

# 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: Aaron Bean
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Abigail Bean **OR**  None  
b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: 04/02/2024 Return: 04/08/2024  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None
4. Departure City: Rome, Italy Destination: Jerusalem, Israel Return City: Jacksonville, FL
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Agenda attached.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Aaron Bean

Date: 04/22/2024



# 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.

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

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: April 2, 2024 Date of Return: April 8, 2024

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Representative Aaron Bean

*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	\$5,567.31	\$1,257.68	\$1,436.31	\$3,010.43
Accompanying Family Member	\$5,567.31	\$1,257.68	\$1,436.31	\$3,010.43

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: Rachel Hirsch Date: 4/19/2024 | 13:01 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

1. Name of Traveler: Aaron Bean
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: 04/02/2024 Date of Return: 04/08/2024  
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: Abigail Bean
  - (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.**  
Going Israel to learn about the oversight of foreign funding and the ongoing war between Israel and Hamas as a member of Congress.
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: 03/01/2024



# 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: April 1, 2024 Date of Return: April 8, 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. \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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:

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): \$174.33
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: The trip is in Israel to educate members of Congress about the U.S.-Israel relationship.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: King David Hotel City: Jerusalem Cost Per Night: \$437  
Reason(s) for Selecting: location and affordability

Hotel Name: Merom Golan City: Golan Heights Cost Per Night: \$354  
Reason(s) for Selecting: location and affordability

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.*

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 -	\$8438.78	\$1488	\$1046
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$8438.78	\$1488	\$1046

	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	\$2736.74	breakdown attached
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$2736.74	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: Rachel Hirsch Date: 2/29/2024 | 20:48 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.

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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

March 27, 2024

The Honorable Aaron Bean  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1239 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your spouse's proposed trip to Israel,<sup>1</sup> scheduled for April 2 to 8, 2024, sponsored by the 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](mailto: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:kjf



**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)  
 Republican Freshmen Members of Congress  
 April 1-8, 2024**

**Addendum**

**4. Names of Travelers**

1. The Honorable Mark Alford (Missouri)
2. The Honorable Aaron Bean (Florida)
3. The Honorable Eric Burlison (Missouri)
4. The Honorable Lori Chavez-DeRemer (Oregon)
5. The Honorable Juan Ciscomani (Arizona)
6. The Honorable Eli Crane (Arizona)
7. The Honorable Scott Fitzgerald (Wisconsin)
8. The Honorable Russell Fry (South Carolina)
9. The Honorable Tom Kean (New Jersey)
10. The Honorable Jen Kiggans (Virginia)
11. The Honorable Kevin Kiley (California)
12. The Honorable Nick Langworthy (New York)
13. The Honorable Celeste Maloy (Utah)
14. The Honorable Dale Strong (Alabama)
15. The Honorable Derrick Van Orden (Wisconsin)
16. The Honorable Rudy Yakym (Indiana)
17. Michael Levine, Professional Staff, House Foreign Affairs Committee

**5. Breakdown of "other" costs**

<b>Other Cost</b>	<b>Cost per person</b>
Room rentals and set up	\$891.92
Security	\$579.05
Hotels for contract staff and guests	\$349.50
Misc.	\$326.20
Meals for contract staff and guests	\$318.40
Tour guide	\$218.27
Airport assistance	\$155.67
Speaker fees	\$126.77
Photography	\$35.96
Transportation for contract staff & guests	\$5.81
Entrance fees	\$2.97
<b>Total =</b>	<b>\$3,010.43</b>



**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)  
Educational Seminar in Israel  
Republican Members of Congress  
April 1 – 8, 2024**

**Itinerary**

**Monday, April 1, 2024**

1:30 PM EST	Congressmen Rudy Yakym and Tom Kean depart EWR
2:00 PM PST	Congresswomen Celeste Maloy and Lori Chavez-DeRemer and Congressmen Kevin Kiley and Juan Ciscomani depart LAX
3:20 PM EST	Michael Levine departs EWR
5:30 PM EST	Congressmen Scott Fitzgerald, Eli Crane, and Nick Langworthy depart JFK
9:00 PM EST	Congressmen Derrick Van Orden, Eric Burlison, and Russell Fry depart EWR
11:50 PM EST	Congressman Mark Alford and Congresswoman Jennifer Kiggans depart JFK

