

# 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: Jim (James) Costa
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Elizabeth O'Sullivan **OR**  None  
b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): Sister
3. a. Dates: Departure: March 24, 2024 Return: March 29, 2024  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None
4. Departure City: Washington, D.C. Destination: Tel Aviv, Israel Return City: Fresno, CA
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):  
Attended numerous sessions and tours that demonstrate the present day political and security climate for Israel. Also met with government officials, members from displaced communities, and other groups.
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: April 11, 2024

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original  Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip within 10 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 or provided in-kind support for the trip: American Israel Education Foundation, Inc. (AIEF)

2. Travel Destination(s): Israel

3. Date of Departure: March 24, 2024 Date of Return: March 29, 2024

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Representative Jim Costa

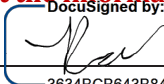
*Note:* You may list more than one traveler on a form only if **all** information is **identical** for each person listed.

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                   | \$13,665.85                   | \$1,042.96             | \$800.26            | \$3,867.87  |
| Accompanying Family Member | \$13,880.46                   | \$1,042.96             | \$800.26            | \$3,867.87  |

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

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

Signature:  Date: 4/10/2024 | 08:46 EDT  
DocuSigned by: 3634BCB643B8439...

Name: Rachel Hirsch Title: Chief Legal Counsel

Organization: American Israel Education Foundation, Inc. (AIEF)

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

Address: 251 H street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001

Telephone: (202) 246-0519 Email: rhirsch@aiefdn.org

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

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

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## 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's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

**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. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.**

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

American Israel Education Foundation Inc. (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, services, or in-kind assistance 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 find attached

5. Yes  No  Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

6. Date of Departure: March 23, 2024 Date of Return: March 29, 2024

7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C. or home district

b. Destination(s): Israel

c. City of return: Washington, D.C. or 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 the statement is true by clicking the 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 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a charitable and educational mission which includes, among other things, educating policy members and opinion leaders about the U.S.-Israel relationship. AIEF is solely responsible for recruiting, coordinating, executing, and funding all aspects of this trip.
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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: charter bus)
  - c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:  
 \_\_\_\_\_
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14.  I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a.  The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
  - b.  The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:
    - 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \$173
    - 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:              | <u>David Intercontinental</u>     | City: | <u>Tel Aviv</u>        | Cost Per Night: | <u>\$353</u> |
| Reason(s) for Selecting: | <u>location and affordability</u> |       |                        |                 |              |
| Hotel Name:              | <u>Elma</u>                       | City: | <u>Zichron Ya'akov</u> | Cost Per Night: | <u>\$343</u> |
| Reason(s) for Selecting: | <u>location and affordability</u> |       |                        |                 |              |
| Hotel Name:              | <u>Waldorf Astoria</u>            | City: | <u>Jerusalem</u>       | Cost Per Night: | <u>\$375</u> |
| Reason(s) for Selecting: | <u>location and affordability</u> |       |                        |                 |              |

17.  I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*

18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

| <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates | Total <b>Transportation</b> Expenses per Participant | Total <b>Lodging</b> Expenses per Participant | Total <b>Meal</b> Expenses per Participant |
|---|--|---|--|
| For each Member, Officer, or Employee   | \$8,568.00   | \$1,446.00                                    | \$868.00                                   |
| For each Accompanying Family Member   | \$8,568.00   | \$1,446.00                                    | \$868.00                                   |

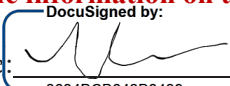
|                                       | <b>Other</b> Expenses (dollar amount per item) | Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.) |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| For each Member, Officer, or Employee | \$3,630.00                                     | breakdown attached   |
| For each Accompanying Family Member   | \$3,630.00                                     | breakdown attached   |

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.**

DocuSigned by:  
 Signature:  Date: 2/17/2024 | 20:08 EST  
 Name: Rachel Hirsch Title: Chief Legal Counsel  
 Organization: American Israel Education Foundation Inc. (AIEF)  
 Address: 251 H Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001  
 Email: rhirsch@aiefdn.org Telephone: (202) 246-0519

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

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## 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 submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or [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: James (Jim) Costa

**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): Wade Roberge

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address: 2081 Rayburn House Office Building, 45 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, D.C. 20515

Telephone Number: (202) 225-3341

Email Address of Contact Person: costaschedule@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.

