

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

LEGISLATIVE RESOURCE CENTER

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, 135 Cannon House Office Building, 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 Thompson
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: _____ or None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: Feb 18, 2017 Return: Feb 26, 2017
 b. Dates at personal expense (if any): _____ or None
4. Departure city: Washington Destination: Tel Aviv Return city: Washington
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Amer. Israel Education Foundation
6. Describe meetings and events attended: Briefings and meetings informing on current state of affairs, security and regional situational awareness
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 Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
 - c. page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the employee; *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 that statement is true by checking box):
 b. If not, explain: _____

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

SIGNATURE OF TRAVELER: [Signature] DATE: 3-13-2017

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

NAME OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Joe Barton DATE: 3-13-2017

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Joe Barton

**U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics**

SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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 on 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.

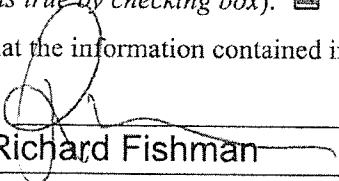
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1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
2. Travel Destination(s): Israel
3. Date of Departure: February 18, 2017 Date of Return: February 26, 2017
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Please see attached list
(NOTE: 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 response to Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$7,610.73	\$1,236.35	\$1,075.87	\$3,684.93 (breakdown attached)
Accompanying Relative	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: 

Name: Richard Fishman Title: Executive Director

Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (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 number: (202) 639-5233

Email Address: rfishman@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.

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Committee on Ethics

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Ryan Thompson
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation
3. Travel destination(s): Israel
4. a. Date of departure Feb 18, 2017 Date of return: Feb 26, 2017
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No
If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a relative at the sponsor's expense? Yes No
b. If yes:
(1) Name of accompanying relative: _____
(2) Relationship to traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
(3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age: Yes No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (*i.e.*, travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)? Yes No
b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: Yes No
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.
As a Chief of Staff to a Member of Congress this trip will educate me on policy and geopolitical aspects of the US/Israel relationship.
9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip? Yes No

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.

Date: Jan 19, 2017



Signature of Employing Member

U.S. House of Representatives
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 Web site (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

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.

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (signify that the statement is true by checking box):
3. Check only one: I represent that:
 - a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip *or*
 - b. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds *or*
 - c. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds 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 see attached
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
6. Date of departure: February 18, 2017 Date of return: February 27, 2017
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC
b. Destination(s): Israel
c. City of return: Washington, DC
8. I represent that (check one of the following):
 - 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 one of the following:
 - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above:
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging:
 - 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 "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: _____

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 box):

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$7,504.33	\$1,294	\$800
For each accompanying relative	n/a	n/a	n/a

	<i>Other</i> Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$3,042.88	breakdown attached
For each accompanying relative	n/a	n/a

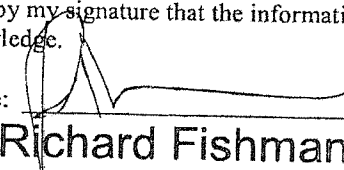
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19. Check one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below. *or*
 b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.

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

Signature: 

Name: Richard Fishman

Title: Executive Director

Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

Address: 251 H Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001

Telephone number: (202) 639-5233

Email address: rfishman@aiefdn.org

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

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 U.S. House of Representatives
 1015 Longworth House Office Building
 Washington, DC 20515
 (202) 225-7103 (phone)
 (202) 225-7392 (general fax)

U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Washington, DC 20515

February 14, 2017

Mr. Ryan S. Thompson
Office of the Honorable Joe Barton
2107 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel,¹ scheduled for February 18 to 26, 2017, sponsored by the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF).

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) 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. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$390 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 employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$390] 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 filed with the Committee, and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

¹ We note that the U.S. Department of State has issued a warning concerning travel to Israel. Travel Warning U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs, which can be found at Web address <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings/israel-travel-warning.html>. You may wish to contact the State Department regarding the safety of your proposed trip.

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

Sincerely,



Susan W. Brooks
Chairwoman



Theodore E. Deutch
Ranking Member

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**American Israel Education Foundation
U.S. Senior Congressional Staff
Educational Seminar in Israel
February 18-26, 2017**

Final Itinerary

Saturday, February 18, 2017

6:38 PM Depart DCA
8:01 PM Arrive Newark
11:00 PM Depart Newark

Sunday, February 19, 2017

4:20 PM Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport
 Transfer to Jerusalem
6:30 PM Check into the Inbal Hotel
7:15 PM Depart for dinner
7:30 PM *Setting the Stage*
 Welcome and Orientation
 - at Touro
8:00 PM *State of the Nation*
 Dinner with David Horovitz
 Editor in Chief, Times of Israel
 - at Touro
10:00 PM *Shalom Jerusalem*
 Introduction to the history of the city
 Brief survey of Jerusalem
10:30 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

