

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

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: Anna Vetter
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: _____ *or* None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: May 26, 2018 Return: June 3, 2018
 b. Dates at personal expense (if any): _____ *or* None
4. Departure city: Washington, DC Destination: Israel Return city: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
6. Describe meetings and events attended: Attended a week of meetings going over the geopolitical landscape, threats from terrorist organizations and neighboring nations, political environment, and U.S. foreign aid for the nation of Israel.
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: *Anna Vetter* DATE: 6/18/2018

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: DAVID G. VALADAO DATE: 6/18/2018

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: *David G. Valadao*

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Original Amendment

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: May 26, 2018 Date of Return: June 3, 2018
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): please see attached
(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	\$2,623.37	\$1,821.29	1,271.26	\$3,140.53
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, DC 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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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Anna Raquel Vetter
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
3. Travel destination(s): Tel Aviv Israel ABW
4. a. Date of departure May 26, 2018 Date of return: June 3, 2018
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 Deputy Chief of Staff for a Member who serves on the Appropriations Committee, it's important to see first-hand how federal funds authorized under State/Foreign Ops Appropriations are utilized.
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: 4/26/2018



Signature of Employing Member

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee 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: May 26, 2018 Date of return: June 3, 2018
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC
b. Destination(s): Tel Aviv
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: _____

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the 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 one:
- 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 that the statement is true by checking box): *or*
- b. N/A – trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
 AIEF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the fundamental purpose of educating policy makers and opinion leaders about the U.S.-Israel relationship. AIEF is solely responsible for recruiting, coordinating, executing, and funding all aspects of this trip. This includes the Friday evening meal which is held at a private home - this dinner is funded solely by AIEF.
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13. Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.
- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (Specify: taxis)
- b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (Specify: bus is charter)
- c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
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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. I represent that either (check one of the following):
- 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): _____
\$146 (includes meals, snacks, and water on the bus)
- 2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____
The trip will take place in Israel in order to educate Congressional staff about the U.S.-Israel relationship.
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16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel name: Inbal City: Jerusalem Cost per night: \$295
 Reason(s) for selecting: location and affordability
- Hotel name: Sheraton City: Tel Aviv Cost per night: \$290
 Reason(s) for selecting: location and affordability
- Hotel name: Nof Ginosar City: _____ Cost per night: \$230
 Reason(s) for selecting: location and affordability

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	\$2,609.60	\$1,695	\$1,022
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	\$2,683.24	breakdown attached
For each accompanying relative	n/a	n/a

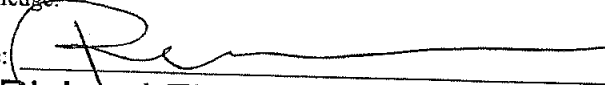
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19. Check one:

- 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 DC 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
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 (202) 225-7392 (general fax)

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Ms. Anna R. Vetter
Office of the Honorable David G. Valadao
1728 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Vetter:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel,¹ scheduled for May 26 to June 3, 2018, sponsored by the American Israel Education Foundation.

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 (State Department) has issued a travel warning concerning travel to Israel, The West Bank, and Gaza, available at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/israel-west-bank-and-gaza-travel-advisory.html>. You may wish to contact the State Department regarding the safety of your proposed trip.

Ms. Anna R. Vetter
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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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4. Names of Travelers

1. Kwamme Anderson, Deputy Chief of Staff, Rep. Yvette Clarke (D-NY)
2. Rebecca Bryant, Communications Director, Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA)
3. Courtney Callejas, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA)
4. Anthony Lemma, District Director, Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY)
5. Mike Lucier, Legislative Director, Rep. Nanette Barragan (D-CA)
6. Dan Marrow, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ)
7. Michael McCabe, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)
8. Sarah Miller, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL)
9. Katie Morley, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Steve Womack (R-AR)
10. Hilary Pinegar, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Jason Smith (R-MO)
11. Nathaniel Sans, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Peter Visclosky (D-IN)
12. Patrick Thompson, Military Legislative Assistant, Rep. Robert Wittmann (R-VA)
13. Daniel Tidwell, Legislative Director, Rep. Charles Fleischmann (R-TN)
14. Anna Vetter, Legislative Director, Rep. David Valadao (R-CA)
15. Whitney Verett, Legislative Director, Rep. Mike Rogers (R-AL)

