



U.S. House of Representatives

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

MEMBER/OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM  Original  Amendment

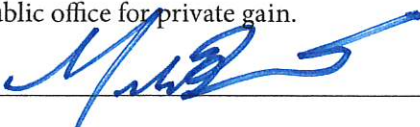
This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual *Financial Disclosure Statement*. In accordance 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. Mike Bost
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Tracy Bost OR None   
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: 4/29/2022 Return: 5/8/2022  
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ OR None
4. Departure City: DC Destination: Tel Aviv Return City: DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: US Israel Education Association
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: 5/18/2022



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## SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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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: U.S. Israel Education Association (USIEA)
2. Travel Destination(s): Israel
3. Date of Departure: April 29, 2022 Date of Return: May 8, 2022
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Mike Bost and Tracy Bost

*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	\$12,900.56	\$2442.00	\$1940.00	\$4570.00
Accompanying Family Member	\$12,900.56	\$2442.00	\$1940.00	\$4570.00

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: Heather H. Johnston Date: May 15, 2022

Name: Heather Hampe Johnston Title: Executive Director

Organization: U.S. Israel Education Association

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

Address: 402 Office Park Drive, Suite 215, Birmingham, AL 35223

Email: heather@usieducation.org Telephone: 205-907-2756

**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](mailto: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: Mike Bost

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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: 1211 LHOB

Telephone Number: 202-225-5661

Email Address of Contact Person: Tyler.Cianciotti@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](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).



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## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Mike Bost

2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:  
U.S. Israel Education Assosiation

3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Israel

4. a. Date of Departure: April 29, 2022 Date of Return: May 8, 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: Tracy Bost

(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.**

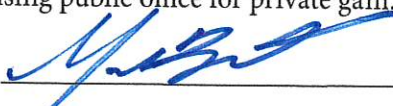
To cultivate a better understanding of the relationship between the US and Israel and why it is important to continue the relationship between the two countries.

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 4/13/22



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## PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee website ([ethics.house.gov](http://ethics.house.gov)) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

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

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:
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):
5. Yes  No  Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of return: \_\_\_\_\_
7. a. City of departure: \_\_\_\_\_  
b. Destination(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
c. City of return: \_\_\_\_\_
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:



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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:
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: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_
- Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_
- 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.*



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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			
For each Accompanying Family Member			

	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		
For each Accompanying Family Member		

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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: Heather Johnston Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

## 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](mailto:ethicscommittee@mail.house.gov) | 202-225-7103  
More information and forms available at [ethics.house.gov](http://ethics.house.gov)

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April 20, 2022

The Honorable Mike Bost  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1211 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,<sup>1</sup> scheduled for April 29 to May 8, 2022, sponsored by U.S. Israel Education Association (USIEA).

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. 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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## U.S. ISRAEL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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### **USIEA Congressional Tour April 29 – May 8, 2022 Invited Members**

**Representative Andy Harris (R-MD) – Republican Co-Lead**

*House Appropriations Committee  
2011*

**Representative Lou Correa (D-CA) – Democrat Co-Lead**

*House Judiciary Committee, House Committee on Homeland Security (Chairman of Subcommittee), House Committee on Agriculture  
2017*

**Representative Rick Allen (R-GA)**

*House Committee on Agriculture, House Committee on Education and Labor (Ranking Member of Subcommittee)  
2015*

**Representative Brian Babin (R-TX)**

*House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology (Ranking Member of Subcommittee)  
2015*

**Representative Mike Bost (R-IL)**

*House Veterans Affairs Committee (Ranking Member of Committee), House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
2015*

**Representative Neal Dunn (R-FL)**

*House Committee on Energy and Commerce  
2017*

**Staff:**

Mr. Travis Trejo, *Legislative Assistant to Representative Harris*

Ms. Lisa Canini, *Homeland Security Staff Director to Representative Correa*

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## U.S. ISRAEL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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February 15, 2022

Dear Representative Bost,

I would like to extend an invitation to you and your wife to join us for an innovative tour to Israel **April 29 – May 8, 2022**. U.S. Israel Education Association (USIEA) leads Congressional Delegations on advanced fact-finding missions for Senior Members. These tours travel through Judea and Samaria (the West Bank) and investigate the prominent demographic issues related to security and economy. You will meet the Israeli and Palestinian leaders who are forging an integrated economic development plan as well as engage directly with Israel's top leaders in government, business, defense, and technology.

