

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: Jefferson Shreve
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Mary Shreve OR None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 8/3/25 Return: 8/11/25
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR None
4. Departure City: IND Destination: TLV Return City: IND
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: AEIF
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):
See final itinerary attached

7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
- a. a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
 - b. the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
 - c. page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the Member or officer; **and**
 - d. the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. *Signify statement is true by checking the box.*
b. If not, explain: _____

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

Member / Officer Signature: _____

Date: 8/25/2025

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip within 10 days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee’s Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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

1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: American Israel Education Foundation, Inc. (AIEF)

2. Travel Destination(s): Israel

3. Date of Departure: August 3, 2025 Date of Return: August 11, 2025

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): The Hon. Jefferson Shreve

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	\$12,070.66	\$1,629.90	\$1,508.12	\$3,300.38
Accompanying Family Member	\$11,800.66	\$1,629.90	\$1,508.12	\$3,300.38

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

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

Signature:  Date: 8/24/2025 | 17:33 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.

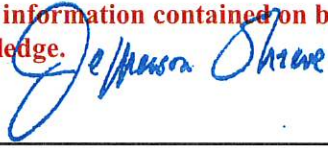
This form and any attachments may be submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

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: Jefferson Shreve

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

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

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): _____

Office Address: 224 Cannon

Telephone Number: 202-225-3021

Email Address of Contact Person: Maddie.Bruno@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: Jefferson Shreve
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: Aug 3rd Date of Return: Aug 11th
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: Mary Shreve
 - (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 relates to my official duties on the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

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: _____

Jefferson Shreve

Date: _____

7/1/25

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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.
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*
3. **Check only one.** I represent that:
 - a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**
 - b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**
 - c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.
 If “c” is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): Please find attached

5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of Departure: August 3, 2025 Date of Return: August 11, 2025
7. a. City of departure: Washington D.C. or home district
 b. Destination(s): Israel
 c. City of return: Washington D.C. or home district
8. **Check only one.** I represent that
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**
 - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee’s travel regulations.

9. **Check only one of the following.**

- a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
- b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
- c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
- d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. _____

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. **Check only one of the following.**

- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box;* **OR**
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor’s interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

AIEF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a charitable and educational mission which includes, among other things, educating policy 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 in Israel)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:

- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
- b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If “b” is checked:

1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \$175.14

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____

The trip is in Israel to educate members of Congress about the U.S.-Israel relationship.

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

Hotel Name: The King David Hotel City: Jerusalem Cost Per Night: \$431

Reason(s) for Selecting: location and affordability

Hotel Name: Magdala Hotel City: Galilee Cost Per Night: \$257

Reason(s) for Selecting: location and affordability

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$12,480	\$1,421.50	\$1,226
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$12,480	\$1,421.50	\$1,226

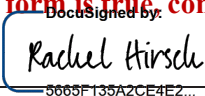
	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$1,969.83	Breakdown attached
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$1,969.83	Breakdown attached

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: 6/30/2025 | 10:45 EDT
DocuSigned by: 5065F135A2CE4E2...
 Name: Rachel Hirsch Title: Chief Legal Counsel
 Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
 Address: 251 H Street NW, Washington D.C. 20001
 Email: rhirsch@aiefdn.org Telephone: (202) 246-0519

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**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
Republican Members of Congress
August 3-11, 2025**

Addendum

4. List of Invitees

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2. The Honorable Tom Emmer (R-MN)
3. The Honorable Guy Reschenthaler (R-PA)
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5. The Honorable Josh Brecheen (R-OK)
6. The Honorable Troy Downing (R-MT)
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9. The Honorable Brandon Gill (R-TX)
10. The Honorable Craig Goldman (R-TX)
11. The Honorable Harriet Hageman (R-WY)
12. The Honorable Abe Hamadeh (R-AZ)
13. The Honorable Mark Harris (R-NC)
14. The Honorable Jeff Hurd (R-CO)
15. The Honorable Brian Jack (R-GA)
16. The Honorable John McGuire (R-VA)
17. The Honorable Bob Onder (R-MO)
18. The Honorable Derek Schmidt (R-KS)
19. The Honorable Jefferson Shreve (R-IN)
20. The Honorable Marlin Stutzman (R-IN)
21. The Honorable Tony Wied (R-WI)
22. William Johnson, Special Assistant to the Speaker, Office of the Speaker Mike Johnson
23. Jacqui Russell, National Security Advisor, Office of the Speaker Mike Johnson
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8. Breakdown of other expenses

Other Cost	Cost per participant
Room rentals	\$961.85
Security	\$730.16
Hotels for contract staff	\$367.62
Speaker Fees	\$316.98
Meals for contract staff and guests	\$310.78
Miscellaneous	\$230.13
Tour Guide	\$168.21
Airport Assistance	\$156.68
Transportation for contract staff and speakers	\$27.95
Photography	\$22.27
Entrance Fees	\$7.75
Total per participant	\$3,300.38

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19. The Honorable Pat Harrigan (R-NC)
20. The Honorable Mark Harris (R-NC)
21. The Honorable Diana Harshbarger (R-TN)
22. The Honorable Wesley Hunt (R-TX)
23. The Honorable Jeff Hurd (R-CO)
24. The Honorable Mike Kennedy (R-UT)
25. The Honorable Kimberlyn King-Hinds (R-NMI)
26. The Honorable Brian Jack (R-GA)
27. The Honorable John James (R-MI)
28. The Honorable Ryan Mackenzie (R-PA)
29. The Honorable Nicole Malliotakis (R-NY)
30. The Honorable John McGuire (R-VA)
31. The Honorable Max Miller (R-OH)
32. The Honorable Cory Mills (R-FL)
33. The Honorable Tim Moore (R-NC)
34. The Honorable Nathaniel Moran (R-TX)
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37. The Honorable Jimmy Patronis (R-FL)
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8. Breakdown of other expenses

Other Cost	Cost per participant
Room Rentals and Setup	\$666.67
Security	\$400.00
Speaker Fees	\$200.00
Tour Guide/Yad Vashem Guide	\$189.83
Hotels for contract staff	\$133.33
Meals for contract staff and guests	\$133.33
Airport Assistance	\$106.67
Miscellaneous	\$40.00
Tips	\$40.00
Transportation for contract staff and speakers	\$26.67
Photography	\$20.00
Entrance Fees	\$13.33
Total per participant	\$1,969.83

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
Republican Members of Congress
August 3 – 11, 2025**

Itinerary

Sunday, August 3, 2025

All day Flights depart the United States

Monday, August 4, 2025

All day Flights arrive Tel Aviv

6:15 –7:30 PM **Welcome and Orientation Dinner**

7:45 – 8:45 PM **Pulse of The Nation**
Briefing with Yaakov Katz
Author, Former Editor, *The Jerusalem Post*
– at the King David Hotel, Ambassador Hall

9:00 PM Depart for City of David

9:30 –11:00 PM **Late – Night Visit: The City of David**

11:00 PM Depart for the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

11:15 PM Overnight at The King David Hotel, Jerusalem

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

7:00 – 8:00 AM Breakfast
– at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

8:15 – 9:15 AM **Strategic Regional Overview**
Briefing by Brig. Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel
Former Director, Counter-Terrorism Bureau, Prime Minister's Office
– at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

9:30 AM Depart (Members only)
Alternative programming for family guests

10:45 –11:30 AM **Israel’s Air Defensive Abilities, Part I** (Members only)
Tour of the Arrow battery
Briefing by LTC Ronen Menasherov
Head of Arrow Interceptors and Launch Array Department

11:45 AM Depart

12:30 –1:30 PM Lunch
– at Hatzer, Ein Karem

1:30 PM Depart

2:00 – 3:45 PM **The Significance of the Holocaust in Israeli Society**
Visit to Yad Vashem, The World Holocaust Remembrance Center

3:45 PM Depart

5:30 – 6:30 PM **Meeting with The Honorable Benjamin Netanyahu**
Prime Minister of the State of Israel
– at the Prime Minister’s Office

6:45 PM Depart

7:00 – 8:00 PM **Israel’s Air Defensive Abilities, Part II**
Briefing with Brig. General Doron Gavish,
Former Head of Israel Aerial Defense
Moderated by Yossi Garr
– at the Museum of Tolerance, Jerusalem

8:00 –10:00 PM **The Israel-Iran War 46 Years and 12 Days**
Dinner and Panel discussion with:
▪ Maj. General Tamir Hayman,
Former Head of IDF Military Intelligence, Head of INSS
▪ Dr. Thamar Eilam Gindin, Iran Specialist at the Ezri Center,
University of Haifa
Moderated by Arne Christenson, Chief Operating Officer
– at the Museum of Tolerance, Jerusalem

10:15 PM Overnight at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

7:00 – 8:00 AM	Breakfast – at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
8:15 AM	Depart for the Old City
8:45 –11:15 AM	Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part I <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Southern Wall Excavations▪ Western Wall▪ Church of the Holy Sepulchre
11:30 AM	Depart
12:30 –1:15 PM	Meeting with The Honorable Yair Lapid Leader of the Opposition and Chairman, Yesh Atid Party – at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
1:30 PM	Depart
1:45 – 2:15 PM	Lunch – at Caffit Botanical Gardens
2:30 PM	Depart
3:15 – 4:15 PM	En Route Briefing: History of Hezbollah in Lebanon
5:30 –7:15 PM	U.S. – Israel Strategic Defense Cooperation Visit to Rafael Advanced Defense Systems Briefing and site visit with Gideon Weiss, Vice President for International Business Development, Rafael – at Rafael David Institute, Haifa
7:30 PM	Depart
8:30 –10:00 PM	Dinner and Reflections – at Pagoda restaurant
10:30 PM	Overnight at the Magdala Hotel, Tiberias

Thursday, August 7, 2025

- 7:00 –7:45 AM Breakfast
– at the Magdala Hotel, Tiberias
- 8:00 AM Depart
- 8:30 –10:00 AM **Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee**
 - Mount of Beatitudes
 - Primacy of Peter
 - Capernaum
- 10:15 AM Depart for the Golan Heights
- 11:00 –11:45 AM **Strategic Briefing on the Syrian Border**
Briefing with Maj. (res) Ilan Shulman
Kibbutz Merom Golan resident and geopolitical expert
-at Mt. Bental outlook
- 11:45 AM Depart
- 12:15 –1:15 PM **Northern Border Concerns: The Changing Landscape of Syria**
Briefing with Maj. (res) Ilan Shulman
Kibbutz Merom Golan resident and geopolitical expert
– at Kibbutz Merom Golan
- 1:15 – 2:15 PM **Ethics in the IDF**
Lunch with IDF soldiers
– at Habokrim, Kibbutz Merom Golan
- 2:30 PM Depart
- 8:00 –10:00 PM **Understanding the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation**
Dinner with Chapin Fay
Spokesperson, Gaza Humanitarian Foundation
Moderated by Evan Philipson
– at Air Caffe restaurant
- 10:00 PM Depart for Jerusalem
- 11:00 PM Overnight at The King David Hotel, Jerusalem