American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
Congressional Staff
May 26 – June 3, 2018

Breakdown of Other Expenses

Security: \$1,103.71 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: \$805.02 per person

-Honoraria for guest speakers

Meals for contract staff and speakers: \$287.43 per person

Hotels for contract staff (tour guide, bus driver, security guards): \$263.29 per person

Tour Guide: \$238.74 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.

Room Rentals: \$231.45 per person

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

Transportation for survey of Golan Heights: \$59.88

Transportation for contract staff and speakers: \$51.36 per person

Entrance Fees: \$44.90 per person

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

Photography: \$30.78 per person

-On each trip we take a group photo with a professional photographer

Other: \$16.95 per person

-Briefing materials, miscellaneous

Tips: \$7.02 per person

-Tips for hotel staff

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House Invitees and Explanations
updated April 25, 2018

Kwamme Anderson, Deputy Chief of Staff, Rep. Yvette Clarke (D-NY)

As a Deputy Chief of Staff for the U.S. House of Representatives, this invitee is consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran's affairs. The AIEF Israel Seminar will explore these issues in depth on the trip, in order to educate the staffer and provide them on-the-ground context for events throughout the region, as well as the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that work in relevant issue areas.

Luci Arveseth, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Chris Stewart (R-UT)

As a Legislative Assistant for the U.S. House of Representatives, this invitee is consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran's affairs. The AIEF Israel Seminar will explore these issues in depth on the trip, in order to educate the staffer and provide them on-the-ground context for events throughout the region, as well as the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel. Additionally, Luci Arveseth serves as Legislative Assistant to a member of the relevant House Appropriations Committee and House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

Rebecca Bryant, Communications Director, Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA)

As a Communications Director for the U.S. House of Representatives, this invitee is consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran's affairs. The AIEF Israel Seminar will explore these issues in depth on the trip, in order to educate the staffer and provide them on-the-ground context for events throughout the region, as well as the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel. Additionally, Rebecca Bryant serves as Communications Director to a member of the relevant House Armed Services Committee.

Courtney Callejas, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA)

As a Legislative Assistant for the U.S. House of Representatives, this invitee is consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security,

cybersecurity, and veteran's affairs. The AIEF Israel Seminar will explore these issues in depth on the trip, in order to educate the staffer and provide them on-the-ground context for events throughout the region, as well as the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that work in relevant issue areas.

Anthony Lemma, District Director, Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY)

As a District Director for the U.S. House of Representatives, this invitee is consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran's affairs. The AIEF Israel Seminar will explore these issues in depth on the trip, in order to educate the staffer and provide them on-the-ground context for events throughout the region, as well as the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel. Additionally, Anthony Lemma serves as District Director to a member of the relevant House Appropriations Committee.

Jonathan Lowe, Legislative Director, Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH)

As a Legislative Director for the U.S. House of Representatives, this invitee is consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran's affairs. The AIEF Israel Seminar will explore these issues in depth on the trip, in order to educate the staffer and provide them on-the-ground context for events throughout the region, as well as the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel. Additionally, Jonathan Lowe serves as Legislative Director to a member of the relevant House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Dan Marrow, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ)

As a Legislative Assistant for the U.S. House of Representatives, this invitee is consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran's affairs. The AIEF Israel Seminar will explore these issues in depth on the trip, in order to educate the staffer and provide them on-the-ground context for events throughout the region, as well as the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that work in relevant issue areas.

Michael McCabe, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

As a Legislative Assistant for the U.S. House of Representatives, this invitee is consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran's affairs. The AIEF Israel Seminar will explore these issues in depth on the trip, in order to educate the staffer and provide them on-the-ground context for events throughout the region, as well as the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel.