This privately sponsored trip provides all meals, accommodations, and travel expenses. A private security staff will escort the tour for the length of your time in Israel. The number of tour participants is intentionally limited to maintain an atmosphere that strengthens relationships and encourages participation in dialogue related to your committee assignments and areas of expertise.

To accept our invitation, your office is required to submit travel documents to Congressional Ethics for approval. If you wish to accept our invitation, we kindly ask that you begin the submission process now with our office in order to make reservations and organize necessary travel arrangements.

We would be honored to have you join us on this unforgettable trip.

Every Blessing,

Heather Johnston  
Founder & Executive Director  
USIEA

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## U.S. Congressional Tour Israel Itinerary

***Friday, April 29 – Sunday, May 8  
2022***

### **Departure- Friday, April 29, 2022: Travel**

Travel from Washington DC after votes.

10:35 PM                    UA72 Flight from IAD→TLV

### **Arrival – Saturday, April 30, 2022: Tel Aviv, Israel / Jerusalem (1.5 hrs.)**

4:40 PM                    UA72 Arrive - Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv, Israel

6:00 PM-7:00 PM        Transfer to Jerusalem

7:00 PM-7:30 PM        Check into Hotel

7:30 PM-9:00 PM        Welcome Dinner and Orientation - David Citadel Hotel, Private Room (1.5 hrs.)

Speaker:                  Heather Johnston, Executive Director, U.S. Israel Education Association

Description:              Explanation of the background and importance of the trip, specifically as it relates to each member's committee assignments, and overview to prepare for the important upcoming meetings.

*Overnight- David Citadel Hotel*

## **Day 1 – Sunday, May 1, 2022: Jerusalem (8.5 hrs.)**

8:00 AM-9:00 AM Breakfast - David Citadel Hotel, Private Room (1 hr.)

Speaker: Heather Johnston, Executive Director, U.S. Israel Education Association  
Topic: *Overview and Timeline of Israel's History*  
Description: Presentation on history of Israel to set the foundation of the trip and give an understanding of the past cultures, religions, and history, as well as the role the U.S. plays today inside the nation.

9:00 AM-9:30 AM Depart for the City of David

9:30 AM-11:30 AM City of David Walking Tour, Jerusalem's Newest Archaeological Site (2 hrs.)

Speaker: Ze'ev Orenstein, Director of International Affairs, City of David Foundation  
Topic: *The Founding of Ancient Jerusalem & The Restoration of Modern Jerusalem*  
Description: A description of the neighborhoods and boundaries today and the strategic locations of landmarks inside each neighborhood. Discussion of military strategy including the many tunnels still located under the modern city and understanding who controls each section.

11:30 AM-12:30 PM Lunch - City of David (1 hr.)

Speaker: Heather Johnston, Executive Director, U.S. Israel Education Association  
Topic: *Jerusalem, also known as the City of David*  
Description: Presentation of history from the original location of the city of Jerusalem and understanding the layout of the modern city today. Discussion of urban development issues and understanding economic consequences of the modern layout inside today's communities.

12:30 PM-1:00 PM Depart for Hotel

1:00 PM-2:00 PM Hotel – Change and Prepare for Prime Minister Meeting

2:00 PM-2:30 PM Depart for Prime Minister's Office

3:00 PM-4:00 PM Private Meeting with Israel's Prime Minister, Prime Minister's Office (1 hr.)

