

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: Emma Mehrabi

2. a. Name of accompanying relative: _____ *or* None

b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____

3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: August 10, 2018 Return: August 18, 2018

b. Dates at personal expense (if any): _____ *or* None

4. Departure city: Washington, D.C. Destination: Tel Aviv Return city: Washington, D.C.

5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): J street

6. Describe meetings and events attended: Meetings with governmental officials in Israel, security meetings and briefing . _____

Tour of the cities, meetings with civil society people

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: Emma Mehrabi DATE: 10/29/2018

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: Barbara Lee DATE: 10/29/2018

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Barbara Lee

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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.

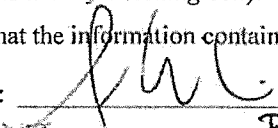
NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): J Street Education Fund
2. Travel Destination(s): Tel Aviv, Jerusalem
3. Date of Departure: Aug. 10, 2018 Date of Return: Aug. 18, 2018
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Please see addendum A.
(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	\$1,911.84	\$2,025.69	\$750.00	\$851.46 (details in addendum B)
Accompanying Relative				

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: Jeremy Ba-Ami Title: President

Organization: J Street Education Fund

I am an officer of the above-named organization (*signify statement is true by checking box*):

Address: P.O. Box 66073

Washington, DC, 20035

Telephone number: 202-448-1607

Email Address: madeleine@jstreet.org

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at (202) 225-7103.

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TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, *minus this initial page*, will be made available for public inspection. *Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392, sent or delivered to the Committee at 1015 Longworth, or e-mailed to travel.requests@mail.house.gov.*

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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 30 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.

Name of Traveler: Emma Mehrabi

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

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

Signature: 

Name of signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For staff, name of employing Member or committee: _____

Office address: 2267 Rayburn House Office Building

Telephone number: 202-225-2661

Email address of contact person: emma.mehrabi@mail.house.gov

- Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

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

Committee on Ethics
1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (fax)
Travel email: travel.requests@mail.house.gov

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Emma Mehrabi
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): J street
3. Travel destination(s): Israel and Palestine
4. a. Date of departure August 10, 2018 Date of return: August 18, 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 Legislative Director, this trip will help advise me on legislation for my boss related to Israel and Palestinian issue, U.S. foreign aid. Rep. Lee is on the SFOP's Appropriations Committee which funds these activities.
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

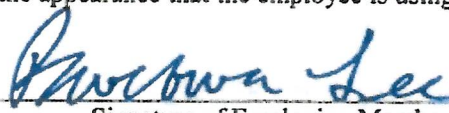
10. FOR STAFF TRAVELERS:

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: June 27, 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): _____
J Street Education Fund
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*):
3. *Check only one:* I represent that:
 - a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip *or*
 - b. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds *or*.
 - c. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds 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: _____
Len Hill Family Foundation
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 addendum A.
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
6. Date of departure: Aug. 10, 2018 Date of return: Aug. 18, 2018
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC
b. Destination(s): Tel Aviv, Jerusalem
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:

The J Street Education Fund (JSEF) is a non-profit organization that works to promote a nuanced understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. JSEF alone has planned this trip, chosen the list of attendees and shaped the itinerary. JSEF employees will be staffing the trip.

The Leonard Hill Charitable Trust is a non-profit foundation that supports nonprofit educational organizations like JSEF. The Len Hill Trust has given a grant to support JSEF's education trip program (including non-Congressional trips) but it has not been involved in the planning of this trip.

13. Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.

- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (Specify: _____)
- b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (Specify: _____)
- c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (signify that the statement is true by checking box):

15. 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): _____
\$75

2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____
We chose to visit Israel and the Palestinian Territory as it is important to see first-hand the complex issues related to the conflict.

