

# 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: Ryan K Zinke
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Lolita C Zinke **OR**  None  
b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: January 24, 2026 Return: January 30, 2026  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None
4. Departure City: Washington DC Destination: Israel Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: American Israel Education Foundation, Inc.
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_  
All meeting and events are described in attached itinerary

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: 2/12/2026

# 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: January 24, 2026 Date of Return: January 30, 2026

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): The Hon. Ryan Zinke

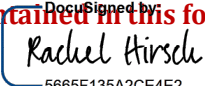
*Note:* You may list more than one traveler on a form only if **all** information is **identical** for each person listed.

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	\$9,030.57	\$926.34	\$1,397.15	\$3,257.49
Accompanying Family Member	\$9,030.57	\$926.34	\$1,397.15	\$3,257.49

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: 2/11/2026 | 09:59 EST

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](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: Ryan Zinke

**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: 512 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515

Telephone Number: 202-945-2806

Email Address of Contact Person: zinkescheduling@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

## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Ryan Zinke
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: January 24 Date of Return: January 30  
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: Lolita Zinke
  - (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.**  
Representative Zinke's Congressional work involves Middle East affairs, with a desire to learn more of the history, current events and U.S. interests in the area.  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. **Yes  No  Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

### ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# 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: January 24, 2026 Date of Return: January 30, 2026
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): \$193.80

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 Dan Hotel City: Tel Aviv Cost Per Night: \$450

Reason(s) for Selecting: location and affordability

Hotel Name: The King David Hotel City: Jerusalem Cost Per Night: \$484

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	\$8,733.33	\$917	\$969
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$8,733.33	\$917	\$969


	<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	\$4,166.67	Breakdown attached
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$4,166.67	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: 12/19/2025 | 11:29 EST  
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 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**  
**Bipartisan Members of Congress**  
**January 24-30, 2026**

**Post-Trip Addendum**

**4. List of Invitees**

1. The Honorable Jake Ellzey (R-TX)
2. The Honorable Don Davis (D-NC)
3. The Honorable Mike Bost (R-IL)
4. The Honorable Jen Kiggans (R-VA)
5. The Honorable Ryan Zinke (R-MT)

**8. Breakdown of other expenses**

<b>Other Cost</b>	<b>Cost per participant</b>
Security	\$1,335.43
Speaker Fees	\$614.94
Room Rentals and Setup	\$533.56
Hotels for contract staff	\$288.40
Meals for contract staff and guests	\$208.10
Airport Assistance	\$182.52
Transportation for contract staff and speakers	\$45.07
Photography	\$34.83
Miscellaneous	\$9.27
Tips	\$5.37
<b>Total per participant</b>	<b>\$3,257.49</b>

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)  
House Armed Services & Veterans  
Educational Seminar in Israel  
January 24-30, 2026**

**Itinerary**

**Friday, January 23, 2026**

3:15 PM United #4560 departs DCA for Representative Michael Bost

4:49 PM United #4560 arrives Newark for Representative Michael Bost

**Saturday, January 24, 2026**

9:10 AM Amtrak #164 departs Union Station for Representative Ryan Zinke

12:22 PM Amtrak #164 arrives Newark for Representative Ryan Zinke

12:25 PM United #4486 departs Norfolk for Representative Jen Kiggans

2:11 PM United #4486 arrives Newark for Representative Jen Kiggans

11:35 PM United flight #90 departs Newark for Representatives Michael Bost, Jake Ellzey, Jen Kiggans, Ryan Zinke

**Sunday, January 25, 2026**

5:00 PM United flight #90 arrives in Tel Aviv for Representatives Michael Bost, Jake Ellzey, Jen Kiggans, Ryan Zinke

Transfer to Tel Aviv

Check-in to the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv

7:15 – 8:30 PM **Setting the State**  
Welcome and Orientation Dinner  
-at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv

8:30 – 9:45 PM **Strategic Regional Overview**  
Dessert and briefing by Maj. Gen. (res.) Oded Basyuk  
Former Head of Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) Operations Directorate  
-at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv

10:00 PM Overnight at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv

**Monday, January 26, 2026**

7:00 – 8:00 AM Breakfast on own  
-at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv

9:00 AM Depart

10:00 – 11:00 AM **Confronting Israel's Security Challenges**  
Meeting with the Honorable Israel Katz  
Minister of Defense  
-at the Ministry of Defense