Speaker: Naftali Bennett, Prime Minister  
Topic: *Briefing on the U.S.-Israel Relationship*  
Description: A time for the members to ask pertinent questions of the Prime Minister on Israel's internal affairs, status in the region, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and major points of interest in the U.S.-Israel relationship.

4:00 PM-4:30 PM Depart for the Hotel

4:30 PM-5:00 PM Arrive at Hotel—Prepare for Minister of Defense Meeting (.5 hr.)

5:00 PM-6:00 PM Private Briefing with Israel's Minister of Defense (1 hr.)

Speaker: Benny Gantz, Minister of Defense

Topic: *Understanding the Current Dynamics of Middle East Security*

Description: A briefing on recent developments inside Israel's defense on all military fronts.

6:30 PM-8:30 PM Dinner at Hotel, Meeting Debrief (2 hr.)

Description: Major outcomes and takeaways from briefings with the Prime Minister and Minister of Defense, and how this will shape the future of the U.S.-Israel relationship moving

*Overnight- David Citadel Hotel*

## **Day 2- Monday, May 2, 2022: Ariel / Shiloh / Benjamin Region (11 hrs.)**

7:00 AM-8:00 AM Breakfast at Hotel

8:30 AM-10:00 AM Depart for Ariel, Regional Hub, *Samaria* (1.5 hrs.)

Speaker: Heather Johnston, Executive Director, U.S. Israel Education Association

Topic: *Survey of Demographic Realities, Samaria (Inside the Green Line)*

Description: An understanding of BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions), the divided land, and co-existence inside the green line.

10:00 AM-10:50 AM Barkan Industrial Park (1 hr.)

Speaker: Avi Zimmerman, Co-Founder of the Judea & Samaria Chamber of Commerce and President of the Integrated Business Roundtable

Topic: *Mutual Investment: Israelis & Palestinians in Joint Business*

Description: An opportunity to see first-hand Palestinians and Israelis working side by side in local factories and to hear from these employees.

10:50 AM-11:00 AM Depart for Standard Carbon—Continue Joint Business Briefing

11:00 AM-11:50 AM Standard Carbon (1 hr.)

Speaker: Avi Zimmerman, Co-Founder of the Judea & Samaria Chamber of Commerce and President of the Integrated Business Roundtable, and Natan Shahar, Standard Carbon CEO

Topic: *Clean Energy & Joint Business*

Description: A briefing on new startup technology developed inside the West Bank that converts carbon emissions into clean energy. The startup co-innovates with Palestinians and Israelis.

11:50 PM-12:00PM Depart for the National Leadership Center—Continue Discussion from Standard Carbon

12:00 PM-1:00 PM Lunch, Ron Nachman Pioneer Museum (1 hr.)

Speaker: Eli Shaviro, Mayor of Ariel

Topic: *Briefing on Ariel as the Capital and Regional Hub of Samaria*

Description: A history of the modern city of Ariel and its role as the capital of Samaria.

1:00 PM-2:30 PM Tour the National Leadership Center (1.5 hrs.)

Speaker: Eran Glazer, Executive Director, Israel's National Leadership Center

Topic: *A New Generation of Leaders for Israel: Arabs & Jews Training Together*

Description: The role of the National Leadership Center and the key relationship with the Ministry of Education, the IDF, and the Arabs. A hands-on look at a unique program developing Israel's future leaders. IDF soldiers will be on-site going through Leadership Training skills during the visit.

Speaker: Ruth Knoller, Ministry of Education

Topic: *Educating the Next Generation: Excellence in Education*

Description: A presentation on Israel's emphasis on education, its overall impact on society, and the federal government's role in education.

2:30 PM-3:00 PM Depart for Ariel University (.5 hr.)

Speaker: Ari Sacher, Senior Policy Advisor, U.S. Israel Education Association

Topic: *The National Leadership Center & Ariel University*

Description: The correlation between Israel's emphasis on lower-level education and its pipeline to research and development in higher education.

3:00 PM-4:00 PM Ariel University (1 hr.)

