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Committee on Ethics

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EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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: David Sitcovsky

2. a. Name of accompanying relative: _____ *or* None ■
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____

3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: June 30, 2018 Return: July 8, 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

6. Describe meetings and events attended: Met with numerous experts, officials, and leaders in a variety of fields on topics ranging from security, politics, the economy, and health care in 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: _____ DATE: 7/23/18

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: Rep. John B. Larson DATE: 7/23/18

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: _____

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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.

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

1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
2. Travel Destination(s): Israel
3. Date of Departure: June 30, 2018 Date of Return: July 8, 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	$8,233.09	$1,875.71	$1,224.30	$3,662.82 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: X

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: David Sitcovsky

2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

3. Travel destination(s): Israel

4. a. Date of departure June 30, 2018 Date of return: July 8, 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 Chief of Staff, I advise the member on a range of policy decisions, including on foreign policy. This trip provides a first-hand and in-depth understanding of Israel's current political and security situation.

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: 5/31/2018

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: June 30, 2018 Date of return: July 8, 2018

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: _____

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 evebning meal which is held at a private home - this dinner is funded solely by AIEF.

13. *Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.*
    a. Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☐ Bus ☒ Car ☐ Other ☒ (Specify: taxi)
    b. Class of travel: Coach ☐ Business ☒ First ☐ Charter ☒ Other ☐ (Specify: charter bus)
    c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
    n/a

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):
    $149 (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.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
    Hotel name: Orient City: Jerusalem Cost per night: $316
    Reason(s) for selecting: location and affordability
    Hotel name: Sheraton City: Tel Aviv Cost per night: $289
    Reason(s) for selecting: location and affordability
    Hotel name: Nof Ginosar City: Tiberias Cost per night: $211
    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:

☐ actual amounts ☒ good faith estimates	Total *Transportation* Expenses per Participant	Total *Lodging* Expenses per Participant	Total *Meal* Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	$7,944.60	$1,737	$1,046
For each accompanying relative	n/a	n/a	n/a

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (*e.g.*, taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	$2,624.41	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: X

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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June 28, 2018

Mr. David Sitcovsky
Office of the Honorable John B. Larson
1501 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Sitcovsky:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel,[1] scheduled for June 30 to July 8, 2018, sponsored by 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.

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[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.

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. Bertha Guerrero, Chief of Staff, Rep. Jimmy Gomez (D-CA)
2. Matt Hutson, Chief of Staff, Rep. Bruce Poliquin (R-ME)
3. John McCarthy, Chief of Staff, Rep. Brendan Boyle (D-PA)
4. Kelsey Moran, Chief of Staff, Rep. Lois Frankel (D-FL)
5. Jon Pyatt, Chief of Staff, Rep. Cheri Bustos (D-IL)
6. David Sitcovsky, Chief of Staff, Rep. John Larson (D-CT)
7. Austin Weatherford, Chief of Staff, Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-IL)
8. Jeremy Tittle, Chief of Staff, Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA)
9. Devin Wiser, Chief of Staff, Rep. Robert Bishop (R-UT)

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Final Breakdown of Other Expenses

Security: $1,344.13 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: $858.03 per person
-Honoraria for guest speakers

Hotels for contract staff (tour guide, bus driver, security guards): $395.31 per person

Tour Guide: $369.17 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.

Meals for contract staff and speakers: $302.88 per person

Room Rentals: $185.25 per person
-The cost of renting rooms at hotels and restaurants for meetings and meals with speakers.

Entrance Fees: $63.81 per person
-Several sites require an entrance fee, including the southern Western Wall excavations and the holy sites around the Sea of Galilee.

Transportation in the Golan Heights: $54.22

Photography: $33.93 per person
-On each trip we take a group photo with a professional photographer

Transportation for contract staff and speakers: $25.74 per person

Other: $21.75 per person
-Briefing materials, miscellaneous

Tips: $8.60 per person
-Tips for hotel staff

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Final Itinerary

Saturday, June 30, 2018

5:04 PM	Depart Dayton, OH (J.D. Grom only)
5:20 PM	Depart Union Station
7:00 PM	Arrive Newark (J.D. Grom only)
8:25 PM	Arrive Newark
10:50 PM	Depart Newark