**Tuesday, April 2, 2024**

All Day	Flights arrive in Israel Transfer to Jerusalem Check-in to The King David Hotel <i>King David St 23, Jerusalem</i>
6:55 AM	Congressmen Rudy Yakym and Tom Kean arrive at Ben Gurion Airport
8:55 AM	Michael Levine arrives at Ben Gurion Airport
10:00 AM	Congressman Aaron Bean departs FCO
10:25 AM	Congressman Dale Strong departs WAW
11:00 AM	Congressmen Scott Fitzgerald, Eli Crane, and Nick Langworthy arrive at Ben Gurion Airport
1:55 PM	Congresswomen Celeste Maloy and Lori Chavez-DeRemer and Congressmen Kevin Kiley and Juan Ciscomani arrive at Ben Gurion Airport



2:25 PM Congressman Aaron Bean arrives at Ben Gurion Airport

2:25 PM Congressmen Derrick Van Orden, Eric Burlison, and Russell Fry arrive at Ben Gurion Airport

3:10 PM Congressman Dale Strong arrives at Ben Gurion Airport

5:20 PM Congressman Mark Alford and Congresswoman Jennifer Kiggans arrive at Ben Gurion Airport

12:30 – 1:30 PM **Lunch**  
-at Ambassador Garden

2:00 PM Depart

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM **Optional Jerusalem Overview**  
Tower of David

4:00 PM Return to The King David Hotel

6:15 – 7:30 PM **Welcome Dinner and Orientation**  
-at Ambassador Hall, King David Hotel

7:45 – 8:45 PM **Pulse of The Nation**  
Conversation with Herb Keinon  
Senior Political Analyst, *The Jerusalem Post*  
-at Ambassador Hall, King David Hotel

9:00 PM Depart for the City of David

9:30 – 10:30 PM **Strategic Survey of Jerusalem: The City of David**

10:30 PM Depart for The King David Hotel

10:45 PM Overnight at The King David Hotel, Jerusalem

**Wednesday, April 3, 2024**

7:00 – 8:15 AM **Breakfast on own**  
-at the main dining room, King David Hotel



8:15 – 8:45 AM      **October 7 Invasion Overview**  
 Briefing with Yossi Garr  
 Educational Seminar Leader  
 -at Ambassador Hall, King David Hotel

9:00 – 10:00 AM      **Strategic Regional Overview**  
 Briefing by Brig. Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel  
 Former Director, Counter-Terrorism Bureau at Prime Minister's Office  
 -at Ambassador Hall, King David Hotel

10:15 AM              Depart for the Gaza Envelope

12:30 – 2:00 PM      **October 7<sup>th</sup> Ground Zero I**  
 Visit to the community of Nir Oz  
 -at the Gaza Envelope

2:15 PM                Depart for Nova

2:30 – 3:15 PM      **October 7<sup>th</sup> Ground Zero II**  
 Visit Nova Music Festival Site  
 -At Reim Forest  
*Re'im*

3:15 PM                Depart for Jerusalem

5:30 PM                Arrive at The King David Hotel

6:15 – 7:15 PM      **Bring Them Home**  
 Meeting with Jon and Rachel Polin-Goldberg  
 Parents of Hersh Polin-Goldberg  
 -at Jaffa Hall, King David Hotel

7:30 PM                Depart for Dinner

8:00 – 9:30 PM      **October 7<sup>th</sup> Heroism**  
 Dinner with Nimrod Palmach  
 CEO of Israeli-is  
 -at Modern  
*11 Rupin Road, Jerusalem*

9:30 PM                Depart for The King David Hotel

9:45 PM                Overnight at The King David Hotel, Jerusalem

**Thursday, April 4, 2024**

7:00 – 8:15 AM Breakfast on own  
-at the main dining room, The King David Hotel

8:30 AM Depart for the Old City

9:00 – 11:30 AM **Strategic Survey of Jerusalem: The Historic and Holy Basin**  
▪ Southern Wall excavations  
▪ Western Wall  
▪ Church of the Holy Sepulchre  
*Old City, Jerusalem*

11:30 AM Depart for the David Citadel Hotel

12:00 – 1:00 PM **Countering Iran and its Proxies**  
Meeting with Josh Zarka  
Deputy Director General for Strategic Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
-at the Ballroom, David Citadel Hotel  
*King David St 7, Jerusalem, 9410119*