Speakers: Dr. Oren Musicant, Research Coordinator, Ariel University

Topic: *Research & Development Authority: Autonomous Car Lab*

Description: Showcasing Israel's blossoming artificial intelligence ecosystem through the newly developed autonomous car lab, and the future of research and development collaboration between the U.S. and Israel.

4:00 PM-4:30 PM Depart for Shiloh (.5 hr)

Speaker: Ari Sacher, Senior Policy Advisor, U.S. Israel Education Association

Topic: *The New BIRD Foundation*

Description: In congruence with the collaborative research success seen at Ariel U, a briefing on ways the U.S. government can work with Israeli, perhaps under another BIRD-like foundation specifically geared toward life sciences.

4:30 PM-6:00 PM Ancient Shiloh Tour of Archaeological Site (1.5 hrs.)

Speaker: Gadi Ben Dov, Professional Guide

Topic: *Guided walking tour through ancient ruins of Shiloh*

Description: A look at the city of Shiloh and its recent historical findings through excavation. A look back over history in this region and why the years of hostility still remains today. Can lessons be learned and changes be implemented with the involvement of U.S. leaders?

6:00 PM-6:30 PM Depart for Dinner

6:30 PM-8:00 PM Dinner, Psagot Winery, Benjamin Region (1.5 hrs.)

Speakers: Carise Witte, Executive Director, SIGNAL

Topic: *Expert Briefing on Israel - U.S. - China Relations*

Description: Informative and interactive briefing on the current status of Israeli-Chinese relations and how that directly impacts the U.S. Discuss the geopolitical implications of Israel's reliance on China for manufacturing and production capabilities.

8:00 PM Depart for Hotel

*Overnight- David Citadel Hotel*

### **Day 3 – Tuesday, May 3, 2022: Jerusalem (9.5 hrs.)**

8:00 AM-9:00 AM Breakfast, David Citadel Hotel, Private Room (1 hr.)

Speaker: Rotem Zisser, Lt. Colonel, IMDO at Israel's Ministry of Defense

Topic: *U.S.-Israel Cooperation on COVID-19 Research*

Description: Presentation on Israel's approach to COVID-19 research, how it pertains to the United States, and the unique roles of government and defense moving forward in the future fight against COVID.

9:00 AM-9:30 AM Depart for Biondvax

9:30 AM-12:00 PM Meeting at Biondvax (2.5 hrs.)

Speaker: Amir Reichmann, CEO of Biondvax

Topic: *Nearshoring U.S. Pharmaceutical Productions to Israel*

Description: Presentation on the Israeli life sciences sector and how the U.S. government is already taking action to move its supply chains for pharmaceutical productions.

Speaker: Carise Witte, CEO of SIGNAL



Topic: *U.S.-Israeli-Chinese Relations*

Description: Briefing on the interrelations between the three countries and the challenges that each face. A close look at how the U.S. pharmaceutical supply chains are tied up in China.

12:00 PM-12:30 PM Depart for the King David Hotel

12:30 PM-1:00 PM Refreshments and Appetizers, King David Hotel

1:00 PM-2:30 PM Lunch, Meeting with Former Prime Minister Netanyahu, King David Hotel (1.5 hrs.)

Speaker: MK Benjamin Netanyahu, Former Prime Minister of Israel and Current Opposition Leader

Topic: *The Abraham Accords*

Description: A presentation on the genesis of the Abraham Accords, the role of the U.S. government in these agreements, and the future of cooperation between Arab nations and Israel.

2:30 PM-3:00 PM Depart for Ammunition Hill (.5 hr.)

Speaker: Ari Sacher, Senior Policy Advisor, U.S. Israel Education Association

Topic: *The U.S.-Israel Security Collaboration*

Description: Presentation on the background and history of the U.S.-Israel security collaboration and set the stage for the upcoming showcase of the new military technology.

3:00 PM-4:30 PM Ammunition Hill (1.5 hrs.)

