

# 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: Rep. Jared Huffman
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None  
b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: 2/13/2026 Return: 2/19/2026  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Tel Aviv Return City: San Francisco
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: J Street Education Fund
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):  
Agenda 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: 3/5/2026

# 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.

**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: J Street Education Fund

2. Travel Destination(s): Tel Aviv

3. Date of Departure: 2/13/2026 Date of Return: 2/19/2026

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Jared Huffman

**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	\$12,600	\$1,703	\$1,324	see attached
Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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: 3/1/2026

Name: Jeremy Ben-Ami Title: President

Organization: J Street Education Fund

**I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.**

Address: P.O. Box 66073, Washington DC 20035

Telephone: (917) 312-1869 Email: cooperboyar@jstreet.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.

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February 11, 2026

The Honorable Jared Huffman  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2330 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel and Jordan,<sup>1</sup> scheduled for February 12 to 19, 2026, sponsored by J Street Education Fund.

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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# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Jared Huffman
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: J Street Education Fund
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Israel, the West Bank, and Jordan
4. a. Date of Departure: February 12, 2026 Date of Return: February 19, 2026  
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.**  
The trip will provide a firsthand understanding of the current, complex political and humanitarian dynamics in the region. It will include important meetings with foreign dignitaries, civil society leaders, and local communities to provide valuable perspectives that strengthen diplomatic engagement and inform our legislative work.  
\_\_\_\_\_
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: 1-9-26

# 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](http://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:

J Street Education Fund

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): \_\_\_\_\_

5. Yes  No  Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

6. Date of Departure: February 12, 2026 Date of Return: February 20, 2026

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC

b. Destination(s): Tel Aviv, Israel

c. City of return: 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:

JSEF is a non-profit organization that works to promote a nuanced understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. JSEF alone has planned the trip, choses the attendees, and shaped the itinerary.

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: \_\_\_\_\_)
- 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Hotel Name: David Intercontinental City: Tel Aviv Cost Per Night: \$437

Reason(s) for Selecting: The hotel is a popular choice due to proximity, security, and comfort.

Hotel Name: Inbal Jerusalem City: Jerusalem Cost Per Night: \$322

Reason(s) for Selecting: The hotel is a popular choice due to proximity, security, and comfort.

Hotel Name: Signia by Hilton City: Amman Cost Per Night: \$205

Reason(s) for Selecting: The hotel is a popular choice due to proximity, security, and comfort.

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$10,000	\$2,482	\$1,431
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$10,000	\$189	\$1,431

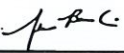
	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	See attached	See attached
For each Accompanying Family Member	See attached	See attached

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: January 6, 2026  
 Name: Jeremy Ben-Ami Title: President  
 Organization: J Street Education Fund  
 Address: P.O. Box 66073, Washington DC 20035  
 Email: cooperboyar@jstreet.org Telephone: 9173121869

If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).

## ***The Len Hill Education Program***

*Dedicated to providing American policy makers and opinion leaders with balanced information that lays the groundwork for pursuing Israeli-Palestinian peace through diplomacy.*

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# Congressional Delegation and Leadership Mission to Israel and the Palestinian Territory

February 14-19, 2026

**MISSION GOALS:** *The aim of the mission is to explore the current state of affairs and facts on the ground in the region, while gaining increased understanding of the challenges and the opportunities in both Israeli and Palestinian politics today. The delegation will be particularly focused on the role of US policy and the options for American assistance in moving toward peaceful resolution of long-running conflicts in the region.*

**DISCLAIMER:** *One of the objectives of this trip is to provide participants with a window into the broad spectrum of opinions related to the conflict and its resolution in order to foster a deeper understanding of the complexities of the issues at hand. Therefore, we will meet with individuals and groups engaged in various activities or political agendas. In some cases, the policies of the J Street Education Fund diverge from the beliefs of speakers; however, we recognize the importance of trying to understand one another's viewpoint. Please note that the items included in this itinerary are subject to change.*

### ITINERARY

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#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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***Due to uncertainty around whether or not there would be votes to fund DHS and the situation with Iran, we chose to delay the departure of the CODEL by 24 hours and did not go to Jordan as originally scheduled. We informed the ethics committee ahead of time of the change.***

8:10 PM	UA 4174 departs DCA (Reps. Huffman, Casten, Dean, McDonald Rivet, Randall)
10:40 PM	UA 72 departs IAD (Reps. DeLauro, Tran)
9:45 PM	UA 4174 arrives at Newark

11:35 PM

UA 90 departs Newark (Reps. Huffman, Casten, Dean, McDonald Rivet, Randall)

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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14: WELCOME**

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4:30 PM

UA 72 arrives at Ben Gurion, transfer to hotel and check in

5:00 PM

UA 90 arrives at Ben Gurion, transfer to hotel and check in

**\*\*\*DRESS CODE: SMART CASUAL**

7:30 - 9:30 PM

**Welcome Dinner: Overview of this Current Moment in Israel**  
*A leading Israeli journalist will provide an overview of the current social and political moment in Israel.*

