



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: Veronica Escobar
- 2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Cristian PleTERS OR None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
- 3. a. Dates: Departure: 2/18/2023 Return: 2/24/2023
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR None
- 4. Departure City: Munich, Germany Destination: Israel Return City: Washington, D.C.
- 5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: J Street Education Fund

6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):
 We attended meetings and events to discuss current affairs and facts of the region. Through our meetings, we learned about how U.S. policy has affected the region and the complexities of the issues by hearing from a spectrum of voices ranging from professors, government officials and local residents.

- 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: Veronica Escobar

Date: 03/09/2023



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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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- Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: J Street Education Fund
- Travel Destination(s): Israel and the Palestinian Territory
- Date of Departure: 2/18/23 Date of Return: 2/24/23
- Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Veronica Escobar

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

- 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	\$8,039	\$2,110	\$1,212	See Attached
Accompanying Family Member	\$10,900	\$151	\$987	See Attached

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

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

Signature: Date: 3/6/23

Name: Jeremy Ben-Ami Title: President

Organization: J Street Education Fund

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

Address: PO Box 66073, Washington DC 20035

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

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: Veronica Escobar

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: Veronica Escobar

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

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

Office Address: 2448 Rayburn

Telephone Number: 202-225-4831

Email Address of Contact Person: jessica.andino@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.



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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Veronica Escobar
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
J Street Education Fund
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Israel and the West Bank
4. a. Date of Departure: Saturday, February 18, 2023 Date of Return: Friday, February 24, 2023
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: Cristian Pleters-Escobar
(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 understand the Israeli-Palestinian conflict better and how that affects US foreign policy. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, the trip will be useful to understand the role of the US and how to continue diplomacy in the region.
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 Veronica Escobar Date 1/31/2023



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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

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

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

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:
J Street Education Fund
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. Signify that the statement is true by checking box.
3. **Check only one.** I represent that:
 - a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip: **OR**
 - b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds: **OR**
 - c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors:
4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary):
Please see attached
5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: February 17, 2023 Date of return: February 24, 2023
7. a. City of departure: Home District
b. Destination(s): Tel Aviv, Israel
c. City of return: Home District
8. **Check only one.** I represent that:
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: **OR**
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: **OR**
 - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. **Check only one of the following:**
 - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:



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10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*
11. **Check only one of the following:**
- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box; OR*
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For *each* sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
JSEF is a non-profit organization that works to promote a nuanced understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. JSEF alone has planned the trip, choses the attendees, and shaped the itinerary.
13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (specify: _____)
- b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (specify: _____)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*
15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
- b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation.
 If "b" is checked:
- 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided):
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: Intercontinental David City: Tel Aviv Cost Per Night: \$437
 Reason(s) for Selecting: The hotel is a popular choice due to proximity, security, and comfort.
- Hotel Name: Orient Jerusalem City: Jerusalem Cost Per Night: \$412
 Reason(s) for Selecting: The hotel is a popular choice due to proximity, security, and comfort.
- Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
 Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*



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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	\$10,000	\$2,110	\$1,040
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$10,000	\$151	\$1,040

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	See attached	See attached
For each Accompanying Family Member	See attached	See attached


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19. Check only one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
- b. Not Applicable. Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify by my signature that

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

Signature:  Date: January 8, 2023
 Name: Jeremy Ben-Ami Title: President
 Organization: J Street Education Fund
 Address: P.O. Box 66073, Washington DC 20035
 Email: cooperboyar@jstreet.org Telephone: (917) 312-1869

INSTRUCTIONS

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

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

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

For questions, please contact the Committee on Ethics at:

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, 2023

The Honorable Veronica Escobar
U.S. House of Representatives
2448 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your child's proposed trip to Israel,¹ scheduled for February 18 to 24, 2023, sponsored by J Street Education Fund.

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 the reporting threshold from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. That reporting threshold is currently \$415 but is set to adjust in 2023. 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 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.

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>.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Michael Guest in blue ink.

Michael Guest
Chairman

Handwritten signature of Susan Wild in blue ink.