Friday, August 8, 2025 – Bipartisan Day

7:00 – 8:00 AM	Breakfast – at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
8:15 – 9:00 AM	October 7 Overview Briefing with Yossi Garr, Director of Education – at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
9:15 AM	Depart for the Gaza Envelope
9:30 –10:30 AM	En route briefing – Gaza and Israel
11:00 –11:30 AM	Overlook into Gaza – Status Update Briefing with Yossi Garr, Director of Education – at Kobi outlook, Sderot
11:45 AM	Depart
12:00 –1:15 PM	October 7 Ground Zero – at Kibbutz Nir Oz, Kibbutz Be’eri, and Kibbutz Kfar Aza
1:15 PM	Depart
1:30 – 2:15 PM	Lunch – at Kibbutz Alumim
2:30 PM	Depart
2:45 – 3:45 PM	Re’im: Site of the Nova Festival Massacre – at Re'im Forest
4:00 PM	Depart for Jerusalem
5:30 PM	Return to the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
7:45 PM	Depart for local host families
8:00 –10:00 PM	Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem Traditional Sabbath Eve dinner hosted by Jerusalem families
10:15 PM	Overnight at The King David Hotel, Jerusalem

Saturday, August 9, 2025

- 8:30 – 9:30 AM Breakfast
– at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
- 9:30 AM Depart
- 10:00 AM –12:30 PM **Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part II**
- Mount of Olives
 - Garden of Gethsemane
 - The Christian Quarter
- 12:45 – 1:45 PM Lunch
– at Abu Kamel
- 2:00 PM Depart for Bethlehem
- 3:00 – 4:30 PM **Guided Survey of the Church of the Nativity**
– Bethlehem
- 4:30 PM Depart for Jerusalem
- 6:00 –7:00 PM **Bring Them Home**
Meeting with Ilay David, Brother of hostage Evyatar David
Moderated by Tova Serkin, Missions Director
– at the YMCA, Jerusalem
- 7:15 – 8:00 PM **Bipartisan Dinner**
– at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
- 8:00 – 8:30 PM Dessert Reception
– at the YMCA, Jerusalem
- 8:45 – 9:45 PM **The Sound of Resilience**
with October 7 Survivor Daniel Wais, Resident of Kibbutz Be’eri
Moderated by Yoni Leviatan, Educational Seminar Leader
– at the YMCA, Jerusalem
- 10:00 PM Overnight at The King David Hotel, Jerusalem

Sunday, August 10

- 7:30 – 8:30 AM Breakfast on own
– at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
- 8:45 PM Depart for the President’s Residence
- 9:45 –10:30 AM **Meeting with the Honorable Isaac Herzog**
President of the State of Israel
– at the President’s Residence
- 10:45 AM Depart
- 11:15 AM –12:15 PM **The Future of the New Middle East**
Conversation with Dr. Tal Becker
Former Senior Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
– at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
- 12:15 – 1:00 PM Lunch
– at the Theatre Hotel, Jerusalem
- 1:30 PM Depart for Mt. Herzl
- 1:45 – 2:45 PM **Paying Tribute to Israel’s Fallen Soldiers**
Visit to Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery
– at Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery
- 3:30 PM Depart
- 4:00 – 5:00 PM **Meeting with the Honorable Mike Huckabee**
U.S. Ambassador to Israel
Moderated by Mark Waldman
– at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
- 5:00– 6:45 PM Prepare for departure
- 6:45 – 9:00 PM **Reflections on the Week: Closing Dinner**
– at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
- 9:00 PM Depart for Ben-Gurion International Airport

Monday, August 11, 2025

All day Flights depart Ben-Gurion International Airport

All day Flights arrive in the United States

**August 2025 Republican Freshmen
Flights to Israel**

Name	Departure	Arrival
Rep. Josh Brecheen	August 3 departs Dallas at 7:15 AM August 3 departs JFK at 5:30 PM	August 3 arrives JFK at 12:04 PM August 4 arrives Tel Aviv at 10:50 AM
Rep. Michael Baumgartner	August 3 departs Spokane at 6:44 AM August 3 departs Los Angeles at 2:00 PM	August 3 arrives Los Angeles at 9:40 AM August 4 arrives Tel Aviv at 1:55 PM
Rep. Troy Downing	August 3 departs Dulles at 8:31 PM August 4 departs JFK at 2:15 AM	August 3 arrives JFK at 10:09 PM August 4 arrives Tel Aviv at 7:35 PM
Rep. Tom Emmer	August 3 departs Newark at 1:30 PM	August 4 arrives Tel Aviv at 6:55 AM
Rep. Julie Fedorchak	August 3 departs Bismarck at 11:17 AM August 3 departs Minneapolis at 2:20 PM August 3 departs Newark at 9:00 PM	August 3 arrives Minneapolis at 12:24 PM August 3 arrives Newark at 5:55 PM August 4 arrives Tel Aviv at 2:25 PM
Rep. Randy Fine	August 3 departs Orlando at 8:35 AM August 3 departs Newark at 3:30 PM	August 3 arrives Newark at 11:15 AM August 4 arrives Tel Aviv at 8:55 AM
Rep. Brandon Gill	August 3 departs Dallas at 6:45 AM August 3 departs Boston at 5:00 PM	August 3 arrives Boston at 11:44 AM August 4 arrives Tel Aviv at 10:00 AM
Rep. Craig Goldman	August 3 departs JFK at 5:30 PM	August 4 arrives Tel Aviv at 10:50 AM
Rep. Harriet Hageman	August 3 departs Denver at 7:20 AM August 3 departs JFK at 5:30 PM	August 3 arrives JFK at 1:19 PM August 4 arrives Tel Aviv at 10:50 AM
Rep. Abe Hamadeh	August 3 departs Phoenix at 9:42 AM August 3 departs Newark at 10:50 PM	August 3 arrives Newark at 5:30 PM August 4 arrives Tel Aviv at 4:20 PM
Rep. Mark Harris	August 3 departs Charlotte at 1:49 PM August 3 departs Newark at 9:00 PM	August 3 arrives Newark at 4:00 PM August 4 arrives Tel Aviv at 2:25 PM
Rep. Jeff Hurd	August 3 departs Grand Junction at 5:53 AM August 3 departs Dallas at 11:30 AM August 3 departs Newark at 9:00 PM	August 3 arrives Dallas at 9:09 AM August 3 arrives Newark at 3:59 PM August 4 arrives Tel Aviv at 2:25 PM
Rep. Brian Jack	August 3 departs Atlanta at 12:05 PM August 3 departs JFK at 5:30 PM	August 3 arrives JFK at 2:34 PM August 4 arrives Tel Aviv at 10:50 AM
Rep. Mike Johnson	Booked travel with privately sponsored trip	Booked travel with privately sponsored trip

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Flights to Israel

Rep. John McGuire	August 3 departs Washington, D.C. at 10:35 AM August 3 departs Boston at 5:00 PM	August 3 arrives Boston at 12:12 PM August 4 arrives Tel Aviv at 10:00 AM
Rep. Bob Onder	August 3 departs St. Louis at 10:57 AM August 3 departs Newark at 9:00 PM	August 3 arrives Newark at 2:29 PM August 4 arrives Tel Aviv at 2:25 PM
Rep. Guy Reschenthaler	August 3 departs Pittsburg at 8:45 AM August 3 departs Newark at 1:30 PM	August 3 arrives Newark at 10:15 AM August 4 arrives Tel Aviv at 6:55 AM
Rep. Derek Schmidt	August 3 departs Washington, D.C. at 11:00 AM August 3 departs JFK at 5:30 PM	August 3 arrives JFK at 12:20 PM August 4 arrives Tel Aviv at 10:50 AM
Rep. Jefferson Shreve	August 3 departs Indianapolis at 3:27 PM August 3 departs Newark at 9:00 PM	August 3 arrives Newark at 5:30 PM August 4 arrives Tel Aviv at 2:25 PM
Rep. Marlin Stutzman	August 3 departs Detroit at 10:12 AM August 3 departs JFK at 5:30 PM	August 3 arrives JFK at 12:00 PM August 4 arrives Tel Aviv at 10:50 AM
Rep. Anthony Wied	August 3 departs Milwaukee at 11:48 AM August 3 departs Newark at 9:00 PM	August 3 arrives Newark at 3:09 PM August 4 arrives Tel Aviv at 2:25 PM
Robert Boland	August 3 departs Washington, D.C. at 7:00 AM August 3 departs Newark at 1:30 PM	August 3 arrives Newark at 8:22 AM August 4 arrives Tel Aviv at 6:55 AM
Ian Foley	August 3 departs Washington, D.C. at 7:00 AM August 3 departs Newark at 1:30 PM	August 3 arrives Newark at 8:22 AM August 4 arrives Tel Aviv at 6:55 AM
Dennis Nalls	August 3 departs Washington, D.C. at 7:00 AM August 3 departs Newark at 1:30 PM	August 3 arrives Newark at 8:22 AM August 4 arrives Tel Aviv at 6:55 AM
Shelbie Rogers	August 3 departs Washington, D.C. at 7:00 AM August 3 departs Newark at 1:30 PM	August 3 arrives Newark at 8:22 AM August 4 arrives Tel Aviv at 6:55 AM
William Johnson	Booked travel with privately sponsored trip	Booked travel with privately sponsored trip
Jacqui Russell	Booked travel with privately sponsored trip	Booked travel with privately sponsored trip

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Rep. Troy Downing	August 11 departs Tel Aviv at 1:15 AM August 11 departs Newark at 9:00 AM	August 11 arrives Newark at 6:00 AM August 11 arrives Washington, D.C. at 10:27 AM
Rep. Tom Emmer	August 11 departs Tel Aviv at 5:50 AM	August 11 arrives Newark at 10:35 AM
Rep. Julie Fedorchak	August 11 departs Tel Aviv at 1:00 AM August 11 departs JFK at 7:32 AM August 11 departs Minneapolis at 11:00 AM	August 11 arrives JFK at 5:50 AM August 11 arrives Minneapolis at 9:45 AM August 11 arrives Bismarck at 12:34 PM
Rep. Randy Fine	August 11 departs Tel Aviv at 11:00 AM August 11 departs Newark at 6:59 PM	August 11 arrives Newark at 3:45 PM August 11 arrives Orlando at 9:56 PM
Rep. Brandon Gill	August 10 departs Tel Aviv at 8:25 AM August 10 departs Boston at 4:15 PM	August 10 arrives Boston at 12:50 PM August 10 arrives Dallas at 7:29 PM
Rep. Craig Goldman	August 15 departs Tel Aviv at 1:00 AM	August 15 arrives JFK at 5:50 AM
Rep. Harriet Hageman	August 11 departs Tel Aviv at 1:00 AM August 11 departs JFK at 8:34 AM	August 11 arrives JFK at 5:50 AM August 11 arrives Denver at 11:01 AM
Rep. Abe Hamadeh	August 11 departs Tel Aviv at 5:05 AM August 11 departs Warsaw at 1:05 PM August 11 departs Lisbon 5:20 PM	August 11 arrives Warsaw at 8:10 AM August 11 arrives Lisbon at 4:25 PM August 11 arrives Ponta Delgada 6:50 PM
Rep. Mark Harris	August 11 departs Tel Aviv at 5:50 AM August 11 departs Newark at 2:12 PM	August 11 arrives Newark at 10:35 AM August 11 arrives Charlotte at 4:14 PM
Rep. Jeff Hurd	August 11 departs Tel Aviv at 1:00 AM August 11 departs JFK at 8:34 AM	August 11 arrives JFK at 5:50 AM August 11 arrives Denver at 11:01 AM
Rep. Brian Jack	August 11 departs Tel Aviv at 1:00 AM August 11 departs JFK at 8:00 AM	August 11 arrives JFK at 5:50 AM August 11 arrives Atlanta at 10:35 AM
Rep. Mike Johnson	August 8 departs Tel Aviv at 12:05 AM August 8 departs JFK at 8:35 AM	August 8 arrives JFK at 4:55 AM August 8 arrives Washington, D.C. at 10:14 AM

