

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

MEMBER/OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

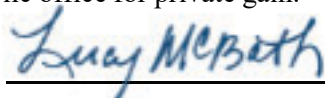
This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual *Financial Disclosure Statement*. In accordance 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: Rep. Lucy McBath
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Terri Hernandez Coleman **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): Cousin
3. a. Dates: Departure: June 15, 2024 Return: June 21, 2024
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Atlanta, Georgia Destination: Tel Aviv, Israel Return City: Atlanta, Georgia
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): _____
As a Member of Congress, Rep. McBath is engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S.-Israel relationship. During the trip, the Congresswoman took part in meetings related to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

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: July 8, 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: June 15, 2024 Date of Return: June 21, 2024

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): The Hon. Lucy McBath

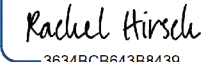
Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if **all** information is **identical** for each person listed.

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	\$10,946.50	\$965.25	\$888.67	\$2,797.99
Accompanying Family Member	\$8,135.26	\$965.25	\$888.67	\$2,797.99

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 on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: 7/3/2024 | 15:33 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: Rep. Lucy McBath

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: Lucy McBath

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): Sunny Chen

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Office of Rep. Lucy McBath

Office Address: 2246 Rayburn HOB

Telephone Number: (202) 225-4501

Email Address of Contact Person: scheduling.mcbath@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: Rep. Lucy McBath
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: June 15, 2024 Date of Return: June 21, 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: Terri Hernandez Coleman
(2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): Cousin
(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 Congress, Rep. McBath is engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S.-Israel relationship and the ongoing conflict in the region.

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: Lucy McBath Date: 05/16/24

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: _____
Please find attached
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: June 15, 2024 Date of Return: June 21, 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 others things, educating policy makers 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:
 n/a

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): _____
 \$180.80 per day
 - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____
 The trip is in Israel to educate members of Congress and staff about the U.S.-Israel relationship.

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

Hotel Name:	<u>Kempinski</u>	City:	<u>Tel Aviv</u>	Cost Per Night:	<u>\$482</u>
Reason(s) for Selecting:	<u>location and affordability</u>				
Hotel Name:	<u>Orient</u>	City:	<u>Jerusalem</u>	Cost Per Night:	<u>\$343</u>
Reason(s) for Selecting:	<u>location and affordability</u>				
Hotel Name:	<u>Orient</u>	City:	<u>Jerusalem</u>	Cost Per Night:	<u>\$171.50 LCO</u>
Reason(s) for Selecting:	<u>location and affordability, late check out on Thursday, June 20, 2024</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	\$10,421.05	\$910.75	\$904
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$10,421.05	\$910.75	\$904

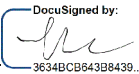
	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of “Other” Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$1971.89	breakdown attached
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$1971.89	breakdown attached

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.**

Signature:  _____ Date: 5/14/2024 | 12:15 EDT

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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June 11, 2024

The Honorable Lucy McBath
U.S. House of Representatives
2246 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your cousin's proposed trip to Israel,¹ scheduled for June 15 to 21, 2024, sponsored by American Israel Education Foundation.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$480 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$480] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Guest". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Michael Guest
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Wild". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Susan Wild
Ranking Member

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June 5, 2024

The Honorable Lucy McBath
U.S. House of Representatives
2246 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

This responds to your letter received on May 16, 2024, seeking permission for your cousin, Terry Hernandez Coleman, to accompany you at private expense on an officially-connected trip to Israel from June 15 to 21, 2024. We note that you submitted a separate travel request to the Committee for approval to accept travel expenses for this trip. Subject to the guidance below, we grant your request for Ms. Hernandez Coleman to accompany you on this trip.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The trip to Israel is sponsored by the American Israel Education Foundation (Sponsor). According to the Sponsor, the purpose of the trip is to educate Members of Congress and staff on events throughout the region by providing on-the-ground context related to the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel. You have separately requested that the Committee approve your request to participate in this trip at the Sponsor's expense. The Sponsor made an unsolicited offer to pay for a relative's expenses to accompany you. You would like to bring your cousin, Ms. Hernandez Coleman.