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

Hotel name: David Intercontinental City: Tel Aviv Cost per night: \$321

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

Hotel name: Inbal Hotel City: Jerusalem Cost per night: \$305

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

Hotel name: _____ City: _____ Cost per night: _____

Reason(s) for selecting: _____

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

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$525
For each accompanying relative			

	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	Please see Addendum B	Please see Addendum B
For each accompanying relative		

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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: *Jess Smith*
 Name: Jessica Smith
 Title: Chief operating officer
 Organization: J Street Education Fund
 Address: P.O. Box 66073, Washington, DC 20035
 Telephone number: 202-448-1607
 Email address: madeleine@jstreet.org

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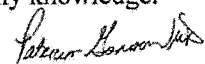
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GRANTMAKING TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by a public charity or private foundation (both as defined under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code) that provides a grant of funds to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.

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. I certify that (name of your organization): Leonard Hill Charitable Trust
has been designated a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service.
 Yes No
2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: J Street Education Fund, Inc
3. I certify that my organization (*complete a or b*):
- a. Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. *or*
- b. Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to
(destination) _____ on (date) _____ that is
being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor.
4. Check one:
- a. My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent *or*
- b. My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
5. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.
6. 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: Patricia Gordon Title: Administrative Trustee

Organization: Leonard Hill Charitable Trust

Address: 400 S Beverly Dr, #420, Beverly Hills, CA 90212

Telephone number: 310. 314. 8393 Email: pgordonmd11@gmail.com

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

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Ms. Emma Mehrabi
Office of the Honorable Barbara Lee
2267 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Mehrabi:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel,¹ scheduled for August 10 to 18, 2018, sponsored by the J Street Education Fund, with financial support from the Leonard Hill Charitable Trust.

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, *available at* <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/IsraeltheWestBankandGaza.html?wcmode=disabled>. You may wish to contact the State Department regarding the safety of your proposed trip.

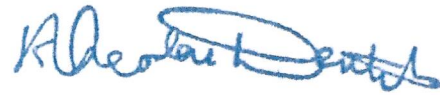
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If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,



Susan W. Brooks
Chairwoman



Theodore E. Deutch
Ranking Member

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Addendum B (Other Expenses)

Other Expenses	\$851.46
hostess	\$184.21
Hotel portorage, water, snacks on bus	\$50.00
Tour Guide (Old City)	\$21.41
Private meeting rooms	\$131.58
guests at meals	\$110.53
Danny Seidemann East Jerusalem Tour Fee	\$26.32
Ron Shatzberg Security Barrier Tour Fee	\$32.63
Independence Trail	\$18.42
Oslo Diaries Film Screening Fee	\$26.32
Rabin Center tour and entrance fee	\$28.47
Machane Yehuda Tour	\$44.74
Printing	\$13.68
Tips for guides and bus driver	\$105.26
Security + expenses	\$57.89

Addendum A

As Congressional staff, the following trip participants are asked to advise their bosses on legislation related to the issues that will be addressed on this trip surrounding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, US foreign aid and other policies related to Middle East issues.

- Aaron Weinberg, office of Rep. Jan Schakowsky
***please note that Aaron will be traveling a day early to avoid flying on Shabbat. Flight costs are comparable to the group flights and he will be paying for his lodging and food during the extra time he is there.*

- Betsy Dudley, office of Rep. Steve Cohen
- Briana Marticorena, office of Rep. Ellison
- Chris Gaspar, office of Sen. Dianne Feinstein
- Erica DiCio, office of Rep. John Yarmuth
- James Huddleston, office of Rep. Peter DeFazio
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- Jonathan Martinez, office of Rep. Nydia Velazquez
- Kate Stotesbery, office of Rep. Lloyed Doggett
- Samantha Schifrin, office of Rep. David Price

Congressional Staff Delegation to Israel and the Palestinian Territory

August 10 - 18, 2018

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 10: TRAVEL

12:30 PM Flight departs IAD airport

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11: WELCOME

10:15 AM Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv

11:15 AM Drive to the David Intercontinental Hotel

11:45 AM Check-in

1:15 PM Meet on 2nd floor of David Intercontinental Hotel depart for lunch (by bus)

1:30 – 3:00 PM Welcome Lunch
The delegation's leaders will meet and introduce themselves, share their personal narratives and previous experiences relating to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, and outline their expectations for the week ahead. We will also review the itinerary and provide the framing for the program elements.