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Rep. Guy Reschenthaler	August 11 departs Tel Aviv at 5:50 AM August 11 departs Newark at 1:30 PM	August 11 arrives Newark at 10:35 AM August 11 arrives Pittsburgh at 3:00 PM
Rep. Derek Schmidt	August 11 departs Tel Aviv at 1:15 AM August 11 departs Newark at 9:00 AM	August 11 arrives Newark at 6:00 AM August 11 arrives Washington, D.C. at 10:27 AM
Rep. Jefferson Shreve	August 11 departs Tel Aviv at 5:55 AM August 11 departs JFK at 2:45 PM	August 11 arrives JFK at 10:45 AM August 11 arrives Indianapolis at 5:18 PM
Rep. Marlin Stutzman	August 11 departs Tel Aviv at 5:40 AM August 11 departs Paris at 12:40 PM	August 11 arrives Paris at 9:40 AM August 11 arrives Florence at 2:25 PM
Rep. Anthony Wied	August 11 departs Tel Aviv at 5:55 AM August 11 departs JFK at 2:30 PM	August 11 arrives JFK at 10:45 AM August 11 arrives Chicago at 4:25 PM
Robert Boland	August 11 departs Tel Aviv at 5:50 AM August 11 departs Newark at 2:00 PM	August 11 arrives Newark at 10:35 AM August 11 arrives Washington, D.C. at 3:22 PM
Ian Foley	August 11 departs Tel Aviv at 5:50 AM August 11 departs Newark at 2:00 PM	August 11 arrives Newark at 10:35 AM August 11 arrives Washington, D.C. at 3:22 PM
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Shelbie Rogers	August 11 departs Tel Aviv at 5:50 AM August 11 departs Newark at 2:00 PM	August 11 arrives Newark at 10:35 AM August 11 arrives Washington, D.C. at 3:22 PM
William Johnson	August 8 departs Tel Aviv at 12:05 AM August 8 departs JFK at 8:35 AM	August 8 arrives JFK at 4:55 AM August 8 arrives Washington, D.C. at 10:14 AM
Jacqui Russell	August 8 departs Tel Aviv at 12:05 AM August 8 departs JFK at 8:35 AM	August 8 arrives JFK at 4:55 AM August 8 arrives Washington, D.C. at 10:14 AM

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
Republican Members of Congress
August 3 – 11, 2025**

Itinerary

Sunday, August 3, 2025

5:30 AM Delta #3510 departs McAllen for Representative Monica De La Cruz

5:53 AM American Airlines #6414 departs Grand Junction for Representative Jeff Hurd

6:00 AM Delta #2693 departs Orlando for Representative Randy Fine

6:01 AM American Airlines #782 departs Colorado Springs for Representative Jeff Crank

6:30 AM Delta #336 departs Denver for Representative Harriet Hageman

6:35 AM United #1176 departs Charlotte for Representative Pat Harrigan

6:44 AM Delta #3580 departs Spokane for Representative Michael Baumgartner

6:45 AM Delta #2351 departs Dallas for Representative Brandon Gill

6:53 AM Delta #3510 arrives Austin for Representative Monica De La Cruz

7:00 AM Delta #454 departs Dallas for Representative Joshua Brecheen

7:01 AM Delta #4932 departs Indianapolis for Representative Jefferson Shreve

7:10 AM Delta #454 departs Falls for Representative Craig Goldman

7:30 AM Delta #1411 departs Austin for Representative Monica De La Cruz

8:00AM Delta #1726 departs Bismarck for Representative Julie Fedorchak

8:31 AM United #1176 arrives Newark for Representative Pat Harrigan

8:40 AM United #3400 departs Greenville for Representative Sheryl Biggs

8:43 AM Delta #2693 arrives JFK for Representative Randy Fine

8:45 AM United #3560 departs Pittsburg for Representative Guy Reschenthaler

8:56 AM American Airlines #782 arrives Dallas for Representative Jeff Crank

9:09 AM American Airlines #6414 arrives Dallas for Representative Jeff Hurd

9:05 AM United #4591 departs DCA for Representative Tom Emmer, Boland, Foley, Nalls, Rogers

9:15 AM Delta #4932 arrives JFK for Representative Jefferson Shreve

9:27 AM Delta #1726 arrives Minneapolis for Representative Julie Fedorchak

9:40 AM Delta #3580 arrives LAX for Representative Michael Baumgartner

9:59 AM Delta #5262 departs Kansas City for Representative Derek Schmidt

10:12 AM Delta #2895 departs Minneapolis for Representative Julie Fedorchak

10:15 AM United #3560 arrives Newark for Representative Guy Reschenthaler

10:25 AM United #4591 arrives Newark for Representative Tom Emmer, Boland, Foley, Nalls, Rogers

10:30 AM Delta #1814 departs Gulfport for Representative Mike Ezell

10:39 AM United #3400 arrives Newark for Representative Sheryl Biggs

11:00 AM Delta #5792 departs DCA for Representative Marlin Stutzman

11:15 AM Delta #2026 departs Salt Lake City for Representative Mike Kennedy

11:20 AM United #3684 departs St. Louis for Representative Bob Onder Jr.

11:30 AM American Airlines #1794 departs Dallas for Representatives Jeff Crank, Jeff Hurd

11:44 AM Delta #2351 arrives Boston for Representative Brandon Gill

11:44 AM Delta #454 arrives JFK for Representative Joshua Brecheen

11:48 AM United #3693 departs Milwaukee for Representative Anthony Wied

11:50 AM Delta #5316 departs Richmond for Representative John McGuire

12:02 PM Delta #454 arrives JFK for Representative Craig Goldman

12:05 PM Delta #2380 departs Atlanta for Representative Brian Jack

12:20 PM Delta #1411 arrives JFK for Representative Monica De La Cruz

12:24 PM Delta #336 arrives JFK for Representative Harriet Hageman

12:29 PM Delta #5792 arrives JFK for Representative Marlin Stutzman

12:54 PM Delta #1814 arrives Atlanta for Representative Mike Ezell

1:17 PM Delta #5316 arrives JFK for Representative John McGuire

1:29 PM El Al #10 departs JFK for Representatives Randy Fine, Jefferson Shreve

1:30 PM El Al #28 departs Newark for Representatives Sheryl Biggs, Tom Emmer, Pat Harrigan, Boland, Foley, Nalls, Rogers, Guy Reschenthaler

1:47 PM Delta #2895 arrives Newark for Representative Julie Fedorchak

2:00 PM El Al #6 departs LAX for Representative Michael Baumgartner

2:04 PM Delta #5262 arrives JFK for Representative Derek Schmidt

2:34 PM Delta #2380 arrives JFK for Representative Brian Jack

2:38 PM American Airlines #3258 departs Charlotte for Representative Mark Harris

2:45 PM Delta #2312 departs Atlanta for Representative Mike Ezell

3:00 PM United #3684 arrives Newark for Representative Bob Onder Jr.

3:09 PM United #3693 arrives Newark for Representative Anthony Wied

3:55 PM Delta #2946 departs Bozeman for Representative Troy Downing

3:59 PM American Airlines #782 arrives Newark for Representatives Jeff Crank, Jeff Hurd

4:30 PM American Airlines #3258 arrives Newark for Representative Mark Harris

4:58 PM Delta #2312 arrives Newark for Representative Mike Ezell

5:00 PM El Al #16 departs Boston for Representative Brandon Gill

5:30 PM El Al #1 departs JFK for Representatives Joshua Brecheen, Monica De La Cruz, Harriet Hageman, Brian Jack, John McGuire, Derek Schmidt, Marlin Stutzman

5:45 PM Delta #2026 arrives Newark for Representative Mike Kennedy

7:15 PM Delta #2946 arrives Minneapolis for Representative Troy Downing

7:50 PM Delta #2692 departs Minneapolis for Representative Troy Downing

9:00 PM El Al #26 departs Newark for Representatives Jeff Crank, Mike Ezell, Julie Fedorchak, Mark Harris, Jeff Hurd, Mike Kennedy, Bob Onder Jr., Anthony Wied

11:54 PM Delta #2692 arrives JFK for Representative Troy Downing

Monday, August 4, 2025

2:15 AM El Al #12 departs JFK for Representative Troy Downing

6:50 AM El Al #10 arrives Tel Aviv for Representatives Randy Fine, Jefferson Shreve

6:55 AM El Al #28 arrives Tel Aviv for Representatives Sheryl Biggs, Tom Emmer, Pat Harrigan, Boland, Foley, Nalls, Rogers, Guy Reschenthaler

10:00 AM El Al #16 arrives Tel Aviv for Representative Brandon Gill

10:50 AM El Al #1 arrives Tel Aviv for Representatives Joshua Brecheen, Monica De La Cruz, Harriett Hageman, Brian Jack, John McGuire, Derek Schmidt, Marlin Stutzman

1:55 PM El Al #6 arrives Tel Aviv for Representative Michael Baumgartner

2:25 PM El Al #26 arrives Tel Aviv for Representatives Jeff Crank, Mike Ezell, Julie Fedorchak, Mark Harris, Jeff Hurd, Mike Kennedy, Bob Onder Jr., Anthony Wied

7:35 PM El Al #12 arrives Tel Aviv for Representative Troy Downing

6:15 –7:30 PM **Welcome and Orientation Dinner**

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

7:45 – 8:45 PM **Pulse of The Nation**
Briefing with Yaakov Katz
Author, Former Editor, *The Jerusalem Post*
– at the King David Hotel, Ambassador Hall

Ya'akov Katz is the former editor of *The Jerusalem Post*, Israel's most-read English news website and best-selling English newspaper. He previously served for close to a decade as the paper's military reporter and defense analyst. He is the author of "Shadow Strike: Inside Israel's Secret Mission to Eliminate Syrian Nuclear Power" and co-author of two books: "Weapon Wizards - How Israel Became a High-Tech Military Superpower" and "Israel vs. Iran - The Shadow War." Mr. Katz will provide the delegation with a synthesis of domestic political trends, current international affairs and the general state of mind of Israeli voters at this particular moment in time.

9:00 PM Depart for City of David

9:30 – 10:30 PM **Late – Night Visit: The City of David**

Jerusalem's City of David, more than any other site, represents the complexity of the Arab-Israeli conflict. The City of David is the site most archeologists agree to be the ancient city of Jerusalem that later became the capital of the united Israelite tribes under King David. This area is one of the most intensively excavated sites in the wider region. To Jewish Israelis, the site represents the beginning of their physical and emotional attachment to Jerusalem that has continued for over three thousand years. At the same time, much of the site is located in the predominantly Arab neighborhood of Silwan. The residents of Silwan, and the Palestinian Authority leadership are opposed to the archeological efforts being carried out in the City of David. In several instances, homes in Silwan were purchased and then destroyed to open up more areas for excavations. Palestinian leadership has denied the existence of any Jewish connection to Jerusalem.