Speaker: Amir Tibon, Haaretz

Location: Nomi Restaurant, 3rd Floor, David InterContinental Hotel

*Hotel: David InterContinental Hotel | Kaufmann St 12, Tel Aviv-Yafo, 61501, Israel | 03-795-1111*

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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15: ISRAELI SOCIETY, POLITICS, AND SECURITY**

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**\*\*\*DRESS CODE: CASUAL**

**\*\*Group A: Reps. McDonald Rivet, Randall, Tran\*\***

8:30 - 10:00 AM

**Seminar: Israeli-Palestinian Conflict 101**

*This session will serve as an orientation, with the goal of framing the week ahead in light of the history, geography, and political dynamics in the region.*

Speaker: Jeremy Ben-Ami, J Street

Location: Gallery Hall, 3rd Floor, David InterContinental Hotel

10:00 - 10:30 AM

Short break + Drive to Hostages Square

10:30 - 11:00 AM

**Overview of Hostages Square and the Hostages Families Forum**  
*Background on the fight to return the hostages and the role of Hostages Square.*

Speaker: Nadav Tamir, J Street Israel

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Meeting with Family of a Released Hostage**

*An opportunity to hear firsthand from a family member of a released hostage, sharing their experience, struggle, and resilience.*

Speaker: Yehuda Cohen, Released hostage family member

Location: Hostages Square, Tel Aviv

12:00 - 12:30 PM

Walk to Zionist House of America

12:30 - 2:15 PM

**Lunch Briefing: Israeli Politics and Public Opinion 101**

*An introduction to the Israeli political system, including structure, political parties, political trends, and public opinion.*

Speaker: Dr. Tal Elovits, Public Policy Consultant

Location: Zionist House of America, 1 Daniel Frisch St. Tel Aviv–Jaffa

2:15 - 3:45 PM

**Vision of Zionism - Walking Tour of Tel Aviv**

*Explore the Israeli founding fathers' vision and reflect upon where we are today.*

Guide: Jeremy Ben-Ami, J Street

**\*\*Group B: Reps. DeLauro, Huffman, Casten, Dean\*\***

8:30 - 3:30 PM

**West Bank Geopolitical Tour**

*Overview of on the ground developments in the West Bank and the impact of Israeli policies on daily life and infrastructure. Our guide will brief the group on developments in the West Bank and each specific site during each bus ride.*

Guide: Yehuda Shaul, Ofek - The Israeli Center for Public Affairs

8:30 - 10:00 AM

Drive to Fasa'il

10:00 - 11:00 AM

**Visit to Fasa'il al-Wusta**

*Visit a Palestinian village that residents are vacating due to intimidation from settlers. We will be joined by Palestinian and Israeli activists to hear firsthand about life and activism in the region and what can be done to ensure that the remainder of the residents will stay in the village.*

11:00 - 11:30 AM

Drive to Ras Ein al Auja

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

**Visit to Ras Ein al Auja**

*Tour the remnants of a displaced Palestinian community in Area C.*

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Drive to Ma'ale Adumim

1:00 - 1:30 PM

**Visit overlook of E1**

*Visit a viewpoint into the E1 zone, an area of proposed Israeli settlement next to Ma'ale Adumim that would bisect the West Bank and pose a serious challenge to the possibility of creating a contiguous Palestinian state.*

1:30 - 2:00 PM

Drive to Givat Ze'ev

2:00 - 2:15 PM

**Viewpoint of "Fabric of Life Road"**

*Participants will see a road that is designed exclusively for Palestinian traffic.*

3:45 - 5:15 PM

Executive Time

**\*\*\*DRESS CODE: SMART CASUAL**

**5:15 - 6:00 PM**                      **Meeting with Member of Knesset Mansour Abbas, United Arab List**  
*Discussion on the experiences and priorities of Palestinian and Muslim citizens of Israel today, and the MK's vision for Israel's future.*

Location: Gallery Hall, 3rd Floor, David InterContinental Hotel

**6:00 - 7:00 PM**                      **Discussion: The Gaza Ceasefire - Phase II**  
*A briefing on the promises and pitfalls of the 20-point plan and its implementation vis a vis humanitarian aid, the PA's role in Gaza, and Hamas's disarmament.*

Speakers:

Dr. Shira Efron, The RAND Corporation  
Samer Sinjlawi, Jerusalem Development Fund

Location: Gallery Hall, 3rd Floor, David InterContinental Hotel

**7:00 - 7:30 PM**                      Drive to dinner

**7:30 - 9:00 PM**                      **Dinner with Israeli Leaders, Experts, and Activists**  
*Meet with Israeli leaders in the liberal camp to discuss the challenges and strategies of building political power and advancing progressive domestic and foreign policy.*

Guests:

Shir Nosatzki, Have You Seen the Horizon Lately?  
Ami Dror, Entrepreneur, Educator, and Social Activist  
Naomi Beyth, Israel Aerospace Industries  
Dr. Omer Zanany, Mitvim  
Nava Rozolyo, Lawyer and Social Activist  
Zaher Abu Elnaser, SADA: Citizens HQ  
Noa Sattath, The Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI)  
Eran Nissan, Mehazkim  
Yael Patir, International Relations, Diplomacy and Middle East Expert  
Kher Albaz, AJEEC-NISPED  
Rawyah Handaqlu, Center for Promoting Security in Arab Society

Location: Blue Rooster, Nissim Aloni St 10, Tel Aviv-Yafo

*Hotel: David InterContinental Hotel | Kaufmann St 12, Tel Aviv-Yafo, 61501, Israel | 03-795-1111*

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**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16: PALESTINIAN POLITICS AND SOCIETY**

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**\*\*\*DRESS CODE: BUSINESS**

**7:30 - 9:00 AM**                      **Bus Briefing: Palestinian Politics 101**  
*Brief overview of the Palestinian national movement, the post-Oslo system of governance in the West Bank, and the current state of Palestinian politics.*

Speaker: Jeremy Ben-Ami, J Street

- 9:00 - 10:00 AM**                      **Meeting with Binyamin Municipal Leadership**  
*An opportunity to hear directly from Israelis living in the West Bank. Hear what drives them and what their hopes are for the future.*
- Speakers:  
 Gov. Israel Ganz, Binyamin Regional Council and Chairman of the Yesh Council  
 Eliana Passentin, Binyamin Regional Council
- Location: Sha'ar Binyamin Industrial Center
- 10:00 - 10:30 AM**                      Drive to Ramallah
- 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM**                **Meeting with Vice President of the Palestinian Authority Hussein Al Sheikh**  
*Discuss the current state of affairs in the West Bank and the Palestinian Authority's interests and priorities for post-war Gaza, and creating a political horizon for Palestinians.*
- Location: Amaar Tower, Ramallah
- 12:00 - 12:30 PM**                      Drive to Jalazone Refugee Camp
- 12:30 - 2:00 PM**                      **UNRWA Site Visit and Lunch**  
*Hear from UNRWA representatives at the Jalazone Refugee Camp about providing services in the West Bank and the impact of recent Israeli legislation on UNRWA operations.*
- Speakers:  
 Nazim Alresh, Acting Chief of Jerusalem Area, UNRWA  
 Laila Mansour, School Principal, Jalazone Girls' School  
 Roland Friedrich, UNRWA Operations in the West Bank
- Location: Jalazone Girls' School, UNRWA Jalazone Refugee Camp
- 2:00 - 2:30 PM**                      Drive to the Millennium Hotel
- 2:30 - 4:00 PM**                      **Roundtable Conversations with Palestinian Civil Society Leaders**  
*An opportunity to engage with Palestinian leaders in civil society and the private sector to discuss the Palestinian public's attitudes toward their leadership, Israel, and the US.*
- Speakers:  
 Sam Bahour, Americans for a Vibrant Palestinian Economy (A4VPE)  
 Bushra Khalidi, Oxfam  
 Nidal Foqaha, Palestinian Peace Coalition  
 Nada Majdalani, EcoPeace  
 Suheir Freitekh, Media & Policy Expert  
 Rula Shinar, Palestine Stock Exchange
- Location: Millennium Hotel, Ramallah

4:00 - 6:30 PM Drive to Jerusalem

\*\*The group was held up at a checkpoint for 90 minutes, which resulted in missing our pre-scheduled dinner.

6:30 - 8:30 PM Check in, Executive Time, Individual dinners ordered at the Orient Hotel

Hotel: Orient Jerusalem | Emek Refa'im St 3, Jerusalem | 02-569-9090

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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17: ISRAELI SOCIETY AND SECURITY**

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**\*\*\*DRESS CODE: SMART CASUAL**

7:30 - 9:00 AM Drive to Kiryat Gat

**9:00 - 11:00 AM** **Civil-Military Coordination Center Briefing and Tour**  
*Visit the Civil-Military Coordination Center (CMCC) in Kiryat Gat for an update on US-led post-war plans in Gaza.*

Speakers:

Maj. Gen. John Bowlin  
Aryeh Lightstone

Location: Civil-Military Coordination Center (CMCC), Kiryat Gat

**11:00 AM - 12:00 PM** **IDF Strategic Briefing**  
*Overview of the major security threats Israel faces today, IDF goals and priorities in Gaza and other fronts.*

Speaker: Lt. Col. (Res.) Efi Rivner

Location: Civil-Military Coordination Center (CMCC), Kiryat Gat

12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch on the bus - Drive to Kibbutz Kfar Aza

