli, International Advocacy Officer, B'Tselem  
Jessica Montell, Executive Director, HaMoked  
Avi Scharlat, student, GHIS

**Location:** Ambassador Hotel, 5 Nablus Road, Jerusalem

**Hotel:** *King David Hotel* | 23 King David St., Jerusalem | +972-2-620-8888

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**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5: OVER THE GREEN LINE: EAST JERUSALEM, SETTLEMENTS & HEBRON**

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**\*\*\*DRESS CODE: CASUAL (MODEST ATTIRE)**

6:30 – 8:00 AM

Buffet breakfast served at hotel



- 8:00 AM**                      **Meet in the lobby to depart**
- 8:00 – 11:30 AM**            **East Jerusalem Geopolitical tour**  
 On this tour we will visit areas of contention in East Jerusalem neighborhoods, stopping at key observation points to provide context for understanding how developing facts on the ground impact the future of a secure, democratic Israeli state. We will learn about the formation of the city's borders, the impacts of building and construction and other policies influencing both daily life in the city and its political future: socio-economic disparities between east and west Jerusalem; security, political and humanitarian consequences of the Separation Barrier; and the geo-political ramifications of settlement building, road construction, national parks and touristic settlement.
- Guide:** Eran Tzidkiyahu, Geopolitical guide and researcher
- 11:30 – 1:30 PM**            **History of Settlement Enterprise Tour en route to Susya**  
 We will learn about the history of the settlement enterprise and the evolution of Israeli policy vis-a-vis settlements. Tour includes: on the ground visit to settlements; understanding, settlement blocs, illegal outposts, and ideological settlements; as well as the legal and international ramifications of settlement expansion. *The duration of this drive will be spent being briefed by our speaker.*
- Guide:** Yehuda Shaul
- 1:30 – 3:00 PM**            **Lunch and meeting with residents of Susya**  
 Learn about the situation of Palestinians living in the South Hebron Hills in Area C of the West Bank, in communities under pending demolition orders. At lunch, we will be joined by residents of Susya and hear firsthand about daily life and the village's pending demolition order. *The duration of this meal will be officially-connected programming.*
- Guide:** Yehuda Shaul
- 3:00 – 3:45 PM**            **Drive to Hebron**
- 3:45 – 5:30 PM**            **Walking tour of Hebron**  
 On this walking tour of Hebron, we will visit the H2 area and learn about the impact of the Jewish settlements in Hebron. We will visit the Old City, see the former markets and learn about the way the Israeli military conducts its operations in the city, the policies they have enacted to protect settlements, and the impact these policies have had on the people living in the area.
- Guide:** Yehuda Shaul
- 5:30 – 6:45 PM**            Drive to Jerusalem
- 7:00 – 8:30 PM**            **Group Debrief Dinner**

This meal will be an opportunity for the group to reflect on the day, and ask any questions that they may have. The duration of this meal will be officially-connected programming.

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**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6: PALESTINIAN POLITICS & POLICY**

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**\*\*\*DRESS CODE: BUSINESS**

- 6:30 – 9:30 AM Buffet breakfast served at hotel
- 6:45 – 9:00 AM **Optional Visit to Holy Sites in Old City of Jerusalem**  
An optional visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, The Temple Mount/Haram al-Sharif, and the Western Wall.  
  
**Guide:** Eran Tzidkiyahu, Geopolitical guide and researcher
- 9:30 – 10:30 AM **Drive to Ofra**
- 10:30 – 11:45 AM **Meeting with Settlers in Ofra**  
An opportunity to hear directly from Israeli settlers living in the West Bank. We will learn what drives them, why they have chosen to make their homes where they have and what their hopes are for the future.  
  
**Speakers:**  
Aaron Lipkin, Spokesperson of Ofra  
Eliana Passentin, Director of the International Desk, Binyamin Regional Council  
  
**Location:** Ofra
- 11:45 AM–12:30 PM Drive to Rawabi
- 12:30 – 2:00 PM **Visit and Lunch with Mr. Bashar Masri in Rawabi**  
This visit is our opportunity to Rawabi is Palestine’s first planned development community. It seeks to provide opportunities for home ownership, employment, education and leisure all in one place. We will tour the construction site and eat lunch with the project’s visionary, Mr. Bashar Masri. The duration of this meal will be officially-connected programming.
- 2:00 – 3:00 PM **Drive to Ramallah - Briefing on the Bus: Palestinian Politics 101**  
In the final portion of the 101 briefing, to help us prepare for our Palestinian political meetings, we will learn about the post-Oslo system of governance in the West Bank and the current state of Palestinian politics.
- 3:00 – 4:15 PM **Discussion: Palestinian Public Opinion**  
Dr. Khalil Shikaki, the public opinion expert and pollster in Palestine, will present his findings of Palestinian public opinion in order to provide greater understanding of the Palestinian people and the future of Palestinian politics.

