



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, 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. Tony Gonzales
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Angel Gonzales OR None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 02-18-22 Return: 02-26-22
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR None
4. Departure City: San Antonio, TX Destination: Tel Aviv, Israel Return City: San Antonio, TX
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):
See attached 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 *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: 03/14/2022



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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: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

2. Travel Destination(s): Israel

3. Date of Departure: February 18, 2022 Date of Return: February 26, 2022

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): The Honorable Tony Gonzales

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	\$8,311.13	\$1,683	\$1,700.25	\$2,491 breakdown attached
Accompanying Family Member	\$8,311.13	\$1,683	\$1,700.25	\$2,491 breakdown attached

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. *Signify statement is true by checking box.*

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Arne Christenson Digitally signed by Arne Christenson
DN: cn=Arne Christenson, o=AIEF, ou=Managing Director,
email=achristenson@aiefdn.org, c=US
Date: 2022.03.11 12:27:52 -0500 Date: 03/11/2022

Name: Arne Christenson Title: Managing Director

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

Email: achristenson@aiefdn.org Telephone: (202) 639-5266

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

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. This form and any attachments may be delivered to the Committee at 1015 Longworth or e-mailed to travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Name of Traveler: Tony Gonzales

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

I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): _____

Office Address: 1009 Longworth HOB

Telephone Number: 202-225-4511

Email Address of Contact Person: brandon.t.smith@mail.house.gov

Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, *and* these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via e-mail: travel.requests@mail.house.gov.



TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Tony Gonzales
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Tel Aviv, Israel
4. a. Date of Departure: August 4th, 2021 Date of Return: August 13th, 2021
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: Angel Gonzales
(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.
Attend meetings with Israeli and US officials and get a first hand perspective of the Israeli - Palestinian 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 7-2-21



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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:
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 Tony Gonzales (complete roster attached)
5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: August 4, 2021 Date of return: August 13, 2021
7. a. City of departure: San Antonio, TX
b. Destination(s): Tel Aviv, Israel
c. City of return: Kyiv, Ukraine (codel)
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:
AIEF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the fundamental purpose of educating policy makers and opinion leaders about the U.S.-Israel relationship. AIEF is solely responsible for recruiting, coordinating, executing, and funding all aspects of this trip. This includes the Sabbath dinners hosted by Jerusalem families on Friday night.
13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (specify: taxis)
- b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (specify: charter bus)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
n/a
14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking 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):
\$156 (includes meals, snacks, and water on the bus)
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:
The trip is in Israel 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 City: Jerusalem Cost Per Night: \$402 double
Reason(s) for Selecting: location and affordability
- Hotel Name: Scots Hotel City: Tiberias Cost Per Night: \$372 double
Reason(s) for Selecting: location and affordability
- Hotel Name: Sheraton City: Tel Aviv Cost Per Night: \$386 double
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 the box.*



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18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$8,772	\$1,384	\$1,095
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$8,772	\$1,384	\$1,095

	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	\$1,790	Please see breakdown attached
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$1,790	Please see breakdown attached

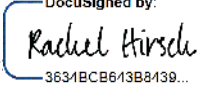
NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

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: _____
 Name: Rachel Hirsch Title: In-House Counsel
 Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
 Address: 251 H Street NW, Washington D.C., 20001
 Email: rhirsch@aiefdn.org Telephone: (202) 639-5248

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:

1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

ethicscommittee@mail.house.gov | 202-225-7103
More information and forms available at ethics.house.gov

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February 14, 2022

The Honorable Tony Gonzales
U.S. House of Representatives
1009 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,¹ scheduled for February 18 to 26, 2022, sponsored by American Israel Education Foundation.

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.

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

¹ 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. House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at <https://step.state.gov>.