Monday, February 20, 2017

- 7:30 AM Breakfast is served
- at the hotel, Galil Hall
- 7:45 AM *Israel's Political Map*
Meeting with Professor Reuven Hazan
Political Science Department, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- at the hotel, Galil Hall
- 9:15 AM *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part I: The Historic and Holy Basin*
Guided survey of the Old City of Jerusalem
- 1:00 PM *Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations: An Update*
Lunch with Ambassador Dr. Daniel Taub
Director of Strategy and Planning, Yad Hanadiv
- at Piccolino
- 2:30 PM Depart for the Knesset; security check
- 3:00 PM *Israeli Democracy in Action*
Meetings with
- The Honorable Ksenia Svetlova
Member of Knesset, Zionist Union Party
- The Honorable Yoav Kisch
Member of Knesset, Likud Party
- at the Knesset, Knesset Committee Hall
- 4:45 PM *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part II:
Post-1967 Neighborhoods and the Security Barrier*
- 5:45 PM Depart for hotel
- 7:30 PM Depart for dinner
- 7:45 PM *The Israeli Mosaic*
Dinner with:
- Navonel Glick, Co-CEO, IsraAID
- Tziona Koenig-Yair, Immediate past National Commissioner,
Equal Employment Opportunities Commission
- Avi Samuels, Chairman, SHALVA
- Dan Slyper, Yesh Atid Party LGBTQ Caucus
- at La Guta

9:30 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

7:45 AM Breakfast is served
- at the hotel, Sofia Restaurant

8:00 AM *Minority Rights in Israel*
Breakfast with Mohammad Darawshe
Director of Planning, Equality and Shared Society,
Givat Haviva Educational Center
- at the hotel, Sofia Restaurant

9:30 AM *Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust*
Survey of Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum

11:30 AM Depart for Ramallah

12:30 PM *A View from the Palestinian Authority*
Lunch with Dr. Saeb Erekat
Chief Negotiator, Palestinian Authority
- at the Movenpick Hotel

2:45 PM *A View from the Prime Minister's Office*
Meeting with Jonathan Schachter
Senior Advisor, Prime Minister's Office
- at the Jerusalem Crowne Plaza Hotel

4:00 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

5:15 PM Check into the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

7:15 PM Depart for dinner

7:45 PM *Start-Up Nation*
Dinner with:
- Ariel Beery, CEO and Founder, Mobile ODT
- Moshe Friedman, CEO and Founder, KamaTech
- Karin Kloosterman, Founder, Green Prophet
- Dr. Yontan Wexler, Senior VP of R&D, OrCam Technologies
- at Deca

9:45 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

- 7:00 AM Breakfast on own
- at the hotel, Main Dining Hall
- 7:45 AM Depart for Israel's south
- 8:15 AM *Save a Child's Heart*
Visit the Recovery Home
Meeting with Tamar Shapira, Director of International and Public Relations
Wolfson Medical Center
- at Wolfson Hospital
- 10:45 AM *Israel's Southern Front*
Overlook into Gaza
- at Kibbutz Nir Am Lookout
- 11:30 AM *Living with the Threat of Rocket Fire*
Visit to Kibbutz Kfar Aza
Meeting with Tzachi Levy, local resident
- 12:30 PM Lunch
- at Kibbutz Kfar Aza dining hall
- 2:00 PM *Israel's Missile Defense System*
Visit to an Iron Dome Battery
- 2:30 PM Depart for Tel Aviv
- 3:30 PM *360° Bird's Eye View*
Briefing from the Azrieli Tower Rooftop
- 4:00 PM *Regional Strategic Briefing: Syria and Iraq*
Meeting with Dr. Jonathan Spyer
Director, Rubin Center, Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya
- at the Azrieli Triangle Tower, 38th Floor
- 5:15 PM Depart for the hotel
- 7:45 PM Depart for dinner
- 8:15 PM Dinner is served
- at Lumina

9:30 PM *1967: Fifty Years Later*
Dessert with the Honorable Dr. Michael Oren
Deputy Minister for Diplomacy, Prime Minister's Office
- at Lumina

11:30 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

Thursday, February 23, 2017

8:00 AM Breakfast is served
- at the hotel, Olive Board Room

8:15 AM *Regional Threat Assessment*
Breakfast with Brig. Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel
Immediate Past Director of Counter-Terrorism Prime Minister's Office
- at the hotel, Olive Board Room

10:30 AM *Israel's Narrow Waistline: Strategic Concerns*
Briefing at Alfei Menashe

En route briefings:

- The Jezreel Valley: The Strategic Land Bridge connecting Asia and Africa
- Upper Galilee: Potential for Development

12:15 PM Lunch en route

2:00 PM *Treating Syria's Wounded*
Visit to Ziv Hospital

4:00 PM *Northern Exposure, Part I: Hezbollah Next Door*
Strategic survey of Israel's border with Lebanon
With Maj. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi, Northern Border Expert
- at Mt. Adir overlook

4:45 PM Depart

5:15 PM Check into the Nof Ginosar Hotel

7:45 PM Depart for dinner

8:00 PM Dinner
- at Decks

10:00 PM Overnight at Nof Ginosar Hotel

Friday, February 24, 2017

8:00 AM Breakfast on own
- at the hotel, Main Dining Hall

9:00 AM *Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee*
Survey of historical and religious sites around the Sea of Galilee
- Mt. of Beatitudes
- St. Peter's Church
- Capernaum

12:00 PM *Northern Exposure, Part II: Syria*
Strategic survey of Israel's border with Syria
Briefing by Cpt. (Res.) Ilan Shulman
- at Ein Zivan

1:15 PM Lunch
- at Asado

2:30 PM Travel back to Jerusalem via the Jordan Valley

En route briefing:
- Israel's Relations with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- Jordan's Syrian Refugee Crisis