Sunday, July 1, 2018

5:05 PM	Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport
5:05-6:30 PM	Transfer to Jerusalem
6:30 PM	Check-in to The Orient Hotel
6:45 PM	Depart for dinner
7:30-8:00 PM	*Setting the Stage* Orientation with Cameron Brown, Director of AIEF Israel - at Touro
8:00-9:45 PM	*State of the Nation* Dinner with David Horovitz Editor, *Times of Israel* - at Touro
9:45-10:30 PM	*Shalom Jerusalem* Introduction to the History of the City Brief walking survey
10:30 PM	Overnight at the Orient Hotel

Monday, July 2, 2018

7:30 AM	Breakfast is served - at the hotel
8:00-9:00 AM	*Israeli Palestinian Negotiations – An Update* Breakfast with Dr. Tal Becker Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs - at the hotel
9:00 AM	Depart for Strategic Survey of Jerusalem
9:15 AM-12:45 PM	*Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part I:* *The Historic and Holy Basin* Guided tour of the Old City of Jerusalem
12:45 PM	Depart
1:45-2:45 PM	*Israel's Political Map* Lunch with Dr. Cameron Brown Director, AIEF Jerusalem
3:00 PM	Depart for the Knesset
3:30 PM	Security check
4:00-4:45 PM	Meeting with the Honorable Stav Shaffir Member of Knesset, Zionist Union Party -at the Knesset
5:00-5:30 PM	Meeting with the Honorable Naftali Bennett Minister of Education and Diaspora Affairs, Leader, The Jewish Home Party - at the Knesset
6:00-7:15 PM	*Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part I:* *The Historic and Holy Basin* Guided tour of the Old City of Jerusalem
7:45 PM	Depart for dinner
8:00-10:00 PM	Dinner - at Tali's Atelier
10:00 PM	Overnight at the Orient Hotel

Tuesday, July 3, 2018

7:30 AM	Breakfast on own - at the hotel
8:30 AM	Depart for Yad Vashem
9:00-11:00 AM	*Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust* Guided tour of Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum
11:00 AM	Depart for the American Colony Hotel
11:30 AM-1:00 PM	*A View from the Palestinian Authority* Lunch with Dr. Saeb Erekat Palestinian Peace Coalition/Geneva Initiative, Palestinian Authority - at the American Colony Hotel
1:00 PM	Depart
1:30-2:30 PM	*A View from the Prime Minister's Office* Meeting with David Keyes International Media Advisor, Office of the Prime Minister - at the Crowne Plaza Jerusalem Hotel
2:30 PM	Depart for Tel Aviv
4:00-5:00 PM	*Why a Jewish State?* Meeting with Dr. Einat Wilf Senior Research Fellow, The Jewish People Policy Institute (JPPI) Former Member of Knesset -at the Sheraton Tel Aviv hotel
5:00 PM	Check-in to the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel
7:30 PM	Depart for dinner
8:00-10:00 PM	*Tikkun Olam- Repairing the World* Dinner with ▪ Naty Barak, Netafim ▪ Hagit Krakov, Israid ▪ Dr. Ofer Merin, Emergency Response from Haiti to Syria ▪ Sivan Ya'ari, Innovation Africa - at Quattro
10:00 PM	Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

Wednesday, July 4, 2018

7:45 AM	Breakfast is served - at the hotel
8:00-9:15 AM	*Regional Strategic Threats* Meeting with Brig. Gen. (res) Nitzan Nuriel Immediate Past Director, Counter-Terrorism Bureau, Prime Minister's Office - at the hotel
9:15 AM	Depart
10:00-11:30 AM	Visit to Palmachim Air Force Base -Palmachim
11:30 AM	Depart
12:30-2:00 PM	*How Israeli Armament Innovations Defend the U.S.* Lunch with Ari Sacher Former Iron Dome Systems Project Manager, Rafael Advanced Defense Systems -at Deca
2:00 PM	Depart
2:30-4:00 PM	*Save a Child's Heart* Meet with Dr. Zion Houri and Visit the Recovery Home - at Wolfson Medical Center
4:00 PM	Depart
4:45-5:30 PM	*Life Under the Threat of Rocket Fire* Meeting with Chen Abrahams Local Resident, Kibbutz Kfar Aza -at the Sheraton Tel Aviv hotel
5:45-6:45 PM	Strategic Overview: Syrian Civil War Meeting with Dr. Jonathan Spyer Fellow, Middle East Forum Middle East Analyst and Correspondent -at the Sheraton Tel Aviv hotel
6:45 PM	Depart hotel

