

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: Bradley Scott Schneider
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Julie Dann Schneider **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: March 29th, 2024 Return: March 31st, 2024
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: March 30th + 31st, 2024 **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Israel, Tel Aviv Return City: Chicago
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: American Israel Education Foundation, Inc (AIEF)
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):
See Attached Forms

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 16th, 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 31, 2024

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Representative Brad Schneider

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	\$16,921.35	\$521.48	\$800.26	\$3,867.87
Accompanying Family Member	\$16,921.35	\$521.48	\$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

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

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.

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: Bradley Scott Schneider

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: Sam Yanhovich

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): Sam Yanhovich

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Brad Schneider

Office Address: 300 Cannon House Office Building

Telephone Number: (202) 225-4835

Email Address of Contact Person: Sam.Yanhovich@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 email: travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Brawley Scott Schneider
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 23rd, 2024 Date of Return: March 31st, 2024
b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: March 30th, 2024
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: Julie Dawn Schneider
 - (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, 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 of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Rep. Schneider will use this trip to get on the ground updates on the ongoing conflict in Gaza as well as hear from key stakeholders involved in the situation.
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: Brawley Scott Schneider

Date: February 22nd, 2024

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

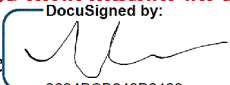
	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$3,630.00	breakdown attached
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$3,630.00	breakdown attached

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

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March 12, 2024

The Honorable Bradley Schneider
U.S. House of Representatives
300 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your spouse's proposed trip to Israel,¹ scheduled for March 23 to 31, 2024, sponsored by American Israel Education Foundation. We note that this trip includes two days at your personal expense.

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.

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,



Michael Guest
Chairman



Susan Wild
Ranking Member

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

Addendum

4. List of Invitees

As members of the House of Representatives, these invitees are consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S.-Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran’s affairs. These issues—along with issues more broadly related to the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel—will be explored during the AIEF Israel Seminar, which is focused on educating members of Congress on events throughout the region by providing on-the-ground context.

1. The Honorable James Costa (California)
2. The Honorable Valerie Foushee (North Carolina)
3. The Honorable Dusty Johnson (South Dakota)
4. The Honorable Debra Lesko (Arizona)
5. The Honorable Brad Schneider (Illinois)
6. The Honorable Juan Vargas (California)

18. Breakdown of other expenses

Other Cost	Cost per person
Security	\$1,333.33
Speaker Fees	\$666.67
Room Rentals and Setup (Mics)	\$400.00
Hotels for contract staff	\$400.00
Meals for contract staff and guests	\$266.67
Tour Guide/Yad Vashem Guide	\$320.00
Transportation for contract staff & speakers	\$33.33
Airport Assistance	\$93.33
Entrance Fees	\$33.33
Photography	\$36.67
Misc.	\$33.33

Tips	\$13.33
Total per person =	\$3,630.00

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

Itinerary

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Afternoon Domestic flights depart for JFK

11:50 PM El Al Flight 8 departs JFK

Sunday, March 24, 2024

4:10 PM El Al Flight 8 arrives at Ben-Gurion Airport

5:00 PM Transfer to Tel Aviv

5:30 PM Check in to the David Intercontinental Hotel, Tel Aviv

6:45-8:00 PM **Setting the Stage**
Dinner, Welcome and Orientation with:
▪ The Honorable Brad Schneider
▪ AIEF staff
-at the hotel

During the welcome and orientation, staff will lead a discussion about the objectives for the week ahead.

8:00-9:00 PM **Pulse of the Nation**
Briefing with David Horowitz
Founding Editor, *Times of Israel*
-at the hotel

David Horowitz is the founding editor of *Times of Israel*, the leading current affairs website in Israel. As Israel continues its war against Hamas in Gaza, Mr. Horowitz will provide the group with a synthesis of domestic political trends, current international affairs and the general state of mind of Israeli voters at this particular moment in time.

9:00-9:45 PM **Visit to Hostage Square**
-at the Tel Aviv Museum of Art

During this session, participants will tour the main site that activists are using to promote awareness of the hostages still being held captive in Gaza. They will learn about the different

communities that have been impacted, and who have built a dynamic, diverse civil society project through art, religion, and activism. Participants will also meet with family members of those who were taken hostage, including American citizens.

