

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: Randy Feenstra
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Lynette Feenstra **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: June 15, 2024 Return: June 21, 2024
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington DC Destination: Israel Return City: Omaha, NE
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: American Israel Education Foundation, Inc (AIEF)
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):
See attached agenda.

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: 7/8/24

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. Randy Feenstra

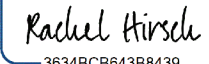
Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if **all** information is **identical** for each person listed.

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	\$12,807.50	\$965.25	\$888.67	\$2,797.99
Accompanying Family Member	\$12,318.38	\$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:  Rachel Hirsch 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

1. Name of Traveler: Randy Feenstra
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: Lynette Feenstra
(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.**
This trip is an educational opportunity to further develop an understanding of the current situation in Israel, how the country is utilizing U.S. aid, and to learn more about the relationship between the two countries. This will aid in fulfilling the Congressman's duties in the House of Representatives when he considers Israel and Middle East policy in the future.

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: _____

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

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

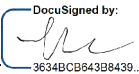
	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$1971.89	breakdown attached
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$1971.89	breakdown attached

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 Randy Feenstra
U.S. House of Representatives
1440 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,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,

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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

MG/SW:tn

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

Addendum

4. List of Invitees

As members of the House of Representatives, and congressional leadership staff, 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 Steny Hoyer (D-MD)
2. The Honorable Steve Cohen (D-TN)
3. The Honorable Don Davis (D-NC)
4. The Honorable Jake Ellzey (R-TX)
5. The Honorable Randy Feenstra (R-IA)
6. The Honorable Lois Frankel (D-FL)
7. The Honorable Glenn Ivey (D-MD)
8. The Honorable Greg Landsman (D-OH)
9. The Honorable Lucy McBath (D-GA)
10. The Honorable Frank Pallone (D-NJ)
11. The Honorable Joe Wilson (R-SC)
12. Brian Romick, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of The Honorable Steny Hoyer
13. Manya-Jean Gitter, National Security Advisor, Office of The Honorable Steny Hoyer

18. Breakdown of other expenses

Other Cost	Cost per participant
Security	\$657.89
Meals for contract staff & speakers	\$284.21
Speaker Fees	\$263.16
Room Rentals	\$184.21
Hotels for contract staff	\$184.21
Tour Guide	\$169.26
Airport Assistance	\$105.26
Photography	\$39.47
Transportation for contract staff & speakers	\$31.58
Misc.	\$26.32
Tips	\$26.32
Total per person=	\$1,971.89

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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

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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)

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

Itinerary

Saturday, June 15, 2024

Afternoon	Domestic flights depart
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

Sunday, June 16, 2024

1:50 AM	El Al #14 departs JFK (Representative Steve Cohen)
5:15 PM	El Al #26 arrives at Ben-Gurion Airport
7:00 PM	El Al #22 arrives at Ben-Gurion Airport (Representatives Don Davis, Lois Frankel)
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

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

9:15 – 10:15 PM	Pulse of The Nation Dinner with Yonit Levi Anchorwoman for Channel 12 News -at the Kempinski Hotel
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For almost 15 years, Yonit Levi has been the lead anchor of Israel's top primetime news program on Channel 12, Israel's most popular television station. Levi made Israeli television history in 2007 when she became the first woman in Israel to hold this position, having started as the program's co-anchor in 2002. As Israel continues to fight the war against Hamas in Gaza, as well as deal with escalating Iranian threats, Ms. Levi will provide staff with a synthesis of domestic political trends, current international affairs, and the general state of mind of Israeli voters.

- 10:00 PM Depart for hotel
- 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 – 8:30 AM Breakfast on your own
- at the main dining hall
- 8:30 – 9:00 AM **October 7 Invasion Overview**
With Dr. Cameron Brown
-at the hotel

On October 7, the Jewish communities living along the Gaza border were destroyed, thousands were killed, and hundreds kidnapped. As preparation for the days programming, Dr. Cameron Brown will provide an overview of the October 7 massacre.

- 9:00 – 10:00 AM **War Briefing - Swords of Iron: A Regional View**
Briefing with Brig. Gen. (Res.) Assaf Orion
Senior Research Fellow, Head of the BDS and Delegitimization Program, and Director of China program,
Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)
-at the hotel

During this session, Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Assaf Orion will brief participants on the status of the war in Gaza, and the challenges the IDF is facing in dense, urban combat. He will also brief the group on the worsening situation on the northern border as Hezbollah continues to threaten the safety of the entire region. Brig. Gen. Orion had a long and distinguished career in the IDF, ultimately serving as head of Strategic Planning in the IDF General Staff, responsible for strategic planning and policy formulation, international cooperation and military diplomacy, and ties to neighboring militaries and peacekeeping forces in the region.