**1:00 - 2:45 PM** **Tour of Kfar Aza: Bearing Witness to October 7**  
*A guided tour by a resident of Kibbutz Kfar Aza to hear firsthand about life in the Gaza envelope region pre-Oct. 7, the Oct. 7 attacks, and how the community has fared since.*

Guide: Shachar Shnurman

Location: Kibbutz Kfar Aza

2:45 - 5:00 PM Drive to Jerusalem

5:00 - 6:00 PM Executive Time

**6:00 - 7:30 PM** **Virtual Briefing: Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza**  
*Briefing on Israeli policies toward Gaza before and throughout the Israel-Hamas war and Israel's obligations to the civilian population of Gaza.*

Speakers:

Dr. Musallam Abukhalil, Gaza Cancer & Chronic Care Network (GC3N)  
Sam Rose, Acting Director of UNRWA Affairs in Gaza

Location: Allenby 2 Hall (Floor -4), Orient Hotel

7:30 - 7:45 PM

Drive to Dinner

7:45 - 9:00 PM

**Dinner Discussion: Iran and its Proxies**

*Briefing on Iran's role in the region and its impact on Israeli and Gulf security, opportunities for defense cooperation and shifting alliances, and what it means for US interests.*

Speaker: Danny Citrinowicz, The Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)

Location: Jerusalem House of Quality, Hebron Rd 12, Jerusalem

11:10 PM

UA 91 departs from Ben Gurion (Rep. Dean)

Hotel:

Orient Jerusalem | Emek Refa'im St 3, Jerusalem | 02-569-9090

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**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18: FACTS ON THE GROUND**

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4:15 AM

UA 91 arrives at Newark

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8:00 - 9:00 AM

**Breakfast Briefing: Introduction to Settlements**

*In the briefing, we will lay the necessary groundwork to understand the current state and political agenda of the Israeli settlement enterprise.*

Speaker: Yehuda Shaul, Ofek - The Israeli Center for Public Affairs

Location: Private Breakfast Room (Floor -2), Orient Hotel

9:15 - 11:00 AM

**Settlement Tour en route to the South Hebron Hills**

*Learn about the geopolitical significance of the settlements, their role in Israeli security, and potential territorial solutions.*

11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Drive to South Hebron Hills + Lunch on the bus

12:15 - 1:15 PM

**Visit to Umm al Kheir**

*Hear directly from residents about life in the South Hebron Hills in Area C of the West Bank, in communities under pending demolition orders.*

1:15 - 2:00 PM

Drive to Hebron + Lunch on the bus

2:00 - 3:00 PM

**Hebron Walking Tour**

*On this walking tour of Hebron, we will visit the H2 area, see checkpoints in the city and see the Jewish settlement of Hebron.*

3:00 - 4:00 PM Drive to Jerusalem

4:30 - 5:15 PM **Meeting with MK Shelly Tal Meron, Yesh Atid**  
*Discussion on the current state of affairs in Israel, Yesh Atid's vision regarding the future of the Israel-Hamas war, the strategy of the Israeli opposition, and the US-Israel relationship.*

Location: Allenby 2 Hall (Floor -4), Orient Hotel

5:15 - 7:15 PM Executive Time

7:15 - 7:30 PM Drive to Dinner

7:30 - 9:00 PM **Dinner at FeelBeit**  
*Dinner with the Israeli and Palestinian peace leaders, hosted by FeelBeit, a cultural center bridging divides in Jerusalem through art and music.*

Speakers:  
 Riman Barakat, FeelBeit  
 Karen Brunwasser, FeelBeit  
 Brian Reeves, Alliance for Middle East Peace (ALLMEP)  
 Nivine Sandouka, Alliance for Middle East Peace (ALLMEP)  
 Yair Leibel, Molad - The Center for the Renewal of Israeli Democracy  
 Eliza Mayo, Arava Institute for Environmental Studies  
 Wajdi Bkeirart, Rozana - Health Diplomacy  
 Fadi Suidan, Jerusalem International YMCA  
 Yehuda Stolov, Interfaith Encounter Association

Location: FeelBeit, Sherover Promenade, Jerusalem

*Hotel: Orient Jerusalem | Emek Refa'im St 3, Jerusalem | 02-569-9090*

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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19: REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES**

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12:20 AM UA0141 departs from Ben Gurion (Rep. Huffman)

5:10 AM UA0141 arrives at Chicago O'Hare (Rep. Huffman)

7:40 AM UA0341 departs from Chicago O'Hare (Rep. Huffman)

10:50 AM UA0341 arrives in San Francisco (Rep. Huffman)

7:30 - 10:30 AM **Old City Walking Tour**  
*See the major Jewish, Muslim, and Christian holy sites in Jerusalem – including the Al Aqsa Mosque/Temple Mount – and learn about the city's religious, historic, and political significance.*