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM **AI- The New Frontier**  
Meeting with Brig. General B.  
Head of the New AI Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) Division  
-at the Ministry of Defense

12:15 PM Depart

12:30 – 1:30 PM Lunch  
-at Tetto Restaurant

1:45 PM Depart

2:00 – 3:00 PM **Visit to Air Force Command Center**  
Meeting with Maj. Gen. Tomer Bar  
Commander of the Israeli Air Force (IAF)  
-at the Ministry of Defense

3:00 PM Depart

3:15 – 4:00 PM **The Cost of War**  
With Dr. Shmuel Abramson  
Chief Economist, Ministry of Finance  
-at the Link Hotel

4:15 PM Depart

5:00 – 6:30 PM      **Empowering Our Heroes**  
Visit the IDF's Wounded Veterans' Center  
-at Beit HaLochem, Tel Aviv

6:30 PM              Depart

7:15 – 9:30 PM      **Dinner and Discussion**  
-at Darya Restaurant

9:30 PM              Depart

9:45 PM              Overnight at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv

**Tuesday, January 27, 2026**

6:30 – 7:30 AM      Breakfast on own  
-at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv

8:15 – 9:30 AM      Depart

9:00 – 10:30 AM     **Gaza – The Day After**  
-at the Civil-Military Coordination Center (CMCC)

10:45 AM             Depart

11:45 AM – 12:30 PM **October 7: Survived to Tell**  
Experience October 7 through the eyes of Israeli survivors  
-at Israel-IS Center, Sderot

12:30 PM             Depart

1:00 – 3:00 PM      **Gaza Overlook and Debrief**  
Briefing with Brig. Gen. Yaniv Ashor  
IDF Southern Command  
-at Nachal Oz, Zikim

4:15 PM              Depart

- 6:00 – 7:15 PM      **Every Minute Matters: IDF Medical Lessons from Gaza on Saving Lives and Treating Trauma**  
Meeting with Brig. Gen. Dr. Zivan Aviad-Beer  
Chief Medical Officer, Israeli Defense Forces (IDF)  
-at the Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv
- 7:30 – 8:45 PM      **Dinner with Reservists**  
-at Flame restaurant
- 9:00 PM              Depart
- 9:30 PM              Overnight at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv

**Wednesday, January 28, 2026**

- 7:30 – 9:30 AM      Breakfast on own  
-at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv
- 10:00 –11:00 AM    **A View from the Opposition**  
Meeting with The Honorable Yair Lapid  
Head of the Opposition, Yesh Atid Party  
-at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
- 11:00 AM             Depart
- 11:30 AM –12:30 PM **Israel’s Air Defensive Abilities**  
Briefing by Col. Gidi Meytav  
-at the Ministry of Defense
- 12:45 PM             Depart
- 1:45 – 2:45 PM      Lunch  
-at Kitchen Brasserie, Jerusalem
- 3:00 PM              Depart

- 4:00 – 5:30 PM      **U.S.-Israel Strategic Collaboration: Missile Defense, Subterranean Threats and Counter Drone Technology**  
Briefing with:
- Col. Ittai Bar Ilan, Head of the Land Systems Division at the Defense Research and Development Directorate (MAFAT)
  - Lt. Col. Rotem Zisser, Senior Air Defense Researcher at the Israel Air Force (IAF)
- at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
- 6:00 –7:00 PM      **Israeli Politics**  
Meeting with Amit Segal  
Chief Political Analyst, Channel 12 News  
-at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
- 7:15 PM              Depart
- 7:45 – 9:15 PM      **Dinner with the Honorable Mike Huckabee**  
U.S. Ambassador to Israel  
-at David 16, Jerusalem
- 9:30 PM              Overnight at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

**Thursday, January 29, 2026**

- 6:30 –7:30 AM      Breakfast on own  
-at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
- 7:45 AM              Depart
- 8:30 – 8:45 AM      **Har Adar Overview**  
Briefing with Lt. Col. Nadav Shoshani  
IDF International Spokesperson  
-at Har Adar
- 9:00 –9:30 AM      **Israel’s Eastern Front**  
Briefing with Lt. Col. Nadav Shoshani  
IDF International Spokesperson  
-at Judea and Samaria Division Headquarters, Beit El
- 9:30 AM              Depart

10:30 AM –12:00 PM **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**  
Visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre  
-at the Old City, Jerusalem