5:30 PM Check into the Inbal Hotel

7:15 PM Depart for dinner

7:30 PM *Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem*
Traditional Sabbath dinner and discussion with the Troy family
- at their home in Jerusalem

9:30 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

Saturday, February 25, 2017

8:00 AM Breakfast on own

8:30 AM Depart

En route briefing: Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor: Strategic Concerns

10:00 AM *History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire*
Survey of the National Archeological Park at Masada

12:30 PM *Exploration of the Dead Sea Region*
- at the Herods Hotel

1:30 PM Lunch
- at the Herods Hotel

2:30 PM Depart for Jerusalem

4:00 PM Return to hotel, check out

6:00 PM *The U.S.-Israel Relationship: Bringing It All Together*
Closing dinner
- at the hotel, Galil Hall

8:00 PM Depart for the Airport

11:10 PM Depart Tel Aviv

Sunday, February 26, 2017

4:35 AM Arrive Newark

8:57 AM Depart Newark

10:18 AM Arrive Washington, D.C.

American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
U.S. Chiefs of Staff
February 18 – 26, 2017

Itinerary

Saturday, February 18, 2017

6:38 PM Depart DCA

8:01 PM Arrive Newark

11:00 PM Depart Newark

Sunday, February 19, 2017

4:20 PM Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport
Transfer to Jerusalem

6:30 PM Check into the Inbal Hotel

7:15 PM Depart for dinner

7:30 PM *Setting the Stage*
Orientation with Becky Strapp, Educational Seminar Leader
- at Touro

8:00 PM *State of the Nation*
Dinner with David Horovitz
Founding Editor, Times of Israel
- at Touro

David Horovitz

David Horovitz is the founding editor of Times of Israel, the leading current affairs website in Israel. Mr. Horovitz is a talented and insightful speaker and is known for providing an illuminating synthesis of domestic political trends, current international affairs and the general state of mind of the Israeli voters.

10:00 PM *Shalom Jerusalem*
Introduction to the history of the city
Brief walking tour

Jerusalem

Throughout its 4,000 year history, the city of Jerusalem has changed hands many times. As home to the world's three great monotheistic religions — Judaism, Christianity and Islam — Jerusalem is probably the most disputed city in history. Today, the status of Jerusalem remains the most contentious issue in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Jerusalem has been at the heart of all recent Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, from the Oslo Accords to the Camp David Summit to the Taba negotiations, and in the most recent talks under the auspices of the U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry. To understand the current political issues, it is critical to understand Jerusalem's history and the role it has played in shaping the Middle East. This seminar will include site visits to various locations in and around Jerusalem to give participants a first-hand look at the historic significance of the city, as well as its geographic layout.

10:30 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

Monday, February 20, 2017

7:30 AM Breakfast is served
- at the hotel

7:45 AM *Israel's Political Map*
Breakfast with Professor Reuven Hazan
Department of Political Science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- at the hotel

Professor Reuven Hazan

It is critical for trip participants to have an understanding of the parliamentary system in Israel. Professor Hazan explains how the parliamentary party system works, how coalitions rise and fall, and how Israeli politics differ from American politics. Since the group will be visiting with government officials throughout the week, we believe it's important to provide this overview early in the seminar.

9:00 AM Depart for Strategic Survey of Jerusalem

9:15 AM *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part I:*
The Historic and Holy Basin
Guided tour of the Old City of Jerusalem

Old City of Jerusalem & the Holy Basin

The Old City of Jerusalem is home to the holiest shrines of the three monotheistic religions, including the Temple Mount, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and the Al-Aqsa Mosque. During the Camp David II talks, the Palestinians and Israelis differed on the Jerusalem question, namely the Old City, the status of Arab neighborhoods just outside the Old City, and religious sites such as the Temple Mount.

The Holy Basin is the historic location of Jerusalem and refers to the land surrounding the Old City, including the Mount of Olives, which is believed to be the departure point for Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem and where Jews have been burying their dead for 2,500 years. The Holy Basin also includes the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site, and the Temple Mount (Haram al-Sharif), sacred ground for Jews, Muslims, and Christians. Control over these sensitive areas remains among the largest disputes in the Middle East.

The professionally guided survey will walk through all of these sites and others, educating trip participants on their historical impact and their role in today's political discussions.

- 12:30 PM Depart
- 1:00 PM *Regional Strategic Briefing: Syria and Iraq*
Lunch with Dr. Jonathan Spyer
Director, Rubin Center, Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya (IDC)
- at Piccolino
- 2:15 PM Depart
Security Check
- 3:15 PM *Israeli Democracy in Action*
Meeting with Members of Knesset
- The Honorable Yoav Kisch, Likud Party (3:15 pm)
 - The Honorable Merav Michaeli, Zionist Union Party (4:00 pm)
- at the Knesset
- 4:30 PM Depart
- 4:45 PM *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part II:*
Post-1967 Neighborhoods and the Security Barrier

Post-1967 Neighborhoods

When Jerusalem was reunified in 1967, following 19 years of division, the State of Israel extended the city's boundaries to include the strategic hills surrounding Jerusalem. These hills served as launching pads between 1948 and 1967 for sniper and mortar attacks on Israeli parts of the city by the Jordanian Army. Since 1967, these hills have become vibrant neighborhoods, fully integrated into the fabric of Jerusalem. It is vital for those discussing the issue of Jerusalem to understand these neighborhoods' strategic importance and their relationship to the areas in the immediate vicinity.