Additionally, Michael McCabe serves as Legislative Assistant to a member of the relevant House Foreign Affairs Committee and House Homeland Security Committee.

Sarah Miller, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL)

As a Legislative Assistant for the U.S. House of Representatives, this invitee is consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran’s affairs. The AIEF Israel Seminar will explore these issues in depth on the trip, in order to educate the staffer and provide them on-the-ground context for events throughout the region, as well as the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel. Additionally, Sarah Miller serves as Legislative Assistant to a member of the relevant House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Katie Morley, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Steve Womack (R-AR)

As a Legislative Assistant for the U.S. House of Representatives, this invitee is consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran’s affairs. The AIEF Israel Seminar will explore these issues in depth on the trip, in order to educate the staffer and provide them on-the-ground context for events throughout the region, as well as the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel. Additionally, Katie Morley serves as Legislative Assistant to a member of the relevant House Appropriations Committee.

Hilary Pinegar, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Jason Smith (R-MO)

As a Legislative Assistant for the U.S. House of Representatives, this invitee is consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran’s affairs. The AIEF Israel Seminar will explore these issues in depth on the trip, in order to educate the staffer and provide them on-the-ground context for events throughout the region, as well as the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that work in relevant issue areas.

Nathaniel Sans, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Peter Visclosky (D-IN)

As a Legislative Assistant for the U.S. House of Representatives, this invitee is consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran’s affairs. The AIEF Israel Seminar will explore these issues in depth on the trip, in order to educate the staffer and provide them on-the-ground context for events throughout the region, as well as the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel. Additionally, Nathaniel Sans serves as Legislative Assistant to a member of the relevant House Appropriations Committee.

Patrick Thompson, Military Legislative Assistant, Rep. Robert Wittmann (R-VA)

As a Military Legislative Assistant for the U.S. House of Representatives, this invitee is consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran’s affairs. The AIEF Israel Seminar will explore these issues in depth on the trip, in order to educate the staffer and provide them on-the-ground context for events throughout the region, as well as the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel. Additionally, Patrick Thompson serves as Military Legislative Assistant to a member of the relevant House Armed Services Committee.

Daniel Tidwell, Legislative Director, Rep. Charles Fleischmann (R-TN)

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Anna Vetter, Legislative Director, Rep. David Valadao (R-CA)

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Whitney Verett, Legislative Director, Rep. Mike Rogers (R-AL)

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**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
United States Congressional Staff
May 26 – June 3, 2018**

FINAL ITINERARY

Saturday, May 26, 2018

4:50 PM Depart DCA

6:20 PM Arrive Newark

10:50 PM Depart Newark

Sunday, May 27, 2018

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

En route:
Shalom Jerusalem: Introduction to the History of the City

6:00 PM Check into the Inbal Hotel

7:00 PM Depart for dinner

7:15-8:00 PM *Setting the Stage*
Welcome and orientation
- at Touro Restaurant

8:00-9:45 PM *State of the Nation*
Dinner with David Horovitz
Founding Editor, *The Times of Israel*
- at Touro Restaurant

9:45 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

Monday, May 28, 2018

7:45 AM Breakfast is served
- at the hotel

8:00-9:00 AM	<i>Israel's Political Map</i> Breakfast with Professor Reuven Hazan Department of Political Science, the Hebrew University
9:15 AM	Depart
9:30 AM-12:15 PM	<i>Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part I: The Old City and Holy Basin</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of David ▪ Southern Wall Excavations ▪ Western Wall ▪ Church of the Holy Sepulchre
12:15-1:00 PM	Lunch - at the Golden Panoramic Restaurant
1:00 PM	Depart
1:15-2:15 PM	<i>Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part II: Post-1967 Neighborhoods & the Security Barrier</i>
2:15 PM	Depart for hotel
2:45-3:45 PM	<i>Israel-Palestinian Authority Relations in the Trump Era</i> Meeting with Dr. Tal Becker Principal Deputy Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs - at the Crowne Plaza Hotel
4:00 PM	Depart for the Knesset
4:15 PM	Security check
4:45-6:00 PM	<i>Israeli Democracy in Action</i> Meetings with Members of Knesset (MKs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Honorable Sharren Haskel from the Likud Party – the Coalition ▪ The Honorable Pnina Tamano-Shata from the Zionist Union Party – the Opposition - at the Knesset, Negev hall
6:00 PM	Depart for hotel
7:15 PM	Depart for dinner