10:00 PM Overnight at the David Intercontinental Hotel, Tel Aviv

Monday, March 25, 2024

7:00-8:00 AM Breakfast on own
- at the Main dining hall

8:15-9:15 AM **War Briefing, Part I: Understanding Hamas**
Conversation with Dr. Michael Milshtein
Senior Fellow, Institute for Policy and Strategy, Reichman University
-at the hotel

Hamas's takeover of the Gaza Strip in 2007 and its growing influence in the West Bank have had a direct impact on Israel, even before the events of October 7. This session will explore Hamas's history, ethos, goals and attitudes toward Israel. It will also discuss how Israel has understood and misunderstood Hamas and its intentions, new approaches since the war began, and the challenges for the "day after".

9:30 AM Depart for the Ministry of Defense

10:00-10:45 AM **Confronting Israel's Security Challenges**
Meeting with the Honorable Yoav Gallant
Minister of Defense
-at the Ministry of Defense

The Honorable Yoav Galant currently serves as the Minister of Defense. Galant began his political career in the Kulana party in 2015, which later merged with the Likud party in 2019. He served in the Israel Defense Forces for more than three decades, reaching the rank of Major-General – his last IDF post was that of Head of the Southern Command. During this meeting, Galant will discuss the current security challenges faced by Israel on the southern and northern borders, and throughout the Middle East.

11:00-11:30 AM Depart for Palmachim Base

11:45 AM-1:00 PM **Israel's Multi-tiered Missile Defense**
Tour of Arrow, Iron Dome, and David's Sling
-at Palmachim Base

Israel's defense system is multi-layered and includes three main air defense systems: The Iron Dome for short-range threats under 50 kilometers; David Sling for medium-range projectiles; and

Arrow, which defends against long-range ballistic missile threats. The IDF will explain the individual systems, and how they work together to protect the state of Israel. Participants will visit the operation centers for these systems and learn how U.S.-Israel strategic cooperation ensures the safety of the Jewish State.

1:00-2:00 PM Depart for Kibbutz Be'eri
Lunch boxes on bus

2:15-3:15 PM **The Story of October 7, Part I**

- Visit Kibbutz Be'eri
- Briefing by IDF Spokesperson's Unit

On October 7, the Jewish communities living along the Gaza border were destroyed, thousands were killed, and hundreds kidnapped. During the visit to Kibbutz Be'eri, participants will bear witness to the Hamas invasion and massacre. They will hear what happened to the community on October 7, and how the IDF regained control. They will meet with an IDF spokesperson who will walk them through the events that started the war.

3:15-3:30 PM Depart

3:30-4:00 PM **The Story of October 7, Part II:**
Visit to Nova Concert Site and Memorial

When Hamas terrorists infiltrated Israel on October 7, they also massacred and kidnapped hundreds of young civilians at a music festival taking place in the Gaza envelope area. Since then, family members created a moving memorial to their loved ones that will help the participants understand the enormity of the events of the days and the trauma experienced by Israeli society.

4:00-6:30 PM Depart for Zichron Ya'akov

6:30-7:00 PM Check in to the Elma hotel, Zichron Ya'akov

7:00-8:00 PM **War Briefing, Part II – Swords of Iron: A Regional View**
Briefing with briefing by Brig. Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel
Former Director, Counter-Terrorism Bureau at Prime Minister's Office
-at the hotel

Brig.-Gen (Res.) is the immediate past director of the Counter-Terrorism Bureau at the Office of the Prime Minister, where he served until 2012. His duties included developing a national policy for border protection, cargo and aviation security, and advanced technology for public security. He is a veteran of the "Golani" Infantry Corp; he held command positions in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and South Lebanon. Today he is a research associate at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism at IDC Herzliya.

- 8:00-9:30 PM **Israel's Resiliency – Civilians on the Front Lines of Rebuilding**
Dinner and Discussion with:
- Danielle Abraham, ReGrow Israel
 - Miriam Ballin, United Hatzalah
- at the hotel

Within hours of Hamas's attack on Israel, civil society activists stepped in and used their experience and knowledge to save lives and protect their homes. In this session, participants will hear from women activists who come from organizations that exemplify Israel's commitment to repairing the world and the start-up ethos, and in the aftermath of Oct 7 redirected their efforts to help Israeli society weather the war and its aftermath.