- 10:15-11:45 AM Depart for Kibbutz Nir Oz

11:45-1:15 PM **The Story of October 7, Part I:**
Visit to Kibbutz Nir Oz
-at Nir Oz

During the visit to Kibbutz Nir Oz, 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 resident Nir Metzger who will walk them through the events that started the war. Nir's parents were kidnapped on October 7, and his father remains a hostage in Gaza.

1:15-1:30 PM Depart for lunch

1:30 - 2:30 PM **The IDF and Israeli Society**
Lunch with 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, 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 - 2:45 PM Depart for the Site of the Nova Festival

2:45 – 3:45 PM **The Story of October 7, Part II:**
Visit to Nova Concert Site and Memorial

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

4:00 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

6:00 PM Arrive at hotel

7:30 – 8:00 PM Depart for dinner

8:00 – 9:30 PM **Israeli Civil Society Rising to the Challenge**
Dinner with Wendy Singer
Former Executive Director, Start-Up Nation Central
-at Claro

Within hours of Hamas’s attack on Israel, civil society activists stepped in and used their experience and knowledge to save lives and protect their homes. In this session, Wendy Singer will share stories from Israeli civil society that exemplify Israel’s commitment to repairing the world and the start-up ethos, and in the aftermath of October 7 redirected their efforts to help Israeli society weather the war and its aftermath.

9:30 PM Depart for Hostage Square

9:45-10:00 PM **The Story of October 7, Part II:**
Visit to Hostage Square
-at Hostage Square

During this session, participants will tour the main site that activists are using to promote awareness of the hostages still being held captive in Gaza. They will learn about the different communities that have been impacted, and who have built a dynamic, diverse civil society project through art, religion, and activism. Participants will also meet with family members of those who were taken hostage, including American citizens.

10:00 PM Depart for Hotel

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

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

7:50 AM Prepare for checkout, luggage in lobby

7:15-8:00 AM Breakfast on own
-at the main dining hall

8:00 – 10:30 AM Depart for Kibbutz Sasa

8:30 – 9:30 AM **En route briefing: The History of Hezbollah**

During the drive to Israel’s border with Lebanon, the guide will provide an overview of Hezbollah, the Iranian-backed terrorist group based in Lebanon that is dedicated to Israel’s destruction. The terrorist group’s influence in Lebanese politics, massive weapons arsenal and use of Lebanese civilians as human shields make the Iranian proxy a serious threat to Israel. The group’s leader, Hassan Nasrallah, refers to Israel as a “cancerous growth” and believes “The only solution is to destroy it without giving it the opportunity to surrender.” Hezbollah has a global reach and has killed more Americans than any terrorist group other than al-Qaeda.

10:30 – 12:00 PM **Israel at War – the Northern Front**
Citizens in the line of Fire, The Northern displaced communities
Military Tactical Briefing with Brig. Gen. Yuval Bazak
-at Kibbutz Sasa

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 local residents, 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.

12:15 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

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, and take the group to see development of several leading systems. Gideon (Gidi) Weiss is Vice President for International Business Development at Rafael's Air & C4ISR Systems Division.

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**

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

6:00 PM Check-in to the Orient hotel

7:30 PM Depart for President's Residence

8:00 – 9:30 PM **Dinner with the Honorable President Isaac Herzog**
-at President's Residence

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 Depart for the Orient

10:00 PM Overnight at the Orient Hotel

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

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

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

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

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

It is customary for members of Congress to meet with Israel's Prime Minister, to hear the official perspective of the State of Israel on issues impacting the U.S.-Israel relationship. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is the Chairman of the Likud party. He previously served as Israel's Prime Minister for 12 years, ending in June 2021. He is Israel's longest serving Prime Minister

12:00 PM Depart for the Knesset

12:45 – 1:45 PM **A View from the Knesset**
Lunch with the Honorable Amir Ohana
Speaker of the Knesset, Likud party
-at the Knesset

The Honorable Amir Ohana is an Israeli lawyer, former Shin Bet official and politician who has served as the Speaker of the Knesset since 2022, and as a member of the Knesset for Likud. He previously held the posts of Minister of Justice and Minister of Public Security. He was the first openly gay right-wing member of the Knesset and the first openly gay man from Likud to serve in the Knesset. Ohana is a veteran of the acclaimed Israeli Shin Bet security agency, and an attorney. He achieved the rank of major in the IDF and continues to serve in reserve duty.