- 7:30-9:30 PM *Tikkun Olam – Israel Around the World*
Dinner with:
- Tzameret Fuerst, Circ MedTech
 - Sally Oren, IsraAID
 - Tamar Shapira, Save a Child's Heart
-at La Guta Restaurant
- 9:30-10:15 PM *A View from East Jerusalem*
Dessert with Rami Nazzal
Journalist, Time Magazine
-at La Guta Restaurant
- 10:30 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel
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Tuesday, May 29, 2018

- 6:30-8:15 AM Check out
Luggage in the lobby
Breakfast on own in the main dining room
- 8:15 AM Depart for Yad Vashem
- 8:45-11:00 AM *Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust*
Guided visit to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum
- 11:15 AM Depart
- 11:45 AM-1:30 PM *A View from the Palestinian Authority*
Lunch with Nidal Fqaha
Director General, Palestinian Peace Coalition/ Geneva Initiative,
Palestinian Authority
- at the American Colony Hotel
- 1:30 PM Depart
- 2:15-3:15 PM *A View from the Prime Minister's Office*
David Keyes, International Media Advisor,
Office of the Prime Minister
- at the Crown Plaza Hotel
- 3:15 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

4:30 PM Check into the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv

6:30-7:30 PM *The Jewish State at 70*
Meeting with Dr. Einat Wilf
Former Member of Knesset,
Senior Fellow, the Jewish People Policy Institute
- at the hotel

7:45 PM Depart for dinner

8:00-9:45 PM *The Israeli Mosaic*
Dinner with:

- Miriam Ballin, United Hatzalah
- Dan Slijper, LGBT Caucus, Yesh Atid Party
- Racheli Yaso-Ngatuo, Outreach Coordinator,
Yemin Orde Youth Village
- Reem Younis, Co-founder, Alpha Omega Company

- at Lumina

10:00 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv

Wednesday, May 30, 2018

7:45 AM Breakfast served
- at the hotel, private room

8:00-9:00 AM *Minority Rights in Israel*
Breakfast with Mohammad Darwashe
Director of Planning Equality & Shared Society,
Givat Haviva Educational Center
- at the hotel, private room

9:00 AM Session ends

9:30 AM Depart for Israel's South

10:45-11:30 AM *The Violence at the Gaza-Israel Border*
Briefing at Barzalai Medical Center
-in Ashkelon

11:45 AM-12:30 PM *Living in the Shadow of Rockets*
Briefing by Mayor Tomer Glom, and Chief Security Officer Yossi Greenfeld
City of Ashkelon
-at the City of Ashkelon Situation Room

12:30 PM	Depart
12:45 – 2:00 PM	<i>Life on the Border with Gaza</i> Lunch with Chen Kotler-Abrahams Resident, Kibbutz Kfar Aza -at Space, Moshav Emunim
2:00 PM	Depart for Tel Aviv
3:30-4:00 PM	<i>360° Bird's Eye View of Israel</i> Briefing at the Azrieli Center Helipad
4:15-5:15 PM	<i>Regional Strategic Briefing: Syria and Iraq</i> Meeting with Dr. Jonathan Spyer Freelance correspondent, security analyst for IHS Janes - at the Crowne Plaza Azrieli Hotel, Business Traklin, Room D
5:45 PM	Return to hotel
7:30 PM	Depart for dinner
7:45-9:45 PM	<i>Start-Up Nation</i> Dinner with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gill Beeri, Business Development Director, OrCam ▪ Gideon Ben-Zvi, Chairman & Co-Founder, BriefCam ▪ Cathy Sebag, Product Validation Manager, MobileODT ▪ Yonit Golub Serkin, Director of Partnerships, MassChallenge Israel
10:00 PM	Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv PLEASE PREPARE FOR NEXT MORNING'S DEPARTURE