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

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

7:00 – 8:00 AM Breakfast
 – at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

8:15 AM Depart for the Old City

8:45 –11:45 AM **Strategic Survey of Jerusalem: The Holy Basin**

- Old City of Jerusalem
- Western Wall
- Church of the Holy Sepulchre

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

12:00 PM Depart for Botanical Gardens

12:30 –1:15 PM Lunch
 – at HaAgam

1:15 – 2:15 PM **Strategic Regional Overview**
Briefing by Brig. Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel
Former Director, Counter-Terrorism Bureau, Prime Minister's Office
– at HaAgam

This strategic regional overview will be given by Brig. Gen (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel, the past director of the Counter-Terrorism Bureau at the Office of the Prime Minister, where he served until 2012. His duties included developing a national policy for border protection, cargo and aviation security, and advanced technology for public security. He is a veteran of the “Golani” Infantry Corp and held command positions in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and South Lebanon. Today he is a Fellow at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism at IDC Herzliya. During this session, he will discuss the strategic threats facing Israel from its borders with Lebanon, Syria, Gaza, the West Bank, and the greater Middle East.

2:30 PM Depart for Yad Vashem

3:00 – 4:45 PM **The Significance of the Holocaust in Israeli Society**
Visit to Yad Vashem, The World Holocaust Remembrance Center

One cannot understand Israel’s worldview without understanding the trauma of the Holocaust. Israelis view threats to its destruction in light of the events of the 1930s and 1940s, when the German government’s threats to exterminate the Jewish people were not taken seriously by the international community. This museum provides an important reference point as to how Israelis interpret the threat of an Iranian nuclear program and Iranian leaders committed to Israel’s destruction. Yad Vashem has become a symbol of the Jewish people and its transformation from total helplessness to self-reliance and strength. Thus, a visit to Yad Vashem provides a historical context for the Jewish state. The museum’s professional docent will guide the delegation through the main exhibit hall and the children’s memorial.

5:00 PM Depart

6:00 – 7:00 PM **Meeting with 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.

7:15 PM Depart

7:30 – 9:30 PM **The Israel-Iran War 46 Years and 12 Days**
Dinner and Panel discussion with:
▪ Maj. General Tamir Hayman,
 Former Head of IDF Military Intelligence, Head of INSS
▪ Professor Shaul Horev, Former head of Atomic Commission
Moderated by Yonah Jeremy Bob, Author and Journalist
– at Modern restaurant

On June 13, Israel launched a military operation to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons and to attack its increasingly dangerous ballistic missile arsenal. This operation came after the IAEA officially declared Iran was not in compliance with its non- proliferation obligations and the regime ignored President Trump’s 60-day deadline to reach a peaceful agreement to resolve the nuclear issue. During this session, an expert panel will discuss the history of the Iranian nuclear program, the 12-day war to prevent this threat, and how Israel plans to move forward.

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

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

7:00 – 8:00 AM Breakfast
– at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

8:15 – 9:15 AM Depart for Palmachim Air Force Base (Members only)

9:30 – 10:45 AM **Israel’s Air Defensive Abilities** (Members only)
Iron Dome, David Sling, and Arrow
Briefing with:
▪ Brig. General Doron Gavish, Former Head of Israel Aerial Defense
▪ Major Neta Bloom, Head of Cyber Section Defense Ministry
– at Palmachim Base

Israel’s defense system is multi-layered and includes three main air defense systems: The Iron Dome for short-range threats under 50 kilometers; David Sling for medium-range projectiles; and Arrow, which defends against long-range ballistic missile threats. The IDF will explain the individual systems, and how they work together to protect the state of Israel. Participants will visit the operation centers for these systems and learn how U.S.-Israel strategic cooperation ensures the safety of the Jewish State.

10:30 AM Family guests depart Jerusalem to rejoin Members

10:45 AM Members depart

11:30 AM–12:30 PM **Meeting with The Honorable Yair Lapid**
Leader of the Opposition and Chairman, Yesh Atid Party
– at Hevel Modiin Cultural Hall, Airport City

It is customary for members of Congress to meet with the Leader of the Opposition. 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.

12:30 – 1:15 PM Lunch
– at Airport City

1:30 PM Depart

2:30 – 3:00 PM **Israel’s Narrow Waistline: The Quest for Defensible Borders**
Strategic briefing
– at the Alfei Menashe Overlook

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

1:30 – 2:30 PM Lunch
– at Alfei Menashe

3:15 PM Depart

3:15 – 4:45 PM **En Route Briefing: History of Hezbollah in Lebanon**

During the drive north, the guide will provide a history of Hezbollah, the Iranian-backed terrorist group based in Lebanon dedicated to Israel’s destruction. The terrorist group’s influence in Lebanese politics, massive weapons arsenal and use of Lebanese civilians as human shields made the Iranian proxy a serious threat to Israel leading up to the current war. Hezbollah has a global reach and has killed more Americans than any terrorist group other than al-Qaeda.

4:45 – 6:45 PM **U.S. – Israel Strategic Defense Cooperation**
Meeting and site visit with Gideon Weiss
Vice President, International Business Development, Rafael Research
– at Rafael David Institute, Haifa

Rafael is an Israeli defense technology company, founded as Israel's National R&D Defense Laboratory for the development of weapons and military technology within the Israeli Ministry of Defense. 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. Participants will also get to see the facilities, where Rafael produces notable defense systems including the David Sling, Iron Dome and Iron Beam.

6:45 PM Depart

8:00 – 9:30 PM **Dinner and Reflections**
 – at Decks restaurant

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

9:30 PM Overnight at the Magdala Hotel, Tiberias

Thursday, August 7, 2025

7:30 – 8:30 AM Breakfast
 – at the Magdala Hotel, Tiberias

8:45 AM Depart

9:15 – 10:45 AM **Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee**
 ▪ Mount of Beatitudes
 ▪ Primacy of Peter
 ▪ Capernaum

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

11:00 AM Depart for the Golan Heights

11:45 AM–12:30 PM **Strategic Briefing on the Syrian Border**
 with Maj. (res) Ilan Shulman

With the fall of the Assad regime, the situation in Syria is one of the most important stories in the Middle East. Maj. Ilan Shulman will discuss the implications for Israel’s security while uncertainly reigns there. This outlook will give participants an opportunity to see the proximity to Syria and better understand the physical terrain.

12:30 PM Depart

12:45 – 1:45 PM **Ethics in the IDF**
Lunch with IDF soldiers
– at Habokrim, Kibbutz Merom Golan

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.

2:00 – 3:00 PM **Northern Border Concerns: The Changing Landscape of Syria**
Briefing with Maj. (res) Ilan Shulman
Kibbutz Merom Golan resident and geopolitical expert
– at Kibbutz Merom Golan

During this session, Maj. Ilan Shulman will brief the group on the recent developments in Syria since the fall of the Assad regime. After a brutal civil war, Syria is now a chaotic assembly of 198 disparate tribes, ruled by Ahmed Hussein al-Sharaa (known as al-Julani), a Syrian politician and former rebel commander serving as the president of Syria since January 2025. Shulman will discuss the implications of al-Julani's leadership on the country of Syria, Israel's unique relationship with the Druze community, and the potential for Syrian relations with Israel.

3:00 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

6:00 – 7:00 PM **Understanding the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation**
Meeting with John Acree,
Interim Executive Director, Gaza Humanitarian Foundation
-at Dubnov

During this session, the delegation will hear from John Acree, the interim Director of the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF). GHF is an American organization, established in February 2025 to distribute humanitarian aid during the ongoing Gaza humanitarian crisis. The "Humanitarian Aid Distribution Program in the Gaza Strip" is a joint American Israeli program by the GHF designed to facilitate the entry and distribution of humanitarian aid to the civilian population in the Gaza Strip through four distribution centers. By distributing aid through the GHF, the United States and Israel aim to prevent Hamas from stealing aid, as it has done throughout the war. During the session Mr. Acree will discuss the unique challenges facing the distribution program.

7:00 – 9:00 PM **Reflections on Five Years of The Abraham Accords**
Dinner with Abraham Accords Ambassadors
– at Dubnov restaurant

Since Israel’s founding, the Jewish state has sought to reach a just and lasting solution to the Israeli Palestinian conflict, and a comprehensive regional peace. The United States has been closely involved in negotiations between Israel and several Arab states, including – most recently - the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Morocco, and Sudan – under the Abraham Accords. This session with the Abraham Accords Ambassadors will explore the Abraham Accords, and prospects for regional peace following these historic agreements.

9:00 PM Depart for Jerusalem

10:00 PM Overnight at The King David Hotel, Jerusalem

Friday, August 8, 2025 – Bipartisan Day

7:00 – 8:00 AM Breakfast
– at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

8:15 – 9:00 AM **October 7 Overview**
Briefing with Yossi Garr, Director of Education
– at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

Yossi Garr will give participants a broad overview of the devastating events of October 7, the deadliest day for the Jewish people since the Holocaust. This introduction will provide the necessary context for the more in-depth topics participants will explore throughout the day.

9:15 AM Depart for the Gaza Envelope

9:30 – 10:30 AM **En route briefing – Gaza and Israel**

During this en route briefing, the tour guide will provide a brief history of the Gaza Strip, the small, coastal enclave that shares borders with Egypt and Israel, where Israel has been at war with Hamas since October 7, 2023. The guide will cover Israel’s unilateral disengagement from Gaza in 2005, and Israel’s efforts to deal with the onslaught of rockets from the terrorist group Hamas, in control of the Gaza Strip since 2007.

10:45 AM –11:15 AM **Overlook into Gaza – Status Update**
Briefing with Yossi Garr, Director of Education
– in Sderot

This briefing will provide a status update on the Israel-Hamas war at an overlook into the Gaza Strip. Participants will hear about Israel’s efforts to remove Hamas from Gaza, as well as efforts to provide humanitarian aid to the civilian population.

11:30 AM Depart

12:00 – 1:15 PM **October 7 Ground Zero**
– at Kibbutz Nir Oz, Kibbutz Be’eri, and Kibbutz Kfar Aza

During this session, participants will bear witness to the Hamas invasion and massacre at the small farming communities on Israel’s border with the Gaza Strip. They will hear what happened to the communities on October 7, how the IDF regained control, and efforts to rebuild the south.

1:15 PM Depart

1:30 – 2:15 PM Lunch
– at Kibbutz Alumim

2:30 PM Depart

2:45 – 3:45 PM **Re’im: Site of the Nova Festival Massacre**
– at Re’im Forest

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 Jerusalem

5:30 PM Return to the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

7:45 PM Depart for local host families

8:00 – 9:30 PM **Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem**
Traditional Sabbath Eve dinner hosted by Jerusalem families

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

The dinner will include a discussion on the importance of Jerusalem to the Jewish, Christian and Muslim populations; the potential for a final status agreement on Jerusalem (arguably the most sensitive final status issue); and the diplomatic challenges faced by Israel and the United States regarding Israeli urban development in the area.

10:00 PM Overnight at The King David Hotel, Jerusalem

Saturday, August 9, 2025

7:00 – 8:00 AM Breakfast
– at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

8:15 AM Depart

8:15 – 9:15 AM **En route briefing :**
Jericho Road and the E – 1 Corridor: Strategic Concerns

Our tour guide will spend approximately one hour on the drive from Jerusalem to Qumran – including the Jericho road – to discuss the strategic importance of the area east of Jerusalem. In 1948 and in 1967, the Jordanian army attacked Jerusalem from the east – the 1948 attack resulted in the city’s division that lasted until 1967. Since then, Israel has established the City of Ma’ale Adumim east of Jerusalem, today home to some 40,000 residents. To the Palestinians, however, Ma’ale Adumim is the largest settlement on the West Bank. When Israel attempted to expand Ma’ale Adumim’s boundary, into an area known as “E-1”, the U.S. State Department stepped in and asked that no construction take place there. The issue needs to be examined with those discussing the future of Jerusalem in the context of the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

9:15 – 10:30 AM **History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire**
Guided survey of the National Archeological Park at Qumran

During our trip to the Negev, we will visit Qumran, where the famous Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Qumran is believed to be the home of the Essenes, a Jewish, religious sect that flourished in the Negev region between 2 BCE and 1 CE. The Dead Sea Scrolls – hundreds of Hebrew manuscripts and religious texts – were discovered on the shores of the Dead Sea in 1947, marking one of the most important finds in modern archaeology. The scrolls have helped inform scholars about Judaism and early Christianity.