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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**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
Republican Members of Congress
August 4-12, 2021**

List of Invitees

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

TITLE	MOC FIRST	MOC LAST	P	ST	DISTRICT
Representative	Cliff	Bentz	R	OR	2
Representative	Kat	Cammack	R	FL	3
Representative	Jerry	Carl	R	AL	1
Representative	Madison	Cawthorn	R	NC	11
Representative	Andrew	Clyde	R	GA	9
Representative	Pat	Fallon	R	TX	4
Representative	Randy	Feenstra	R	IA	4
Representative	Michelle	Fischbach	R	MN	7
Representative	Scott	Fitzgerald	R	WI	5
Representative	Scott	Franklin	R	FL	15
Representative	Andrew	Garbarino	R	NY	2
Representative	Mike	Garcia	R	CA	25
Representative	Carlos	Gimenez	R	FL	26
Representative	Tony	Gonzales	R	TX	23
Representative	Michael	Guest	R	MS	3
Representative	Diana	Harshbarger	R	TN	1
Representative	Kevin	Hern	R	OK	1
Representative	Yvette	Herrell	R	NM	2
Representative	Ashley	Hinson	R	IA	1
Representative	Ronny	Jackson	R	TX	13
Representative	Chris	Jacobs	R	NY	27
Representative	John	Joyce	R	PA	13
Representative	Fred	Keller	R	PA	12
Representative	Young	Kim	R	CA	39
Representative	Jake	LaTurner	R	KS	2
Representative	Julia	Letlow	R	LA	5
Representative	Nancy	Mace	R	SC	1

Representative	Nicole	Malliotakis	R	NY	11
Representative	Tracey	Mann	R	KS	1
Leader	Kevin	McCarthy	R	CA	23
Representative	Michael	McCaul	R	TX	10
Representative	Patrick	McHenry	R	NC	10
Representative	Peter	Meijer	R	MI	3
Representative	Mariannette	Miller-Meeks	R	IA	2
Representative	Blake	Moore	R	UT	1
Representative	Barry	Moore	R	AL	2
Representative	Greg	Murphy	R	NC	3
Representative	Jay	Oberholte	R	CA	8
Representative	Burgess	Owens	R	UT	4
Representative	August	Pfluger	R	TX	11
Representative	Maria Elvira	Salazar	R	FL	27
Representative	Pete	Sessions	R	TX	17
Representative	Victoria	Spartz	R	IN	5
Representative	Michelle	Steel	R	CA	48
Representative	Marjorie	Taylor Greene	R	GA	14
Representative	Claudia	Tenney	R	NY	22
Representative	David	Valadao	R	CA	21
Representative	Beth	Van Duyne	R	TX	24
Chief of Staff, The Hon. Kevin McCarthy	Dan	Meyer	R	CA	23
Deputy Chief of Staff, The Hon. Kevin McCarthy	Natalie	Joyce	R	CA	23
Member Services Director, The Hon. Kevin McCarthy	Max	Engling	R	CA	23
Digital Media Director, The Hon. Kevin McCarthy	Caleb	Smith	R	CA	23

8:00 – 9:15 AM

Israeli Political Primer

Breakfast with Professor Reuven Hazan

Professor of Political Science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

-at the hotel, Ambassador's Hall

Israeli Political Primer

It is critical for trip participants to understand the parliamentary system in Israel. Professor Hazan will explain how the 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. The group will also be arriving during an unprecedented interim Israeli government, as a new Prime Minister was installed after four elections in two years.

9:15 AM

Depart for the Old City

9:30 AM – 12: 45 PM

Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part I: The Historic and Holy Basin

Guided survey of the Old City of Jerusalem:

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

Jerusalem

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

Old City of Jerusalem & the Holy Basin

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

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

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

The City of David

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has consumed an enormous amount of time and manpower from members of consecutive American Administrations as well as members of Congress. One of the most intractable issues in the conflict has been the question of the future of Jerusalem. Jerusalem's City of David, more than any other site, represents the complexity of this conflict.

The City of David is the site most archeologists agree to be the ancient city of Jerusalem that later became the capital of the united Israelite tribes under King David. This area is one of the most intensively excavated sides in the wider region. To Jewish Israelis, the site represents the beginning of their physical and emotional attachment to Jerusalem that has continued for over three thousand years.

At the same time, much of the site is located in the predominantly Arab neighborhood of Silwan. The residents of Silwan, and the Palestinian Authority leadership are opposed to the archeological efforts being carried out in the City of David. In several instances, homes in Silwan were purchased and then destroyed to open up more areas for excavations. Additionally, Palestinian leadership has denied in their official statements the existence of any Jewish connection to Jerusalem.