Guide: Dr. Hava Schwartz

10:30 - 10:45 AM Drive to the American Colony Hotel

- 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM**      **Roundtables with East Jerusalem Leaders**  
*We will be joined by Palestinian residents who are active in public or private spheres in East Jerusalem. We will hear about the challenges and opportunities that Palestinians in East Jerusalem face.*
- Speakers:  
 Ahmad Muna, Educational Bookshop  
 Mahmoud Muna, Educational Bookshop  
 Rula Salameh, Palestine for Just Vision  
 Dr. Fadi Atrash, LWF Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH)  
 Rana Qutteineh, Hind Al-Husseini Foundation - Dar Al-Tifel Al-Arabi  
 Enas al-Mutthafar, Film Director  
 Mukarram Hadieh, The Jerusalem Intercultural Center
- Location: Pasha Room, American Colony Hotel, Jerusalem
- 12:00 - 1:30 PM**      **Lunch Discussion: Regional Peace**  
*Discussion on the regional role in creating a horizon for peace and constructive foreign policy moving forward.*
- Speaker: Dr. Nimrod Novik, Commanders for Israel's Security (CIS)
- Location: Arabesque Restaurant, American Colony Hotel, Jerusalem
- 1:30 - 2:00 PM**      Drive to Yad Vashem
- 2:00 - 3:15 PM**      **Tour of Yad Vashem Museum**  
*On this tour, we will visit the museum commemorating the Holocaust and the loss of six million Jews.*
- Location: Yad Vashem, Mount Herzl, Jerusalem
- 3:15 - 4:00 PM**      Drive to the Hotel
- 4:00 - 5:00 PM**      **Meeting with US Ambassador Mike Huckabee**  
*Discuss US policy in the region, the current approach and priorities of the administration, including the role of the US in shaping the post-war reality.*
- Location: Allenby 2 Hall (Floor -4), Orient Hotel
- 5:00 - 6:00 PM**      Executive Time
- \*\*\*DRESS CODE: CASUAL**
- 6:00 - 8:00 PM**      **Farewell Dinner**  
*Each participant will have the opportunity to share their takeaways from the past week how this experience will impact their work in the US.*
- Location: Allenby 1 Hall (Floor -4), Orient Hotel
- 8:00 - 10:00 PM**      Transfer to airport based on flight times
- 11:10 PM**      UA 91 departs from Ben Gurion (Rep. Casten)

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**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

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12:20 AM                    *UA 73 departs from Ben Gurion (Reps. DeLauro, McDonald Rivet, Randall)*

12:45 AM                    *LY 5 departs from Ben Gurion (Rep. Tran)*

4:15 AM                     *UA 91 arrives at Newark*

5:55 AM                     *UA 73 arrives at Washington Dulles*

6:00 AM                     *LY 5 arrives in Los Angeles*

7:45 AM                     *UA 1884 departs Newark (Rep. Casten)*

8:22 AM                     *UA 6137 departs Washington Dulles (Rep. McDonald Rivet)*

9:36 AM                     *UA 1884 arrives at Chicago O'Hare*

10:01 AM                    *UA 6137 arrives in Detroit*

**February 2026 JSEF CODEL: Actual Per-Person Expenses List**

Logistics coordinator fee - \$306  
Tour Guide - \$26  
Tour bus for duration of trip - \$255  
Meeting room rentals - \$162  
Speaker honoraria - \$75  
Printing - \$40  
Security - \$188  
Photographer - \$113  
Entry visas for Israel - \$7

**In addition to the above Traveler Form, please note the following attachments:**

- I. PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM
- II. PARTICIPANT LIST
- III. ADDITIONAL EXPENSES
- IV. ORIGINAL INVITATION
- V. DELEGATION ITINERARY

## **ATTACHMENT II: PARTICIPANT LIST**

As Members of Congress, the following trip participants are asked to vote on legislation related to the issues that will be addressed on this trip surrounding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, US foreign aid, and other policies related to Middle East issues.

Rep. Rosa DeLauro

Rep. Jared Huffman

Rep. Sean Casten

Rep. Madeleine Dean

Rep. Kristen McDonald Rivet

Rep. Emily Randall

### ATTACHMENT III. ADDITIONAL PER-PERSON EXPENSES

Logistics coordinator fee - \$250

Tour Guide - \$50

Tour bus for duration of trip - \$250

Meeting room rentals - \$150

Speaker honoraria - \$100

Printing - \$35

Security - \$100

Photographer - \$65

Entry visas for Israel and Jordan - \$67



The Honorable Jared Huffman  
US House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Huffman,

We are pleased to invite you to join a delegation of Members of Congress for an educational trip to Israel, the West Bank, and Jordan sponsored by the J Street Education Fund (JSEF). The trip, which will be on the ground for six days, will depart DC in the evening of Thursday, February 12, and return to the US in the morning on Friday, February 20.

Through this trip, JSEF hopes to provide an opportunity for Members of Congress to see the reality of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the border region post-October 7th. This delegation will give Members of Congress a unique perspective on what is at stake in the region and how American leadership can help bring about peace.