10:30 AM Depart for the Jordan River

11:00 – 11:45 AM **Qasr al-Yahud: A Mosaic of Faith and History**
Visit to the traditional site of Baptism of Jesus, Jordan River
– at Qasr al-Yahud

Qasr al-Yahud is a historic baptismal site on the Jordan River. This sacred spot is revered as the location where Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. It is also traditionally identified as the place where the Israelites crossed the Jordan into the Promised Land and where the Prophet Elijah ascended to heaven. This makes it a significant site for Christians, Jews, and Muslims alike, offering a rich tapestry of faith and history.

- 12:00 PM Depart for Jerusalem
- 1:00 – 2:00 PM Lunch
 – at City View restaurant
- 2:00 – 2:30 PM **The View from Mt. Scopus**
 Jerusalem Overlook

Overlooking Jerusalem, Mount Scopus has been strategically important as a base from which to attack the city since antiquity. During the Great Jewish Revolt, the 12th Roman Legion camped there in 66 CE. In 70, at the conclusion of the same war that led to the destruction of the Jewish Temple, Mount Scopus was used as a base to carry out the final siege of the city.

- 2:30 PM Depart for Bethlehem
- 3:00 – 4:45 PM **Guided Survey of the Church of the Nativity**
 – Bethlehem

The Church of the Nativity marks the traditional birthplace of Jesus Christ. Built in the 4th century by Emperor Constantine, it's one of the oldest active churches in the world. The main site is the Grotto of the Nativity, where a silver star marks Jesus' birth spot. It's a major Christian pilgrimage site and is shared by Greek Orthodox, Armenian, and Catholic churches.

- 4:45 PM Depart for Jerusalem
- 6:00 –7:00 PM **Zionism: The Movement of the Jewish People –
Why it Matters Today**
 With Professor Gil Troy
 Author, Senior Fellow at the Jewish People Policy Institute
 – at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

During this session, Professor Gil Troy will explain the history of the Zionist movement and how it's still relevant today. Professor Gil Troy is a Senior Fellow at the Jewish People Policy Institute and a historian at McGill University. A leading voice on Zionism and Jewish identity, he is the author of several books, including *The Essential Guide to October 7th*.

7:00 – 8:00 PM **Bipartisan Dinner**
– at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

During this bipartisan dinner, participants will have a chance to reflect on the speakers and site visits they experienced during Bipartisan Day programming the day before.

8:30 – 9:30 PM **The Sound of Resilience**
with October 7 Survivor Daniel Wais, Resident of Kibbutz Be’eri
-at the Tower of David, Jerusalem

During this session the participants will hear powerful testimony from Daniel Wais, a survivor of the October 7 attack on Kibbutz Be’eri. His story will provide a firsthand account about the resilience, loss, and strength of a community forever changed.

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

Sunday, August 10

8:00 – 8:45 AM Breakfast
– at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

8:45 PM Depart for the President’s Residence

9:45 – 10:45 AM **Meeting with the Honorable Isaac Herzog**
President of the State of Israel
– at the President’s Residence

It is customary for participants to meet with the President of Israel. 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.

11:00 AM Depart

11:15 AM–12:15 PM **Meeting with the Honorable Mike Huckabee**
U.S. Ambassador to Israel
– at the Theatre Hotel, Jerusalem

During this discussion, U.S. Ambassador to Israel, the Honorable Mike Huckabee will share the U.S. perspective on the current war in Gaza, regional threats from Iranian proxies, and the potential for U.S.-Israel cooperation.

12:30 – 1:30 PM Lunch
– at the Theatre Hotel, Jerusalem

2:00 PM Depart for Mt. Herzl

2:30 – 3:30 PM **Paying Tribute to Israel’s Fallen Soldiers**
Visit to Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery
– at Mt. Herzl

A critical piece of understanding Israeli society and culture, is the role of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), mandatory army service, and veterans. Mount Herzl is the site of Israel’s national cemetery, named after Theodor Herzl, the founder of modern political Zionism. Israel’s leaders and fallen soldiers are buried there. Every plot section in Mount Herzl has a broad plaza for memorial services. Most state memorial ceremonies for those killed in war are conducted in the National Military and Police cemetery. This visit will highlight the way Israel remembers its fallen and relates to the role of the military in as part of the fabric of the Jewish State. 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.

3:30 PM Depart

4:00 – 5:00 PM **The Future of the New Middle East**
Conversation with Dr. Tal Becker
Former Senior Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
– at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

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.

5:00– 6:45 PM Prepare for departure

7:00 – 9:00 PM **Reflections on the Week: Closing Dinner**
– at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

The closing dinner provides an opportunity for participants to process the scope of the week, from the religious center of the Judeo-Christian world in Jerusalem, to the bustling economic powerhouse of Tel Aviv; and the conflict plagued borders with Gaza, Syria and Lebanon. We will process the range of topics explored, including the U.S.-Israel strategic partnership,

prospects for Arab-Israeli peace, the experience of minorities in Israel, as well as greater existential threats throughout the region. Participants will also have the opportunity to share their takeaways and ask any lingering questions that weren't covered during the week.

9:00 PM Depart for Ben-Gurion International Airport

Monday, August 11, 2025

12:30 AM El Al #27 departs Tel Aviv for Representatives Jeff Crank, Monica De La Cruz, Tom Emmer, Mark Harris, Bob Onder Jr., Guy Reschenthaler, Boland, Foley, Nalls

1:00 AM El Al #1 departs Tel Aviv for Representatives Joshua Brecheen, Julie Fedorchak, Craig Goldman, Harriet Hageman, Jeff Hurd, Brian Jack, Mike Kennedy, John McGuire

1:05 AM El Al #5 departs Tel Aviv for Representative Michael Baumgartner

1:15 AM El Al #25 departs Tel Aviv for Representatives Sheryl Biggs, Troy Downing, Mike Ezell, Brandon Gill, Derek Schmidt

5:15 AM El Al #27 arrives Newark for Representatives Jeff Crank, Monica De La Cruz, Tom Emmer, Mark Harris, Bob Onder Jr., Guy Reschenthaler, Boland, Foley, Nalls

5:15 AM ITA Airways #809 departs Tel Aviv for Representative Marlin Stutzman

5:50 AM El Al #1 arrives JFK for Representatives Joshua Brecheen, Julie Fedorchak, Craig Goldman, Harriet Hageman, Jeff Hurd, Brian Jack, Mike Kennedy, John McGuire

5:55 AM El Al #9 departs Tel Aviv for Representatives Randy Fine, Patrick Harrigan, Jefferson Shreve

6:00 AM El Al #25 arrives Newark for Representatives Sheryl Biggs, Troy Downing, Mike Ezell, Brandon Gill, Derek Schmidt

6:00 AM El Al #6 arrives LAX for Representative Michael Baumgartner

7:29 AM American Airlines #129 departs Newark for Representative Jeff Crank

7:30 AM Delta #2390 departs JFK for Representative Julie Fedorchak

7:55 AM United #686 departs Newark for Representative Monica De La Cruz

8:00 AM Delta #2365 departs Newark for Representatives Sheryl Biggs, Derek Schmidt

8:00 AM ITA Airways #809 arrives Rome for Representative Marlin Stutzman

8:00 AM United #4500 departs Newark for Representative Tom Emmer, Foley, Nalls

8:10 AM Delta #3236 departs JFK for Representative Harriet Hageman

8:15 AM American Airlines #1303 departs Newark for Representative Brandon Gill

8:27 AM American Airlines #1575 departs Newark for Representative Mike Ezell

8:30 AM Delta #356 departs JFK for Representatives Joshua Brecheen, Craig Goldman

8:30 AM United #1311 departs Newark for Representative Mark Harris

8:32 AM United #3630 departs Newark for Representative Bob Onder Jr.

8:34 AM Delta #2294 departs JFK for Representative Jeff Hurd

8:35 AM Delta #5657 departs JFK for Representative Brian Jack

9:00 AM United #4444 departs Newark for Boland

9:05 AM American Airlines #129 arrives Chicago for Representative Jeff Crank

9:15 AM United #1611 departs Newark for Representative Troy Downing

9:22 AM United #4500 arrives DCA for Representative Tom Emmer, Foley, Nalls

9:25 AM Delta #5316 departs JFK for Representative John McGuire

9:29 AM United #3717 departs Newark for Representative Guy Reschenthaler

9:45 AM American Airlines #6476 departs Chicago for Representative Jeff Crank

9:45 AM ITA Airways #1675 departs Rome for Representative Marlin Stutzman

9:47 AM Delta #2390 arrives Minneapolis for Representative Julie Fedorchak

10:14 AM Delta #5657 arrives DCA for Representative Brian Jack

10:15 AM El Al #7 departs Tel Aviv for Representative Tony Wied

10:19 AM Delta #2365 arrives Atlanta for Representatives Sheryl Biggs, Derek Schmidt

10:21 AM United #3630 arrives St. Louis for Representative Bob Onder Jr.

10:27 AM United #4444 arrives DCA for Boland

10:30 AM American Airlines #1575 arrives Charlotte for Representative Mike Ezell

10:31 AM United #1311 arrives Charlotte for Representative Mark Harris

10:37 AM Delta #3236 arrives Denver for Representative Harriet Hageman

10:39 AM United #686 arrives Houston for Representative Monica De La Cruz

10:40 AM ITA Airways #1675 arrives Florence for Representative Marlin Stutzman

10:45 AM El Al #9 arrives JFK for Representatives Randy Fine, Harriet Hageman, Jefferson Shreve

10:59 AM Delta #5316 arrives Richmond for Representative John McGuire

11:00 AM Delta #3942 departs Minneapolis for Representative Julie Fedorchak

11:01 AM Delta # 2294 arrives Denver for Representative Jeff Hurd

11:01 AM American Airlines #1303 arrives Dallas for Representative Brandon Gill

11:02 AM United #3717 arrives Pittsburgh for Representative Guy Reschenthaler

11:05 AM American Airlines #5564 departs Charlotte for Representative Mike Ezell

11:15 AM Delta #3794 departs LAX for Representative Michael Baumgartner

11:20 AM Delta #527 departs Atlanta for Representative Derek Schmidt

11:22 AM Delta #356 arrives Dallas for Representatives Joshua Brecheen, Craig Goldman

11:25 AM Delta #917 departs JFK for Representative Mike Kennedy

11:30 AM American Airlines #6476 arrives Colorado Springs for Representative Jeff Crank

