



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, by email at [gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov](mailto:gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov), 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. Sean Casten
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ OR None   
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): N/A
3. a. Dates: Departure: 2/18/22 Return: 2/25/22  
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ OR None
4. Departure City: Chicago, IL Destination: Tel Aviv Return City: Chicago, IL
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: J Street Education Fund
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):  
Met with Israeli and Palestinian government figures, civil society leaders, and NGOs to learn more about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the realities on the ground.
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 *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
  - 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: 03/08/2022



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This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within 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: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Travel Destination(s): \_\_\_\_\_
3. Date of Departure: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Return: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): \_\_\_\_\_


*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                   |                               |                        |                     |   |
| Accompanying Family Member |                               |                        |                     |   |

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**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: Sean T. Casten
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:  
J Street Education Fund
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Israel and the West Bank
4. a. Date of Departure: February 18, 2022 Date of Return: February 25, 2022  
b. Yes  No  Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  
If yes, list dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Yes  No  Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**  
(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) Yes  No  Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age:
6. a. Yes  No  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)?  
b. **If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:**
7. Yes  No  *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.  
  
*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.**  
  
**Rep. Sean Casten's participation in the J Street Education Fund will increase his understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and inform him on U.S. policy options and legislation put forth by the House of Representatives to work towards a resolution to this conflict.**
9. Yes  No  **Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
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 January 11, 2022



## 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
2.  I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. Signify that the statement is true by checking box.
3. **Check only one.** I represent that:
  - a.  The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip: **OR**
  - b.  The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds: **OR**
  - c.  The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.  
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors:
4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary):  
Please see attached
5. Yes  No  Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: February 18, 2022 Date of return: February 25, 2022
7. a. City of departure: Home District  
b. Destination(s): Tel Aviv, Israel  
c. City of return: Home District
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; **OR**
  - b.  I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
  - 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:



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, choses the attendees, and shaped the itinerary.**
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 the 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: Intercontinental David City: Tel Aviv Cost Per Night: \$365  
 Reason(s) for Selecting: The hotel is a popular choice due to proximity, security, and comfort.
- Hotel Name: Kind David Hotel City: Jerusalem Cost Per Night: \$380  
 Reason(s) for Selecting: The 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 the box.*



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                    | \$7,000                                       | \$2,235                                | \$850                               |
| For each Accompanying Family Member                      | \$7,000                                       | \$180                                  | \$850                               |

|                                       |   |  |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|
|                                       | 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 | See attached                            | See attached   |
| For each Accompanying Family Member   | See attached                            | 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 by my signature that

- a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
- b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and
- c. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: 01/10/2022

Name: Jeremy Ben-Ami Title: President

Organization: J Street Education Fund

Address: P.O. Box 66073, Washington DC 20035

Email: cooperboyar@jstreet.org Telephone: (917) 312-1869

### INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* and submit the agenda, invitation list, any attachments, and any *Additional Trip Sponsor Forms* directly to the Travelers.

Written approval from the Committee on Ethics is required before traveling on this trip. The Committee on Ethics will notify the House invitees directly and will not notify the trip sponsors.

Willful or knowing misrepresentation on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

For questions, please contact the Committee on Ethics at:

Theodore E. Deutch, Florida  
*Chairman*

Jackie Walorski, Indiana  
*Ranking Member*

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Dean Phillips, Minnesota  
Veronica Escobar, Texas  
Mondaire Jones, New York

Michael Guest, Mississippi  
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February 2, 2022

The Honorable Sean Casten  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2440 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 proposed trip to Israel,<sup>1</sup> scheduled for February 18 to 25, 2022, sponsored by J Street Education Fund.

This approval represents the Committee's determination that the proposed trip complies with relevant House rules, federal laws, and Travel Regulations promulgated by the Committee. You should engage in your own assessment of the risks and implications of engaging in travel during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

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 \$415 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.

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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 Office of House Security (OHS) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. OHS 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>.

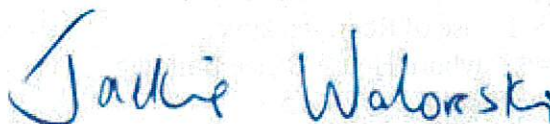
Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$415] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued 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.