2:00 – 2:45 PM **A View from the War Cabinet**
Meeting with the Honorable Benny Gantz
Head of the National Unity party
-at the Knesset

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.

3:00 – 3:45 PM **A View from the Opposition**
Meeting with The Honorable Yair Lapid
Head of the Opposition, Yesh Atid party
-at the Knesset

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.

4:00 PM Depart for Har Herzl

4:30 – 5:45 PM **Paying Tribute to Israel's Fallen Heroes**
-at Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery

A critical piece of understanding Israeli society and culture, is the role of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), mandatory army service, and veterans. Mount Herzl is the site of Israel's national cemetery, named after Theodor Herzl, the founder of modern political Zionism. Israel's leaders and fallen soldiers are buried there. Every plot section in Mount

Herzl has a broad plaza for memorial services. Most state memorial ceremonies for those killed in war are conducted in the National Military and Police cemetery. This visit will highlight the way Israel remembers its fallen and relates to the role of the military in as part of the fabric of the Jewish State. Since the massacre on October 7th and the ensuing war, the cemetery has seen many funerals in recent months and visiting now will help participants understand the current Israel psyche.

6:00 PM Depart for hotel

7:30 PM Depart for dinner

7:45– 9:15 PM **The U.S.-Israel Relationship**
Dinner and Discussion with Ambassador Jack Lew
-at the Ambassador’s residence, Jerusalem

During this dinner 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.

9:15 PM Depart for the hotel

9:30 PM Overnight at the Orient Hotel

Thursday, June 20, 2024

12:30 AM El Al #27 departs Ben-Gurion Airport (Manya-Jean Gitter)

5:15 AM El Al #27 arrives at Newark (Manya-Jean Gitter)

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

8:30 Depart for the Old City

9:00 – 11:00 AM **Strategic Survey of Jerusalem: The Holy Basin**

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.

11:15 PM Depart

11:30 AM–12:30 PM **A Palestinian Voice, Post October 7**
Meeting with Ibrahim Dalalsha
Executive Director,
Horizon Center for Political Studies and Media Outreach
-at Piccolino

Ibrahim Dalalsha is the director of Horizon Center for Political Studies and Media Outreach, a private Palestinian think tank and consultancy firm in Ramallah. The center compiles political, legal, security and economic studies and other topics related to the Israeli -Palestinian conflict. Dalalsha has played an integral role in peace negotiations across the Middle East. His former career as a senior Palestinian political advisor at the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem stretched across two decades. During this session he will provide an insider's view of the Palestinian political landscape.

12:30 – 2:00 PM **Israeli Politics**
Lunch with Amit Segal
Chief Political Correspondent, Channel 12 News
-at Piccolino

Amit Segal is the chief political correspondent and commentator for Channel 12 News, Israel's most popular and influential news outlet, and for *Yediot Ahronot*, the country's best-selling newspaper. He worked as a media and parliamentary correspondent for IDF Radio during his military service. Segal previously hosted one of the most popular weekly talk shows in IDF Radio. He is currently working on his Ph.D. at the Hebrew University, researching the subject of prisoner swap deals in Israel. During this session Mr. Segal will discuss the political trends in Israel, the impact of various protest movements, and potential for new elections.

2:00 PM Depart for the hotel

2:15 – 3:15 PM **The Humanitarian Situation in Gaza**
Briefing with Lise Grande, U.S. Special Envoy for Humanitarian
Matters, U.S. State Department
-at the Orient Hotel

Lise Grande follows David Satterfield as Special Envoy for Middle East Humanitarian Issues, focusing on the humanitarian needs in Gaza. President Biden created this position in the immediate aftermath of the October 7th terrorist attacks to lead U.S. regional diplomacy to surge humanitarian aid to Gaza. Lise recently served as President and CEO of the U.S. Institute of Peace. She brings nearly three decades of overseas experience leading, managing, and coordinating large-scale, complex operations for the United Nations on some of the most difficult crises. Ms. Grande will discuss efforts to pursue all possible avenues to ensure aid gets to the most vulnerable populations that need it, and that humanitarian workers operating in the region are protected.

4:00 – 5:00 PM **The Hostage Crisis**
Meeting with Jon and Rachel Polin-Goldberg
Parents of Hersh Polin-Goldberg
-at the Orient Hotel

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

5:00 PM Prepare for departure

6:30-7:30 PM **Israel and the World**
Conversation with Haviv Rettig-Gur
Political Correspondent, The Times of Israel
-at the Orient Hotel

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

7:45 PM Depart

8:00 – 9:30 PM **Closing dinner**
-at 1868

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

9:30 PM Depart for airport

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