LEGAL BACKGROUND

The House gift rule generally permits a Member to be accompanied by a relative at the private sponsor's expense when participating in privately-funded, officially-connected travel, but the provision does not permit the Member to be accompanied by anyone other than a relative.¹ This provision is enacted as § 403 of the Committee's Travel Guidelines and Regulations, which were issued on April 1, 2021, to provide comprehensive guidance on the rules governing privately-funded, officially connected travel. Section 104(z) defines the term "relative" for purposes of the travel rules as being:

[a]n individual of at least 18 years of age who is related to the traveler as spouse, parent, child or step-child, grandchild, sibling or

¹ See House Rule 25, cl. 5(b)(4)(D).

half-sibling, father-in-law, or mother-in-law. Fiancés/fiancées and unmarried significant others are not “relatives” for purposes of these [travel] regulations.

However, § 403.1 of the Travel Regulations permits travelers to seek advance, written permission from the Committee to be accompanied by a non-relative on such a trip at the sponsor’s expense. In addition, a provision of the gift rule also permits the Committee to grant a waiver of the rule’s restrictions in “an unusual case,”² provided “there is no potential conflict of interest or appearance of impropriety.”³

Having considered your request, it is our determination that Ms. Hernandez Coleman may accompany you on this trip to Israel pursuant to Travel Regulation § 403.1. The Post-Travel Disclosure Forms that you are required to file with Clerk following the trip must include the expenses incurred by the Sponsor for Ms. Hernandez Coleman’s accompaniment on the trip. You will also have to list the trip on Schedule H (“Travel Payments and Reimbursements”) on your annual Financial Disclosure Report. You should indicate that your cousin was included on the trip by answering “yes” to the question of whether a family member was included on the trip.

LIMITATIONS

The response above constitutes an advisory opinion concerning the application of House Rule 25 and the Committee’s Travel Regulations. The following limitations apply to this opinion:

- This advisory opinion is issued only to Representative Lucy McBath, the requestor of this opinion. This advisory opinion cannot be relied upon by any other individual or entity.
- This advisory opinion is limited to the current provisions and interpretation of the House Rule and Committee Guidelines specifically noted above. No opinion is expressed or implied herein regarding the application of any other federal, state, or local statute, rule, regulation, ordinance, or other law that may be applicable to the proposed conduct described in this letter.
- This advisory opinion will not bind or obligate any entity other than the Committee on Ethics of the United States House of Representatives.
- This advisory opinion is limited in scope to the specific proposed conduct described in this letter, the specific facts represented to the Committee, and the understanding of those facts to the extent indicated in this letter and does not apply to any other conduct or facts, including that which appears similar in nature or scope to that described in this letter. Should this letter misstate any facts in this matter, the opinion and advice may

² House Rule 25, cl. 5(a)(3)(T).

³ See House Rule 25, cl. 5(a)(3)(T); Comm. on Ethics, *House Ethics Manual*, Gifts Chapter, III, https://ethics.house.gov/house-ethics-manual/gifts#_General_Waiver.

no longer apply, and you should inform the Committee as soon as possible to determine if the advice and opinion in this letter apply to the accurate factual basis.

The Committee will take no adverse action against you in regard to any conduct that you undertake, or have undertaken, in good faith reliance upon this advisory opinion, so long as you have presented a complete and accurate statement of all material facts relied upon herein, and the proposed conduct in practice conforms with the information you provided, as addressed in this opinion.

Changes or other developments in the law (including, but not limited to, the Code of Official Conduct, House rules, Committee guidance, advisory opinions, statutes, regulations, or case law) may affect the analysis or conclusions drawn in this advisory opinion. The Committee reserves the right to reconsider the questions and issues raised in this advisory opinion and to rescind, modify, or terminate this opinion if required by the interests of the House. However, the Committee will rescind an advisory opinion only if relevant and material facts were not completely and accurately disclosed to the Committee at the time the opinion was issued. In the event that this advisory opinion is modified or terminated, the Committee will not take any adverse action against you with respect to any action taken in good faith reliance upon this advisory opinion so long as such conduct or such action was promptly discontinued upon notification of the modification or termination of this advisory opinion.

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

Sincerely,



Michael Guest
Chairman



Susan Wild
Ranking Member

MG/SW:tn

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
Bipartisan Members of Congress
June 15-21, 2024**