1:00 – 2:00 PM **Lunch**  
-at the Ballroom, David Citadel Hotel

2:00 PM Depart for The King David Hotel

2:45 PM Depart for the Prime Minister's Office

3:00 – 4:00 PM Security check

4:00 – 5:00 PM **A View from the Prime Minister's Office**  
Meeting with the Honorable Benjamin Netanyahu  
Prime Minister of Israel  
-at the Prime Minister's Office  
*3 Kaplan St. Hakiryah, Jerusalem*

5:15 PM Return to The King David Hotel

7:00 – 8:30 PM **Dinner with the President of Israel**  
The Honorable Isaac Herzog  
-at the President's Hall, King David Hotel

8:30 PM Overnight at The King David Hotel, Jerusalem



**Friday April 5, 2024**

- 7:00 – 8:15 AM Breakfast on own  
-at Ambassador Hall, King David Hotel
- 8:30 – 9:30 AM **Israel's International Standing**  
with Dr. Tal Becker  
Senior Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
-at Ambassador Hall, King David Hotel
- 9:45 AM Depart for Yad Vashem
- 10:15 AM–12:00 PM **Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust**  
Guided survey of Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum  
-at Yad Vashem  
*Har Hazikaron, Jerusalem*
- 11:00 AM Michael Levine departs Ben Gurion Airport
- 12:00 PM Depart for the Vert Hotel
- 12:30 – 1:30PM **A View from the Embassy**  
Conversation with Ambassador Jack Lew  
US Ambassador to Israel, U.S. Embassy to Israel  
-at Vert Hotel  
*HaAliya St 1, Jerusalem, 9544001*
- 1:30 – 2:15 PM **Lunch**  
-at Vert Hotel restaurant
- 2:30 PM Depart for Har Herzl
- 2:45 – 3:45 PM **Paying Tribute to Israel's Fallen Soldiers**  
Visit to military cemetery  
-at Har Herzl  
*1 Sderot Herzl, Mount Herzl, Jerusalem*
- 3:45 PM Depart for The King David Hotel
- 3:50 PM EST Michael Levine arrives at EWR
- 7:15 PM Depart for Sabbath dinner with host families

- 7:30 – 9:15 PM      **Reflections on the Sabbath**  
 Traditional Sabbath Dinner with host families  
 -at their homes
- 9:15 PM              Depart for The King David Hotel
- 9:30 PM              Overnight at The King David Hotel, Jerusalem

**Saturday April 6, 2024**

- 5:30 AM              Optional: Early Morning Mass at The Church of the Holy Sepulchre
- 6:30 AM              Depart for the King David Hotel
- 7:30 – 8:30 AM      Breakfast on own  
 -at Ambassador Hall, King David Hotel
- 8:30 – 9:30 AM      **How to Think About the Day After the War**  
 Conversation with Dr. Einat Wilf  
 Author and Former Member of Knesset for the Labor party  
 -at Jaffa Hall, King David Hotel
- 10:00 AM             Depart for the North
- 12:30 – 2:00 PM     **Survey of the Sea of Galilee**  
 Lunch  
 -at Yardenit  
*Kvutzat Kinneret*
- 2:00 PM              Depart for Historical and Religious Sites
- 2:30 – 4:30 PM      **Historical and Religious sites around the Sea of Galilee**  
 ▪ Mount of the Beatitudes  
 ▪ Capernaum  
*Sea of Galilee*
- 4:30 PM              Depart for Mount Bental
- 5:15 – 6:00 PM      **The Northern Front - Overlook into Syria**  
 -at Mount Bental  
*Mount Bental*



- 6:00 – 6:45 PM Check-in  
-at the Merom Golan Hotel, Golan Heights  
*Merom Golan, 1243600*
- 7:00 – 8:00 PM **Defense Cooperation: US-Israel Strategic Cooperation**  
Meeting with Gideon Weiss  
Vice President, International Business Development  
Rafael Advanced Defense Systems Ltd.  
-at the Merom Golan Hotel
- 8:15 – 9:30 PM **Dinner and Discussion**  
-at Habokrim  
*Merom Golan, 1243600*
- 9:45 PM Overnight at the Merom Golan Hotel, Golan Heights