- 10:00 PM Overnight at Elma Hotel, Zichron Ya'akov

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

- 7:00-8:00 AM Breakfast on own
-at the hotel

- 8:00-9:00 AM Depart for Rafael

- 9:00-10:30 AM **U.S. – Israel Defense Cooperation**
Meet with Gideon Weiss,
Vice President for International Business Development, Rafael
- Review of U.S. programs
 - Presentation of leading systems: SPIKE, Trophy, Iron-Beam, Iron Dome

During this session, Mr. Weiss will explain the U.S.-Israel strategic cooperation that has led to the country's multi-tiered missile defense system. Gideon (Gidi) Weiss is Vice President for International Business Development at Rafael's Air & C4ISR Systems Division.

- 10:30-11:30 AM Depart for Safed

- 11:45 AM-12:45 PM **Israel at War – the Northern Front, Part I**
Military Tactical Briefing
Deputy Northern Command
-at North Central Command

This briefing at the IDF's Northern Command Base will give participants an insider's understanding of the threat Israel currently faces from Hezbollah in Lebanon and the work the IDF is doing to secure Israel's northern border. It will also address the potential risks of an

expanded war with Hezbollah, the connection to Iran and an update about potential diplomatic solutions.

12:45-1:30 PM Lunch
 -at North Central Command

1:30-2:00 PM Depart for Kibbutz Sasa

2:15-3:15 PM **Israel at War – the Northern Front, Part II**
 The Northern displaced communities

When Hezbollah started to fire on Israel on October 7, just hours after Hamas terrorists fired thousands of rockets and infiltrated the country, northern Israeli communities were immediately at risk. The visit to Kibbutz Sasa, with an IDF spokesperson and a local resident, will demonstrate the impact on one such community and highlight for participants the displacement of tens of thousands of Israelis who were forced to evacuate while their homes are under fire from Hezbollah.

3:15-7:00 PM Depart for Jerusalem

4:15-5:15 PM En route briefing: **The Druze and Bedouin Communities**

The Israeli Druze are a unique religious and ethnic minority among Arab citizens of Israel. There are approximately 150,000 Druze living in Israel. Male members of the Druze community serve in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), and many have attained top positions in Israeli politics and public service. The Israeli Bedouin are a semi-nomadic community residing primarily in the Negev Desert. There are approximately 200,000-250,000 Bedouin living in Israel. Although Bedouin are not required to join the IDF, several thousand have volunteered. The Druze and Bedouin in Israel were also victims of the October 7 massacre, and there are many stories of heroism from those communities on that day.

5:15-5:45 PM En route briefing: **Israel's Narrow Waistline**
 -at Alfei Menashe

Alfei Menashe is a Jewish community located on the western edge of the West Bank. Less than 10 miles from the Mediterranean Sea, Alfei Menashe provides a unique vantage point to discuss Israeli settlement policy, the routing of the security barrier, as well as Israel's narrow waistline. The sliver of Israeli land west of the West Bank is often referred to as the Hadera-Gadera rectangle, with the city of Hadera denoting the northern point, and the city of Gadera the southern point. The Hadera-Gadera rectangle is home to over 50 percent of Israel's population, as well as civilian infrastructure. The area is also home to Israel's "silicon valley", as well as Ben Gurion international airport. The discussion at Alfei Menashe will allow participants to see firsthand the proximity of Jewish and Arab neighborhoods in both Israel and the West Bank; as well as the strategic threats faced by the Israeli population living in Israel's narrow waistline.

7:00-8:00 PM Check in to the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Jerusalem

8:00-9:30 PM **The Israeli Mosaic**
Dinner in Shuk Machane Yehuda
-at Hazot

The Israeli Mosaic will be a dinner discussion with Israelis representing some of the various societal sectors – all integral parts of the fabric of Israeli society and broader identity. The evening will be an opportunity to gain insight into the Israeli population as a whole, what governs the perspective and decisions of various sectors and to explore how each of the sectors represented fits into Israeli society and informs the collective national narrative.

10:00 PM Overnight at Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Jerusalem

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

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

8:30 – 9:30 AM **Israel on the International Stage**
Meeting with Dr. Tal Becker
Senior Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
-at the hotel

Since Israel’s founding, the Jewish state has sought to reach a just and lasting solution to the Israeli Palestinian conflict. The United States has been closely involved in negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. Dr. Tal Becker is a senior member of the Israeli peace negotiation team. In this position, he is on the front lines of many of Israel's most pressing diplomatic, legal and policy challenges. He is a veteran negotiator, and key behind the scenes representative, for Israel in a wide variety of contexts. During this session, he will address the current political climate for Israel on the international stage.