12:04 PM United #1611 arrives Bozeman for Representative Troy Downing

12:05 PM United #6056 departs Houston for Representative Monica De La Cruz

12:06 PM American Airlines #5564 arrives for Representative Mike Ezell

12:15 PM Delta #1725 departs Atlanta for Representative Sheryl Biggs

12:28 PM Delta #527 arrives Kansas City for Representative Derek Schmidt

12:34 PM Delta #3942 arrives Bismarck for Representative Julie Fedorchak

1:13 PM Delta #1725 arrives Greenville for Representative Sheryl Biggs

1:29 PM United #6056 arrives McAllen for Representative Monica De La Cruz

1:48 PM Delta #3794 arrives Spokane for Representative Michael Baumgartner

2:38 PM Delta #917 arrives Salt Lake City for Representative Mike Kennedy

2:45 PM Delta #4984 departs JFK for Representative Jefferson Shreve

2:49 PM Delta #5040 departs JFK for Representative Pat Harrigan

3:05 PM El Al #7 arrives JFK for Representative Tony Wied

3:20 PM Delta #857 departs JFK for Representative Randy Fine

5:13 PM Delta #5040 arrives Charlotte for Representative Pat Harrigan

5:18 PM Delta #4984 arrives Indianapolis for Representative Jefferson Shreve

6:20 PM Delta #5054 departs JFK for Representative Tony Wied

6:35 PM Delta #857 arrives Orlando for Representative Randy Fine

8:24 PM Delta #5054 arrives Milwaukee for Representative Tony Wied

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
Republican Members of Congress
August 3 – 11, 2025**

Itinerary

Sunday, August 3, 2025

5:30 AM Delta #3510 departs McAllen for Representative Monica De La Cruz

5:53 AM American Airlines #6414 departs Grand Junction for Representative Jeff Hurd

6:00 AM Delta #2693 departs Orlando for Representative Randy Fine

6:01 AM American Airlines #782 departs Colorado Springs for Representative Jeff Crank

6:30 AM Delta #336 departs Denver for Representative Harriet Hageman

6:35 AM United #1176 departs Charlotte for Representative Pat Harrigan

6:44 AM Delta #3580 departs Spokane for Representative Michael Baumgartner

6:45 AM Delta #2351 departs Dallas for Representative Brandon Gill

6:53 AM Delta #3510 arrives Austin for Representative Monica De La Cruz

7:00 AM Delta #454 departs Dallas for Representative Joshua Brecheen

7:01 AM Delta #4932 departs Indianapolis for Representative Jefferson Shreve

7:10 AM Delta #454 departs Falls for Representative Craig Goldman

7:30 AM Delta #1411 departs Austin for Representative Monica De La Cruz

8:00AM Delta #1726 departs Bismarck for Representative Julie Fedorchak

8:31 AM United #1176 arrives Newark for Representative Pat Harrigan

8:40 AM United #3400 departs Greenville for Representative Sheryl Biggs

8:43 AM Delta #2693 arrives JFK for Representative Randy Fine

8:45 AM United #3560 departs Pittsburg for Representative Guy Reschenthaler

8:56 AM American Airlines #782 arrives Dallas for Representative Jeff Crank

9:09 AM American Airlines #6414 arrives Dallas for Representative Jeff Hurd

9:05 AM United #4591 departs DCA for Representative Tom Emmer, Boland, Foley, Nalls, Rogers

9:15 AM Delta #4932 arrives JFK for Representative Jefferson Shreve

9:27 AM Delta #1726 arrives Minneapolis for Representative Julie Fedorchak

9:40 AM Delta #3580 arrives LAX for Representative Michael Baumgartner

9:59 AM Delta #5262 departs Kansas City for Representative Derek Schmidt

10:12 AM Delta #2895 departs Minneapolis for Representative Julie Fedorchak

10:15 AM United #3560 arrives Newark for Representative Guy Reschenthaler

10:25 AM United #4591 arrives Newark for Representative Tom Emmer, Boland, Foley, Nalls, Rogers

10:30 AM Delta #1814 departs Gulfport for Representative Mike Ezell

10:39 AM United #3400 arrives Newark for Representative Sheryl Biggs

11:00 AM Delta #5792 departs DCA for Representative Marlin Stutzman

11:15 AM Delta #2026 departs Salt Lake City for Representative Mike Kennedy

11:20 AM United #3684 departs St. Louis for Representative Bob Onder Jr.

11:30 AM American Airlines #1794 departs Dallas for Representatives Jeff Crank, Jeff Hurd

11:44 AM Delta #2351 arrives Boston for Representative Brandon Gill

11:44 AM Delta #454 arrives JFK for Representative Joshua Brecheen

11:48 AM United #3693 departs Milwaukee for Representative Anthony Wied

11:50 AM Delta #5316 departs Richmond for Representative John McGuire

12:02 PM Delta #454 arrives JFK for Representative Craig Goldman

12:05 PM Delta #2380 departs Atlanta for Representative Brian Jack

12:20 PM Delta #1411 arrives JFK for Representative Monica De La Cruz

12:24 PM Delta #336 arrives JFK for Representative Harriet Hageman

12:29 PM Delta #5792 arrives JFK for Representative Marlin Stutzman

12:54 PM Delta #1814 arrives Atlanta for Representative Mike Ezell

1:17 PM Delta #5316 arrives JFK for Representative John McGuire

1:29 PM El Al #10 departs JFK for Representatives Randy Fine, Jefferson Shreve

1:30 PM El Al #28 departs Newark for Representatives Sheryl Biggs, Tom Emmer, Pat Harrigan, Boland, Foley, Nalls, Rogers, Guy Reschenthaler

1:47 PM Delta #2895 arrives Newark for Representative Julie Fedorchak

2:00 PM El Al #6 departs LAX for Representative Michael Baumgartner

2:04 PM Delta #5262 arrives JFK for Representative Derek Schmidt

2:34 PM Delta #2380 arrives JFK for Representative Brian Jack

2:38 PM American Airlines #3258 departs Charlotte for Representative Mark Harris

2:45 PM Delta #2312 departs Atlanta for Representative Mike Ezell

3:00 PM United #3684 arrives Newark for Representative Bob Onder Jr.

3:09 PM United #3693 arrives Newark for Representative Anthony Wied

3:55 PM Delta #2946 departs Bozeman for Representative Troy Downing

3:59 PM American Airlines #782 arrives Newark for Representatives Jeff Crank, Jeff Hurd

4:30 PM American Airlines #3258 arrives Newark for Representative Mark Harris

4:58 PM Delta #2312 arrives Newark for Representative Mike Ezell

5:00 PM El Al #16 departs Boston for Representative Brandon Gill

5:30 PM El Al #1 departs JFK for Representatives Joshua Brecheen, Monica De La Cruz, Harriet Hageman, Brian Jack, John McGuire, Derek Schmidt, Marlin Stutzman

5:45 PM Delta #2026 arrives Newark for Representative Mike Kennedy

7:15 PM Delta #2946 arrives Minneapolis for Representative Troy Downing

7:50 PM Delta #2692 departs Minneapolis for Representative Troy Downing

9:00 PM El Al #26 departs Newark for Representatives Jeff Crank, Mike Ezell, Julie Fedorchak, Mark Harris, Jeff Hurd, Mike Kennedy, Bob Onder Jr., Anthony Wied

11:54 PM Delta #2692 arrives JFK for Representative Troy Downing

Monday, August 4, 2025

2:15 AM El Al #12 departs JFK for Representative Troy Downing

6:50 AM El Al #10 arrives Tel Aviv for Representatives Randy Fine, Jefferson Shreve

6:55 AM El Al #28 arrives Tel Aviv for Representatives Sheryl Biggs, Tom Emmer, Pat Harrigan, Boland, Foley, Nalls, Rogers, Guy Reschenthaler

10:00 AM El Al #16 arrives Tel Aviv for Representative Brandon Gill

10:50 AM El Al #1 arrives Tel Aviv for Representatives Joshua Brecheen, Monica De La Cruz, Harriett Hageman, Brian Jack, John McGuire, Derek Schmidt, Marlin Stutzman

1:55 PM El Al #6 arrives Tel Aviv for Representative Michael Baumgartner

2:25 PM El Al #26 arrives Tel Aviv for Representatives Jeff Crank, Mike Ezell, Julie Fedorchak, Mark Harris, Jeff Hurd, Mike Kennedy, Bob Onder Jr., Anthony Wied

7:35 PM El Al #12 arrives Tel Aviv for Representative Troy Downing

6:15 –7:30 PM **Welcome and Orientation Dinner**

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

7:45 – 8:45 PM **Pulse of The Nation**
Briefing with Yaakov Katz
Author, Former Editor, *The Jerusalem Post*
– at the King David Hotel, Ambassador Hall

Ya'akov Katz is the former editor of *The Jerusalem Post*, Israel's most-read English news website and best-selling English newspaper. He previously served for close to a decade as the paper's military reporter and defense analyst. He is the author of "Shadow Strike: Inside Israel's Secret Mission to Eliminate Syrian Nuclear Power" and co-author of two books: "Weapon Wizards - How Israel Became a High-Tech Military Superpower" and "Israel vs. Iran - The Shadow War." Mr. Katz will provide the delegation with a synthesis of domestic political trends, current international affairs and the general state of mind of Israeli voters at this particular moment in time.

9:00 PM Depart for City of David

9:30 – 10:30 PM **Late – Night Visit: The City of David**

Jerusalem's City of David, more than any other site, represents the complexity of the Arab-Israeli conflict. The City of David is the site most archeologists agree to be the ancient city of Jerusalem that later became the capital of the united Israelite tribes under King David. This area is one of the most intensively excavated sites in the wider region. To Jewish Israelis, the site represents the beginning of their physical and emotional attachment to Jerusalem that has continued for over three thousand years. At the same time, much of the site is located in the predominantly Arab neighborhood of Silwan. The residents of Silwan, and the Palestinian Authority leadership are opposed to the archeological efforts being carried out in the City of David. In several instances, homes in Silwan were purchased and then destroyed to open up more areas for excavations. Palestinian leadership has denied the existence of any Jewish connection to Jerusalem.

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

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

7:00 – 8:00 AM Breakfast
 – at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

8:15 AM Depart for the Old City

8:45 –11:45 AM **Strategic Survey of Jerusalem: The Holy Basin**
 ■ Old City of Jerusalem
 ■ Western Wall
 ■ Church of the Holy Sepulchre

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

12:00 PM Depart for Botanical Gardens

12:30 –1:15 PM Lunch
 – at HaAgam

1:15 – 2:15 PM **Strategic Regional Overview**
 Briefing by Brig. Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel
 Former Director, Counter-Terrorism Bureau, Prime Minister's Office
 – at HaAgam

This strategic regional overview will be given by Brig. Gen (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel, the past director of the Counter-Terrorism Bureau at the Office of the Prime Minister, where he served until 2012. His duties included developing a national policy for border protection, cargo and aviation security, and advanced technology for public security. He is a veteran of the “Golani” Infantry Corp and held command positions in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and South Lebanon. Today he is a Fellow at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism at IDC Herzliya. During this session, he will discuss the strategic threats facing Israel from its borders with Lebanon, Syria, Gaza, the West Bank, and the greater Middle East.

2:30 PM Depart for Yad Vashem

3:00 – 4:45 PM **The Significance of the Holocaust in Israeli Society**
Visit to Yad Vashem, The World Holocaust Remembrance Center

One cannot understand Israel’s worldview without understanding the trauma of the Holocaust. Israelis view threats to its destruction in light of the events of the 1930s and 1940s, when the German government’s threats to exterminate the Jewish people were not taken seriously by the international community. This museum provides an important reference point as to how Israelis interpret the threat of an Iranian nuclear program and Iranian leaders committed to Israel’s destruction. Yad Vashem has become a symbol of the Jewish people and its transformation from total helplessness to self-reliance and strength. Thus, a visit to Yad Vashem provides a historical context for the Jewish state. The museum’s professional docent will guide the delegation through the main exhibit hall and the children’s memorial.