12:45 PM	Depart
1:15 – 1:45 PM	Lunch is served -at Olmaya
1:45 – 3:00 PM	<i>Regional Threats Overview</i> Meeting with Brig.-Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel Former Director of the Counter Terrorism Bureau, PMO -at Olmaya

Strategic Threats Overview

During the trip, participants will visit the borders with the Gaza Strip, 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.

3:00 PM	Depart for hotel
3:45 – 7:00 PM	Executive Time
7:00 PM	Depart for dinner
7:30 – 10:00 PM	<i>Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem</i> Traditional Sabbath evening dinner with Jerusalem families -at family homes 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. 80 percent of the Israeli population will commemorate the Sabbath, in various forms, which typically include a family dinner and special blessings. The Sabbath is especially significant in Jerusalem, home to the holiest site for Jews worldwide - the remains of the First and Second Temple.

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

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

Saturday, August 7, 2021

6:30 AM Breakfast on own
-at the hotel

7:50 AM Depart

8:30 – 9:30 AM En route:
Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor: Strategic Concerns

Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor

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

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM *History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire*
Guided survey of the National Archeological Park at Masada

Masada

Masada, which was excavated in the 1960s, is considered one of the most important archeological sites in Israel. Masada was the site of the last stand of the Jews in Israel after the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the Holy Temple in 70 A.D. A group of Jewish zealots fled to the Judean Desert and lived in the former mountaintop fortress of King Herod known as Masada for two years resisting the onslaught of the most powerful army in the world. Determined to break the resistance, the Romans finally scaled the mountain to capture and enslave the Jewish rebels. However, when

they finally arrived, they found that all the men, women and children had killed themselves as a last act of defiance. They refused to give in to the Romans and become their slaves.

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

We will spend approximately two hours atop of Masada with a professional guide. The time at Masada with the guide is focused on three areas: 1. touring the ancient excavations; 2. learning the narrative of Jewish resistance to the Romans backed by the archeological and historical evidence; 3. discussing the importance of the Masada story to the contemporary Middle East and the threats in the region.

12:00 PM Depart for the Dead Sea

12:30 – 2:30 PM *Exploration of the Dead Sea Region*
Lunch
- at the 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 the tourist infrastructure along the Jordanian and Israeli shores of the Dead Sea are also in danger. This issue has led to unprecedented cooperation between Israelis, Jordanians and Palestinians and serves as a model for regional cooperation.

2:30 PM	Depart for Bethlehem
4:30 PM	Bathroom stop at the King David Hotel
4:45 PM	Depart
5:15 – 6:30 PM	<i>Guided survey of the Church of the Nativity</i> -in Bethlehem

Bethlehem

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

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

6:30 PM	Depart for Jerusalem
7:00 PM	Return to the King David Hotel
8:00 – 10:00 PM	<i>Israel’s Recovery from COVID-19</i> Dinner with Entrepreneurs joined by Dan Senor, Co-Author, <i>Start-Up Nation: The Story of Israel’s Economic Miracle</i> ; Senior Advisor, Elliott Management - at the hotel, Ambassador’s Hall

Israel’s Recovery from COVID-19

This program will explore Israel’s reemergence from COVID-19, within the context of the Israel being the “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 experts representing Israeli innovation and ingenuity, specifically related to COVID-19.

10:00 PM	Overnight at the King David Hotel
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Sunday, August 8, 2021

6:00 AM	Optional Early Morning Mass - at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre
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- 7:00 AM Breakfast buffet in Ambassadors' Hall opens
- 8:00 – 9:15 AM *Debrief: Operation Guardian of the Walls*
Meeting with Lt. Col. Jonathan Conricus
Former International Spokesperson of the Israel Defense Forces
-at the hotel, Ambassador's Hall

Debrief: Operation Guardian of the Walls

In May 2021 Israel responded to a barrage of rocket fire from Hamas in Gaza with Operation Guardian of the Walls. Over 11 days, thousands of rockets were fired from Gaza at innocent civilians in Israel; and Israel responded by targeting strategic Hamas positions within the Gaza Strip. During this debrief, Lt. Col. Conricus will provide an overview of the operation and the Israel Defense Force's strategy to combat Hamas terrorism.