Location: Claro, 23 Ha'arbaa St., Tel Aviv-Yafo

3:15 PM Drive to Rothschild Blvd.

3:30 – 5:30 PM Independence Trail Walking Tour
It was here in Tel Aviv that the State of Israel was born. Participants will go on a historical walking tour that takes us from a Hebrew city to a Hebrew state, a trail that begins with the founding of Tel Aviv in 1909 and ends with the establishment of Israel in 1948. This tour will give historical context to the founding of the State of Israel and the early years of its establishment.

Guide: Itzik Dror, Tour Guide, Tel Aviv Global

5:30 PM Executive time

Hotel: David Intercontinental Hotel / 12 Kaufman Street, Tel Aviv/ +972-3-795-1111

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12: ISRAEL – HISTORICAL NARRATIVE AND SECURITY CHALLENGES

- 6:30 – 8:55 AM Buffet breakfast served at hotel
- 9:00 – 10:15 AM **Seminar: Israeli-Palestinian Conflict 101 (Part 1)**
This session will serve as an orientation, with the goal of framing the week ahead in light of the history, geography and political dynamics in the region.
Speaker: Yael Patir, J Street Israel Director
Location: Library Room - 3rd Floor of the Hotel
- 10:15 AM **Drive to Rabin Center**
- 10:45 - 12:30 PM **The Israeli Museum at the Rabin Center: A journey through Israel's modern history**
A docent will lead participants through the Israeli Museum at the Yitzhak Rabin Center, which presents two parallel stories: the history of Israel and Israeli society, and the biography of Yitzhak Rabin. This museum will give us a foundation for the rest of the trip's discussions of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The Museum exhibits focus on historical turning points in the country's development, presenting the conflicts, social challenges and dilemmas the country faced at that time. In preparation for our lunch discussion, this museum will teach us about how the modern state was born.
Location: The Israeli Museum, Rabin Center
- 12:30 – 2:00 PM **Lunch discussion – The Vision of Israel**
The modern State of Israel was born in 1948, based on an idea of reclaiming Jewish history and the Jewish people's right to self-determination. At lunch, we hear from MK Yael Cohen-Paran regarding the founding vision of Zionism that she most relates to, and we will reflect upon where we are today, and hear about her vision for the future of the State of Israel.
Speaker: MK Yael Cohen-Paran, Zionist Union
Location: Rabin Center
- 2:00 – 2:45 PM **Israeli-Palestinian Conflict 101 (continued)**
Speaker: Yael Patir, J Street Israeli Director
- 2:45 PM **Walk to The Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)**
- 3:00 – 4:00 PM **Two-State Solution? Where do we go from here?**

This session will serve to layout Israeli strategic interests in promoting the two-state solution given the geo-strategic developments and the emerging regional reality. We will also look at the steps that can be taken to promote the two-state solution in the current political environment.

Speaker: Adv. Gilead Sher, Founder, Blue White Future

Location: Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)

4:15 – 5:00 PM Meeting with MK Michal Rozin, Meretz

Hear from MK Michal Rozin from the Meretz Party about her top-line issues, including separation of religion and state, asylum seekers, human rights, and democracy, as well her opinions regarding the resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Location: INSS

5:15 PM – 6:15 PM Strategic Briefing: Regional Developments and Dynamics

We will receive a strategic security briefing from the former head of the IDF's Strategic Planning Division regarding strategic trends in the Middle East and challenges and opportunities for Israel within this continuously developing region.