5:00 PM Depart

6:00 – 7:00 PM **Meeting with 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.

7:15 PM Depart

7:30 – 9:30 PM **The Israel-Iran War 46 Years and 12 Days**
Dinner and Panel discussion with:
▪ Maj. General Tamir Hayman,
 Former Head of IDF Military Intelligence, Head of INSS
▪ Professor Shaul Horev, Former head of Atomic Commission
Moderated by Yonah Jeremy Bob, Author and Journalist
– at Modern restaurant

On June 13, Israel launched a military operation to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons and to attack its increasingly dangerous ballistic missile arsenal. This operation came after the IAEA officially declared Iran was not in compliance with its non- proliferation obligations and the regime ignored President Trump’s 60-day deadline to reach a peaceful agreement to resolve the nuclear issue. During this session, an expert panel will discuss the history of the Iranian nuclear program, the 12-day war to prevent this threat, and how Israel plans to move forward.

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

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

7:00 – 8:00 AM Breakfast
– at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

8:15 – 9:15 AM Depart for Palmachim Air Force Base (Members only)

9:30 – 10:45 AM **Israel’s Air Defensive Abilities** (Members only)
Iron Dome, David Sling, and Arrow
Briefing with:
▪ Brig. General Doron Gavish, Former Head of Israel Aerial Defense
▪ Major Neta Bloom, Head of Cyber Section Defense Ministry
– at Palmachim Base

Israel’s defense system is multi-layered and includes three main air defense systems: The Iron Dome for short-range threats under 50 kilometers; David Sling for medium-range projectiles; and Arrow, which defends against long-range ballistic missile threats. The IDF will explain the individual systems, and how they work together to protect the state of Israel. Participants will visit the operation centers for these systems and learn how U.S.-Israel strategic cooperation ensures the safety of the Jewish State.

10:30 AM Family guests depart Jerusalem to rejoin Members

10:45 AM Members depart

11:30 AM–12:30 PM **Meeting with The Honorable Yair Lapid**
Leader of the Opposition and Chairman, Yesh Atid Party
– at Hevel Modiin Cultural Hall, Airport City

It is customary for members of Congress to meet with the Leader of the Opposition. 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.

12:30 – 1:15 PM Lunch
– at Airport City

1:30 PM Depart

2:30 – 3:00 PM **Israel’s Narrow Waistline: The Quest for Defensible Borders**
Strategic briefing
– at the Alfei Menashe Overlook

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

1:30 – 2:30 PM Lunch
– at Alfei Menashe

3:15 PM Depart

3:15 – 4:45 PM **En Route Briefing: History of Hezbollah in Lebanon**

During the drive north, the guide will provide a history of Hezbollah, the Iranian-backed terrorist group based in Lebanon dedicated to Israel’s destruction. The terrorist group’s influence in Lebanese politics, massive weapons arsenal and use of Lebanese civilians as human shields made the Iranian proxy a serious threat to Israel leading up to the current war. Hezbollah has a global reach and has killed more Americans than any terrorist group other than al-Qaeda.

4:45 – 6:45 PM **U.S. – Israel Strategic Defense Cooperation**
Meeting and site visit with Gideon Weiss
Vice President, International Business Development, Rafael Research
– at Rafael David Institute, Haifa

Rafael is an Israeli defense technology company, founded as Israel's National R&D Defense Laboratory for the development of weapons and military technology within the Israeli Ministry of Defense. 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. Participants will also get to see the facilities, where Rafael produces notable defense systems including the David Sling, Iron Dome and Iron Beam.

6:45 PM Depart

8:00 – 9:30 PM **Dinner and Reflections**
 – at Decks restaurant

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

9:30 PM Overnight at the Magdala Hotel, Tiberias

Thursday, August 7, 2025

7:30 – 8:30 AM Breakfast
 – at the Magdala Hotel, Tiberias

8:45 AM Depart

9:15 – 10:45 AM **Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee**

- Mount of Beatitudes
- Primacy of Peter
- Capernaum

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

11:00 AM Depart for the Golan Heights

11:45 AM–12:30 PM **Strategic Briefing on the Syrian Border**
 with Maj. (res) Ilan Shulman

With the fall of the Assad regime, the situation in Syria is one of the most important stories in the Middle East. Maj. Ilan Shulman will discuss the implications for Israel’s security while uncertainly reigns there. This outlook will give participants an opportunity to see the proximity to Syria and better understand the physical terrain.

12:30 PM Depart

12:45 – 1:45 PM **Ethics in the IDF**
Lunch with IDF soldiers
– at Habokrim, Kibbutz Merom Golan

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.

2:00 – 3:00 PM **Northern Border Concerns: The Changing Landscape of Syria**
Briefing with Maj. (res) Ilan Shulman
Kibbutz Merom Golan resident and geopolitical expert
– at Kibbutz Merom Golan

During this session, Maj. Ilan Shulman will brief the group on the recent developments in Syria since the fall of the Assad regime. After a brutal civil war, Syria is now a chaotic assembly of 198 disparate tribes, ruled by Ahmed Hussein al-Sharaa (known as al-Julani), a Syrian politician and former rebel commander serving as the president of Syria since January 2025. Shulman will discuss the implications of al-Julani's leadership on the country of Syria, Israel's unique relationship with the Druze community, and the potential for Syrian relations with Israel.

3:00 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

6:00 – 7:00 PM **Understanding the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation**
Meeting with John Acree,
Interim Executive Director, Gaza Humanitarian Foundation
-at Dubnov

During this session, the delegation will hear from John Acree, the interim Director of the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF). GHF is an American organization, established in February 2025 to distribute humanitarian aid during the ongoing Gaza humanitarian crisis. The "Humanitarian Aid Distribution Program in the Gaza Strip" is a joint American Israeli program by the GHF designed to facilitate the entry and distribution of humanitarian aid to the civilian population in the Gaza Strip through four distribution centers. By distributing aid through the GHF, the United States and Israel aim to prevent Hamas from stealing aid, as it has done throughout the war. During the session Mr. Acree will discuss the unique challenges facing the distribution program.

7:00 – 9:00 PM **Reflections on Five Years of The Abraham Accords**
Dinner with Abraham Accords Ambassadors
– at Dubnov restaurant

Since Israel’s founding, the Jewish state has sought to reach a just and lasting solution to the Israeli Palestinian conflict, and a comprehensive regional peace. The United States has been closely involved in negotiations between Israel and several Arab states, including – most recently - the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Morocco, and Sudan – under the Abraham Accords. This session with the Abraham Accords Ambassadors will explore the Abraham Accords, and prospects for regional peace following these historic agreements.

9:00 PM Depart for Jerusalem

10:00 PM Overnight at The King David Hotel, Jerusalem

Friday, August 8, 2025 – Bipartisan Day

7:00 – 8:00 AM Breakfast
– at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

8:15 – 9:00 AM **October 7 Overview**
Briefing with Yossi Garr, Director of Education
– at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

Yossi Garr will give participants a broad overview of the devastating events of October 7, the deadliest day for the Jewish people since the Holocaust. This introduction will provide the necessary context for the more in-depth topics participants will explore throughout the day.

9:15 AM Depart for the Gaza Envelope

9:30 – 10:30 AM **En route briefing – Gaza and Israel**

During this en route briefing, the tour guide will provide a brief history of the Gaza Strip, the small, coastal enclave that shares borders with Egypt and Israel, where Israel has been at war with Hamas since October 7, 2023. The guide will cover Israel’s unilateral disengagement from Gaza in 2005, and Israel’s efforts to deal with the onslaught of rockets from the terrorist group Hamas, in control of the Gaza Strip since 2007.

10:45 AM –11:15 AM **Overlook into Gaza – Status Update**
Briefing with Yossi Garr, Director of Education
– in Sderot

This briefing will provide a status update on the Israel-Hamas war at an overlook into the Gaza Strip. Participants will hear about Israel’s efforts to remove Hamas from Gaza, as well as efforts to provide humanitarian aid to the civilian population.

11:30 AM Depart

12:00 – 1:15 PM **October 7 Ground Zero**
– at Kibbutz Nir Oz, Kibbutz Be’eri, and Kibbutz Kfar Aza

During this session, participants will bear witness to the Hamas invasion and massacre at the small farming communities on Israel’s border with the Gaza Strip. They will hear what happened to the communities on October 7, how the IDF regained control, and efforts to rebuild the south.

1:15 PM Depart

1:30 – 2:15 PM Lunch
– at Kibbutz Alumim

2:30 PM Depart

2:45 – 3:45 PM **Re’im: Site of the Nova Festival Massacre**
– at Re’im Forest

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 Jerusalem

5:30 PM Return to the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

7:45 PM Depart for local host families

8:00 – 9:30 PM **Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem**
Traditional Sabbath Eve dinner hosted by Jerusalem families

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

The dinner will include a discussion on the importance of Jerusalem to the Jewish, Christian and Muslim populations; the potential for a final status agreement on Jerusalem (arguably the most sensitive final status issue); and the diplomatic challenges faced by Israel and the United States regarding Israeli urban development in the area.

10:00 PM Overnight at The King David Hotel, Jerusalem

Saturday, August 9, 2025

7:00 – 8:00 AM Breakfast
– at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

8:15 AM Depart

8:15 – 9:15 AM **En route briefing :**
Jericho Road and the E – 1 Corridor: Strategic Concerns

Our tour guide will spend approximately one hour on the drive from Jerusalem to Qumran – including the Jericho road – to discuss the strategic importance of the area east of Jerusalem. In 1948 and in 1967, the Jordanian army attacked Jerusalem from the east – the 1948 attack resulted in the city’s division that lasted until 1967. Since then, Israel has established the City of Ma’ale Adumim east of Jerusalem, today home to some 40,000 residents. To the Palestinians, however, Ma’ale Adumim is the largest settlement on the West Bank. When Israel attempted to expand Ma’ale Adumim’s boundary, into an area known as “E-1”, the U.S. State Department stepped in and asked that no construction take place there. The issue needs to be examined with those discussing the future of Jerusalem in the context of the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

9:15 – 10:30 AM **History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire**
Guided survey of the National Archeological Park at Qumran

During our trip to the Negev, we will visit Qumran, where the famous Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Qumran is believed to be the home of the Essenes, a Jewish, religious sect that flourished in the Negev region between 2 BCE and 1 CE. The Dead Sea Scrolls – hundreds of Hebrew manuscripts and religious texts – were discovered on the shores of the Dead Sea in 1947, marking one of the most important finds in modern archaeology. The scrolls have helped inform scholars about Judaism and early Christianity.

10:30 AM Depart for the Jordan River

11:00 – 11:45 AM **Qasr al-Yahud: A Mosaic of Faith and History**
Visit to the traditional site of Baptism of Jesus, Jordan River
– at Qasr al-Yahud

Qasr al-Yahud is a historic baptismal site on the Jordan River. This sacred spot is revered as the location where Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. It is also traditionally identified as the place where the Israelites crossed the Jordan into the Promised Land and where the Prophet Elijah ascended to heaven. This makes it a significant site for Christians, Jews, and Muslims alike, offering a rich tapestry of faith and history.