Itinerary

Saturday, June 15, 2024

11:10 AM	United #3485 departs Cincinnati (Representative Greg Landsman)
11:44 AM	United #3485 arrives at Chicago (Representative Greg Landsman)
2:32 PM	American #5760 departs Columbia, SC (Representative Joe Wilson)
3:10 PM	United #944 departs Chicago (Representative Greg Landsman)
3:42 PM	American #5760 arrives at Charlotte (Representative Joe Wilson)
4:00 PM	Delta #948 departs Dallas-Fort Worth (Representative Jake Ellzey)
4:10 PM	JetBlue #61579 departs Washington, D.C. (Representative Glenn Ivey)
4:45 PM	Delta #1295 departs Atlanta (Representative Lucy McBath)
4:50 PM	American #1752 departs Charlotte (Representative Joe Wilson)
5:10 PM	Delta #392 departs Washington, D.C. (Representative Randy Feenstra)
5:20 PM	Delta #948 arrives at Los Angeles (Representative Jake Ellzey)
5:35 PM	United #3455 departs Washington, D.C. (Representative Steny Hoyer, Brian Romick, Manya-Jean Gitter)
6:37 PM	Delta #1295 arrives at Fort Lauderdale (Representative Lucy McBath)
6:50 PM	American #1752 arrives at Fort Lauderdale (Representative Joe Wilson)
6:56 PM	JetBlue #61579 arrives at Fort Lauderdale (Representative Glenn Ivey)
7:00 PM	American #4629 departs Washington, D.C. (Representative Steve Cohen)

7:45 PM Delta #392 arrives at Los Angeles (Representative Randy Feenstra)

8:25 PM American #4629 arrives at JFK (Representative Steve Cohen)

11:40 PM El Al #10 departs Los Angeles (Representatives Jake Ellzey and Randy Feenstra)

11:50 PM El Al #26 departs Newark (Representatives Steny Hoyer, Brian Romick, Manya-Jean Gitter)

11:55 PM El Al #22 departs Ft. Lauderdale (Representatives Lois Frankel, Glenn Ivey, Lucy McBath, Joe Wilson)

Sunday, June 16, 2024

1:50 AM El Al #14 departs JFK (Representative Steve Cohen)

6:30 AM United #944 arrives at Frankfurt (Representative Greg Landsman)

10:55 AM El Al #358 departs Frankfurt (Representative Greg Landsman)

4:05 PM El Al #358 arrives at Ben-Gurion Airport (Representative Greg Landsman)

5:15 PM El Al #26 arrives at Ben-Gurion Airport (Representatives Steny Hoyer, Brian Romick, Manya-Jean Gitter)

7:00 PM El Al #22 arrives at Ben-Gurion Airport (Representatives Lois Frankel, Glenn Ivey, Lucy McBath, Joe Wilson)

7:20 PM El Al #14 arrives at Ben-Gurion Airport (Representative Steve Cohen)

Transfer to Tel Aviv
Check-in to the Kempinski Hotel, Tel Aviv

7:30 PM Depart for dinner

8:30 – 9:15 PM **Welcome and Orientation Dinner**
-at the Kempinski Hotel, Sereia restaurant
With Darren Kendall and Dr. Cameron Brown

9:15 – 10:15 PM **Pulse of The Nation**
With Yaakov Katz
Journalist and Author
-at the Kempinski Hotel, Sereia restaurant

10:30 PM Overnight at the Kempinski Hotel, Tel Aviv

11:35 PM El Al #10 arrives at Ben-Gurion Airport (Representatives Jake Ellzey and Randy Feenstra)

Monday, June 17, 2024

7:30 – 8:15 AM Breakfast on your own
- at the main dining hall

8:30 – 8:50 AM **October 7 Invasion Overview**
With Dr. Cameron Brown
-at the hotel, HaKerem Hall

8:50 PM Depart for the Ministry of Defense

9:15 AM Security check

9:30 – 10:30 AM **Meeting with the Honorable Yoav Gallant**
Minister of Defense, Likud Party
-at the Ministry of Defense

10:45 AM Depart for Kibbutz Kfar Aza

11:00 – 11:45 PM **En route Briefing: Swords of Iron: A Regional View**

12:00 – 1:30 PM **The Story of October 7, Part I**
Visit to Kibbutz Kfar Aza with Chen Abrahams
Resident of the Kibbutz

1:30-1:45 P M Depart for lunch

1:45 - 2:45 PM **The IDF and Israeli Society**
Lunch with soldiers
-at Kibbutz Alumim

2:45 – 3:00 PM Depart for the Site of the Nova Festival

3:00 – 3:45 PM **The Story of October 7, Part II**
Visit to Nova Concert Site and Memorial
With Rami Davidian

3:45 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

- 5:30-7:00 PM **The Story of October 7, Part III**
- Meeting with Hostages families
 - Visit to Hostage Square
- at the Hostages Forum and Hostage Square
- 7:00-8:30 PM **Dinner and Discussion**
- at Claro
- 8:30 PM Depart for Hotel
- 9:30 PM Overnight at the Kempinski Hotel, Tel Aviv