Speaker: Yaki Hetz, Soldier at Ammunition Hill and Father of the SPIKE Firefly

Topic: *Showcasing the SPIKE FireFly Military Technology*

Description: Presentation on how Hetz created the FireFly and why it is so impactful for Israel's military. Further discussion on the U.S.-Israel security collaboration

4:30 PM-5:00 PM Depart for Hotel

5:00 PM-6:00 PM Change Clothes and Rest at Hotel

6:00 PM-7:00 PM Walk to the Western Wall, History and Overview on the Walk Over (1 hr.)

Speaker: Chief Rabbi Shmuel Rabinovitch, Chief Rabbi of the Western Wall

Topic: *Historical Perspectives and Modern Controversies*

Description: An understanding of the connection to Temple Mount, entry restrictions from the western side, and what lies behind the Wall today. Discuss the impact of these restrictions, land disputes, and strategic consequences behind each military defending their locations.

7:00 PM-7:30 PM Walk to Dinner

7:30 PM-9:00 PM Dinner and Memorial Day Ceremony (1.5 hrs.)

Topic: *Israel's Official Memorial Day Kotel Ceremony*

Description: Understanding the culture and history behind Israel's unique Memorial Day, a day of solemnity for the fallen soldiers that gave their life for the re-birth of modern Israel and every soldier that has since died defending its independence.

9:00 PM Depart for Hotel

*Overnight- David Citadel Hotel*

### **Day 4 – Wednesday, May 4, 2022: Jerusalem / Hebron (9 hrs.)**

7:30 AM-8:30 AM Breakfast at Hotel

8:30 AM-10:00 AM Guided Walking Tour through the Different Religious Sectors in Jerusalem (1.5 hrs.)

Speaker: Gadi Ben Dov, Professional Guide

Topic: *Understanding the Many Religious Sides of Jerusalem*

Description: Presentation on the intersection of three major world religions in Jerusalem and how this not only affects the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, but is also a special point of interest for the rest of the world. Understanding the different arguments for land rights in Jerusalem based on religion.

10:00 AM-10:30 AM Depart for Mt. of Olives

10:30 AM-11:30 PM Mt. of Olives, Overlook of Jerusalem (1 hr.)

Speaker: Heather Johnston, Executive Director, U.S. Israel Education Association

Topic: *Peace between West and East Jerusalem*

Description: A detailed understanding of the neighborhoods located inside of East Jerusalem, understanding the division between East and West Jerusalem, and the road to peace.

11:30 AM-1:00 PM Depart for Hebron, Lunch on Bus (1.5 hr.)

Speaker: Gadi Ben Dov, Professional Guide

Topic: *History of Judea & Modern Geopolitical Dynamics*

Description: Understanding the difference in the security threat to the southern region of the West Bank inside the green line.

Speaker: Heather Johnston, Executive Director, U.S. Israel Education Association

Topic: *Israeli-Palestinian Integrated Business & The Role of the U.S. Government*

Description: Presentation on the formation of legitimized integrated business inside of the West Bank and how the U.S. government is already involved in this peace process.

1:00 PM-2:30 PM Private Meeting with Ashraf Jabari and Palestinian Business Leaders (1.5 hrs.)

Speakers: Avi Zimmerman and Ashraf Jabari, Co-Founders of the Judea & Samaria Chamber of Commerce

Topic: *Integrated Business Inside the West Bank*

Description: Providing first-hand accounts of integrated business inside the West Bank and its future, specifically as it relates to the Palestinian population and their government.

2:30 PM-3:00 PM Drive through Hebron (.5 hr)

Description: Continued discussion on Hebron and the growing threat in this region.

3:00 PM-4:00 PM Hebron Regional Center (1 hr.)

Speaker: Rabbi Simcha Hochbaum, Hebron Director of Tourism

Topic: *Hebron as the Home of the Patriarchs & its Role in the U.S.-Israel Relationship*

Description: An up-close look at the changes this city is undergoing due to the current disputes, violence, and claims to control over Hebron and the location of the nation's patriarchs.