12:00 PM Depart

12:15 –1:15 PM **Israel in the International Community**  
Conversation with Dr. Tal Becker  
Vice President, Hartman Institute;  
Former Senior Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
-at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

1:45 PM Lunch  
-at Hummus Ben Shira Restaurant

2:30 PM Depart

3:00 – 4:00 PM **Meeting with the Honorable Benjamin Netanyahu**  
Prime Minister of Israel  
-at the Prime Minister’s Office

4:00 PM Depart

4:15 PM Return to the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

5:45 PM Check out of the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

6:00 – 8:00 PM **Closing Dinner and Reflections**  
-at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

8:00 PM Depart for Ben-Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv

11:10 PM United #91 departs Tel Aviv for Representatives Michael Bost, Don Davis, Jake Ellzey, Jen Kiggans

**Friday, January 30, 2026**

12:20 AM United #73 departs Tel Aviv for Representative Ryan Zinke

4:15 AM United #91 arrives Newark for Representatives Michael Bost, Don Davis, Jake Ellzey, Jen Kiggans

5:55 AM United #73 arrives Dulles for Representative Ryan Zinke

6:00 AM United #1366 departs Newark for Representative Michael Bost, Jen Kiggans

6:25 AM United #539 departs Newark for Representative Jake Ellzey

6:41 AM United #1890 departs Newark for Representative Don Davis

7:20 AM United #1366 arrives Dulles for Representative Michael Bost, Jen Kiggans

8:26 AM United #1890 arrives Raleigh-Durham for Representative Don Davis

8:30 AM United #4557 departs Dulles for Representative Jen Kiggans

9:40 AM United #539 arrives Dallas for Representative Jake Ellzey

9:52 AM United #455 arrives Norfolk for Representative Jen Kiggans

Michael Guest, Mississippi  
*Chairman*  
Mark DeSaulnier, California  
*Ranking Member*

Andrew R. Garbarino, New York  
Ashley Hinson, Iowa  
Nathaniel Moran, Texas  
Brad Knott, North Carolina

Deborah K. Ross, North Carolina  
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January 22, 2026

The Honorable Ryan Zinke  
U.S. House of Representatives  
512 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 and your spouse's proposed trip to Israel,<sup>1</sup> scheduled for January 24 to 30, 2026, 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 \$525 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 \$525] 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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**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)  
House Armed Services & Veterans  
Educational Seminar in Israel  
January 24-30, 2026**

**Itinerary**

**Saturday, January 24, 2026**

11:30 AM	United #4182 departs Des Moines for Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks
1:07 PM	United #4182 arrives Chicago for Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks
1:14 PM	United #1574 departs Dallas for Representative Jake Ellzey
3:35 PM	United #2133 departs Chicago for Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks
4:10 PM	United 4575 departs Norfolk for Representative Jen Kiggans
5:31 PM	United #1574 arrives Newark for Representative Jake Ellzey
5:38 PM	United #1230 departs Dulles for Representative Michael Bost, Ryan Zinke
5:58 PM	United #4575 arrives Newark for Representative Jen Kiggans
6:41 PM	United #3696 departs Raleigh-Durham for Representative Don Davis
6:51 PM	United #2133 arrives Newark for Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks
7:10 PM	United #1230 arrives Newark for Representative Michael Bost, Ryan Zinke
8:34 PM	United #3696 arrives Newark for Representative Don Davis
11:35 PM	United #90 departs Newark for Representatives Jake Ellzey, Don Davis, Jen Kiggans, Mike Bost, Mariannette Miller-Meeks, Ryan Zinke

**Sunday, January 25, 2026**

5:00 PM United #90 arrives Tel Aviv for Representatives Jake Ellzey, Don Davis, Jen Kiggans, Mike Bost, Mariannette Miller-Meeks, Ryan Zinke

Transfer to Tel Aviv

Check-in to the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv

7:30 – 8:30 PM **Setting the State**  
Welcome and Orientation Dinner  
-at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv

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

8:30 – 9:45 PM **Strategic Regional Overview**  
Dessert and briefing by Maj. Gen. (res.) Tamir Hayman  
Executive Director, Institute for National Strategic Studies (INSS)  
-at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv

This session will provide an update on the current situation in Gaza, and the tensions on the northern border where Israelis face rocket fire from Hezbollah.