Security Barrier

After scores of suicide bombings and daily terrorist attacks against its civilians launched following the breakdown of the Camp David II talks, Israel began construction of a security barrier near the pre-1967 "Green Line" between Israel and the West Bank to prevent

Palestinian terrorists from infiltrating into Israeli population centers. Since its construction began, the number of attacks declined by more than 90% and the number of Israelis murdered and wounded decreased by more than 70% and 85%, respectively. The barrier is approximately 455 miles long. To Israel, the security barrier serves as a necessary obstacle to protect its people. To the Palestinians and others in the world, the barrier represents a physical and symbolic divide.

This seminar will survey the security barrier at different points along its route to see first-hand the barrier's construction, the operation of crossing points in and out of Palestinian areas, and the technology that facilitates its operation. Both en route to the barrier and at the barrier itself, the group will explore the competing arguments raised by the Israelis, Palestinians and the international community.

5:45 PM Depart for hotel

7:30 PM Depart for dinner

7:45 PM *The Israeli Mosaic*
Dinner with

- George Deek, International Law Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - Kalman Samuels, Founder and CEO, SHALVA
 - Dan Slyper, Yesh Atid Party LGBTQ Caucus
 - Sivan Borowich-Ya'ari, Founder and CEO, Innovation: Africa
- at La Guta

The Israeli Mosaic

"The Israeli Mosaic" will be a dinner discussion with Israelis representing some of the various societal sectors – all integral parts of the fabric of Israeli society and broader identity. The evening will be an opportunity to gain insight into the Israeli population as a whole, what governs the perspective and decisions of various sectors and to explore how each of the sectors represented fits into Israeli society and informs the collective national narrative.

9:30 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

7:45 AM Breakfast is served
- at the hotel

8:00 AM *Minority Rights in Israel*
Breakfast with Mohammad Darawshe
Academic Director, Shalom Hartman Institute Jewish-Arab Research Team;
Director of Planning, Equality and Shared Society,
Givat Haviva Educational Center
- at the hotel

9:00 AM Depart for Yad Vashem

9:30 AM *Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust*
Guided tour of Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum

Yad Vashem

One cannot understand Israel's position on Iran's nuclear development program without understanding the trauma of the Holocaust. Israelis view threats to its destruction in light of the events of the 1930s and 1940s, when the German government's threats to exterminate the Jewish people were not taken seriously by the international community. This museum provides an important reference point as to how Israelis interpret the threat of an Iranian nuclear program and Iranian leaders committed to Israel's destruction.

Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, was established in 1953 by an act of the Israeli Knesset. Since its inception, Yad Vashem has been entrusted with documenting the history of the Jewish people during the Holocaust period, preserving the memory and story of each of the six million victims, and imparting the legacy of the Holocaust for generations to come through its archives, library, school, museums and recognition of the Righteous Among the Nations. Located on Har Hazikaron (the Mount of Remembrance) in Jerusalem, Yad Vashem is a sprawling complex of museums, exhibits, archives, monuments, sculptures, and memorials.

Every foreign leader that travels to Israel visits Yad Vashem. Yad Vashem has become a symbol of the Jewish people and its transformation from total helplessness to self-reliance and strength. Thus, a visit to Yad Vashem provides a historical context for the Jewish state. The museum's professional docent will guide the group through the main exhibit hall and the children's memorial.

11:30 AM Depart for Ramallah

12:30 PM *A View from the Palestinian Authority*
Lunch with Dr. Saeb Erekat
Chief Negotiator, Palestinian Authority
- at the Movenpick Hotel, Ramallah

1:45 PM Depart

- 2:45 PM *A View from the Prime Minister's Office*
Meeting with David Keyes
Spokesman, The Office of the Prime Minister
- at the Crowne Plaza Hotel
- 4:00 PM Depart for Tel Aviv
- 5:15 PM Check into the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel
- 7:30 PM Depart for dinner
- 7:45 PM *Start-Up Nation: Israeli Innovation and Ingenuity*
Dinner with
- Ariel Beery, CEO and Founder, MobileODT
 - Moshe Friedman, Co-Founder, KamaTech
 - Dovi Maisel, Co-Founder, United Hatzalah
 - Prof. Shmuel Peleg, Co-Founder and Chief Scientist, BriefCam
- at Deca

Start-Up Nation

Israel is a giant when it comes to innovation: a global leader in R&D spending and VC investment, and home to global R&D centers for the likes of Google, Apple and IBM. This evening's Start-Up Nation dinner will include a discussion with entrepreneurs representing Israeli innovation and ingenuity that has had enormous impact both in Israel and abroad.

- 9:45 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

- 7:00 AM Breakfast on your own
- at the hotel, Main Dining Hall
- 7:45 AM Depart
- 8:15 AM *Save a Child's Heart*
Meet with Dr. Sion Hourli, Director of the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit
Visit the Recovery Home
- at Wolfson Medical Center

Save a Child's Heart

Save a Child's Heart (SACH) is an Israeli-based international, non-profit organization. SACH is committed to saving lives by improving the quality of cardiac care for children from developing countries and creating centers of medical competence in these countries. SACH Israel has saved the lives of over 3,700 children from 50 countries where adequate medical care is simply

unavailable. Approximately 50% of these children are from the Palestinian Authority, Jordan, Iraq and Morocco (countries with whom Israel has either no diplomatic relations or who are in a state of war with Israel). More than 30% are from Africa, and the remainder are from Asia, Eastern Europe and the Americas. These children are treated at the Wolfson Medical Center and housed at the Legacy Heritage Children's Home of Save a Child's Heart, both located in Holon.