4:00 PM-5:00 PM Depart for Jerusalem

5:00 PM-6:30 PM Hotel to rest and change clothes—Walk to dinner

6:30 PM-8:30 PM Dinner at the Mamilla Hotel (2 hrs.)

Speaker: Tom Nides, U.S. Ambassador to Israel

Topic: *The U.S.-Israel Relationship*

Description: A discussion led by the U.S. Administration official on the United States' role and relationship with Israel. A look at how Executive and Congressional support can overlap.

8:30 PM Depart for Hotel

*Overnight- David Citadel Hotel*

## **Day 5—Thursday, May 5, 2022: Jerusalem / Galilee (6.5 hrs.)**

7:00 AM-8:00 AM Baggage Pick Up / Check Out / Breakfast at Hotel

8:00 AM-9:00 AM Press Time, David Citadel Hotel

9:30 AM-10:00 AM Depart for Davidson Center

10:00 AM-11:45 AM Davidson Center (1 hr.)

Speaker: Heather Johnston, Executive Director, U.S. Israel Education Association  
Topic: *Discovering Ancient Jerusalem and Its Significance Today*  
Description: Educational tour of recent developments in the archaeological center and how each period has affected the nation's disputes still going on today. Also provides a strategic view of the Dome of the Rock with an overview of the violence and conflict erupting there today.

11:45 AM-12:15 PM Depart for lunch

12:15 PM-2:15 PM Independence Day Lunch, Ein Karem (1 hr.)

Speaker: Gadi Ben Dov, Professional Guide  
Topic: *History of Israel's Independence*

2:15 PM-2:30 PM Depart for Helicopter Pad in Ein Karem

2:30 PM-5:30 PM Helicopter Rides to the North (3 hrs.)

Speaker: Gadi Ben Dov, Professional Guide, and Ari Sacher, Senior Policy Advisor, U.S. Israel Education Association  
Topic: *Ariel Briefing on Israel's Borders*  
Description: A briefing from the air to effectively view and assess all of Israel's strategic borders and the challenges faced on each front. This will include a briefing over the Golan, Syrian, Lebanese, and Jordanian borders as well as a sea vantage point from the Mediterranean.

Speaker: Ilan Shulman, IDF Intelligence Officer  
Topic: *Israel's Syrian Border*  
Description: Presentation on the security situation at Israel's Syrian border, including the implications of a Russian presence and how that affects current geopolitical dynamics.

5:30 PM-6:00 PM Land Helicopters in Kinneret and Drive to Setai Hotel

6:00 PM-7:00 PM Check into Hotel

7:00 PM-8:30 PM Dinner at the Setai Hotel (1.5 hrs.)

Speaker: Ari Sacher, Senior Policy Advisor, U.S. Israel Education Association  
Topic: *Debrief of the Congressional Tour with a Look to the Future*

Description: Discussion on major points of education so far in the tour, how these points specifically pertain to the members' role in the U.S. government, and how this information will impact the future of the U.S.-Israel relationship.

*Overnight- The Setai Hotel*

## **Day 6 – Friday, May 6, 2022: Galilee Region (7 hrs.)**

7:30 AM-8:30 AM Breakfast

8:30 AM-10:00 AM Presentation on the Galilee Region, Setai Hotel (1.5 hrs.)

Speaker: Heather Johnston, Executive Director, U.S. Israel Education Association

Topic: *The History of the Galilee*

Description: Teaching on the historical, political, and spiritual background of the unique Galilee region and its importance in modern context.

10:00 AM-12:30 PM Overview and Bus Tour of the Galilee Region (2.5 hrs.)

Speaker: Gadi Ben Dov, Professional Guide

Topic: *Overview of Israel's Northern Region and Contrast to the West Bank*

Description: Presentation weaving together previous day's education to display the unique situation of Israel's northern region with agriculture and security.