10:00 PM Overnight at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv

**Monday, January 26, 2026**

7:00 – 8:00 AM Breakfast on own  
-at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv

8:00 AM Depart

8:45 – 9:45 AM **Visit to Air Force Command Center**  
Meeting with Maj. Gen. Tomer Bar  
Commander, Israel Air Force (IAF)  
-at the Ministry of Defense

During this meeting, Maj. Gen. Tomer Bar will explain the role of the Air Force command post in the IDF decision-making process and give an overview of high-level intelligence sharing between Israeli and US military leadership. The visit will allow the members of Congress to gain a deeper understanding of the bilateral military relationship between the two countries.

10:00 –11:00 AM      **Israel’s Multiple Fronts**  
Meeting with Lt. General Eyal Zamir  
IDF Chief of Staff  
-at the Ministry of Defense

The group will meet with the IDF Chief of staff to gain an in-depth understanding of the multi-front security challenges that facing Israel, the importance of regional security cooperation, and the bilateral military relationship between the U.S. and Israel.

11:15 AM –12:00 PM   **Confronting Israel’s Security Challenges**  
Meeting with the Honorable Israel Katz  
Minister of Defense  
-at the Ministry of Defense

It is customary for members of Congress to meet with Israel’s Minister of Defense. The Honorable Yisrael Katz will brief the group on the security challenges Israel is facing. He previously served as the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Finance, Minister of Transportation, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, Minister of Agriculture, and Minister of Intelligence Affairs. He has been a member of the Knesset since 1998 on behalf of the Likud Party. He served as Israel's Minister of Transportation from 2009 to 2019 and was appointed Minister of Finance and led the economic campaign. In January 2024, Minister Katz commenced his second term as the Foreign Minister of the State of Israel.

12:15 PM              Depart

12:30 –1:30 PM      Lunch  
-at Mito restaurant

1:45 PM              Depart

3:00 – 4:00 PM      **AI – the New Frontier**  
Meeting with the Head of the Artificial Intelligence Division,  
Israel Defense Forces (IDF)  
-at Tzrifin Army Base

This briefing will offer an inside look at how artificial intelligence is reshaping modern defense in Israel. Brig. General B. will provide a high-level overview of the IDF’s AI vision, emerging capabilities, ethical considerations, and the strategic role AI will play in future military operations.

4:30 PM              Depart

6:30 –7:30 PM           **The Cost of War**  
Briefing with Dr. Shmuel Abramzon  
Chief Economist, Ministry of Finance  
-at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv

Dr. Shmuel Abramzon will brief the group on the financial impact of two and a half years of conflict across multiple fronts. This session will look at the strain on the national budget, broader economic effects, and how these challenges shape fiscal decisions moving forward. Dr. Shmuel Abramzon is the Chief Economist at Israel’s Ministry of Finance, overseeing economic research, forecasting, and policy analysis. He holds a Ph.D. in policy analysis and has extensive experience in national economic strategy.

8:00 – 9:30 PM           **Citizen-Soldiers: The IDF’s Impact on Israeli Society**  
Dinner with IDF Reservists  
-at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv

In Israel, military service is mandatory for everyone, with several exceptions. Most Israelis join the army right after high school and serve for three years. As such, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) is an integral part of the fabric of Israeli society. During this dinner, participants will have the chance to meet with several reservists 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.

9:30 PM                   Overnight at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv

**Tuesday, January 27, 2026**

7:00 – 8:00 AM           Breakfast on own  
-at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv

8:15 – 9:30 AM           Depart

9:45 –10:30 AM           **October 7: Survived to Tell**  
Experience October 7 through the eyes of Israeli survivors  
-at Israel-IS Center, Sderot

On October 7, the Jewish communities living along the Gaza border were destroyed, thousands were killed, and hundreds kidnapped. During the visit to Sderot, participants will bear witness to the Hamas invasion and massacre. They will learn about what happened to the community on October 7, how the IDF regained control, and the subsequent war against Hamas in Gaza.

10:45 –11:15 AM      **Site visit: Sderot Police station**  
-at Sderot

On October 7, terrorist attacked and took over the police station leading to a deadly battle and the building’s destruction. The site where the police station once stood is now the Sderot Memorial and Heroes Park, a commemoration site for the battle and the lives lost that day.

12:00 –1:30 PM      **Gaza Overlook and Debrief**  
Briefing with Brig. Gen. Barak Hiram  
IDF Southern Command  
-at the Gaza Division Base

This briefing from Brig. Gen. Barak Hiram will give members of Congress an insider’s understanding of the threat Israel currently faces from Hamas in Gaza and the work the IDF is doing to secure Israel’s Gaza border. It will also address the potential risks of an expanded war, the connection to Iran and an update about potential diplomatic solutions.