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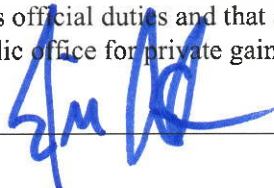
## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: James (Jim) Costa
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: American Israel Education Foundation Inc. (AIEF)
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Israel
4. a. Date of Departure: March 23, 2024 Date of Return: March 29, 2024  
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: Elizabeth Marlene O'Sullivan
  - (2) Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): Sister
  - (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, invitation, 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.**  
As a Member on the Foreign Affairs Committee, it is important for me to attend meetings with government officials of Israel while also visiting historical and holy sites of the country.  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. **Yes  No  Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in 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: 02/22/2024

Michael Guest, Mississippi  
*Chairman*  
Susan Wild, Pennsylvania  
*Ranking Member*

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John H. Rutherford, Florida  
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Michelle Fischbach, Minnesota

Veronica Escobar, Texas  
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Deborah K. Ross, North Carolina  
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**U.S. House of Representatives**

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1015 Longworth House Office Building  
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March 12, 2024

The Honorable Jim Costa  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2081 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 sister's proposed trip to Israel,<sup>1</sup> scheduled for March 23 to 29, 2024, sponsored by American Israel Education Foundation.

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 \$480 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 \$480] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

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<sup>1</sup> Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the 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,



Michael Guest  
Chairman



Susan Wild  
Ranking Member

MG/SW:tn

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)  
Democratic Members of Congress  
March 23-29, 2024**

**Addendum**

4. Names of Travelers

1. The Honorable Brad Schneider (Illinois)
2. The Honorable Jim Costa (California)
3. The Honorable Valerie Foushee (North Carolina)
4. The Honorable Juan Vargas (California)

5. Breakdown of “other” costs

| <b>Other Cost</b>                          | <b>Cost per person</b> |
|--|------------------------|
| Security                                   | \$1,537.72             |
| Speaker fees                               | \$637.06               |
| Hotels for contract staff                  | \$460.62               |
| Room rentals and setup                     | \$425.27               |
| Misc.                                      | \$263.48               |
| Airport assistance                         | \$249.24               |
| Meals for contract staff and guests        | \$150.44               |
| Photography                                | \$72.81                |
| Transportation for contract staff & guests | \$67.89                |
| Tips                                       | \$3.34                 |
| <b>Total =</b>                             | <b>\$3,867.87</b>      |

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)  
Educational Seminar in Israel  
Bipartisan Members of Congress  
March 23-29, 2024**

**Itinerary**

**Saturday, March 23, 2024**

11:20 PM                    Congressman Juan Vargas departs JFK Airport on El Al flight 8

**Sunday, March 24, 2024**

2:15 PM                    Congressmen Brad Schneider and Jim Costa, and Congresswoman Valerie Foushee depart Newark Airport on El Al flight 28

3:40 PM                    Congressman Juan Vargas arrives at Ben Gurion Airport on El Al flight 0008

5:00 PM                    Check in to the David Intercontinental Hotel, Tel Aviv

6:30 PM                    Depart for Hostage Square

6:45-7:30 PM            Visit Hostage Square and meet with hostage families

7:30-9:00 PM            Dinner  
-at Metos

9:30 PM                    Overnight at the David Intercontinental Hotel, Tel Aviv

**Monday, March 25, 2024**

5:30 AM                    Congressmen Brad Schneider and Jim Costa, and Congresswoman Valerie Foushee arrive at Ben Gurion Airport-LY0028

6:30 AM                    Depart for Rehovot

7:00-7:45 AM            Breakfast  
-at main dining hall, Leonardo Boutique Hotel, Rehovot

8:00-8:30 AM            **October 7 Invasion Overview**  
With Yossi Garr  
-at De Vinci Hall, Leonardo Boutique Hotel, Rehovot