- 9:15 AM Depart
- 11:00 AM – 12:30 AM *Living Under the Threat of Rocket Fire*
Tour of Kibbutz Kfar Aza:
- Chen Abrahams, Kibbutz resident
 - Border Briefing with Col. (Res.) Miri Eisin, Associate, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), IDC Herzliya

Living Under the Threat of Rocket Fire

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. Most recently, Israel engaged in Operation Guardian of the Walls, to thwart another barrage of rocket attacks from Hamas in Gaza.

During the strategic overview (several locations), 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 Netiv Ha'asara and meeting with local residents will be an opportunity to better understand the reality of living just kilometers from Israel's border with Gaza, to learn how almost 20 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.

- 12:30 PM Depart
- 1:00 – 2:00 PM *Israel Defense Forces: The Mosaic of Israel*
-at Kibbutz Kfar Aza

Israel Defense Forces: The Mosaic of Israel

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) is a true microcosm of Israeli society, as most young men and women are required to served directly after high school. It is also a great equalizer in Israel's diverse, multicultural society. This evening will focus on several unique units in the IDF, including "Special in Uniform", a unit that works with young adults with special needs; Unit 669, a special ops and combat unit, as well as humanitarian provider; and Duvdevan, which deals with terrorism emanating from the Palestinian territories.

2:00 – 3:15 PM *U.S.-Israel Strategic Cooperation I*
Dessert with Ari Sacher, Rocket Scientist
-at Kibbutz Kfar Aza

U.S.-Israel Strategic Cooperation

Ari Sacher is a Rocket Scientist and has worked in the design and development of missiles for over twenty years. He has briefed hundreds of US Congressmen on Israeli Missile Defense and speaks regularly for the Israeli Foreign Ministry. Ari is highly regarded speaker, enabling even the layman to understand the "rocket science". During this session, he will explain the U.S.-Israel strategic cooperation that has led to Israel's development of multi-tiered missile defense system.

3:15 PM Depart

3:45 – 4:15 PM *US-Israel Strategic Cooperation II*
Visit Iron Dome battery

The Iron Dome

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) typically honors our request to visit an Iron Dome battery, the joint U.S.-Israel funded rocket defense program. The military typically approves any visit to an Iron Dome location the week before the trip due to the constantly shifting security situation on the ground. A visit to an Iron Dome battery includes meeting with the soldiers and the commanding officer.

4:15 PM Depart to hotel

6:00 PM Return to hotel

7:30 PM Depart for dinner

7:45 – 10:00 PM *The Abraham Accords*
Dinner with Dr. Tal Becker
Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
-at Mamilla Rooftop

The Abraham Accords

Since Israel's founding, the Jewish state has sought to reach a just and lasting solution to the Israeli Palestinian conflict, and a comprehensive regional peace. The United States has been closely involved in negotiations between Israel and several Arab states, including – most recently - the

United Arab Emirates and Bahrain, under the Abraham Accords. Dr. Tal Becker is 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 regional peace following the historic Abraham Accords.

10:00 PM Overnight at the King David Hotel

Monday, August 9, 2021

7:00 AM Breakfast buffet in Ambassadors' Hall opens

8:00 – 9:15 AM *A View from the Opposition*
Dinner with The Honorable Benjamin Netanyahu
Head of the Opposition and the Likud party
-at the hotel, Ambassador's Hall

A View from the Opposition

It is customary for participants to meet with the leader of the opposition party, to get a comprehensive view of the Knesset. During this session, the group will meet with The Honorable Benjamin Netanyahu, who served as Israel's Prime Minister for 12 years, ending in June 2021. He was Israel's longest serving Prime Minister.

9:15 AM Depart

9:45 AM – 12:00 PM *Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust*
Guided survey of 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

Members only

12:00 PM Depart for Ramallah
Lunch en route

1:30 – 2:45 PM *A View from the Palestinian Authority*
Meeting with Mahmoud Abbas
President, Palestinian Authority
-President's Office, Ramallah

A View from the Palestinian Authority

During each member seminar, participants hear from the Palestinian Authority. President Mahmoud Abbas 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.