1:15 – 2:00 PM      Lunch  
-at the Gaza Division Base

2:15 PM              Depart

3:00 – 4:30 PM      **Gaza – The Day After**  
Briefing with CMCC representative  
Civil-Military Coordination Center (CMCC)  
-at Kiryat Gat

This session will examine what the future of Gaza may look like—examining humanitarian needs, security concerns, and the challenges and choices that will shape the region’s future.

4:30 PM              Depart

5:30 – 6:30 PM      **Israel’s Air Defensive Abilities**  
Tour of Arrow Battery  
Briefing by Col. Rom Unger, Head of Upper Tier Division, IDF

Col. Rom Unger will give an overview and tour of Israel’s Arrow Battery, a key aspect of Israel’s multi-tiered missile defense. This visit will focus on U.S.-Israel aerial defense cooperation, providing the group with first-hand knowledge of the joint defense systems protecting Israel’s skies.

6:30 PM              Depart

7:45 – 9:15 PM      **The Challenge of PTSD**  
Dinner and discussion  
-at Flame restaurant

Israel is a world expert in treating PTSD – both for soldiers and for civilians. Because the civilian population was under missile attack for over two years, and nearly all reservists in the country were called up during the war, those who treat PTSD in this county have had to adapt existing strategies and develop new ones. In this dinner and discussion, experts will delve into the most recent challenges, cutting-edge methodologies for dealing with PTSD, and how the lessons learned from this war can be adapted to the different populations in the United States.

9:30 PM              Overnight at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv

**Wednesday, January 28, 2026**

7:00 – 8:00 AM      Breakfast on own  
-at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv

8:00 AM              Depart

8:45 – 9:45 AM      **Intelligence Briefing: The Iranian Threat vs. the Muslim Brotherhood**  
Meeting with the Director of the Mossad  
-at the Mossad Headquarters

This strategic briefing will explore how Israel views the threats posed by Iran and the Muslim Brotherhood, with firsthand insights from the Director of the Mossad. The session will offer context on how these dynamics shape regional security priorities.

10:00 AM             Depart

11:30 AM –1:00 PM **Israel's Eastern Front**  
Briefing with Gen. Avi Blut  
IDF Central Commander  
-at the Judea and Samaria Division Headquarters, Beit El

During this briefing, Gen. Avi Blut will discuss issues related to the West Bank and the prospects for a path forward between Israelis and Palestinians. He will focus on the makeup of Palestinian society, internal issues and security challenges inherent in the West Bank, the role of the Palestinian Authority (P.A.), and P.A. coordination with Israeli bodies.

1:00 PM              Depart

- 1:30 – 2:00 PM      Lunch  
 -at Humus restaurant, Pesago
- 2:15 PM              Depart
- 3:00 – 4:30 PM      **Empowering Our Heroes**  
 Visit to the IDF's Wounded Veterans' Center  
 -at Beit HaLochem, Jerusalem

Beit HaLochem is a unique rehabilitation, sports and recreation center serving disabled veterans and their families. It provides a place for veterans to undergo various rehabilitative treatments, for as long as they need. Emphasis is placed on sport as a rehabilitative tool along with a wide array of social and cultural programs. This session will demonstrate how centers like Beit HaLochem can serve the pressing needs of Israel's wounded soldiers and veterans.

- 5:15 – 6:15 PM      **Israeli Politics**  
 Meeting with Amit Segal  
 Senior Political Analyst  
 -at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

It is critical for trip participants to understand the political landscape and parliamentary system in Israel. Senior Political Analyst, Amit Segal will explain how the parliamentary party system works, how coalitions rise and fall and how Israeli politics differ from American politics.

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

It is customary for delegations to meet with members from the coalition and opposition parties. 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

- 7:45 – 9:15 PM      **Dinner with the Honorable Mike Huckabee**  
 U.S. Ambassador to Israel  
 -at David 16 restaurant, Jerusalem

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

9:15 – 10:30 PM      **Night Tour of Old City of Jerusalem**  
-at the Old City of Jerusalem

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.