9:45 AM Depart

10:45 AM *Terror Tunnels*
Visit Hamas-dug terror tunnel opening
- at Gaza Border

Terror Tunnels

During the 2014 Gaza conflict, Hamas used underground tunnels to terrorize Israel's civilian population. On April 16, 2016, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) discovered a new two-kilometers-long, concrete tunnel from the southern part of the Gaza Strip into Israel, near the border between Israel and Egypt. The discovery was made possible through the use of a new tunnel detection technology. Given the similar threats facing the United States, including on the Korean Peninsula, the U.S.-Mexico border and in various locations in the Middle East, this breakthrough technology holds significant potential for the United States.

11:30 AM Depart

11:45 AM *Israel's Southern Front*
Visit to Kibbutz Kfar Aza
Meet with residents

Israel's Southern Front

Since 2001, Israeli communities bordering the Gaza Strip have been living under the threat of rocket fire. Since the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip in 2005 and the Hamas takeover of the Gaza Strip in 2007, the volume, range and accuracy of the rockets has only increased. The summer of 2014 witnessed Operation Protective Edge, which returned the issue of rocket fire from Gaza to international headlines. The visit to Kibbutz Kfar Aza and meeting with a local resident will be an opportunity to better understand the reality of living just kilometers from Israel's border with Gaza, to learn how almost 15 years of rocket fire has shaped those living in the communities most affected, to discuss the advent of Hamas "terror tunnels" into Israel's border towns and how communities have sought to cope with the threat on their doorstep, both physically and psychologically.

12:45 PM Lunch
- at Kibbutz Kfar Aza

1:30 PM Depart

- 3:00 PM *360° Bird's Eye View*
Briefing from the Azrieli Tower Rooftop
- 3:30 PM *Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations: An Update*
Briefing with Ambassador Daniel Taub, Israeli diplomat
- at Azrieli, 38th floor
- 4:45 PM Depart for the hotel
- 7:30 PM Depart for dinner
- 8:00 PM *1967: Fifty Years Later*
Meeting with the Honorable Dr. Michael Oren
Deputy Minister for Diplomacy, The Office of the Prime Minister
- at Lumina

June 1967 War

2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the June 1967 Arab-Israeli war, also known as the Six-Day War. The 1967 war has set the stage for every major event in the Arab-Israeli crisis since. The group will meet with member of Knesset Michael Oren, a renowned historian who wrote the acclaimed account of the war, "Six Days of War: June 1967 and the Making of the Modern Middle East." He will discuss how this event shaped the region, and the Arab-Israeli conflict over the past five decades.

- 10:00 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

Thursday, February 23, 2017

- 8:00 AM Breakfast is served
- at the hotel
- 8:15 AM *Regional Threat Assessment*
Meeting with Brig. Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel
Immediate Past Director of Counter-Terrorism, Office of the Prime Minister
- at the hotel
- 9:30 AM Depart
- 10:30 AM *Israel's Narrow Waistline – Strategic Concerns*
Briefing at Alfei Menashe

Alfei Menashe

Alfei Menashe is a Jewish community located on the western edge of the West Bank. Less than 10 miles from the Mediterranean Sea, Alfei Menashe provides a unique vantage point to discuss Israeli settlement policy, the routing of the security barrier, as well as Israel's narrow waistline.

The sliver of Israeli land west of the West Bank is often referred to as the Hadera-Gadera rectangle, with the city of Hadera denoting the northern point, and the city of Gadera the southern point. The Hadera-Gadera rectangle is home to over 50% of Israel's population, as well as civilian infrastructure. The area is also home to Israel's "silicon valley," as well as Ben Gurion international airport.

The discussion at Alfei Menashe will allow participants to see firsthand the proximity of Jewish and Arab neighborhoods in both Israel and the West Bank; as well as the strategic threats faced by the Israeli population living in Israel's narrow waistline.

11:15 AM Depart

12:00 PM *Israeli Settlements*
Meeting and Lunch with the Honorable Oded Revivi, Mayor of Efrat

Israeli Settlement Policy

Israeli settlement policy is one of the more complex issues in the ongoing negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians. This session provides an opportunity for participants to get an insider's perspective on Israeli settlement policy, the differing views among Israeli citizens, and the role settlements play in the current political climate.

1:15 PM Depart

En route briefing:

- *The Jezreel Valley* – The Strategic Land Bridge connecting Asia and Africa
- *Upper Galilee* – Potential for Development

Our tour guide will spend an hour during the drive from Israel's center to the North to provide the delegation a briefing on the Jezreel Valley and the Upper Galilee and the challenges facing these regions of the country.

The Jezreel Valley

For thousands of years, the Jezreel Valley served as a land bridge linking Africa, Asia and Europe, and serving as a thoroughfare for ancient caravans and, more frequently, armies. In modern times, during World War I, for example, the British and Turkish forces fought a number of pitched battles in the valley. In 1948, following Israel's establishment, the combined forces of Iraq and Jordan attempted unsuccessfully to capture the valley in order to split the just-born Israel into two parts. In the early 20th century, after decades of neglect, Jewish pioneers drained

the swamps in the valley, transforming this region into Israel's "breadbasket" known for wheat, cotton, sunflowers and fish ponds. The Jezreel Valley is also home to historical and biblical sites including Tel Megiddo and Nazareth.