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



Jackie Walorski  
Ranking Member

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**Feb 19 - Feb 24, 2022**

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**Saturday, Feb 19**

Mid-Afternoon Flights land in Tel Aviv. PCR tests upon arrival.  
Drive to the hotel and check-in

7:30 PM Dinner at the Hotel  
*Participants will need to quarantine while awaiting test results. Dinner will be served at the hotel.*

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

**Sunday, Feb 20**

8:15 - 9:30 AM Welcome Breakfast  
*We will kick off the trip with a welcome breakfast where participants will introduce themselves and we will provide an overview of the trip.*

9:45 – 10:45 AM J Street Conflict 101  
*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.*

Speaker:  
Jeremy Ben-Ami

10:45 - 11:15 AM Drive to Ben Gurion House

11:15 - 12:00 PM Ben Gurion House Visit  
*A docent will lead us through the Ben Gurion House, which presents two parallel stories: the history of Israel and Israeli society, and the biography of Ben Gurion. 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.*

12:00 - 12:45 PM

Vision of Zionism

*The modern State of Israel was born in 1948, based on an idea of reclaiming Jewish history and the Jewish people's right to self-determination. At lunch, we explore the Israeli founding fathers' vision and reflect upon where we are today.*

Speaker: Prof. Arie Saposnik, The Ben-Gurion Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism

1:00 - 1:30 PM

Drive to Lunch

1:00 - 2:30 PM

Lunch with Member of Knesset Mansour Abbas

*At lunch, we will be joined by the Chair of the United Arab List - Ra'am party, the only Arab party in the Coalition, for a discussion on the Israeli political current affairs.*

Speaker: MK Mansour Abbas, United Arab List - Ra'am

2:45 - 3:00 PM

Drive to hotel

3:00 - 5:15 PM

Executive time

5:30 - 6:00 PM

Meeting with Minister of Transportation and Chair of the Israeli Labor Party Merav Michaeli

*We will discuss the current state of affairs in Israel, the Minister's vision regarding the future of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the US-Israel relationship.*

Location: David Intercontinental Hotel, Tel Aviv

6:15 - 7:15 PM

Israeli Politics and Public Opinion 101

*An introduction to the Israeli political system, including structure, political parties, and political trends.*

Speaker:

Dahlia Scheindlin, Political Analyst

Location: David Intercontinental Hotel, Tel Aviv

7:15 - 7:30 PM

Freshen up

7:30 - 9:00 PM

Cocktail Reception with Israeli Politicians, Business, and Civil Society Leaders

*At the reception, we will be joined by Israeli officials as well as leaders in the business community and civil society to hear their perspectives on peace and diplomacy.*

Guests:  
MK Michal Rozin, Meretz  
MK Gaby Lasky, Meretz  
MK Emilie Moatti, Avoda  
MK Gilad Kariv, Avoda  
MK Alon Tal, Blue and White  
Prof. Yuli Tamir  
Eyal Waldman  
Amb. Alon Pinkas  
Avi Yalew  
Alon Piltz

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

**Monday, Feb 21**

8:15 - 9:45 AM Drive to Gaza Envelope Region - IDF briefing on the bus  
*The security briefing by the IDF on the Gaza border will acquaint us with the major security threats Israel faces on its southern border with Gaza.*

Speaker: Lt. Col. Amnon Shefler, IDF International Spokesperson

9:45 - 10:15 AM Iron Dome site visit  
*Participants will have the opportunity to view and learn about the Iron Dome missile-defense system.*

10:15 - 10:40 AM Drive to Kfar Aza

10:40 - 11:40 AM Kfar Aza Kibbutz visit  
*We will be led on a tour by local residents in Kfar Aza to discuss Kibbutz life in the Gaza perimeter and the effects of the continuous escalations and rocket-fire from Gaza.*

Speaker: Chen Kotler, resident of Kfar Aza

Location: Kfar Aza

11:40 - 1:15 PM Lunch Session: Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza  
*In this briefing, we will learn about life in Gaza, and the variety of humanitarian issues Gazans face, such as restrictions on freedom of movement and access to healthcare.*

Speakers:  
Tania Hary, Executive Director, Gisha – Legal Center for Freedom of Movement  
Omar Shaban, Director, PalThink for Strategic Studies, Palestine  
Thomas White, Acting Director, UNRWA, Gaza