**Sunday, April 7, 2024**

- 7:00 – 8:00 AM Breakfast in private room  
-at the Merom Golan Hotel
- 8:00 – 9:30 AM **Israel at War – the Northern Front I: Lebanon and Hezbollah**  
Strategic Briefing on the Northern border  
with Lt. Col. (Res.) Jonathan Conricus  
Former IDF International Spokesperson  
-at the Merom Golan Hotel
- 9:30 AM Depart for Kibbutz Sasa
- 10:00 – 11:00 AM **En Route Briefing: Hezbollah**
- 11:00 AM–12:00 PM **Israel at War – the Northern Front II: Citizens in the Line of Fire**  
Tour of a displaced community  
-at Kibbutz Sasa  
*Kibbutz Sasa, Northern District*
- 12:30 PM Depart for Kibbutz Lavi
- 1:15 – 2:15 PM Lunch  
-at dining hall, Kibbutz Lavi  
*Lavi*
- 2:30 PM Depart for Alfei Menashe

3:45 – 4:45 PM **Israel’s Narrow Waistline**  
 -at Alfei Menashe  
*Alfei Menashe, Israel*

4:45 PM Depart for The King David Hotel, Jerusalem

6:30 PM Prepare for departure  
 Bring luggage down to the lobby  
 -at The King David Hotel

7:00 – 9:00 PM **Closing Dinner**  
 -at Ambassador Hall, King David Hotel

9:00 PM Depart for Ben Gurion Airport

Evening Flights depart Israel

**Monday, April 8, 2024**

12:15 AM Congressmen Aaron Bean and Dale Strong depart Ben Gurion Airport

12:30 AM Congressmen Derrick Van Orden, Russell Fry, and Tom Kean and  
 Congresswoman Lori Chavez-DeRemer depart Ben Gurion Airport

1:00 AM Congressmen Rudy Yakym, Scott Fitzgerald, Eli Crane, Eric Burlison, Nick  
 Langworthy, and Kevin Kiley and Congresswoman Celeste Maloy depart  
 Ben Gurion Airport

1:05 AM Congressmen Mark Alford and Juan Ciscomani depart Ben Gurion Airport

5:15 AM EST Congressmen Derrick Van Orden, Russell Fry, and Tom Kean and  
 Congresswoman Lori Chavez-DeRemer arrive at EWR

5:45 AM EST Congressman Kevin Kiley arrives at EWR

5:50 AM EST Congressmen Rudy Yakym, Scott Fitzgerald, Eli Crane, Eric Burlison, and  
 Nick Langworthy and Congresswoman Celeste Maloy arrive at JFK

6:00 AM PST Congressmen Mark Alford and Juan Ciscomani arrive at LAX

6:30 AM EST Congressmen Aaron Bean and Dale Strong arrive at MIA

10:30 AM Congresswoman Jennifer Kiggans departs Ben Gurion Airport



3:20 PM EST

Congresswoman Jennifer Kiggans arrives at JFK

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)  
Educational Seminar in Israel  
Republican Freshmen Members of Congress  
April 1-8, 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 Michael McCaul (Texas)
2. The Honorable Mark Alford (Missouri)
3. The Honorable Aaron Bean (Florida)
4. The Honorable Eric Burlison (Missouri)
5. The Honorable Lori Chavez-DeRemer (Oregon)
6. The Honorable Juan Ciscomani (Arizona)
7. The Honorable Eli Crane (Arizona)
8. The Honorable Anthony D'Esposito (New York)
9. The Honorable Mike Ezell (Mississippi)
10. The Honorable Scott Fitzgerald (Wisconsin)
11. The Honorable Russell Fry (South Carolina)
12. The Honorable Diana Harshbarger (Tennessee)
13. The Honorable Tom Kean (New Jersey)
14. The Honorable Jen Kiggans (Virginia)
15. The Honorable Kevin Kiley (California)
16. The Honorable Nick Langworthy (New York)
17. The Honorable Celeste Maloy (Utah)
18. The Honorable Dale Strong (Alabama)
19. The Honorable Derrick Van Orden (Wisconsin)
20. The Honorable Rudy Yakym (Indiana)

**18. Breakdown of other expenses**

<b>Other Cost</b>	<b>Cost per Person</b>
Security	1,020.41
Room Rentals and Setup (Mics)	612.24

Hotels for contract staff	265.31
Speaker Fees	244.90
Meals for contract staff and guests	193.88
Tour Guide/Yad Vashem Guide	188.78
Airport Assistance	122.45
Photography	31.63
Misc.	20.41
Entrance Fees	16.33
Transportation for contract staff & speakers	10.20
Tips	10.20
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 2,736.74</b>



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**Itinerary**

**Monday, April 1, 2024**

Afternoon                      Flights depart the U.S.