9:45 AM Depart for Prime Minister’s Office

10:15-11:00 Security check

11:00 AM–12:00 PM **Meeting with the Prime Minister**
The Honorable Benjamin Netanyahu
Prime Minister of the State of Israel
-at the Prime Minister’s office

It is customary for members of Congress to meet with Israel’s Prime Minister, to hear the official perspective of the State of Israel on issues impacting the U.S.-Israel relationship. Prime Minister

Benjamin Netanyahu is the Chairman of the Likud party. He previously served as Israel's Prime Minister for 12 years, ending in June 2021. He is Israel's longest serving Prime Minister

12:00 PM Depart

12:30-1:15 PM Lunch
-at Nefesh B'nefesh

1:30-2:15 PM **A View from the Opposition**
Meeting with The Honorable Yair Lapid
Head of the Opposition, Yesh Atid Party
- at Nefesh B'Nefesh

Yair Lapid is an Israeli politician and former journalist who is the Chairman of the centrist Yesh Atid party, and Leader of the Opposition since January 2023. Previously he served as the 14th prime minister of Israel, the alternate prime minister of Israel and minister of Foreign Affairs from 2021 to 2022.

2:30 PM Depart for Mt. Herzl

2:45-3:00 PM Depart for Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery

3:00-4:00 PM **Paying Tribute to Israel's Fallen Heroes**
-at Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery

A critical piece of understanding Israeli society and culture, is the role of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), mandatory army service, and veterans. Mount Herzl is the site of Israel's national cemetery, named after Theodor Herzl, the founder of modern political Zionism. Israel's leaders and fallen soldiers are buried there. Every plot section in Mount Herzl has a broad plaza for memorial services. Most state memorial ceremonies for those killed in war are conducted in the National Military and Police cemetery. This visit will highlight the way Israel remembers its fallen and relates to the role of the military in as part of the fabric of the Jewish State. Since the massacre on October 7th and the ensuing war, the cemetery has seen many funerals in recent months and visiting now will help participants understand the current Israel psyche.

4:00 PM Return to Hotel

6:30-7:30 PM **A View from the Coalition**
Meeting with The Honorable Benny Gantz
Head of National Unity party
-at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel

The Honorable Lt. Gen. (Res.) Benny Gantz is an Israeli politician and founder and leader of the National Unity Party, and previously Chairman of the Blue & White Party. In previous

governments, Gantz has also served as the Minister of Defense, Deputy Prime Minister, and Alternate Prime Minister. Before entering politics, Gantz served as the IDF Chief of General Staff between 2011-2015. He commanded the IDF when it fought against Palestinian factions in Gaza in Operation Pillar of Defense, and Operation Protective Edge. He began his service in uniform in 1977, and over the years served as commander of a number of elite IDF units and of regional commands, as military attaché in the U.S., and as the Deputy Chief of the General Staff.

7:45 – 9:30 PM **The U.S.-Israel Relationship**
Dinner and Discussion with Ambassador Jack Lew,
and Deputy Chief of Mission Stephanie Hallett
-at the hotel

During this dinner discussion, Ambassador Lew and Deputy Chief Hallett will share the U.S. perspective on the current war in Gaza, regional threats from Iranian proxies, and the potential for Arab-Israeli cooperation.

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

Thursday, March 28, 2024

7:00-8:15 AM Breakfast on own
-at the hotel

8:30-9:30 AM **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 the hotel

Among the atrocities committed during the massacre and kidnappings were acts of gender-based violence, including rape. Many of the victims were killed during and after, thus silencing them and creating challenges in bringing forth these stories. Dr. Elkayam-Levy will help the group understand the tragic events that took place and the work in the international arena, including in the United States, to raise awareness of the Israeli victims.

9:45-10:45 AM **Israel’s Resiliency – Women at the Front Lines of Rebuilding**
Discussion with:
▪ Danielle Abraham, ReGrow Israel
▪ Miriam Ballin, United Hatzalah
-at the hotel

Within hours of Hamas’s attack on Israel, civil society activists stepped in and used their experience and knowledge to save lives and protect their homes. In this session, participants will hear from women activists who come from organizations that exemplify Israel’s commitment to

repairing the world and the start-up ethos, and in the aftermath of Oct 7 redirected their efforts to help Israeli society weather the war and its aftermath.