Location: Kfar Aza

- 1:30 - 3:00 PM Drive to Yad VaShem
- 3:00 – 4:30 PM Tour and Ceremony at Yad Vashem  
*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.*
- 4:30 - 5:15 PM Drive to hotel
- 5:15 - 7:15 PM Check-in and Executive Time
- 7:15 - 7:30 PM Drive to dinner
- 7:30 - 9:00 PM Dinner with Israeli and Palestinian Peace and Human Rights Leaders  
*At dinner, we will be joined by Israeli and Palestinian Peace and Human Rights leaders who will provide us with insights into the work they are doing to advance people-to-people cooperation and the protection of human rights for those affected by the ongoing Israeli- Palestinian conflict.*

Speakers:

Huda Abuarquob, ALLMEP  
Robi Damelin - Parents Circle Families Forum  
Adv. Jonathan Kuttab - Holy Land Trust  
Limor Yehuda - A Land for All  
Ran Goldstein - Physicians for Human Rights Israel - maybe  
Gidon Bromberg - EcoPeace  
Nada Majdalani - EcoPeace

*Hotel:* The King David | 23 King David Street Jerusalem 94101, +972 - 2-620-8888

### **Tuesday, Feb 22**

- 8:00 – 9:00 AM Breakfast Briefing: The Palestinian National Movement  
*We will learn about the development of the Palestinian National Movement, including the institutions and political parties that exist today.*
- Speaker: Prof. Bashir Bashir, Senior Research Fellow, Van Leer Jerusalem Institute and Associate Professor, Open University of Israel
- 9:00 – 9:30 AM Drive to the Representative Office of Norway to the Palestinian Authority
- 9:30 - 10:30 AM Discussion with Palestinian Leaders in Civil Society and Politics  
*In this discussion, we will hear about the recent political turmoil in Palestine; the conflict between the Palestinian Authority and Hamas, the Palestinian*

*public's attitudes towards their leadership, and how this impacts the political and diplomatic agenda.*

- 10:30 – 11:30 AM Drive to Ramallah - Seminar on the Bus: Palestinian Politics 101  
Speaker: Bashar Azzeh
- 12:00 – 1:00 PM Meeting with the Prime Minister of the Palestinian National Authority Dr. Mohammad Shtayyeh  
*We will discuss the current state of affairs in Palestine and the Palestinian Authority and PLO's political interests and priorities with regard to the US-Palestine relationship, as well as the diplomatic resolution of the conflict.*
- 1:00 - 1:30 PM Drive to Beit El junction- Boxed lunch on the bus
- 1:30 - 3:30 PM Settlement Tour en route to Binyamin Region  
*On the ground visit to settlements; understanding, settlement blocs, illegal outposts, and ideological settlements, the legal and international ramifications of settlement expansion, as well as potential territorial and security solutions.*  
  
Guide: Hagit Ofran, Settlement Watch Director, Peace Now
- 3:45 - 4:45 PM Meeting with Head of Mateh Binyamin Regional Council - Israel Ganz and Head of International Relations Eliana Passentin  
*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:  
Yisrael Ganz, Head of the Binyamin Regional Council  
Eliana Passentin, Head of International Relations, Binyamin Regional Council  
  
Location: Psagot
- 5:00 - 5:45 PM Drive to hotel
- 5:45 - 7:00 PM Executive time
- 7:00 - 7:30 PM Drive to dinner
- 7:30 - 9:30 PM Dinner with East Jerusalem Leaders  
*We will be joined by several Palestinian residents of Jerusalem who are active in public or private spheres in East Jerusalem. We will hear about the challenges in their daily lives as residents of East Jerusalem.*  
  
Speakers:

Kamel Husseini - Bank of Palestine  
Qais Assad - Carter Center  
Enas al Muthaffar - NSU  
Bashar Azzeh  
Mirvat al Azzeh - PCFF  
Suma Qawasmi - K4P, Sheik Jarrah Committee