Susan Wild
Ranking Member

MG/SW:rp

In addition to the above Traveler Form, please note the following attachments:

- I. PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM
- II. PARTICIPANT LIST
- III. ADDITIONAL EXPENSES
- IV. ORIGINAL INVITATION
- V. DELEGATION ITINERARY

ATTACHMENT III. ADDITIONAL PER-PERSON EXPENSES

\$150 Logistics Coordinator fee
\$30 Tour Guide
\$150 Tour bus for duration of trip
\$100 Meeting room rentals
\$150 Speaker honoraria
\$60 Printing
\$60 Security
\$65 Photographer
\$5 COVID testing

Sincerely,

Jeremy Ben-Ami President
J Street Education Fund

The J Street Education Fund (JSEF) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that does not hire or retain registered lobbyists. JSEF is a member of the J Street family of pro-Israel, pro-peace organizations.

9:30 - 10:00 AM	Drive to Peres Center for Peace and Innovation
10:00 - 11:30 AM	Guided Tour of Peres Center for Peace and Innovation <i>A docent from the Peres Center will present the story of Israel, the Innovation Nation, and showcase the diverse fields and people behind Israeli innovation.</i>
11:30 - 12:30 PM	Presentation on Peres's Peace Legacy <i>In this presentation, we will discuss President Peres's progressive Zionist vision, and the connection between peace and innovation in today's world.</i> Speaker: Nadav Tamir, J Street Israel's new Executive Director and a senior advisor in the Peres Center
12:30 - 1:00 PM	Drive to Lunch
1:00 - 2:20 PM	Lunch Session: Israeli Politics and Public Opinion 101 <i>An introduction to the Israeli political system, including structure, political parties, and political trends.</i> Speaker: Dahlia Scheindlin, Political Analyst
2:30 - 4:00 PM	Vision of Zionism - Walking Tour of Tel Aviv <i>The modern State of Israel was born in 1948, based on an idea of reclaiming Jewish history and the Jewish people's right to self-determination. At this tour, we explore the Israeli founding fathers' vision and reflect upon where we are today.</i> Guide: Jeremy Ben-Ami
4:00 - 6:00 PM	Executive time
6:00 - 7:00 PM	IDF Strategic Briefing <i>The security briefing by the IDF will acquaint us with the major security threats Israel faces on multiple fronts.</i>
7:00 - 7:30 PM	Drive to Dinner
7:30 - 9:00 PM	Dinner Briefing: The Palestinian National Movement and Politics <i>We will learn about the development of the Palestinian National Movement, including the institutions and political parties that exist today.</i>

Hotel: David Intercontinental | Kaufmann St 12, Tel Aviv-Yafo, +972-03-795-1111

7:30 – 9:00 PM Cocktail Reception with Israeli Politicians, Business, and Civil Society Leaders
At the reception, we will be joined by Israeli officials as well as leaders in the business community and civil society to hear their perspectives on peace and diplomacy.

Hotel: Orient Hotel | Emek Refa'im St 3, Jerusalem +972 2-569-9090

Tuesday, February 21

8:30 - 9:00 AM Drive to Binyamin Industrial Zone

9:00 - 10:00 AM Meeting with Binyamin Regional Council Representatives
An opportunity to hear directly from Israeli settlers living in the West Bank. We will learn what drives them, why they have chosen to make their homes where they have and what their hopes are for the future.

Speaker:
Miri Maoz Ovadia, Binyamin Regional Council

10:00 - 11:00 AM Drive to Ramallah - Seminar on the Bus: Palestinian Politics 101
In the final portion of the 101 briefing, to help us prepare for our Palestinian political meetings, we will learn about the post-Oslo system of governance in the West Bank and the current state of Palestinian politics.

11:00 - 12:30 PM Palestinian Political Meeting (TBC)
We will discuss the current state of affairs in Palestine and the Palestinian Authority and PLO's political interests and priorities with regard to the US-Palestine relationship, as well as the diplomatic resolution of the conflict.

12:30 - 1:00 PM Drive to Lunch

1:00 - 2:30 PM Lunch Session: UNRWA site visit
We will tour a refugee camp and learn more about UNRWA's work in Ramallah and the surrounding areas.

