

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## MEMBER/OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual *Financial Disclosure Statement*. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House by email at [gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov](mailto:gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov), within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

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

1. Name of Traveler: Michael Baumgartner
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None  
b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: August 3, 2025 Return: August 11, 2025  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None
4. Departure City: Spokane, WA Destination: Tel Aviv, Israel Return City: Spokane, WA
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: American Israel Education Foundation
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_  
Met w/ the Prime Minister, attended several national security briefings, learned more about the ongoing fighting in the Gaza strip, saw first hand effects of antisemitism, met with other Israeli government officials to discuss international relations and Israeli/American relationships.
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: August 20, 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.

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

2. Travel Destination(s): Israel

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

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): The Hon. Michael Baumgartner

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

5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$10,496.65	\$2,814.68	\$1,508.12	3,300.38
Accompanying Family Member				

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

1. Name of Traveler: Michael Baumgartner
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: American Israel Education Foundation Inc.
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Israel
4. a. Date of Departure: August 3, 2025 Date of Return: August 11, 2025  
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: \_\_\_\_\_
  - (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.**  
Member is on the House Foreign Affairs committee, Middle East subcommittee. He intends to learn more about US - Israel relations.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
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: Michael Baumgartner

Date: 7-8-2025

# 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](mailto: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: Michael Baumgartner

**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: Michael Baumgartner

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): \_\_\_\_\_

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address: 124 Cannon

Telephone Number: 202-225-2006

Email Address of Contact Person: abigail.shepherd@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](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee’s website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee’s Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.**

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:  
American Israel Education Foundation, Inc.
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 <b>Transportation</b> Expenses per Participant	Total <b>Lodging</b> Expenses per Participant	Total <b>Meal</b> 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

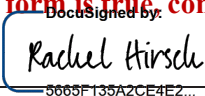
	<b>Other</b> Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$1,969.83	Breakdown attached
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$1,969.83	Breakdown attached

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**

1. The Honorable Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA)
2. The Honorable Tom Emmer (R-MN)
3. The Honorable Guy Reschenthaler (R-PA)
4. The Honorable Michael Baumgartner (R-WA)
5. The Honorable Josh Brecheen (R-OK)
6. The Honorable Troy Downing (R-MT)
7. The Honorable Julie Fedorchak (R-ND)
8. The Honorable Randy Fine (R-FL)
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
24. Robert Boland, Chief of Staff, Office of the House Majority Whip
25. Ian Foley, Policy Director, Office of the House Majority Whip
26. Dennis Nalls, Floor Director, Office of the House Majority Whip
27. Shelbie Rogers, Director of Operations, Office of the House Majority Whip

## 8. Breakdown of other expenses

<b>Other Cost</b>	<b>Cost per participant</b>
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
<b>Total per participant</b>	<b>\$3,300.38</b>

**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	<b>Israel’s Air Defensive Abilities, Part I</b> (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	<b>The Significance of the Holocaust in Israeli Society</b> Visit to Yad Vashem, The World Holocaust Remembrance Center
3:45 PM	Depart
5:30 – 6:30 PM	<b>Meeting with The Honorable Benjamin Netanyahu</b> Prime Minister of the State of Israel – at the Prime Minister’s Office
6:45 PM	Depart
7:00 – 8:00 PM	<b>Israel’s Air Defensive Abilities, Part II</b> 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	<b>The Israel-Iran War 46 Years and 12 Days</b> Dinner and Panel discussion with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Maj. General Tamir Hayman, Former Head of IDF Military Intelligence, Head of INSS</li><li>▪ Dr. Thamar Eilam Gindin, Iran Specialist at the Ezri Center, University of Haifa</li></ul> 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	<b>Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part I</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Southern Wall Excavations</li><li>▪ Western Wall</li><li>▪ Church of the Holy Sepulchre</li></ul>
11:30 AM	Depart
12:30 –1:15 PM	<b>Meeting with The Honorable Yair Lapid</b> 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	<b>En Route Briefing: History of Hezbollah in Lebanon</b>
5:30 –7:15 PM	<b>U.S. – Israel Strategic Defense Cooperation</b> 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	<b>Dinner and Reflections</b> – 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	<b>October 7 Overview</b> 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	<b>En route briefing – Gaza and Israel</b>
11:00 –11:30 AM	<b>Overlook into Gaza – Status Update</b> Briefing with Yossi Garr, Director of Education – at Kobi outlook, Sderot
11:45 AM	Depart
12:00 –1:15 PM	<b>October 7 Ground Zero</b> – 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	<b>Re’im: Site of the Nova Festival Massacre</b> – 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	<b>Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem</b> 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**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Departure</b>	<b>Arrival</b>
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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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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Flights to the United States**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Departure</b>	<b>Arrival</b>
Rep. Josh Brecheen	August 11 departs Tel Aviv at 1:00 AM August 11 departs JFK at 8:30 AM	August 11 arrives JFK at 5:50 AM August 11 arrives Dallas at 11:22 AM
Rep. Michael Baumgartner	August 11 departs Tel Aviv at 1:05 AM August 11 departs Los Angeles at 11:15 AM	August 11 arrives Los Angeles at 6:00 AM August 11 arrives Spokane at 1:48 PM
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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Flights to the United States**

Rep. John McGuire	August 11 departs Tel Aviv at 1:00 AM August 11 departs JFK at 8:35 AM	August 11 arrives JFK at 5:50 AM August 11 arrives Washington, D.C. at 10:14 AM
Rep. Bob Onder	August 11 departs Tel Aviv at 5:50 AM August 11 departs Newark at 2:25 PM	August 11 arrives Newark at 10:35 AM August 11 arrives St. Louis at 4:15 PM
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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
Dennis Nalls	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
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

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July 31, 2025

The Honorable Michael Baumgartner  
U.S. House of Representatives  
124 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel,<sup>1</sup> scheduled for August 3 to 11, 2025, sponsored by American Israel Education Foundation.

Committee travel regulations require that you submit your complete pre-trip approval request to the Committee at least 30 days before the commencement of the trip or it will not be granted. Despite your failure to do so in this instance, we are approving your current request. However, any future requests should adhere to the 30-day requirement.

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

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

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<sup>1</sup> Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Office of House Security (OHS) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. OHS may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or [ohsstaff@mail.house.gov](mailto:ohsstaff@mail.house.gov). House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at <https://step.state.gov>.

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

Sincerely,



Michael Guest  
Chairman



Mark DeSaulnier  
Ranking Member

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