Today it is an important symbol of Israel's complex and diverse political reality. The Jezreel Valley, together with the areas of the Lower and Upper Galilee, is home to the majority of Israel's Arab citizens. A tour of this area provides an opportunity to discuss and learn about Israel's Arab citizens – 20 percent of the population – each of which has full democratic, social and welfare rights, the right to vote and serve in the Knesset, and the opportunity to serve on Israel's Supreme Court. These issues are not widely known and this segment gives trip participants the opportunity to understand Israel's relationship with its largest minority group.

Upper Galilee

The Upper Galilee is home to the largest variety of ethnic communities in Israel including Druze, Circassian, Arab Muslim and Arab Christian villages. The Galilee is also home to ancient Jewish and Christian holy sites that provide additional historical and political context to regional tensions. Just as in the case of the Jezreel Valley, the area illustrates the role of minorities in Israel.

At the same time, the Upper Galilee is home to some of the most prominent industrial hubs. Best known among them is the Tefen Industrial area, home to numerous enterprises established by the region's residents – Jewish and Arab. In 2006, Upper Galilee's ISCAR Metal Working Company was purchased for \$5 billion by Warren Buffet's conglomerate holding company. Since then, a number of American investors have become partners in some of the region's hi-tech and bio-tech companies.

While time does not permit for sites visits, a drive through the region allows for expanding on the importance of the area in the context of the U.S.-Israel relationship.

3:00 PM *Treating Syria's Wounded*
Visit to Ziv Medical Center

The Ziv Medical Center

The Ziv Medical Center is situated in the heart of Israel's rural northern landscape and provides health care services and treatment for the north's ethnically and religiously diverse population. Since February 2013, Israel has taken in Syrians wounded in the course of the civil war currently being waged in that country. Many are treated at a field hospital on the border, where soldiers and paramedics of the IDF on the Israeli Golan Heights give them initial first aid and life-saving care. The Syrian wounded then either return to Syria, or are taken to an Israeli hospital to receive further treatment. Ziv Hospital is one such hospital, and has treated nearly five hundred victims of the Syrian conflict. At Ziv, the Syrian wounded, including children, civilians and militants alike, are provided with the best possible care from Israeli physicians using state of the art medical equipment. Although Israel and Syria have been in a state of war for decades, the Israeli doctors and staff at Ziv provide humanitarian aid for the wounded without regard for the

patients' political or military affiliation. These efforts have been supported by The Israeli Health Department, which has spent well over 5 million dollars treating the wounded.

4:00 PM Depart

4:45 PM *Northern Exposure – Part I: Hezbollah Next Door*
Briefing with Maj. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi
- at Mt. Adir

5:30 PM Depart

6:15 PM Check into the Nof Ginosar Hotel

7:45 PM Depart for dinner

8:00 PM Dinner and Discussion
- at Decks

Dinner and Discussion

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

10:00 PM Overnight at the Nof Ginosar Hotel

Friday, February 24, 2017

8:00 AM Breakfast at the hotel

8:30 AM Depart

9:00 AM *Historical, Religious and Geopolitical Significance of the Sea of Galilee*
Tour of historical and religious sites around the Sea of Galilee

- Mt. of Beatitudes – Sermon on the Mount
- St. Peter's Church – Primacy of Peter
- Capernaum – Jesus' Village

Christian Sites at the Sea of Galilee

As part of the seminar's focus on the complex religious fabric of Israeli society, the group will be visiting several of the most sacred sites for Christians in the Holy Land. Included is a guided tour and discussion of some of the most important events in the life of Jesus by the Sea of Galilee. Just as strategic tours in Jerusalem focused on Jewish, Muslim, and Christian history and claims to the land, the site visits to the Christian sites help provide context for the competing religious

narratives for the land of Israel. For example, we will be visiting the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount, the most studied and read speech of any religion in history. Our guide will also lead discussions through Capernaum and St. Peter's Church.

11:00 AM Depart for the Golan Heights

12:00 PM *Northern Exposure – Part II: Syria*
Strategic survey of Israel's border with Syria
With Capt. (Res.) Ilan Shulman
- at Ein Zivan

1:15 PM Lunch
- at Asado

2:30 PM Travel back to Jerusalem via the Jordan Valley

En route briefing:

- *Jordan's Relations with Israel*
- *Jordan's Growing Syrian Refugee Crisis*

Jordan: Relations with Israel, and the Growing Refugee Crisis

The tour guide will spend approximately an hour during the drive through the Jordan Valley to explore several topics related to Israel's eastern neighbor: specifically, Israeli-Jordanian strategic cooperation, as well as the implications of the Syrian civil war on the Kingdom.

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan became the second Arab country after Egypt to recognize Israel when it signed a comprehensive peace agreement that ended nearly five decades of warfare. Shepherded by United States President Bill Clinton, the accord signed on October 6, 1994, marked the onset of a new era of economic, cultural, and political dialogue and cooperation between the two countries.