Location TBC

2:30 - 4:00 PM Drive to Jerusalem

4:00 - 5:00 PM Palestinian Civil Society Voices
In this discussion, we will hear about the recent political turmoil in Palestine; the conflict between the Palestinian Authority and Hamas, the Palestinian

12:00 - 12:15 PM	Drive to Susya
12:15 - 1:30 PM	Lunch + Discussion in Susya <i>Over lunch, the group will see the village and hear from Nasser, the spokesman of Susya. Nasser will discuss the difficulties the residents of the unrecognized villages are facing, with an emphasis on the history of home demolitions and ongoing water crisis.</i>
1:30 - 2:15 PM	Drive to Hebron
2:15 - 4:00 PM	Walking tour of Hebron <i>On this walking tour of Hebron, we will visit the H2 area, see checkpoints in the city and see the Jewish settlement of Hebron.</i>
	Guide: Avner Gvanyahu
4:00 - 5:30 PM	Drive to Jerusalem
5:30 - 7:10 PM	Executive time
7:10 - 7:30 PM	Walk to Dinner
7:30 - 8:30 PM	Dinner Session with the US Embassy <i>Hear about US policy in the region - the current approach and priorities of the Biden Administration, specifically as it relates to policies and actions that advance a resolution to the conflict.</i>
	Speaker: TBC
8:30 - 9:30 PM	Group Debrief <i>Participants will have the opportunity to share their reactions to the program thus far, ask questions, and discuss the role that the US can take moving forward.</i>

Hotel: Orient Hotel | Emek Refa'im St 3, Jerusalem +972 2-569-9090

Thursday, February 23

7:00 - 7:30 AM	Drive to The Old City of Jerusalem
7:30 - 9:30 AM	Optional Tour of the Old City of Jerusalem <i>We will visit the major holy sites of Jerusalem, including the Al Aqsa Mosque / Temple Mount, the Western Wall, and the Church of the Holy</i>

that support a diplomatic and peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Depart for Ben Gurion Airport according to flight departure times

Friday, February 24

Flights arrive in US

ATTACHMENT III. ADDITIONAL PER-PERSON EXPENSES

\$127 Logistics Coordinator fee
\$35 Tour Guide
\$134 Tour bus for duration of trip
\$84 Meeting room rentals
\$79 Speaker honoraria
\$36 Printing
\$54 Security
\$42 Photographer
\$3 COVID testing



The Len Hill Education Program

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

February 18-23, 2023

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

DISCLAIMER: *One of the objectives of this trip is to provide participants with a window into the broad spectrum of opinions related to the conflict and its resolution in order to foster a deeper understanding of the complexities of the issues at hand. Therefore, we will meet with individuals and groups engaged in various activities or political agendas. In some cases, the policies of the J Street Education Fund diverge from the beliefs of speakers; however, we recognize the importance of trying to understand one another's viewpoint.*

ITINERARY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18: WELCOME

4:00 – 7:30 PM Members of Congress Arrive

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

7:00 PM Meet in the hotel lobby (2nd floor) to depart for dinner

7:30 – 9:00 PM Welcome Dinner and Introduction to the Current Political Moment in Israel
Participants will have the opportunity to introduce themselves, and journalist Tal Shalev will provide an overview of the current political moment in Israel.

Speaker: Tal Shalev, Walla News

Location: Kalamata, 10 Kikar Kdumim, Tel Aviv-Yafo

1:30 - 3:00 PM

Lunch Session: Israeli Politics and Public Opinion 101

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

Speaker: Dr. Dahlia Scheindlin, Political Analyst

Location: Ruth Daniel Residence Hotel, 1 Derekh Ben-Zvi, Tel Aviv

3:30 – 4:30 PM IDF Strategic Briefing

This IDF briefing will acquaint us with the major security threats Israel currently faces in the region.

Speaker: Brig. Gen. Dr. Oren Setter, IDF Strategic Division

Location: Ruth Daniel Residence Hotel, 1 Derekh Ben-Zvi, Tel Aviv

5:00 – 6:00 PM Optional Walking Tour: Vision of Zionism

The modern State of Israel was born in 1948, based on an idea of reclaiming Jewish history and the Jewish people's right to self-determination. On this walking tour, we explore sites related to the Israeli founding fathers' vision, including anecdotes about Jeremy Ben-Ami's ancestors, who were among the founders of Tel Aviv.