**Tuesday, April 2, 2024**

All Day                         Flights arrive in Israel  
Transfer to Jerusalem  
Check-in to The King David Hotel

6:30 – 7:45 PM                **Welcome Dinner and Orientation**

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

7:45 – 8:45 PM                **Pulse of The Nation**  
Conversation with Yaakov Katz  
Author, Journalist and Immediate Former Editor, *The Jerusalem Post*  
-at The King David Hotel

Ya'akov Katz is the former editor of *The Jerusalem Post*, Israel's most-read English news website and best-selling English newspaper. He previously served for close to a decade as the paper's military reporter and defense analyst. He is the author of "Shadow Strike: Inside Israel's Secret Mission to Eliminate Syrian Nuclear Power" and co-author of two books: "Weapon Wizards - How Israel Became a High-Tech Military Superpower" and "Israel vs. Iran - The Shadow War." As Israel continues its war against Hamas in Gaza, Mr. Katz will provide the delegation 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 PM                         Depart for City of David

9:30 – 10:30 PM                **Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part I: The City of David**

Jerusalem's City of David, more than any other site, represents the complexity of the Arab-Israeli conflict. The City of David is the site most archeologists agree to be the ancient city of Jerusalem that later became the capital of the united Israelite tribes under King David. This area is one of the most intensively excavated sites in the wider region. To Jewish Israelis, the site represents the beginning of their physical and emotional attachment to Jerusalem that has continued for

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

- 10:30 PM Depart for the hotel
- 10:45 PM Overnight at The King David Hotel, Jerusalem

**Wednesday, April 3, 2024**

- 7:00 – 8:15 AM **Breakfast**  
-at breakfast hall, The King David Hotel
- 8:30 – 8:45 AM **October 7 Invasion Overview**  
Briefing with Yossi Garr, Educational Seminar Leader  
-at Ambassador Hall, The King David Hotel

In order to frame the conversations of the upcoming week, Mr. Garr will provide an overview of the events of October 7, the Israeli response, and the current war against Hamas in Gaza.

- 9:00 – 10:00 AM **Strategic Regional Overview**  
Briefing by Brig. Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel  
Former Director, Counter-Terrorism Bureau at Prime Minister's Office  
-at Ambassador Hall, The King David Hotel

Brig.-Gen (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel is the 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 "Golan" Infantry Corp; he held command positions in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and South Lebanon. Today he is a Fellow at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism at IDC Herzliya. During this session he will provide an update on the current state of the war against Hamas in Gaza, and the tensions on the northern border where Israelis face rocket fire from Hezbollah.

- 10:15 AM Depart for the Gaza Envelope
- 12:00 – 1:00 PM **October 7 Ground Zero**  
Visit to Kibbutz Kfar Aza  
-at the Gaza Envelope

On October 7, the Jewish communities living along the Gaza border were destroyed, thousands were killed, and hundreds kidnapped. During the visit to the Kibbutz, 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.

1:15 PM Depart for Netivot

1:30 – 2:30 PM **Ethics in the IDF**  
Lunch with Israel Defence Forces Soldiers  
-at Netivot

In Israel, military service is mandatory for everyone over the age of 18, with several exceptions. Most Israelis join the army right after high school, and serve for three years. As such, the Israel Defense Force (IDF) is an integral part of the fabric of Israeli society. During this lunch, participants will have the chance to meet with several soldiers serving in the southern region, and hear about their experiences in the army. They will discuss the values of the Israel Defense Forces – known as *Ruach Tzahal* (The Spirit of the IDF). This overarching ethical code, and the guidelines and operation resulting from it, shape the mode of action applied by all IDF soldiers and units, both in peace and at war. During basic training, every IDF soldier studies and analyzes the code of ethics together with their commanders.

2:30 PM Depart for Jerusalem

4:30 – 5:30 PM Arrive, change attire

5:30 – 6:15 PM **A View from the Coalition**  
Meeting with The Honorable Benny Gantz  
Head of National Unity party  
-at Jaffe Hall, The King David 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.