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|------------------|--|
| 8:45-9:45 AM     | <p><b>Antisemitism in the Post October 7 World</b><br/> Briefing with Michal Cotler-Wunsh<br/> Israel's Special Envoy on Combatting Antisemitism, Former Member of the Knesset<br/> -at De Vinci Hall, Leonardo Boutique Hotel, Rehovot</p>      |
| 10:00-11:00 AM   | <p><b>War Briefing: Swords of Iron, A Regional View</b><br/> Briefing by Brig. Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel<br/> Former Director, Counter-Terrorism Bureau at Prime Minister's Office<br/> - at De Vinci Hall, Leonardo Boutique Hotel, Rehovot</p> |
| 11:15 AM         | <p>Depart for Palmachim Base</p>   |
| 11:45 AM-1:30 PM | <p><b>Israel's Defensive Abilities</b><br/> Tour of Arrow, Iron Dome, and David's Sling<br/> Briefing with Member of the Ministry of Defense<br/> -at Palmachim Base</p>   |
| 1:30 PM          | <p>Depart for Kibbutz Nir Oz<br/> Lunch boxes on bus</p>   |
| 2:45-4:30 PM     | <p><b>The Story of October 7, Part I</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Visit Kibbutz Nir Oz</li> <li>▪ Briefing by Kibbutz resident Nir Metzger</li> </ul>  |
| 4:30 PM          | <p>Depart</p>  |
| 4:45-5:45 PM     | <p><b>The Story of October 7, Part II</b><br/> Visit to Nova Concert Site and Memorial</p>   |
| 5:45 PM          | <p>Depart for Zichron Ya'akov</p>  |
| 7:45 PM          | <p>Check-in to the Zamarin Hotel/Boutique 49 Hotel, Zichron Ya'akov</p>  |
| 8:30-10:00 PM    | <p>Dinner<br/> -at Hameyasdim</p>  |
| 10:00 PM         | <p>Overnight at Zamarin Hotel/Boutique 49 Hotel, Zichron Ya'akov</p>   |

## **Tuesday, March 26, 2024**

- 7:00 AM Prepare for Checkout
- 7:15-8:00 AM Breakfast  
-at Boulangerie
- 8:00-9:00 AM Depart for Kibbutz Sasa
- 9:30 AM-12:00 PM **Israel at War – the Northern Front**  
Citizens in the line of fire, the Northern displaced communities  
Military Tactical Briefing with Brig. Gen. Yuval Bazak  
-at Kibbutz Sasa
- 12:15 PM Depart for Rafael-Leshem
- 1:00-3:00 PM **U.S. – Israel Defense Cooperation**  
Lunch and briefing with Gideon Weiss  
Vice President for International Business Development  
Rafael Advanced Defense Systems Ltd.  
  - Review of U.S. programs
  - Presentation of leading systems: SPIKE, Trophy, Iron-Beam, Iron Dome
- 3:30 PM Depart for Jerusalem via Alfe Menashe
- 4:45-6:00 PM **Israel's Narrow Waistline**  
-at Alfei Menashe
- 7:30 PM Check-in to the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Jerusalem
- 7:45 PM Depart for dinner
- 8:00-9:30 PM **The Israeli Mosaic**  
Dinner in Shuk Machane Yehuda  
-at Hazot
- 10:00 PM Overnight at Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Jerusalem