In recent years, the two countries have worked together to combat the increased threat from terrorism by coordinating their security efforts and preventing infiltrations across their shared border. Today, Jordan hosts over 1.4 million Syrian refugees fleeing civil war. Following our discussion with Israeli soldiers patrolling the Syrian border, our guide will address how the influx of Syrian refugees and the threats in the region impact Jordan internally; as well as relations and further potential for strategic partnership between Jordan, the United States, and Israel.

5:30 PM Check in to the Inbal Hotel

7:15 PM Depart for dinner

7:30 PM *Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem*
Traditional Sabbath evening dinner with Professor Gil Troy and Linda Adams
Department of History, McGill University
- at their home in Jerusalem

The Sabbath in Jerusalem

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

The group will be hosted by Professor Gil Troy and Linda Troy, along with their family. Professor Troy, a renowned educator and author, will lead a discussion on the importance of Jerusalem to the Jewish, Christian and Muslim populations; the potential for a final status agreement on Jerusalem (arguably the most sensitive final status issue); and the diplomatic challenges faced by Israel and the United States regarding Israeli urban development in the area.

9:30 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

Saturday, February 25, 2017

8:00 AM Breakfast on own
- at the hotel, Main Dining Hall

8:30 AM Depart

En route briefing:
Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor

Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor

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

10:00 AM *History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire*
Guided tour of the National Archeological Park at Masada

Masada

The Sabbath in Israel begins Friday afternoon and concludes on Saturday evening. During the Sabbath, virtually everything in the country is closed including all government offices, businesses, newspapers etc. Therefore, for years, we have used Saturdays to expose our congressional members and staff delegations to some of the key historical and cultural sites in Israel such as Masada. Masada, which was excavated in the 1960s, is considered one of the most important archeological sites in Israel, indeed in the whole world.

Masada was the site of the last stand of the Jews in Israel after the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the Holy Temple in 70 A.D. A group of Jewish zealots fled to the Judean Desert and lived in the former mountaintop fortress of King Herod known as Masada for two years resisting the onslaught of the most powerful army in the world. Determined to break the resistance, the Romans finally scaled the mountain to capture and enslave the Jewish rebels. However, when they finally arrived, they found that all the men, women and children had killed themselves as a last act of defiance. They refused to give in to the Romans and become their slaves.

The ancient story of Masada has important contemporary relevance for the modern State of Israel. "Masada shall never fall again" has become the watchword of the country which has faced existential threats since its founding in 1948. Israel's elite military units, for example, are sworn in on top of Masada in a symbolic act of defiance against Israel's contemporary enemies. These soldiers along with the thousands of Israeli school children who visit Masada each year learn the lesson that Israel should never become so weak again that it would ever face national suicide as an option.

We will spend approximately two hours atop of Masada with a professional guide. The time at Masada with the guide is focused on three areas: 1. touring the magnificent ancient excavations; 2. learning the narrative of Jewish resistance to the Romans backed by the archeological and historical evidence; 3. discussing the importance of the Masada story to the contemporary Middle East and the threats in the region.

During our trip to the Negev, we will also visit the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth and a major source of minerals for both Israel and Jordan.

12:30 PM *Exploration of the Dead Sea Region*
- at Hod Hotel

Dead Sea Region

During our drive to and from the Dead Sea area, as well as during our visit to the Dead Sea, our tour guide will discuss a variety of issues integral to understanding the region, the country, and relations with both the Palestinians and Jordanians.

It is important to note that the region is mostly desert. For decades, Israel has been challenging this arid area and developing its agricultural potential. While the Middle East is suffering from

water shortages, Israel, through modern technology and water conservation policies, including the recycling of over 80 percent of water used for domestic purposes and transferring it to agriculture, has literally "made the desert bloom." Some of this technology is already being shared with Jordan and the Palestinian Authority. All sides realize that a comprehensive regional water policy will ensure food production necessary to satisfy the Middle East's growing population. For example, in late 2013, the three parties agreed to build a Red Sea-Dead Sea water project to address the shortage of fresh, clean water in the region and the rapid loss of water at the Dead Sea. This highlights the growing importance for Israel and her Arab neighbors to work together on joint environmental projects.

The key regional players also face serious environmental issues in the Dead Sea region. One of the major environmental concerns is the receding of the Dead Sea and the appearance of sinkholes, which cause the earth above to collapse. Roads, fields and buildings have collapsed due to this phenomenon, and experts are concerned the tourist infrastructure along the Jordanian and Israeli shores of the Dead Sea are also in danger. This issue has led to unprecedented cooperation between Israelis, Jordanians and Palestinians and serves as a model for regional cooperation.

- 1:30 PM Lunch
- at Hod Hotel
- 2:30 PM Depart for Jerusalem
- 4:00 PM Return to hotel

Check out
- 6:00 PM *The U.S.-Israel Relationship: Bringing it All Together*
Closing dinner
- at the hotel
- 8:00 PM Depart for the Airport
- 11:10 PM Depart Tel Aviv

Sunday, February 26, 2017

- 4:35 AM Arrive Newark
- 8:57 AM Depart Newark
- 10:18 AM Arrive Washington, D.C.