- 12:00 PM Depart for Jerusalem
- 1:00 – 2:00 PM Lunch
 – at City View restaurant
- 2:00 – 2:30 PM **The View from Mt. Scopus**
 Jerusalem Overlook

Overlooking Jerusalem, Mount Scopus has been strategically important as a base from which to attack the city since antiquity. During the Great Jewish Revolt, the 12th Roman Legion camped there in 66 CE. In 70, at the conclusion of the same war that led to the destruction of the Jewish Temple, Mount Scopus was used as a base to carry out the final siege of the city.

- 2:30 PM Depart for Bethlehem
- 3:00 – 4:45 PM **Guided Survey of the Church of the Nativity**
 – Bethlehem

The Church of the Nativity marks the traditional birthplace of Jesus Christ. Built in the 4th century by Emperor Constantine, it's one of the oldest active churches in the world. The main site is the Grotto of the Nativity, where a silver star marks Jesus' birth spot. It's a major Christian pilgrimage site and is shared by Greek Orthodox, Armenian, and Catholic churches.

- 4:45 PM Depart for Jerusalem
- 6:00 –7:00 PM **Zionism: The Movement of the Jewish People –
Why it Matters Today**
 With Professor Gil Troy
 Author, Senior Fellow at the Jewish People Policy Institute
 – at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

During this session, Professor Gil Troy will explain the history of the Zionist movement and how it's still relevant today. Professor Gil Troy is a Senior Fellow at the Jewish People Policy Institute and a historian at McGill University. A leading voice on Zionism and Jewish identity, he is the author of several books, including *The Essential Guide to October 7th*.

7:00 – 8:00 PM **Bipartisan Dinner**
– at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

During this bipartisan dinner, participants will have a chance to reflect on the speakers and site visits they experienced during Bipartisan Day programming the day before.

8:30 – 9:30 PM **The Sound of Resilience**
with October 7 Survivor Daniel Wais, Resident of Kibbutz Be’eri
-at the Tower of David, Jerusalem

During this session the participants will hear powerful testimony from Daniel Wais, a survivor of the October 7 attack on Kibbutz Be’eri. His story will provide a firsthand account about the resilience, loss, and strength of a community forever changed.

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

Sunday, August 10

8:00 – 8:45 AM Breakfast
– at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

8:45 PM Depart for the President’s Residence

9:45 – 10:45 AM **Meeting with the Honorable Isaac Herzog**
President of the State of Israel
– at the President’s Residence

It is customary for participants to meet with the President of Israel. 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.

11:00 AM Depart

11:15 AM–12:15 PM **Meeting with the Honorable Mike Huckabee**
U.S. Ambassador to Israel
– at the Theatre Hotel, Jerusalem

During this discussion, U.S. Ambassador to Israel, the Honorable Mike Huckabee will share the U.S. perspective on the current war in Gaza, regional threats from Iranian proxies, and the potential for U.S.-Israel cooperation.

12:30 – 1:30 PM Lunch
– at the Theatre Hotel, Jerusalem

2:00 PM Depart for Mt. Herzl

2:30 – 3:30 PM **Paying Tribute to Israel’s Fallen Soldiers**
Visit to Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery
– at Mt. Herzl

A critical piece of understanding Israeli society and culture, is the role of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), mandatory army service, and veterans. Mount Herzl is the site of Israel’s national cemetery, named after Theodor Herzl, the founder of modern political Zionism. Israel’s leaders and fallen soldiers are buried there. Every plot section in Mount Herzl has a broad plaza for memorial services. Most state memorial ceremonies for those killed in war are conducted in the National Military and Police cemetery. This visit will highlight the way Israel remembers its fallen and relates to the role of the military in as part of the fabric of the Jewish State. 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.

3:30 PM Depart

4:00 – 5:00 PM **The Future of the New Middle East**
Conversation with Dr. Tal Becker
Former Senior Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
– at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

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.

5:00– 6:45 PM Prepare for departure

7:00 – 9:00 PM **Reflections on the Week: Closing Dinner**
– at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

The closing dinner provides an opportunity for participants to process the scope of the week, from the religious center of the Judeo-Christian world in Jerusalem, to the bustling economic powerhouse of Tel Aviv; and the conflict plagued borders with Gaza, Syria and Lebanon. We will process the range of topics explored, including the U.S.-Israel strategic partnership,

prospects for Arab-Israeli peace, the experience of minorities in Israel, as well as greater existential threats throughout the region. Participants will also have the opportunity to share their takeaways and ask any lingering questions that weren't covered during the week.

9:00 PM Depart for Ben-Gurion International Airport

Monday, August 11, 2025

12:30 AM El Al #27 departs Tel Aviv for Representatives Jeff Crank, Monica De La Cruz, Tom Emmer, Mark Harris, Bob Onder Jr., Guy Reschenthaler, Boland, Foley, Nalls

1:00 AM El Al #1 departs Tel Aviv for Representatives Joshua Brecheen, Julie Fedorchak, Craig Goldman, Harriet Hageman, Jeff Hurd, Brian Jack, Mike Kennedy, John McGuire

1:05 AM El Al #5 departs Tel Aviv for Representative Michael Baumgartner

1:15 AM El Al #25 departs Tel Aviv for Representatives Sheryl Biggs, Troy Downing, Mike Ezell, Brandon Gill, Derek Schmidt

5:15 AM El Al #27 arrives Newark for Representatives Jeff Crank, Monica De La Cruz, Tom Emmer, Mark Harris, Bob Onder Jr., Guy Reschenthaler, Boland, Foley, Nalls

5:15 AM ITA Airways #809 departs Tel Aviv for Representative Marlin Stutzman

5:50 AM El Al #1 arrives JFK for Representatives Joshua Brecheen, Julie Fedorchak, Craig Goldman, Harriet Hageman, Jeff Hurd, Brian Jack, Mike Kennedy, John McGuire

5:55 AM El Al #9 departs Tel Aviv for Representatives Randy Fine, Patrick Harrigan, Jefferson Shreve

6:00 AM El Al #25 arrives Newark for Representatives Sheryl Biggs, Troy Downing, Mike Ezell, Brandon Gill, Derek Schmidt

6:00 AM El Al #6 arrives LAX for Representative Michael Baumgartner

7:29 AM American Airlines #129 departs Newark for Representative Jeff Crank

7:30 AM Delta #2390 departs JFK for Representative Julie Fedorchak

7:55 AM United #686 departs Newark for Representative Monica De La Cruz

8:00 AM Delta #2365 departs Newark for Representatives Sheryl Biggs, Derek Schmidt

8:00 AM ITA Airways #809 arrives Rome for Representative Marlin Stutzman

8:00 AM United #4500 departs Newark for Representative Tom Emmer, Foley, Nalls

8:10 AM Delta #3236 departs JFK for Representative Harriet Hageman

8:15 AM American Airlines #1303 departs Newark for Representative Brandon Gill

8:27 AM American Airlines #1575 departs Newark for Representative Mike Ezell

8:30 AM Delta #356 departs JFK for Representatives Joshua Brecheen, Craig Goldman

8:30 AM United #1311 departs Newark for Representative Mark Harris

8:32 AM United #3630 departs Newark for Representative Bob Onder Jr.

8:34 AM Delta #2294 departs JFK for Representative Jeff Hurd

8:35 AM Delta #5657 departs JFK for Representative Brian Jack

9:00 AM United #4444 departs Newark for Boland

9:05 AM American Airlines #129 arrives Chicago for Representative Jeff Crank

9:15 AM United #1611 departs Newark for Representative Troy Downing

9:22 AM United #4500 arrives DCA for Representative Tom Emmer, Foley, Nalls

9:25 AM Delta #5316 departs JFK for Representative John McGuire

9:29 AM United #3717 departs Newark for Representative Guy Reschenthaler

9:45 AM American Airlines #6476 departs Chicago for Representative Jeff Crank

9:45 AM ITA Airways #1675 departs Rome for Representative Marlin Stutzman

9:47 AM Delta #2390 arrives Minneapolis for Representative Julie Fedorchak

10:14 AM Delta #5657 arrives DCA for Representative Brian Jack

10:15 AM El Al #7 departs Tel Aviv for Representative Tony Wied

10:19 AM Delta #2365 arrives Atlanta for Representatives Sheryl Biggs, Derek Schmidt

10:21 AM United #3630 arrives St. Louis for Representative Bob Onder Jr.

10:27 AM United #4444 arrives DCA for Boland

10:30 AM American Airlines #1575 arrives Charlotte for Representative Mike Ezell

10:31 AM United #1311 arrives Charlotte for Representative Mark Harris

10:37 AM Delta #3236 arrives Denver for Representative Harriet Hageman

10:39 AM United #686 arrives Houston for Representative Monica De La Cruz

10:40 AM ITA Airways #1675 arrives Florence for Representative Marlin Stutzman

10:45 AM El Al #9 arrives JFK for Representatives Randy Fine, Harriet Hageman, Jefferson Shreve

10:59 AM Delta #5316 arrives Richmond for Representative John McGuire

11:00 AM Delta #3942 departs Minneapolis for Representative Julie Fedorchak

11:01 AM Delta # 2294 arrives Denver for Representative Jeff Hurd

11:01 AM American Airlines #1303 arrives Dallas for Representative Brandon Gill

11:02 AM United #3717 arrives Pittsburgh for Representative Guy Reschenthaler

11:05 AM American Airlines #5564 departs Charlotte for Representative Mike Ezell

11:15 AM Delta #3794 departs LAX for Representative Michael Baumgartner

11:20 AM Delta #527 departs Atlanta for Representative Derek Schmidt

11:22 AM Delta #356 arrives Dallas for Representatives Joshua Brecheen, Craig Goldman

11:25 AM Delta #917 departs JFK for Representative Mike Kennedy

11:30 AM American Airlines #6476 arrives Colorado Springs for Representative Jeff Crank

12:04 PM United #1611 arrives Bozeman for Representative Troy Downing

12:05 PM United #6056 departs Houston for Representative Monica De La Cruz

12:06 PM American Airlines #5564 arrives for Representative Mike Ezell

12:15 PM Delta #1725 departs Atlanta for Representative Sheryl Biggs

12:28 PM Delta #527 arrives Kansas City for Representative Derek Schmidt

12:34 PM Delta #3942 arrives Bismarck for Representative Julie Fedorchak

1:13 PM Delta #1725 arrives Greenville for Representative Sheryl Biggs

1:29 PM United #6056 arrives McAllen for Representative Monica De La Cruz

1:48 PM Delta #3794 arrives Spokane for Representative Michael Baumgartner

2:38 PM Delta #917 arrives Salt Lake City for Representative Mike Kennedy

2:45 PM Delta #4984 departs JFK for Representative Jefferson Shreve

2:49 PM Delta #5040 departs JFK for Representative Pat Harrigan

3:05 PM El Al #7 arrives JFK for Representative Tony Wied

3:20 PM Delta #857 departs JFK for Representative Randy Fine

5:13 PM Delta #5040 arrives Charlotte for Representative Pat Harrigan

5:18 PM Delta #4984 arrives Indianapolis for Representative Jefferson Shreve

6:20 PM Delta #5054 departs JFK for Representative Tony Wied

6:35 PM Delta #857 arrives Orlando for Representative Randy Fine

8:24 PM Delta #5054 arrives Milwaukee for Representative Tony Wied

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July 31, 2025

The Honorable Jefferson Shreve
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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 August 3 to 11, 2025, 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,



Michael Guest
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