12:30 PM-3:00 PM Lunch Briefing at the Kinneret Innovation Center (2.5 hrs.)

Speaker: Elad Shamir, CEO KIC

Topic: *Technology Development in the Galilee*

Description: Presentation on several thriving tech companies in the Galilee region that are forging the future in agriculture research and development.

3:00 PM-4:45 PM Depart and Explore Sea of Galilee Region (.5 hr.)

Speaker: Gadi Ben Dov, Professional Guide

Topic: *Briefing on Agriculture in the North*

Description: A follow up to the lunch briefing on Israel's agricultural challenges, how the nation has created a "startup" culture around agriculture technology.

4:45 PM-6:00 PM Boat Ride

6:00 PM-7:00 PM Depart for Hotel

7:00 PM Dinner on Own, The Setai Hotel (No Speaker)

Overnight- The Setai Hotel

**Day 7 – Saturday, May 7, 2022: Galilee Region / Tel Aviv (7.25 hrs.)**

8:00 AM-9:00 AM COVID Departure Tests / Baggage Pick Up / Check out / Breakfast at Hotel

9:00 AM-10:45 AM Driving Tour around Galilee Region (1.75 hr)

Speaker: Heather Johnston, Executive Director, U.S. Israel Education Association  
Discussion: Discussion on the difference between traveling and life in Israel proper from the situation inside of the West Bank. A look at how Israeli life differs significantly depending on geographic location.

10:45 AM-11:45 AM Magdala Archeological Site (1 hrs.)

Speaker: Hermona, Magdala Professional Guide  
Topic: *Israel's Recent Archeological Discoveries & Ancient Ruins of Magdala*  
Description: Presentation on archaeological findings dating back several thousand years and what these findings disclose about Israel's history and its role in the ancient world.

11:45 AM-1:00 PM Lunch at Magdalena

1:00 PM-2:00 PM Depart for Mt. Carmel

2:00 PM-3:00 PM Mt. Carmel (1 hr.)

Speaker: Heather Johnston, Executive Director, U.S. Israel Education Association  
Topic: *Strategic Vantage Point & Overlook of the Northern Region*  
Discussion: Presentation on the historical viewpoints on this location and how it serves as another strategic security point for Israel in its northern regional dynamics.

3:00 PM-3:30 PM Depart for Caesarea

3:30 PM-5:00 PM Ancient Archeological Park Caesarea, Walking Tour (1.5 hrs.)

Speaker: Gadi Ben Dov, Professional Guide  
Topic: *Ancient Caesarea & Israel's Sea Border*  
Description: Presentation on the history of ancient Caesarea and the importance of Israel's ports and waterfront for trade and security.

5:00 PM-6:00 PM Walk around Caesarea

6:00 PM-8:00 PM Farewell Dinner, Helena Restaurant, Private Room (2 hrs.)

Topic: *Members Debrief*

Description: Final discussion and overview of trip. Members highlight major focus points for U.S. government interests and actionable outcomes moving forward.

8:00 PM Depart for Tel Aviv, Ben Gurion Airport  
9:00 PM Ben Gurion Airport, Departure Check-In  
11:25 PM Depart for USA – UA91 (Flight 1)

**Arrive Home- Sunday, May 8, 2022: Travel**

12:05 AM Depart for USA – UA72 (Flight 2)

All Flights Land in USA



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### **Rep. Mike Bost** **Illinois Congressional District 12**

Congressman Bost was invited to attend the USIEA Congressional Delegation to Israel because of his relevant committee assignments and leadership in the House. He is currently serving his fourth term in the U.S. House of Representatives and is the Ranking Member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

#### Committee Assignments:

House Committee on Veterans Affairs, *Ranking Member*

House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

- Subcommittee on Highways and Transit
- Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials
- Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment

#### Relevant Caucus Assignments:

Republican Study Committee

Republican Policy Committee

Congressional Border Security Caucus

Congressional Air Force Caucus

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