2:45 PM Depart for Prime Minister's Office

Family Guests

12:00 PM Depart hotel

12:30 – 2:00 PM Optional Visits (pick one)
▪ Mount Zion – A Microcosm of Three Faiths
▪ Palm Sunday Road: Garden of Gethsemane
▪ Old City: The Jewish Quarter
Lunch en route

2:00 PM Return to hotel

3:00 PM Depart for Prime Minister's Office

All Participants:

3:45 PM Security check at Prime Minister's office

4:45 – 6:00 PM *Meeting with The Honorable Naftali Bennett*
Prime Minister of Israel
-at the Prime Minister's Office

Meeting with The Honorable Naftali Bennett

Every member delegation has the opportunity to meet with Israel's Prime Minister. Prime Minister Naftali Bennett was sworn into office on June 13, 2021, after Israel held its fourth election in two years.

6:00 PM	Return to Hotel
7:45 PM	Depart for dinner
8:00 – 10:00 PM	<i>Tikkun Olam: Israel Repairing the World</i> Dinner with Organizations Representatives -at Zappa

Tikkun Olam

One of the major tenet's 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 are global leaders in agriculture and drip irrigation, disaster relief, and youth at risk programs.

10:00 PM	Overnight at the King David, Jerusalem
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Tuesday, August 10, 2021

7:00 AM	Breakfast buffet in Ambassador Hall opens
8:00 – 9:15 AM	<i>A View from the Foreign Ministry</i> Meeting with The Honorable Yair Lapid Alternate Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister -at the hotel, Ambassador's Hall

A View from the Foreign Ministry

The Honorable Yair Lapid currently serves as Alternate Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs. Lapid is the Chairman of the Yesh Atid Party, which he founded in 2012. Prior to entering politics, Lapid was a columnist at the Yediot Aharonot daily newspaper and hosted a current affairs talk show on television, which became the most watched news program in the country.

9:15 AM	Depart for the North
10:30 – 11:30 AM	<i>Israel's Narrow Waistline</i> Strategic Briefing at Alfei Menashe with Asher Afriat
11:30 AM	Depart
1:15 – 3:15 PM	Lunch -at Yardenit
3:15 PM	Depart

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

Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Lebanon and Hizballah

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.

5:45 PM Depart
7:00 PM Check-in to the Scots Hotel
8:15 PM Depart for dinner
8:30 – 10:30 PM *Dinner and Discussion: Processing the Week*
-at Decks

Dinner and Discussion: Processing the Week

As the seminar comes to a close, we will use this dinner as an opportunity to discuss the speakers and site visits of the week. 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.

10:30 PM Overnight at the Scots Hotel, Tiberias

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

7:00 AM Check out
Breakfast on own
-at the hotel, Main Dining Hall
8:00 AM Optional mass at the Mount of Beatitudes
8:00 AM Depart from hotel

8:30- 10:45 AM

Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee

Visit to Historical and Religious sites around the Sea of Galilee

- Mt. of the Beatitudes – Sermon on the Mount
- St. Peter’s Church – Primacy of Peter
- Capernaum – Jesus’s Village

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 discussions through Capernaum and St. Peter's Church.

10:45 AM

Depart for the Golan Heights

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

Northern Border Concerns, Part II:

The Syrian Border

Strategic Briefing with Cpt. (Ret.) Ilan Shulman

Northern Border Expert

-at Mt. Bental

Israel’s Northern Border Concerns: Syria

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.

1:00 PM

Lunch

-at Coffee Anan, Mt. Bental

1:45 PM

Depart to Tel Aviv

4:30 PM

Arrive at the Sheraton Hotel

6:30 – 8:30 PM

The US-Israel Relationship: Bringing it All Together

Closing Dinner

-at the hotel, Diamond Hall

Closing Dinner

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

8:45 PM	Depart for airport
Evening	Evening Flights depart
9:30 PM	Overnight at the Sheraton Hotel, for participants departing on August 12

Thursday, August 12, 2021

All Day	Flights depart from Israel
All Day	Flights arrive in the United States

Friday, August 13, 2021

Morning	Flights arrive in the United States
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Breakdown of Other Expenses

Room Rentals: \$578.95 per person

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

Security: \$494.74 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: \$178.95 per person

-Honoraria for guest speakers

Hotels for contract staff (tour guide, bus driver, security guards): \$168.42 per person

Tour Guide: \$136.84 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: \$131.58 per person

Entrance Fees: \$36.84 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: \$26.32 per person

Photography: \$21.05 per person

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

Tips: \$10.53 per person

-Tips for hotel staff, and hostesses

Other: \$5.26 per person

-Briefing materials, miscellaneous