All trip related expenses will be paid for by JSEF in compliance with the House Committee on Ethics rules. At least 30 days prior to departure, participants are responsible for submitting the "Primary Trip Sponsor Form," filled out by JSEF, as well as the "Traveler Form." If you have any questions about the rules, please contact the House Committee on Ethics. Prior to the trip, JSEF will conduct a briefing to provide background information and logistics for staff in preparation for their visit.

I hope that you will be able to join us on this important, thought-provoking, and educational trip. If you have any questions, please contact Cooper Boyar at (917) 312-1869, or at [cooperboyar@jstreet.org](mailto:cooperboyar@jstreet.org), at any time to discuss the details of the sponsored trip and our organization.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Ben-Ami  
President  
J Street Education Fund

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## *The Len Hill Education Program*

*Dedicated to providing American policy makers and opinion leaders with balanced information lays the groundwork for pursuing Israeli-Palestinian peace through diplomacy.*

### February 12-20, 2026

#### ITINERARY

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#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026

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Late Evening                      Members of Congress depart DCA/IAD

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#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026

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Early Evening                      Flights land in Tel Aviv. Drive to the hotel and check in.

**7:30 - 9:30 PM**                      **Welcome Dinner: Overview of this Current Moment in Israel**  
*A leading Israeli journalist will provide an overview of the current social and political moment in Israel.*

Speaker: TBC

Location: Nomi Restaurant, David InterContinental Hotel

*Hotel: David InterContinental Hotel | Kaufmann St 12, Tel Aviv-Yafo, 61501, Israel | 03-795-1111*

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#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026

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**8:30 - 10:30 AM**

Group A: Reps. McDonald Rivet, Randall

**Seminar: Israeli-Palestinian Conflict 101**

*This session will serve as an orientation, with the goal of framing the week ahead in light of the history, geography, and political dynamics in the region.*

Speaker: Jeremy Ben-Ami, J Street

Location: Gallery Hall, David Intercontinental Hotel

10:30 - 11:00 AM	Break
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<p><b>Meeting with Family of a Released Hostage</b>  <i>An opportunity to hear firsthand from a family member of a released hostage.</i></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Yehuda Cohen, Father of released hostage Nimrod Cohen</p> <p><u>Location:</u> David Intercontinental Hotel</p>
12:00 - 12:30 PM	Drive to Lunch
12:30 - 2:00 PM	<p><b>Lunch Briefing: Israeli Politics and Public Opinion 101</b>  <i>An introduction to the Israeli political system, including structure, political parties, and political trends.</i></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Dahlia Scheindlin, Political Analyst and Public Opinion Expert</p> <p><u>Location:</u> Beit Kandinoff, HaTsorfim St 14, Tel Aviv-Yafo</p>
2:00 - 3:30 PM	<p><b>Vision of Zionism - Walking Tour of Tel Aviv</b>  <i>The modern State of Israel was born in 1948, based on an idea of reclaiming Jewish history and the Jewish people's right to self-determination. On this tour, we will explore the Israeli founding fathers' vision and reflect upon where we are today.</i></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Jeremy Ben-Ami, J Street</p>

	<u>Group B: Reps. DeLauro, Huffman, Casten, Dean</u>
8:30 - 3:30 PM	<p><b>West Bank Geopolitical Tour</b>  <i>Overview of on the ground developments in the West Bank and the impact of Israeli policies on daily life and infrastructure.</i></p> <p><u>Guide:</u> Yehuda Shaul, Ofek - The Israeli Center for Public Affairs</p>

3:30 - 6:00 PM	Executive Time
6:00 - 6:15 PM	Drive to dinner
6:15 - 8:00 PM	<p><b>Dinner with Israeli Leaders, Experts, and Activists</b>  <i>Meet with Israeli leaders to discuss the challenges and strategies of building political power and advancing progressive domestic and foreign policy.</i></p>

Speakers: TBC

Location: Blue Rooster, Nissim Aloni St 10, Tel Aviv-Yafo

*Hotel: David InterContinental Hotel | Kaufmann St 12, Tel Aviv-Yafo, 61501, Israel | 03-795-1111*

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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

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**8:30 - 9:30 AM**

**IDF Strategic Briefing**

*Overview of the major security threats Israel faces today, as well as IDF goals and priorities in Gaza and other fronts.*

Location: Gallery Hall, David InterContinental Hotel

9:30 - 10:45 AM

Drive to Kiryat Gat

**10:45 AM - 12:15 PM**

**Civil-Military Coordination Center Briefing**

*Visit the Civil-Military Coordination Center (CMCC) in Kiryat Gat for a briefing on US engagement and post-war plans in Gaza.*