## **Wednesday, March 27, 2024**

- 7:30 AM-8:15 AM Breakfast on own  
-at the hotel

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 8:30 – 9:30 AM | <b>Israel on the International Stage</b><br>Meeting with Dr.Tal Becker<br>Senior Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs<br>-at Shimon Meeting Room, Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Jerusalem                                  |
| 9:45 AM        | Depart for the Prime Minister's Office  |
| 10:15-10:45 AM | Security check  |
| 10:45-11:45 AM | <b>Meeting with The Honorable Benjamin Netanyahu</b><br>Prime Minister of the State of Israel<br>-at the Prime Minister's office  |
| 12:00 PM       | Depart for the Knesset  |
| 12:30 PM       | Security check  |
| 1:00-2:00 PM   | Lunch<br>-at the Knesset  |
| 2:30-3:00 PM   | <b>A View from the Knesset</b><br>Meeting with the Honorable Amir Ohana<br>Speaker of the Knesset<br>-at Negev Hall, Knesset  |
| 3:15-4:00 PM   | <b>A View from the War Cabinet</b><br>Meeting with The Honorable Benny Gantz<br>Head of National Unity Party<br>-at Negev Hall, Knesset   |
| 4:30 PM        | Depart for Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery  |
| 4:45-6:15 PM   | <b>Paying Tribute to Israel's Fallen Heroes</b><br>-at Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery  |
| 6:15 PM        | Return to the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Jerusalem  |
| 6:30-7:30 PM   | <b>A Palestinian Voice Post October 7</b><br>Meeting with Ibrahim Dalalsha<br>Executive Director, Horizon Center for Political Studies and Media<br>Outreach<br>-at Shimon Meeting Room, Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Jerusalem |

7:45 – 9:30 PM      **The U.S.-Israel Relationship**  
Dinner and Discussion with Ambassador Deputy Chief of Mission  
Stephanie Hallett  
-Issachar Meeting Room, Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Jerusalem

10:00 PM              Overnight at the at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Jerusalem

**Thursday, March 28, 2024**

7:00-7:45 AM        Breakfast on own  
-at the hotel

7:45 AM              Depart for the President’s Residence

8:30-9:30 AM        **A View from the President of Israel**  
Meeting with the Honorable Isaac Herzog  
-at the President’s Residence

9:30 AM              Depart for the Old City of Jerusalem

10:00-11:45 AM     **Strategic Survey of Jerusalem: The Holy Basin**  
Visit to the Old City of Jerusalem

11:45 AM            Depart for lunch

12:15-1:15 PM      Lunch  
-at Luciana

1:30 PM              Depart for Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Jerusalem

2:00-3:00 PM        **A Voice Ignored – Women on October 7**  
Conversation with Dr.Cochav Elkayam Levy  
Chair, Civil Commission on Oct. 7th Crimes by Hamas  
Against Women and Children  
-at Naftali Meeting Room, Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Jerusalem

3:30-4:30 PM        **Bring Them Home**  
Meeting with John and Rachel Polin-Goldberg  
Parents of Hersh Polin-Goldberg  
- at Naftali Meeting Room, Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Jerusalem

5:00-6:00 PM            **Israel and the World**  
Closing conversation with Haviv Rettig-Gur  
Journalist, *The Times of Israel*  
- at Naftali Meeting Room, Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Jerusalem

6:00-7:00 PM            Prepare for departure

7:15 PM                    Check out and depart for dinner

7:30-9:15 PM            **Closing dinner**  
-at Angelina

9:30 PM                    Depart for Ben Gurion Airport

**Friday, March 29, 2024**

1:00 AM                    Congressman Jim Costa departs Tel Aviv on El Al flight 0027

1:05 AM                    Congressman Juan Vargas and Congresswoman Valerie Foushee depart  
Tel Aviv on El Al flight 0001



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The Honorable Jim Costa  
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Dear Representative Costa,

On behalf of the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF), we would like to invite you and your family guest to participate in an educational seminar in Israel for bipartisan members of Congress, March 23-29, 2023. The trip will depart Saturday, March 23; and return to the U.S. Friday morning, March 29.

This seminar will delve into the critical issues facing Israel in the wake of the October 7 massacre, including: the ongoing Israel-Hamas war; security threats confronting Israel on its northern border; and the threat posed by a nuclear Iran.

The program will include in-depth briefings and conversations with Israeli political leaders and military officials; U.S. government officials; heads of non-governmental organizations; and prominent academics and journalists. The delegation will also visit historic and religious sites in Jerusalem and the Galilee.

All trip-related expenses will be paid for by AIEF, and all aspects of the trip will be in full conformity with House Ethics rules. AIEF will provide additional information to ensure your compliance with ethics requirements.

**Flights to Israel are limited, so we will take RSVPs as long as seats are available. To confirm your participation, please fill out the [Participant Confirmation Form](#) for both the member, and their family guest.** If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Lang at [jlang@aiefdn.org](mailto:jlang@aiefdn.org) or (202) 948-7198.

Sincerely,



Arne Christenson  
Executive Director