Thursday, May 31, 2018

6:30-7:45 AM	Check out Luggage in the lobby
7:30 AM	Breakfast served - at the hotel, private room
7:45-8:45 AM	<i>Regional Threats Assessment Post-JCPOA</i> Breakfast with Brig. Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel Former Director, Counter Terrorism Bureau Prime Minister's Office - at the hotel

9:00-9:45 AM	<i>Settlements in Focus, Part I:</i> Meetings with Yariv Oppenheimer, Former CEO, Peace Now - at the hotel
10:00-10:45 AM	<i>Settlements in Focus, Part II:</i> Meeting with Oded Revivi, Mayor, Efrat - at the hotel
11:00 AM	Depart for Israel's North
11:45 AM-12:15 PM	<i>Israel's Narrow Waistline – Strategic Concerns</i> - Briefing at Alfei Menashe
12:15 PM	Depart
12:30-1:15 PM	Lunch - at Camelia Restaurant
1:15-4:15 PM	<i>En route briefings:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>The Jezreel Valley – Strategic Land Bridge Between Africa and Asia</i> ▪ <i>Upper Galilee – Potential for Development</i>
4:15-5:30 PM	<i>Northern Exposure Part I: Hizballah Next Door</i> Strategic briefing on Israel's border with Lebanon With Lt. Col. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi, IDF Northern Command - at Alma Research and Education Center, Tefen Industrial Park
5:30 PM	Depart
6:30 PM	Check into the Nof Ginosar Hotel
7:30 PM	Depart for dinner
7:45-9:45 PM	<i>Reflections of the Week</i> Dinner and discussion - at Decks Restaurant
10:00 PM	Overnight at Nof Ginosar Hotel PLEASE PREPARE FOR NEXT MORNING'S DEPARTURE

Friday, June 1, 2018

- 6:30-8:15 AM Check out
Luggage in the lobby
Breakfast on own in the main dining room
- 8:30 AM Depart
- 9:00-11:00 AM *Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee*
Visits to historical and religious sites around the Sea of Galilee
- Mt. of Beatitudes – Sermon on the Mount
 - St. Peter’s Church
 - Capernaum – Jesus’s Village
- 11:00 AM Travel to the Golan Heights
- 12:00-1:30 PM *Northern Exposure Part II: Syria Next Door*
Strategic survey of Israel’s border with Syria
With Cpt. (Res.) Ilan Shulman
- at Kibbutz Ein Zivan
- 1:30-2:30 PM Lunch
- at HaBokrim Restaurant
- 2:30-5:30 PM Depart
Travel back to Jerusalem via the Jordan Valley
- En route briefings:*
- *Israel’s Relations with Jordan*
 - *Jordan’s Syrian Refugee Crisis*
- 5:30 PM Check into the Inbal Hotel
- 7:00 PM Depart for dinner
- 7:15-9:15 PM *Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem*
Sabbath dinner hosted by Tom and Susan Sawicki
-at their home in Jerusalem
- 9:15 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

Saturday, June 2, 2018

- 7:45 AM Breakfast on own
- at the main dining hall

8:00-9:30 AM	Depart
	<i>En route briefings:</i>
	▪ <i>Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor</i>
	▪ <i>The Dead Sea Region – Environmental Concerns</i>
9:45-11:45 AM	<i>History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire</i> Guided visit to the National Archeological Park at Masada
12:00-2:00 PM	<i>Exploration of the Dead Sea Region</i> Followed by lunch - at Herods Hotel
2:00 PM	Depart for Jerusalem
3:45 PM	Return to hotel
5:30 PM	Check out Luggage on the bus
6:00-8:00 PM	<i>The U.S.-Israel Relationship – Bringing it all Together</i> Closing dinner - at Cielo Restaurant
8:00 PM	Depart for the airport
11:10 PM	Depart Tel Aviv

Sunday, June 3, 2018

4:10 AM	Arrive Newark
8:33 AM	Depart Newark
9:59 AM	Arrive DCA