Location: CMCC, Kiryat Gat

12:15 - 1:00 PM

Lunch on the bus - Drive to Kibbutz Kfar Aza

**1:00 - 2:45 PM**

**Tour of Kfar Aza: Bearing Witness to October 7**

*We will be led on a tour by a resident of Kibbutz Kfar Aza to hear firsthand about life in the Gaza envelope region pre-Oct. 7, the Oct. 7 attacks, and how the community has fared since.*

Guide: Shachar Shnurman

Location: Kibbutz Kfar Aza

2:45 - 4:45 PM

Drive to Tel Aviv

4:45 - 5:45 PM

Executive Time

**5:45 - 7:15 PM**

**Briefing: Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza**

*Briefing on Israeli policies toward Gaza before and throughout the Israel-Hamas war and Israel's obligations to the civilian population of Gaza.*

Speakers:

Tania Hary, Gisha – Legal Center for Freedom of Movement  
Doctor in Gaza (TBC)

Location: Gallery Hall, David InterContinental Hotel

7:15 - 7:30 PM

Drive to Dinner

7:30 - 9:00 PM

**Dinner Discussion: The Regional Role in Creating a Horizon for Peace**

*A conversation on the role of regional powers to implement a post-war framework in Gaza and create a political horizon.*

Speakers:

Dr. Shira Efron, the RAND Corporation

Bashar Azzeh, the Innovative Conflict Transformation Project at the Geneva Center for Security and Peace

Location: Herzlina, Rabenu Khanan'el St 27, Tel Aviv-Yafo

*Hotel: David InterContinental Hotel | Kaufmann St 12, Tel Aviv-Yafo, 61501, Israel | 03-795-1111*

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**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2026**

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6:00 - 6:20 AM

Load Luggage to bus

6:20 - 10:00 AM

Boxed Breakfast on the bus - Drive to Amman, via Allenby border crossing

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Meeting with King Abdullah II (TBC)**

*Discuss the regional role in post-war Gaza, US foreign policy to the region, how the events since October 7 have affected the Hashemite Kingdom, and efforts to create a political horizon for Palestinians.*

Location: TBC

12:00 - 12:30

Drive to JHCO Warehouse

12:30 - 2:30 PM

**Lunch Briefing with Jordan Hashemite Charity Organization (JHCO)**

*We will discuss the humanitarian aid that the Kingdom has provided in Gaza along with impediments to delivery and access.*

Location: TBC

2:30 - 5:30 PM

Drive to Hotel and Executive Time

5:30 - 7:00 PM

**Meeting with the US Embassy (TBC)**

*Discuss US policy in the region, the current approach and priorities of the administration, how regional partners can help shape the post-war reality in Gaza, and how the situation in the West Bank affects the Kingdom.*

Location: Signia by Hilton Amman

7:00 - 9:00 PM

**Dinner With Jordanian Civil Society Leaders**

*Discuss the role of Jordanian civil society in the Jordanian-Israeli relationship and a regional framework for peace.*

Speakers: TBC

Location: Signia by Hilton Amman

*Hotel: Signia by Hilton Amman, Al-Qadi Ayad St., Amman 11194, Jordan*

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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

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7:15 - 8:30 AM

Depart Amman and cross Allenby border crossing

8:30 - 10:30 AM

**Briefing en Route to Ramallah: Palestinian Politics 101**

*Brief overview of the Palestinian national movement, the post-Oslo system of governance in the West Bank, and the current state of Palestinian politics.*

Speaker: Jeremy Ben-Ami, J Street

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

**Meeting with Palestinian Authority VP Hussein al-Sheikh**

*Discuss the current state of affairs in the West Bank, the Palestinian Authority's interests and priorities for post-war Gaza, and creating a political horizon for Palestinians.*

Location: Amaar Tower, Ramallah

12:00 - 12:30 PM

Drive to Jalazone Refugee Camp

12:30 - 2:00 PM

**UNRWA Site Visit and Lunch**

*We will hear from UNRWA representatives at the Jalazone*

*Refugee*

*Camp about providing services both in the West Bank and the impact of recent Israeli legislation on UNRWA operations.*

*impact*

Location: Jalazone Girls School, UNRWA Jalazone Refugee Camp

2:00 - 3:00 PM

Drive to Sha'ar Binyamin

3:00 - 4:00 PM

**Meeting with Binyamin Municipal Representatives**

*We will have an opportunity to hear directly from Israeli settlers living in the West Bank, about their lives and their hopes for the future.*

Speakers: TBC

Location: Sha'ar Binyamin Industrial Zone

4:00 - 5:30 PM Drive to Jerusalem  
5:30 - 7:15 PM Executive Time  
7:15 - 7:30 PM Drive to Dinner  
**7:30 - 9:00 PM Group Dinner**  
*An opportunity for participants to share reflections on the experience so far and any questions or expectations to guide the last two days.*

Location: Jerusalem House of Quality, Hebron Rd 12, Jerusalem

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**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

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**8:00 - 9:30 AM Introduction to Settlements**  
*Overview of the Israeli settlement enterprise, the history, strategy, and vision of the settler movement.*