6:30 – 7:15 PM **A View from the Opposition**  
Meeting with The Honorable Yair Lapid  
Head of the Opposition and the Yesh Atid party  
-at Jaffe Hall, The King David Hotel



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.

8:00 – 9:30 PM            **Dinner with The President of Israel**  
The Honorable Isaac Herzog  
President of Israel  
-at the President's Hall, The King David Hotel

Isaac Herzog was elected Israel's eleventh president in June 2021, with 87 votes of the Knesset's 120. He is the first Israeli president who is the son of a former president. His father Chaim Herzog was Israel's sixth president from 1983-1993. Herzog, previously head of the Jewish Agency, is also a former leader of the Labor party from 2013-2017.

9:30 PM                    Overnight at The King David Hotel, Jerusalem

**Thursday, April 4, 2024**

7:00 – 8:15 AM            Breakfast  
-at the breakfast hall, The King David Hotel

8:30 – 9:30 AM            **Israel's International Standing**  
with Dr. Tal Becker  
Senior Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
-at Ambassador Hall, The King David 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 the Prime Minister's Office

10:15 – 10:45 AM        Security check

10:45 – 11:45 AM        **A View from the Prime Minister's Office**  
Meeting with the Honorable Benjamin Netanyahu  
Prime Minister 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 for Lunch
- 12:30 – 1:30 PM Lunch  
-at Conference Hall, Nefesh B'nefesh
- 1:30 – 1:45 PM Depart for Har Herzl
- 1:45 – 2:45 PM **Paying Tribute to Israel's Fallen Soldiers**  
Visit to military cemetery  
-at Har Herzl

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.

- 2:45 PM Depart for The King David Hotel
- 3:30 – 4:15 PM **Meeting with The Honorable Yoav Gallant**  
Minister of Defense, Likud party  
-at The King David Hotel

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.

- 4:30 – 5:30 PM **Meeting with Hostage Families**  
-at Ambassador Hall, The King David 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 with relatives of the hostages and hear about their struggle to bring them home.

- 7:00 PM Depart for dinner
- 7:30 – 9:30 PM **Israeli Society Mobilization**  
 Dinner with Dan Senor  
 Writer, Political Advisor and Podcast Host  
 -at Modern

In the immediate aftermath of the October 7 massacre, Israeli civil society mobilized immediately to address a wide-range of needs. In this session, participants will learn about the extensive volunteer and civic efforts that have helped support all those impacted by the war, and gain an understanding of how this reflects Israeli society and values.

- 9:30 PM Depart for The King David Hotel
- 9:45 PM Overnight at The King David Hotel, Jerusalem

**Friday April 5, 2024**

- 7:00 – 8:15 AM Breakfast on own  
 -at The King David 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 King David 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 AM Depart for Yad Vashem
- 10:15 AM–12:00 PM **Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust**  
 Guided survey of Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum

One cannot understand Israel's worldview without understanding the trauma of the Holocaust. Israelis view threats to its destruction in light of the events of the 1930s and 1940s, when the German government's threats to exterminate the Jewish people were not taken seriously by the international community. This museum provides an important reference point as to how Israelis interpret the threat of an Iranian nuclear program and Iranian leaders committed to Israel's destruction. Yad Vashem has become a symbol of the Jewish people and its transformation from



total helplessness to self-reliance and strength. Thus, a visit to Yad Vashem provides a historical context for the Jewish state. The museum's professional docent will guide the delegation through the main exhibit hall and the children's memorial.

12:00 PM Depart for Lunch

12:15 – 1:30 PM **A View from the Embassy**  
Lunch with Ambassador Jack Lew  
US Ambassador to Israel, U.S. Embassy to Israel  
-at Ha'agam

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

1:30 PM Depart for the Old City of Jerusalem

2:00 – 4:30 PM **Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part II: The Old City**

- Southern Wall excavations
- Western Wall
- Church of the Holy Sepulchre

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.

4:30 PM Depart for The King David Hotel

7:30 PM Depart for Shabbat dinner with host families

7:45 – 9:30 PM **Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem**  
Traditional Sabbath Dinner with host families  
-at their homes

Israel, the only Jewish country in the world, boasts the unique tradition of honoring the Jewish Sabbath from Friday sundown until Saturday sundown. 80 percent of the Israeli population will commemorate the Sabbath, in various forms, which typically include a family dinner and special blessings. The Sabbath is especially significant in Jerusalem, home to the holiest site for Jews

worldwide - the remains of the First and Second Temple. The dinner will include a discussion on the importance of Jerusalem to the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim populations in Israel and around the world.