**Speaker:** Dr. Khalil Shikaki, Director, Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research

**Location:** Carmel Hotel, Ramallah

**4:30 – 6:15 PM**

**Reception with Palestinian Business Leaders and Foreign Diplomats**

This reception will provide an opportunity for the group to meet with Palestinian business leaders and diplomats to learn more about their work, their day-to-day challenges and vision for the future of Palestine.

**Hosts:**

Dr. Ahmed Majdalani, Secretary General, Palestinian Popular Struggle Front (PPSF), and Senior Member of the PLO Executive Committee  
Bashar Azzeq, Member of PLO Palestine National Council & Central Council

**Location:** Carmel Hotel, Ramallah

**6:30 - 9:00 PM**

**Meeting and Dinner with Dr. Saeb Erakat, Chief Palestinian Negotiator and Secretary General of the PLO**

An opportunity to hear directly from Dr. Erakat his analysis of the current situation on the ground, his vision for the future of Palestine, a potential way forward for the resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and the future of the PLO and PA's relationship with the U.S.  
*The duration of this meal will be officially-connected programming.*

**Location:** Ramallah

9:00 – 10:00 PM

Drive to Jerusalem

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**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7: ISRAELI POLITICS & U.S. ROLE MOVING FORWARD**

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6:00 – 9:00 AM

Buffet breakfast served at hotel

**8:30 – 9:30 AM**

**IDF Security Briefing from Lt. Col. Jonathan Conricus, International Spokesperson of the IDF**

This briefing will provide the group with an official Israeli military assessment of the security threats Israel faces in the region.

**Location:** King David Hotel

**9:30 – 10:00 AM**

**Meeting with MK Eli Avidar, Yisrael Beiteinu**

A discussion with MK Avidar about the current state of affairs in Israel, his vision regarding the future of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the US-Israel relationship.

10:00 – 10:30 AM

Drive to U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem

**10:30 – 11:30 AM**

**Meeting with Ambassador David Friedman, U.S. Ambassador to Israel**

The purpose of this meeting is to learn about the Trump Administration's perspective on constructive U.S. policy in the region.

**Location:** U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem

11:30 – 12:00 PM

Drive to lunch

12:00 – 1:45 PM

**Lunch Discussion with young Israeli political leaders**

This lunch with young Israeli and Palestinian leaders is an opportunity for the group to hear how they are working build a better future. They will discuss their strategies and the coalitions they are building in Israel to bring about change. The duration of this meal will be officially-connected programming.

**Speakers:**

Dr. Nasreen Hadad Haj-Yahya, Director of the Jewish-Arab Relations Program, Israel Democracy Institute

Dr. Assaf David, Co-Founder, Forum for Regional Thinking

Maya Peretz, Chief Organizer, Koach LaOvdim

Yehuda Greenfield-Gilat, Architect, Director of SAYA Design for Change

**Location:** Anna's Café, 10 HaRav Agan St., Jerusalem

2:15 – 3:45 PM

**Discussion: Constructive U.S. and International Foreign Policy on Israel and the Palestinian territory**

After spending the week learning about the conflict and the current situation in Israel and the Palestinian territory, we will use this session to discuss what constructive U.S. and international foreign policy on Israel and the Palestinian territory could look like. How can the U.S. and international actors help improve the situation on the ground and move us in a more positive direction towards resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?

**Speakers:**

Adv. Hiba Hussein, Chair, Legal Committee to Final Status Negotiations between the Palestinians and Israelis

Brig. Gen. (ret.) Israela Oron, Former Deputy National Security Advisor

Mr. Jonathan Lincoln, Chief of Coordination Unit of UNSCO

**Location:** King David Hotel

4:00 – 4:45 PM

**Leaders Debrief**

**Location:** King David Hotel

4:45 – 6:00 PM

Freshen up before dinner

6:00 PM

**Meet in the lobby to depart for dinner**

6:15 – 8:00 PM

**Farewell Dinner**

Each participant will have the opportunity to share their takeaways from their experiences over the past week and discuss how this will

impact their work in the United States. The duration of this meal will be officially-connected programming.

**Location:** 1868, 10 King David St., Jerusalem

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**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8: TRAVEL**

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12:30 AM United Airlines flight 73 departs Tel Aviv

6:05 AM United Airlines flight 73 lands in the Dulles IAD. Individual connections to Members' home districts.