Speaker: Yehuda Shaul, Ofek - The Israeli Center for Public Affairs

Location: Orient Hotel

**9:30 - 11:30 AM Settlement Tour en route to Kiryat Arba**  
*Learn about the geopolitical significance of the settlements, their role in Israeli security, and potential territorial solutions.*

Guide: Yehuda Shaul, Ofek - The Israeli Center for Public Affairs

**11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Walking Tour of Hebron and Kiryat Arba**  
*Sometimes described as a microcosm of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Hebron is an ancient holy city and home to over 200,000 Palestinians and close to 1,000 Israeli settlers who live in guarded enclaves in the middle of the city. We will be guided by former Israeli soldiers who served in the city on a tour of downtown, see both Jewish areas of the city and checkpoints, and learn how life in the city has changed over time.*

Guide: Nadav Weinman, Breaking the Silence

1:00 - 1:30 PM Drive to South Hebron Hills + Lunch on the bus

**1:30 - 3:00 PM Site Visit to Palestinian Village in Area C**  
*We will hear directly from residents about life in the South Hebron Hills in Area C of the West Bank, in communities under pending demolition orders.*

3:00 - 4:30 PM Drive to Jerusalem

4:30 - 5:15 PM **Meeting with Opposition Leader MK Yair Lapid, Yesh Atid**  
*Discussion on the current state of affairs in Israel, Yesh Atid's vision regarding the future of the Israel-Hamas war, the strategy of the Israeli opposition, and the US-Israel relationship.*

Location: Orient Hotel

5:15 - 7:15 PM Executive Time

7:15 - 7:30 PM Drive to Dinner

7:30 - 9:00 PM **Dinner with Israeli and Palestinian Jerusalemite Leaders**  
*Join a group of Israelis and Palestinians who create art and music to bridge divides in Jerusalem for conversation over dinner.*

Speakers: TBC

Location: FeelBeit, Sherover Promenade, Jerusalem

Hotel: Orient Jerusalem | Emek Refa'im St 3, Jerusalem | 02-569-9090

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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026**

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Group A: Reps. McDonald Rivet, Randall

8:00 - 8:30 AM Drive to Old City

8:30 - 10:30 PM **Old City Walking Tour**  
*We will visit the major Jewish, Muslim, and Christian holy sites in Jerusalem – including the Al Aqsa Mosque/Temple Mount – and learn about the city's religious, historic, and political significance.*

Guide: Hava Schwartz

Group B: Reps. DeLauro, Huffman, Casten, Dean

8:00 - 8:30 AM Drive to City of David

8:30 - 10:30 PM **Silwan Walking Tour**  
*Walk through the East Jerusalem Palestinian neighborhood of Silwan to see and hear about life for residents of East Jerusalem. Learn about the City of David archaeological site and its impact on its surroundings.*

10:30 - 11:00 AM

Drive to American Colony Hotel

11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

**Roundtables with East Jerusalem Leaders**

*We will be joined by Palestinian residents who are active in public or private spheres in East Jerusalem. We will hear about the challenges and opportunities that Palestinians in East Jerusalem face.*

Location: Pasha Room, American Colony, 1 Louis Vincent Street, Jerusalem

12:15 - 12:30 PM

Drive to Lunch

12:30 - 2:00 PM

**Lunch Meeting with the US Embassy**

*Discuss US policy in the region, the current approach and priorities of the administration, specifically the role of the US in shaping the post-war reality in Gaza.*

Location: Arabesque Restaurant, American Colony, 1 Louis Vincent Street, Jerusalem

	<u>Group A: Reps. McDonald Rivet, Randall</u>
2:00 - 2:30 PM	Drive to Yad Vashem
2:30 - 4:00 PM	<b>Tour of Yad Vashem – The World Holocaust Remembrance Center</b> <i>A guided visit to Yad Vashem to explore the history, memory, and lessons of the Holocaust.</i>
	<u>Location:</u> Yad Vashem, Mount Herzl, Jerusalem

	<u>Group B: Reps. DeLauro, Huffman, Casten, Dean</u>
2:00 - 4:00 PM	<b>East Jerusalem Geopolitical Tour</b> <i>The group will stop at viewpoints overlooking areas of contention in East Jerusalem to evaluate the latest developments in Jerusalem and their impact on a potential solution for the core issue of Jerusalem.</i>
	<u>Guide:</u> Ron Shatzberg, co-Executive Director of the Economic Cooperation Foundation

4:00 - 4:30 PM

Drive to the Hotel

4:30 - 6:00 PM

Executive Time + Check out of the Hotel

6:00 - 8:00 PM

**Farewell dinner**

*Each participant will have the opportunity to share their takeaways from the past week how this experience will impact their work in the*

US.

Location: Orient Hotel

Depart for Ben Gurion Airport according to flight times.

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**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026**

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Early Morning

Flights Arrive in US