7:00-7:30 PM	*360° Bird's Eye View* Briefing from the Azrieli Tower Rooftop
7:30 PM	Depart for Dinner
8:00-10:00 PM	*The Israeli Mosaic* Dinner with ▪ Professor Dov Chernichovsky, Israel's Health Care System ▪ Moshe Friedman, Founder, KarmaTech ▪ Pnina Radai, Director of Training Programs, National school of Government, CSC - Israel Civil Service ▪ Dan Slijper, LGBT Activist -at Spoons Salon
10:00 PM	Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

Thursday, July 5, 2018

7:30 AM	Breakfast on your own - at the hotel
8:00 AM	Depart
8:30-9:30 AM	*Start-Up Nation* Panel Discussion, moderated by Dr. Cameron Brown, with ▪ Jordana Cutler, Facebook ▪ Dov Maisel, United HaTzalah ▪ Dr. Oren Milstein, StemRad ▪ Eliav Rodman, Orcam - at Facebook Israel
9:30 AM	Depart
10:30-11:00 AM	*Israel's Narrow Waistline – Strategic Concerns* Briefing at Alfei Menashe
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	*Israeli Settlements in Focus* Briefing with Oded Ravivi, Mayor of Efrat Yariv Oppenheimer, immediate past head, Peace Now -at Alfei Menashe Matnas

12:00-1:30 PM	Depart En route briefings: ▪ *The Jezreel Valley –* *The Strategic Land Bridge connecting Asia and Africa* ▪ *Upper Galilee – Potential for Development*
1:30-3:00 PM	*Minority Rights in Israel* Lunch with Mohammad Darwashe Director of Planning, Equality and Shared Living Givat Haviva Educational Institute - at his home, Iqsal
3:30 PM	Depart
4:30-5:30 PM	*Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Lebanon and Hizballah* Briefing with Lt.-Col. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi Northern Border Expert - at Mt. Adir
5:45 PM	Depart
6:30 PM	Check-in to the U Boutique Hotel
7:45 PM	Depart for dinner
8:00-10:00 PM	*Reflections of the Week* Dinner and Discussion - at Decks
10:00 PM	Overnight at U Boutique Hotel

Friday, July 6, 2018

7:30 AM	Breakfast on own - at the hotel, Main Dining Hall
8:30 AM	Depart
9:00-11:00 AM	*Historical 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 ▪ Capernaum – Jesus' Village

11:00 AM	Depart for the Golan Heights
12:00-1:00 PM	*Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Syria* Strategic survey of Israel's border with Syria With Capt. (Res.) Ilan Shulman - at Kibbutz Ein Zivan
1:00 PM	Depart
1:15-2:30 PM	Lunch -at Habokrim
2:30-4:00 PM	Travel back to Jerusalem via the Jordan Valley En route briefings: ▪ *Strategic Survey* – Israel's Border with Jordan ▪ *The Jordan Valley* – Israel's Defensive Buffer Facing East
4:00-4:30 PM	*Jordan Gateway Industrial Park* Visit to join development project between Israel and Jordan
4:30-5:30 PM	Continue to Jerusalem
5:30 PM	Check-in to the Orient Hotel
7:15 PM	Depart for dinner
7:30-9:30 PM	*Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem* Traditional Sabbath evening dinner With Naomi and Jonathan Schachter-Price - at their home in Jerusalem
9:30 PM	Overnight at the Orient Hotel

Saturday, July 7, 2018

8:00 AM	Breakfast on own - at the hotel, Main Dining Hall
8:30-10:00 AM	Depart En route briefing: ▪ *Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor* ▪ *The Dead Sea Region – Environmental Concerns*

10:00 AM-12:30 PM	*History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire* Guided tour of the National Archeological Park at Masada
12:30-1:30 PM	*Exploration of the Dead Sea Region* - at Kalya Beach
1:30-2:30 PM	Lunch - at Kalya Beach
2:30 PM	Depart for Jerusalem
4:00 PM	Return to hotel Check out
6:00-8:00 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, July 8, 2018

4:10 AM	Arrive Newark
8:15 AM	Depart Newark (J.D. Grom only)
8:35 AM	Depart Newark
9:59 AM	Arrive Washington, D.C.
10:19 AM	Arrive Dayton, OH (J.D. Grom only)

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House Invitees and Explanations
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Joel Bailey, Chief of Staff, Rep. James Panetta (D-CA)
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J.D. Grom, Executive Director, New Democrat Coalition, Rep. Jim Himes (D-CT)
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Bertha Guerrero, Chief of Staff, Rep. Jimmy Gomez (D-CA)
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Kelsey Moran, Chief of Staff, Rep. Lois Frankel (D-FL)
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Devin Wiser, Chief of Staff, Rep. Robert Bishop (R-UT)
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