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**Wednesday, Feb 23**

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|------------------|---|
| 8:30 - 9:30 AM   | Drive to Bayt Jala  |
| 9:30 - 10:30 AM  | Meeting with Ibrahim Issa, School Principal, Hope Flower School<br>The Hope Flowers is an independent, integrated private school now located in the village of Al-Khader in the southern Bethlehem area. It provides a full curriculum of basic education for grades K-1 to K-6, and kindergarten, with a philosophy dedicated to education for peace and democracy.<br>Location: Everest Hotel |
| 10:30 - 11:30 AM | Drive to Hebron   |
| 11:30 - 12:30 PM | Walking tour of Hebron<br><i>On this walking tour of Hebron, we will visit the H2 area, see checkpoints in the city and see the Jewish settlement of Hebron.</i><br><br>Guide: Avner Gvaryahu   |
| 12:30 - 2:00 PM  | Drive to Al - Tuwani - Lunch on the bus   |
| 2:00 – 2:30 PM   | Palestinian Village Al - Tuwani Site Visit<br><i>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. We will be joined by Palestinian and Israeli activists to hear firsthand about life and activism in the region.</i><br><br>Guide: Yehuda Shaul  |
| 2:30 - 4:00 PM   | Drive to Knesset + Security Check   |
| 4:00 - 5:00 PM   | Meeting with Minister of Foreign Affairs and Chair of the Yesh Atid Party, Yair Lapid   |
| 5:30 - 7:30 PM   | Group Dinner<br><i>Reflect on the day and discuss the ways the United States can play a constructive role in the region.</i>  |

Hotel: The King David | 23 King David Street Jerusalem 94101, +972 - 2-620-8888

**Thursday, Feb 24**

- 6:45 - 7:15 AM Antigen COVID-19 Tests at the hotel
- 7:30 - 9:30 AM East Jerusalem Geopolitical Tour  
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Ambassador Hind Khoury, Former Palestinian Minister of Jerusalem Affairs  
Sven Kuehn von Burgsdorff, Head of Delegation to West Bank and Gaza Strip, UNRWA (DEL.WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP)
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6:00 – 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. We will review potential opportunities for action that support a diplomatic and peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.*

8:00 PM

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## **ATTACHMENT II: PARTICIPANT LIST**

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. David Price (NC-4)

Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (OR-1)

Rep. Joaquin Castro (TX-20)

Rep. Seth Moulton (MA-6)

Rep. Cindy Axne (IA-3)

Rep. Sean Casten (IL-6)

Rep. Jason Crow (CO-6)

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US House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Casten,

We are pleased to invite you to join a delegation of Members of Congress for an educational trip to Israel and the West Bank sponsored by the J Street Education Fund (JSEF). The trip, which will be on the ground in Israel for five days, will depart on Friday, February 18th and return on Friday, February 25th.

Through this trip, JSEF hopes to provide an opportunity for Members of Congress to achieve a more nuanced understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The trip will enhance your knowledge of the region and the dynamics behind one of the most vexing foreign policy challenges facing the United States. In addition, it will explore the essential role of active, engaged and sustained US diplomatic leadership in bringing about a two-state solution. The program will also include:

- Meetings with senior Israeli and Palestinian Authority government officials, as well as leading non-governmental voices;
- Visits to the West Bank and Gaza periphery
- A visit to historic sites including Jerusalem's Old City;
- A briefing on Israel's security and the Iron Dome missile defense system.

This delegation enables Members of Congress to have a one-of-a-kind experience that gives a unique perspective on what is at stake in the region and how American leadership can help bring about peace. Participants in past JSEF delegations are more than happy to speak with you in greater detail about their experiences and the importance of attending the February 2022 delegation.

All trip related expenses will be paid for by JSEF in compliance with the House Committee on Ethics rules. At least 30 days prior to departure, participants are responsible for submitting the "Primary Trip Sponsor Form," filled out by JSEF, as well as the "Traveler Form." If you have any questions about the rules, please contact the House Committee on Ethics. Prior to the trip, JSEF will conduct a briefing to provide background information and logistics for Members in preparation for their visit.

I hope that you will be able to join us on this important, thought-provoking and educational trip. If you have any questions, please contact Cooper Boyar at (917) 312-1869, or at [cooperboyar@jstreet.org](mailto:cooperboyar@jstreet.org), at any time to discuss the details of the sponsored trip and our organization.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Ben-Ami President  
J Street Education Fund

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## Feb 19 - Feb 24, 2022

### ITINERARY

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7:30 PM

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#### **Sunday, Feb 20**

8:30 - 10:00 AM

Welcome Breakfast  
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