11:00-11:30 AM Depart for Old City

11:30 AM-1:00 PM **The Old City of Jerusalem**

The Old City of Jerusalem is home to the holiest shrines of the three monotheistic religions, including the Temple Mount, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and the Al-Aqsa Mosque. The Holy Basin is the historic location of Jerusalem and refers to the land surrounding the Old City, including the Mount of Olives, believed to be the departure point for Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem and the cemetery where Jews have been burying their dead for 2,500 years. The Holy Basin also includes the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site, and the Temple Mount (Haram al-Sharif), sacred ground for Jews, Muslims, and Christians. Control over these sensitive areas remains among the largest disputes in the Middle East. The professionally guided survey will walk through all of these sites and others, educating trip participants on their historical impact and their role in today's political discussions.

1:00 PM Depart for Lunch

1:30-2:30 PM Lunch
-at The First Station

3:30-4:30 PM **Bring Them Home**
Meeting with John and Rachel Polin-Goldberg,
Parents of Hersh Polin-Goldberg
-at the hotel

Among the over 240 people taken hostage by Hamas were American citizens. Their family members have visited with communities around the world to advocate for the hostages' safe return. Participants will meet the parents of one of the Americans, Hersh Goldberg Polin, a young man who was injured and taken captive, to hear about their struggle to bring their son home.

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

In this closing session, journalist Haviv Rettig Gur will bring together the different elements of the trip to help participants fully understand this moment in time, the challenges Israel faces during war, and the role of the U.S.-Israel relationship. It will also lay out the complexities of "the day after" and some possibilities for how Israel can move forward both locally and regionally.

- 6:00-7:00 PM Prepare for departure
- 7:00-7:45 PM Check out and depart for Modi'in
- 7:45-9:15 PM **Closing dinner**
- at Conmingo, Modi'in

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

- 9:30-10:00 PM Depart for Ben Gurion, check in to flight

Friday, March 29, 2024

- 1:05 AM El Al Flight 1 departs Ben Gurion
- 7:05 AM El Al Flight 1 arrives JFK
- Morning Domestic flights depart JFK

**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

Other Cost	Cost per person
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
Total =	\$3,867.87

**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

8:45-9:45 AM	<p>Antisemitism in the Post October 7 World Briefing with Michal Cotler-Wunsh Israel's Special Envoy on Combatting Antisemitism, Former Member of the Knesset -at De Vinci Hall, Leonardo Boutique Hotel, Rehovot</p>
10:00-11:00 AM	<p>War Briefing: Swords of Iron, A Regional View Briefing by Brig. Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel Former Director, Counter-Terrorism Bureau at Prime Minister's Office - 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>Israel's Defensive Abilities Tour of Arrow, Iron Dome, and David's Sling Briefing with Member of the Ministry of Defense -at Palmachim Base</p>
1:30 PM	<p>Depart for Kibbutz Nir Oz Lunch boxes on bus</p>
2:45-4:30 PM	<p>The Story of October 7, Part I</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Visit Kibbutz Nir Oz ▪ Briefing by Kibbutz resident Nir Metzger
4:30 PM	<p>Depart</p>
4:45-5:45 PM	<p>The Story of October 7, Part II 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 -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	Israel on the International Stage Meeting with Dr.Tal Becker Senior Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs -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	Meeting with The Honorable Benjamin Netanyahu Prime Minister of the State of Israel -at the Prime Minister’s office
12:00 PM	Depart for the Knesset
12:30 PM	Security check
1:00-2:00 PM	Lunch -at the Knesset
2:30-3:00 PM	A View from the Knesset Meeting with the Honorable Amir Ohana Speaker of the Knesset -at Negev Hall, Knesset
3:15-4:00 PM	A View from the War Cabinet Meeting with The Honorable Benny Gantz Head of National Unity Party -at Negev Hall, Knesset
4:30 PM	Depart for Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery
4:45-6:15 PM	Paying Tribute to Israel’s Fallen Heroes -at Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery
6:15 PM	Return to the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Jerusalem
6:30-7:30 PM	A Palestinian Voice Post October 7 Meeting with Ibrahim Dalalsha Executive Director, Horizon Center for Political Studies and Media Outreach -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

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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