10:30 PM              Overnight at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

**Thursday, January 29, 2026**

7:00 – 8:15 AM      Breakfast on own  
-at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

8:30 – 9:45 AM      **U.S.-Israel Strategic Collaboration: Missile Defense,  
Subterranean Threats and Counter Drone Technology**  
Briefing with:

- Col. Ittai Bar Ilan, Head of the Land Systems Division at the Defense Research and Development Directorate (MAFAT)
- Lt. Col. Rotem Zisser, Senior Air Defense Researcher at the Israel Air Force (IAF)

-at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

Tunnels have played a critical and devastating role in the wars against Hamas and Hezbollah. The research arm of the Ministry of Defense must continuously develop new technologies and strategies for dealing with this threat. Col. Ittai Bar Ilan and Lt. Col. Rotem Zisser will speak to the important U.S.-Israel collaboration in tunnel detection, missile defense, drones and the challenges that lay ahead.

10:00 AM              Depart

10:45 – 11:45 AM    **Meeting with the Honorable Benjamin Netanyahu**  
Prime Minister of Israel  
-at the Prime Minister's Office

It is customary for members of Congress to meet with Israel's Prime Minister, to hear the official perspective of the State of Israel on issues impacting the U.S.-Israel relationship.



strategic partnership, prospects for Arab-Israeli peace, and the greater existential threats throughout the region. The Members of Congress will also have the opportunity to share their takeaways and ask any lingering questions that weren't covered during the week.

8:00 PM Depart for Ben-Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv

11:10 PM United #91 departs Tel Aviv for Representatives Jake Ellzey, Don Davis, Jen Kiggans, Andy Harris, Mike Bost, Mariannette Miller-Meeks, Jimmy Panetta

**Friday, January 30, 2026**

12:20 AM United #73 departs Tel Aviv for Representative Ryan Zinke

4:15 AM United #91 arrives Newark for Representatives Jake Ellzey, Don Davis, Jen Kiggans, Andy Harris, Mike Bost, Mariannette Miller-Meeks, Jimmy Panetta

5:55 AM United #73 arrives Dulles for Representative Ryan Zinke

6:00 AM United #1366 departs Newark for Representatives Michael Bost, Jen Kiggans

6:00 AM United #2164 departs Newark for Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks

6:25 AM United #539 departs Newark for Representative Jake Ellzey

6:40 AM United #1890 departs Newark for Representative Don Davis

7:20 AM United #1366 arrives Dulles for Representatives Michael Bost, Jen Kiggans

7:54 AM United #2164 arrives Chicago for Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks

8:26 AM United #1890 arrives Raleigh-Durham for Representative Don Davis

8:30 AM United #4557 departs Dulles for Representative Jen Kiggans

9:09 AM United #4596 departs Chicago for Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks

9:40 AM United #539 arrives Dallas for Representative Jake Ellzey

9:52 AM United #4557 arrives Norfolk for Representative Jen Kiggans

10:55 AM

United #4596 arrives Des Moines for Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks



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**Addendum**

**4. List of Invitees**

As members of the House of Representatives, these invitees are consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran’s affairs. These issues—along with issues more broadly related to the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel—will be explored during the AIEF Israel Seminar, which is focused on educating members of Congress on events throughout the region by providing on-the-ground context.

1. The Honorable Jake Ellzey (R-TX)
2. The Honorable Don Davis (D-NC)
3. The Honorable Brian Babin (R-TX)
4. The Honorable Jim Baird (R-IN)
5. The Honorable Sheri Biggs (R-SC)
6. The Honorable Mike Bost (R-IL)
7. The Honorable Joe Courtney (D-CT)
8. The Honorable Carlos Gimenez (R-FL)
9. The Honorable Maggie Goodlander (D-NH)
10. The Honorable Jen Kiggans (R-VA)
11. The Honorable Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA)
12. The Honorable Austin Scott (R-GA)
13. The Honorable Michael Turner (R-OH)
14. The Honorable George Whitesides (D-CA)
15. The Honorable Ryan Zinke (R-MT)

## 8. Breakdown of other expenses

<b>Other Cost</b>	<b>Cost per participant</b>
Security	\$1,400
Speaker Fees	\$1,000
Room Rentals and Setup	\$433.33
Hotels for contract staff	\$400.00
Tour Guide/Yad Vashem Guide	\$320.00
Meals for contract staff and guests	\$306.67
Airport Assistance	\$133.33
Miscellaneous	\$66.67
Photography	\$40.00
Transportation for contract staff and speakers	\$26.67
Entrance Fees	\$26.67
Tips	\$13.33
<b>Total per participant</b>	<b>\$4,166.67</b>