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

- 7:15 AM Prepare for checkout, luggage in lobby
- 7:30-8:30 AM Breakfast on own
- at the main dining hall
- 8:30 – 9:30 AM **Humanitarian Efforts**
- Briefing by Col. Elad Goren
 Head of the Department of Civil Affairs
 Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT)
- at the hotel, HaKerem hall
- 9:45 AM Depart
- 10:00-11:00 AM **En route briefing: The History of Hezbollah**
- 11:00-12:00 PM **Israel at War – the Northern Front**
- Briefing with Lt. Col. (ret.) Sarit Zehavi
 Founder and Director, Alma Research Center
- at Elma hotel
- Meeting with displaced residents from Kiriyat Shmona
- 12:15 PM Depart for Rafael
- 1:15 – 2:00 PM Lunch
- at Rafael
- 2:00 – 3:30PM **U. S – Israel Defense Cooperation**
- Briefing by Gideon Weiss
 Vice President for International Business Development, Rafael
- Review of U.S. programs
 - Presentation of leading systems:
 SPIKE, Trophy, Iron-Beam, and Iron Dome

3:30 PM	Depart for Jerusalem
4:00 – 5:00 PM	En route briefing: A Shared Society: The Druze and Bedouin Communities in Time of War
6:00 PM	Check-in to the Orient Hotel, Jerusalem
8:00 – 9:30 PM	Israeli Civil Society Rising to the Challenge Dinner with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wendy Singer Former Executive Director, Start-Up Nation Central ▪ Danielle Abraham Executive Director of Volcani International Partnerships -at Eucalyptus
9:30 PM	Depart for the Orient Hotel, Jerusalem
10:00 PM	Overnight at the Orient Hotel, Jerusalem

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

7:00-7:45 AM	Breakfast on own -at the main dining hall
7:45 AM	Depart for President's Residence Security check
8:30-9:30 AM	Meeting with the Honorable President Isaac Herzog -at President's Residence
9:30 AM	Depart for the Knesset
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Security check
10:15-11:15 AM	Israeli Politics Meeting with Amit Segal Chief Political Correspondent, Channel 12 News -at the Knesset, Negev Hall
11:15-12:00 PM	Meeting with The Honorable Yair Lapid Head of the Opposition, Yesh Atid party -at the Knesset, Negev Hall
12:00-1:00 PM	Meeting with the Honorable Amir Ohana Speaker of the Knesset, Likud party -at his office at the Knesset

1:00-1:45 PM	Meeting with the Honorable Benny Gantz Head of the National Unity party -at the Knesset, Negev Hall
1:45-2:15 PM	Lunch at the Knesset
2:30 PM	Depart for the Prime Minister's office Security check
3:00-4:00 PM	Meeting with the Honorable Benjamin Netanyahu Prime Minister of the State of Israel -at the Prime Minister's office
4:00 PM	Depart for Har Herzl
4:30 – 5:15 PM	Paying Tribute to Israel's Fallen Heroes -at Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery
6:00 PM	Depart for hotel
7:30 PM	Depart for dinner
7:45– 9:30PM	The U.S.-Israel Relationship Dinner and Discussion with Ambassador Jack Lew -at the King David, Ficus Garden
9:15 PM	Return to hotel
9:30 PM	Overnight at the Orient Hotel, Jerusalem

Thursday, June 20, 2024

12:30 AM	El Al #27 departs Ben-Gurion Airport (Representative Landsman, Manya-Jean Gitter)
5:15 AM	El Al #27 arrives at Newark (Representative Landsman, Manya-Jean Gitter)
7:30 – 8:15 AM	Breakfast on own -at the main dining hall
7:55 AM	United #4500 departs Newark (Manya-Jean Gitter)
8:30-9:30 AM	Israel on the International Stage Meeting with Dr. Tal Becker Former Senior Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

-at the hotel, Wingate Hall

8:49 AM United #3417 departs Newark (Representative Greg Landsman)

9:23 AM United #4500 arrives at DCA (Manya-Jean Gitter)

9:45 AM Depart for the Old City

10:00-11:45 AM **Strategic Survey of Jerusalem: The Holy Basin**

11:01 AM United #3417 arrives at Cincinnati (Representative Greg Landsman)

12:00 PM Depart for lunch

12:15-1:45 PM **The Humanitarian Situation in Gaza**
 Lunch with:

- Alessandra Menegon
 Head of Delegation, International Committee of the Red Cross
- Mark Silverman
 Communication Coordinator, International Committee of the Red Cross

 -at Joy

2:00-3:30 PM **A Palestinian Voice, Post October 7**
 Meeting with Bashar Azzeh
 Member of the PLO Palestine National Council
 PLO Center Council
 -at Mamilla hotel, Hall AB

3:00 PM Depart for the hotel

3:30 PM Prepare for departure

6:30 PM Check out; Bring your luggage down

6:45-7:45 PM **Israel and the World**
 Conversation with Haviv Rettig-Gur
 Political Correspondent, The Times of Israel
 -at the Orient Hotel, Wingate Hall

8:00 – 9:30 PM **Closing Dinner**
 -at the Orient Hotel, patio of the main dining hall

9:30 PM Depart for airport

Friday, June 21, 2024

12:05 AM	El Al #3 departs Ben-Gurion Airport (Representative Steve Cohen)
12:30 AM	El Al #27 departs Ben-Gurion Airport (Representatives Steny Hoyer, Glenn Ivey, Joe Wilson, and Brian Romick)
1:00 AM	El Al #21 departs Ben-Gurion Airport (Representatives Randy Feenstra, Lois Frankel, Lucy McBath)
1:00 AM	El Al #1 departs Ben-Gurion Airport (Representative Jake Ellzey)
4:55 AM	El Al #3 arrives at JFK (Representative Steve Cohen)
5:15 AM	El Al #27 arrives at Newark (Representatives Steny Hoyer, Glenn Ivey, Joe Wilson, and Brian Romick)
5:50 AM	El Al #1 arrives at JFK (Representative Jake Ellzey)
7:30 AM	El Al #21 arrives at Ft. Lauderdale (Representatives Randy Feenstra, Lois Frankel, Lucy McBath)
7:55 AM	United #4500 departs Newark (Representatives Steny Hoyer, Glenn Ivey, Brian Romick)
7:55 AM	American #1575 departs Newark (Representative Joe Wilson)
8:30 AM	Delta #356 departs JFK (Representative Jake Ellzey)
8:52 AM	Delta #4903 departs JFK (Representative Steve Cohen)
9:23 AM	United #4500 arrives at DCA (Representatives Steny Hoyer, Glenn Ivey, Brian Romick)
9:57 AM	Delta #2015 departs Fort Lauderdale (Representatives Randy Feenstra, Lucy McBath)
9:58 AM	American #1575 arrives at Charlotte (Representative Joe Wilson)
10:47 AM	Delta #4903 arrives at Memphis (Representative Steve Cohen)
11:04 AM	American #5783 departs Charlotte (Representative Joe Wilson)
11:25 AM	Delta #356 arrives at Dallas-Fort Worth (Representative Jake Ellzey)

11:52 AM Delta #2015 arrives at Atlanta (Representatives Randy Feenstra, Lucy McBath)

12:13 PM American #5783 arrives at Columbia, SC (Representative Joe Wilson)

1:04 PM Delta #1125 departs Atlanta (Representative Randy Feenstra)

2:21 PM Delta #1125 arrives at Omaha (Representative Randy Feenstra)

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Addendum

4. Name of Travelers

1. The Honorable Steny Hoyer (D-MD)
2. The Honorable Steve Cohen (D-TN)
3. The Honorable Jake Ellzey (R-TX)
4. The Honorable Randy Feenstra (R-IA)
5. The Honorable Glenn Ivey (D-MD)
6. The Honorable Greg Landsman (D-OH)
7. The Honorable Lucy McBath (D-GA)
8. The Honorable Joe Wilson (R-SC)
9. Brian Romick, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of The Honorable Steny Hoyer
10. Manya-Jean Gitter, National Security Advisor, Office of The Honorable Steny Hoyer

5. Breakdown of other expenses

BREAKDOWN OF OTHER COSTS:	PER PARTICIPANT
SECURITY	\$ 748.59
ROOM RENTAL	\$ 567.74
SPEAKER FEES	\$538.57
TOUR GUIDE	\$ 270.59
HOTEL FOR CONTRACT STAFF & SPEAKERS	\$237.73
MEALS FOR CONTRACT STAFF & SPEAKERS	\$ 174.75
AIRPORT ASSISTANCE	\$162.68
MISC	\$ 74.01
TRANSPORTATION FOR CONTRACT STAFF & SPEAKERS	\$23.33
TOTALS	\$ 2,797.99