American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
 Educational Seminar in Israel
 U.S. Congressional Staff
 February 18-26, 2017

List of Invitees

TITLE	MOC FIRST	MOC LAST	FIRST	LAST	FPLA NOTES	Explanations
Rep.	Jeff	Fortenberry	William	Archer	Chief of Staff	Serves as Chief of Staff to a member of the relevant House Appropriations Committee.
Rep.	Darren	Soto	Christine	Biron	Chief of Staff	House Chief of Staff. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that work in relevant issue areas.
Rep.	Dana	Rohrbacher	Richard	Dykema	Chief of Staff	Serves as Chief of Staff to a member of the relevant House Foreign Affairs Committee.
Rep.	Anthony	Brown	Maia	Estes	Chief of Staff	Serves as Chief of Staff to a member of the relevant House Armed Services Committee.
Rep.	Tom	Suozzi	Mike	Florio	Chief of Staff	Serves as Chief of Staff to a member of the relevant House Foreign Affairs Committee.
Rep.	Jacky	Rosen	David	Furr	Chief of Staff	Serves as Chief of Staff to a member of the relevant House Armed Services Committee.
Rep.	Stephanie	Murphy	Brad	Howard	Chief of Staff	Serves as Chief of Staff to a member of the relevant House Armed Services Committee.

Rep.	Doug	Lamborn	Adam	Magary	Chief of Staff	Serves as Chief of Staff to a member of the relevant House Armed Services Committee.
Rep.	Dan	Newhouse	Carrie	Meadows	Chief of Staff	Serves as Chief of Staff to a member of the relevant House Appropriations Committee.
Rep.	Ann	Wagner	Christian	Morgan	Chief of Staff	Serves as Chief of Staff to a member of the relevant House Foreign Affairs Committee.
Rep.	Devin	Nunes	Anthony	Ratekin	Chief of Staff	Serves as Chief of staff to a member of the relevant House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.
Rep.	Lou	Correa	Laurie	Saroff	Chief of Staff	Serves as Chief of Staff to a member of the relevant House Homeland Security Committee.
Rep.	Joe	Barton	Ryan	Thompson	Chief of Staff	Serves as Chief of Staff to a member of the relevant House Energy Commerce Committee.

4. Names of Travelers

1. Richard Dykema, Chief of Staff, Rep. Dana Rohrbacher (R-CA)
2. Maia Estes, Chief of Staff, Rep. Anthony Brown (D-MD)
3. Mike Florio, Chief of Staff, Rep. Tom Suozzi (D-NY)
4. David Furr, Chief of Staff, Rep. Jacky Rosen (D-NV)
5. Brad Howard, Chief of Staff, Rep. Stephanie Murphy (D-FL)
6. Adam Magary, Chief of Staff, Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO)
7. Carrie Meadows, Chief of Staff, Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-WA)
8. Laurie Saroff, Chief of Staff, Rep. Lou Correa (D-CA)
9. Ryan Thompson, Chief of Staff, Rep. Joe Barton (R-TX)

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FINAL Breakdown of Other Expenses

Security: \$1,460.28 per person

-AIEF considers the security of its trip participants as its highest priority. A security team accompanies all participants throughout the trip.

Speaker Fees: \$732.31 per person

-Honoraria for guest speakers

Travel Agency Commission: \$328.65 per person (single occupancy)

-AIEF pays an upcharge of 21% per room per night, split between our U.S. and Israeli travel vendors

Tour Guide: \$301.90 per person

-As a detailed historical understanding is crucial to maximizing the educational aspect of the trip, a licensed tour guide accompanies the group throughout the trip.

Tour Guide/Driver/Security Hotels: \$291.14 per person

Tour Guide/Driver/Security/Speaker Meals: \$225.04 per person

Room Rentals: \$169.04 per person

-The cost of renting rooms at hotels and restaurants for meetings and meals with speakers.

Transportation for individualized tour of Syrian/Israel border: \$49.71

Taxis for speakers: \$36.72 per person

Photography: \$34.51 per person

-A photographer takes a group photo on each seminar

Entrance Fees: \$34.76 per person

-Several sites require an entrance fee, including the southern Western Wall excavations and the holy sites around the Sea of Galilee.

Other: \$14.09 per person

-Briefing materials

Tips: \$6.78 per person

-Tips for hotel staff, etc.

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Breakdown of Other Expenses

Security: \$1,000 per person

-AIEF considers the security of its trip participants as its highest priority. A security team accompanies all participants throughout the trip.

Speaker Fees: \$562.50 per person

-Honoraria for guest speakers

Travel Agency Commission: \$276 per person (single occupancy)

-AIEF pays an upcharge of 21% per room per night, split between our U.S. and Israeli travel vendors

Tour Guide: \$238.75 per person

-As a detailed historical understanding is crucial to maximizing the educational aspect of the trip, a licensed tour guide accompanies the group throughout the trip.

Tour Guide/Driver/Security Hotels: \$231.25 per person

Tour Guide/Driver/Security/Speaker Meals: \$200 per person

Room Rentals: \$187.50 per person

-The cost of renting rooms at hotels and restaurants for meetings and meals with speakers.

Other: \$121.88 per person

-Water, snacks

-Briefing materials

Transportation for individualized tour of Syrian/Israel border: \$75

Entrance Fees: \$62.50 per person

-Several sites require an entrance fee, including the southern Western Wall excavations and the holy sites around the Sea of Galilee.

Airport Assistance: \$62.50 per person

AIEF uses an airport service to assist with passport and luggage issues that may arise.

Tips: \$25 per person

-It is customary to tip the driver and tour guide that accompany trip participants.