9:30 PM Depart for The King David Hotel

9:45 PM Overnight at The King David Hotel, Jerusalem

**Saturday April 6, 2024**

7:30 – 8:30 AM Breakfast on own  
-at breakfast hall, The King David Hotel

8:30 – 9:30 AM **How to Think About the Day After the War**  
Conversation with Dr. Einat Wilf  
Author and Former Member of Knesset for the Labor party  
-at The King David Hotel

Dr. Einat Wilf is a leading intellectual and original thinker on matters of foreign policy, economics, educations, and Israel and the Jewish people. A member of the Israeli Parliament from 2010-2013, Dr. Wilf is considered one of Israel's most articulate representatives on the international stage. She is the author of six books that explore key issues in Israel Society.

10:00 AM Depart for the North

12:30 – 2:00 PM **Historical and Religious sites around the Sea of Galilee**  
▪ The Jordan River  
▪ Lunch  
-at Yardenit

2:00 PM Depart for the Sea of Galilee

2:30 – 4:30 PM **Historical and Religious sites around the Sea of Galilee (continued)**  
▪ Mt. of the Beatitudes – Sermon on the Mount  
▪ St. Peter's Church – Primacy of Peter  
▪ Capernaum – Jesus's Village

As part of the seminar's focus on the complex religious fabric of Israeli society, the delegation will be visiting several of the most sacred sites for Christians in the Holy Land. Included is a guided survey and discussion of some of the most important events in the life of Jesus by the Sea of Galilee. Just as strategic surveys in Jerusalem focused on Jewish, Muslim, and Christian history and claims to the land, the site visits to the Christian sites help provide context for the competing religious narratives for the land of Israel. For example, we will be visiting the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount, the most studied and read speech of any

religion in history. Our guide will also lead discussions through Capernaum and St. Peter's Church.

- 4:30 PM Depart for the Merom Golan Hotel
- 5:00 – 6:30 PM Check-in to the Merom Golan Hotel, Golan Heights
- 6:30 – 7:30 PM **Defense Cooperation: US-Israel Strategic Cooperation**  
Presentation Gideon Weiss  
Vice President, International Business Development  
Rafael Advanced Defense Systems Ltd.  
-at the Merom Golan Hotel

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. He is responsible for leading, directing and coordinating marketing, business development and sales activities across Rafael's international markets.

- 7:45 – 9:15 PM **Dinner and Discussion**  
-Magdalena

We will use this dinner as an opportunity to discuss the speakers and topics we have been exposed to thus far. We have found giving our participants an opportunity to reflect on the topics and perspectives presented to them assists in their ability to understand Israel's complexities.

- 9:30 PM Overnight at the Merom Golan Hotel, Golan Heights

**Sunday, April 7, 2024**

- 7:00 – 8:00 AM Breakfast on own  
-at the Merom Golan Hotel
- 8:15 – 9:15 AM **Israel at War – the Northern Front I: Lebanon and Hezbollah**  
Strategic Briefing on the Northern border  
with Lt. Col. (Res.) Jonathan Conricus  
Former IDF International Spokesperson  
-at Merom Golan

This briefing will provide 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.

- 10:15 AM Depart for Kibbutz Sasa

11:15 AM–12:15 PM **Israel at War – the Northern Front II: Citizens in the Line of Fire**  
Tour of a displaced community  
-at Kibbutz Sasa

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.

12:30 PM Depart for Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 PM **Israel as a Shared Society**  
Lunch in a Druze village  
-at Peki'in

The Israeli Druze are a unique religious and ethnic minority among Arab citizens of Israel. In 2019, there were 143,000 Druze living in Israel, 1.6% of the total population of the country. 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. This lunch will allow participants to visit a traditional Druze village.

2:00 PM Depart for Jerusalem

3:45 – 4:15 PM **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.

4:15 PM Depart for Jerusalem

5:30 – 6:45 PM Prepare for departure



7:00 – 8:45 PM      **Closing Dinner**  
-at The King David Hotel

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 conflict plagued borders with the Gaza Strip, West Bank, 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.

8:45 PM              Depart for airport

Evening              Flights depart Israel

**Monday, April 8, 2024**

All Day              Flights arrive in the U.S.