Guide: Jeremy Ben-Ami, President, J Street

Location: Neve Tzedek and Rothschild Blvd, Tel Aviv

6:00 – 7:00 PM Executive Time

7:00 PM

Meet in the hotel lobby (2nd floor) to depart for dinner

7:30 – 9:00 PM Dinner Briefing: The Palestinian National Movement and Politics

We will learn about the development of the Palestinian National Movement, including the institutions and political parties that exist today.

Speaker: Prof. Bashir Bashir, Senior Research Fellow, Van Leer Jerusalem Institute and Associate Professor, Open University of Israel

Location: Blue Rooster, 10 Nissim Aloni St., Tel Aviv

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20: GAZA BORDER

Mohammed Azaiza, Field Coordinator, Gisha – Legal Center for Freedom of Movement

Heather Sonner, Special Assistant to the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process

1:30 – 3:30 PM Drive to Jerusalem

3:30 – 4:00 PM Arrival at the Knesset + Security Check

4:00 – 5:30 PM Political Meetings with Members of Knesset

We will meet with Members of Knesset from various political parties in order to hear their perspectives on current events as well as their domestic and foreign policy priorities.

4:00 – 4:30 PM Meeting with Head of the Opposition and Chair of the Yesh Atid Party MK Yair Lapid

4:30 – 5:00 PM Meeting with Chair of Israeli Labor Party MK Merav Michaeli

5:00 – 5:30 PM Meeting with Chair of the Ra'am Party (United Arab List) MK Mansour Abbas

5:30 – 6:00 PM Drive to hotel

6:00 – 7:00 PM Check-in to the hotel

7:20 PM Meet in lobby to walk to the cocktail reception

7:30 – 9:00 PM Cocktail Reception with Israeli Politicians, Business, and Civil Society Leaders

At the reception, we will be joined by Israeli politicians as well as business and civil society leaders to hear their perspectives on the current moment in Israel, peace, and diplomacy.

Location: Persona, 12 Hebron Rd, Jerusalem

Hotel: Orient Jerusalem Hotel / 3 Emek Refa'im St., Jerusalem / +972-2-569-9090

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21: JERUSALEM

*****DRESS CODE: BUSINESS**

8:20 AM Meet in lobby to depart for breakfast program

8:30 – 11:00 AM East Jerusalem Geopolitical tour

Location: Ambassador Hotel, 5 Nablus Rd., Jerusalem

Hotel: Orient Jerusalem Hotel / 3 Emek Refa'im St., Jerusalem / +972-2-569-9090

Members of Congress will have the opportunity to reflect on their experiences thus far. We will then hear from security and policy experts who will share their perspectives on the impacts of the current and proposed government policies, while also addressing the important role of the US moving forward.

Speaker: Brig. Gen. (res.) Udi Dekel, Institute for National Security Studies

Location: Touro, Sh.A. Nakhon St 2, Jerusalem

Hotel: Orient Jerusalem Hotel / 3 Emek Refa'im St., Jerusalem / +972-2-569-9090

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23: ISRAELI AND PALESTINIAN POLITICAL PERSPECTIVES

**Logistical note: Some of us will be checking out of the hotel today. Before we meet, please (1) bring your luggage to the lobby and leave it in the luggage room; (2) settle any additional items charged to your room at the front desk and (3) bring your passports.*

******DRESS CODE: CASUAL – MODEST DRESS***

- 6:30 – 8:00 AM Buffet breakfast served at hotel
- 8:00 AM Meet in the lobby to depart for the Old City
- 8:15 – 11:15 AM **Optional: Tour of the Old City of Jerusalem**
We will visit the three major holy sites in the Old City: the Western Wall, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, and the Temple Mount / Al Aqsa Mosque compound. We will learn about the religious, historic, and political significance of these holy sites.
- Guide:** Shalom Kleiman
- 11:15 – 11:30 AM Drive to lunch
- 11:30 – 1:00 PM **Lunch Discussion: Palestinian Political Perspective**
We will discuss the current state of affairs in Palestine and the Palestinian Authority and PLO's political interests and priorities with regard to the US-Palestine relationship, as well as the diplomatic resolution of the conflict.
- Speaker:** Bashar Azzeh, Co-Director of the Innovative Conflict Transformation project, Geneva Center for Security and Peace; Senior Advisor at the Middle East Project, Herbert Kelman Institute
- 1:00 – 1:45 PM Drive to Alon Shvut