Speaker: Brig. Gen. (ret.) Udi Dekel, Managing Director, INSS

Location: INSS

6:15 PM Drive to Hotel

6:30 - 7:15 PM Executive Time

7:30 – 9:30 PM Dinner with Young Israeli Social Entrepreneurs

In this dinner, we will have the opportunity to hear from young progressive Israeli social entrepreneurs working for an end to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and social change in Israeli society in a variety of different sectors.

Guest Speakers:

Mikhael Manekin, Israel Director, Alliance for Israel's Future

Hila Aloni Ohayon, Standing Together

Michal Gera-Margalio, Managing Director, Israel Women's Network

Nasreen Hadad Haj-Yahya, Co-Director of the Arab-Jewish Relations Program, Israel Democracy Institute

Tomer Pines, Chair, Young Labor

Location: Goshen, 30 Nachalat Binyamin, Tel Aviv

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MONDAY, AUGUST 13: GOING SOUTH - GAZA

**Logistical note: We will be checking out of the hotel today. Before we meet, please (1) bring your luggage to the 2nd floor to be loaded to the bus; (2) settle any additional items charged to your room at the front desk and (3) bring your passports with you.*

7:30 – 7:45 AM **Load luggage onto the bus (2nd floor)**

8:00 - 9:15 AM Breakfast: Gaza Briefing by Gisha

Gisha is an Israeli non-profit organization that works to protect the freedom of movement of Palestinians, especially Gaza residents. In this briefing, representatives from Gisha will give their assessment of the situation in Gaza from a human-rights perspective.

Speakers:

Tania Hary, Executive Director, Gisha

Mohammed Azaiza, Gaza Field Coordinator, Gisha

Location: Library Room - 3rd Floor of the Hotel

9:15 AM

Drive down south: Israeli-Palestinian Conflict 101 (Part 2)

En route to there will be a briefing on the bus lead by Yael Patir. The Road to Peace – an overview of peace-processes, agreements and core issues, as well as the US role in the conflict.

10:30 – 11:15 AM

Gaza Border Tour with IDF

The security briefing by the IDF on the Gaza border will acquaint us with the major security threats Israel faces on this southern border with Gaza.

Speaker: Lt. Col. Jonathan Conricus, Head of the International Media Branch of the IDF Spokesperson's Unit

11:30 PM – 12:30 PM Gaza Briefing by the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT)

A briefing by the IDF's Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories regarding the humanitarian situation in Gaza and the work that Israel is conducting in order to address the needs on the ground.

Speaker: Captain Lior Schweitzer, Infrastructure Officer at the Coordination and Liaison Administration to Gaza

Location: Erez Crossing

12:45 – 1:30 PM

Lunch in Kfar Aza with Alon Schuster, Head of Sha'ar HaNegev Regional Council

Location: Kibbutz Kfar Aza

1:30 - 2:30 PM

Tour of Kfar Aza

On the tour of Kfar Aza, an Israeli kibbutz 3 km east of Gaza border, we will learn about daily life in the Gaza Envelope region and discuss the effects of the ongoing rocket fire as well as the recent "fire-kites" from Gaza.

Speaker: Ophir Libstein, CEO of the Kibbutz Industries Association and resident of Kfar Aza

Location: Kfar Aza

2:30 PM

Drive to Jerusalem

5:00 – 6:00 PM

Briefing by the Office of the UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process

We will learn about UN agency work in the region, and have the opportunity to hear an analysis by the office of the Special Coordinator of the current situation on the ground and their understanding as to the appropriate actions for maintaining conditions that can be conducive for a future viable peace process.

Speaker: Nadav Greenberg, Political Affairs Officer

Location: UN Headquarters in Jerusalem

6:15 – 7:15 PM

Check-in to hotel

7:30 – 9:30 PM

Dinner with Israeli and Palestinian Peace and Human Rights Activists

At dinner, we will be joined by Israeli and Palestinian Peace and Human Rights leaders who will provide us with insights into the work they are doing to advance people-to-people cooperation and the protection of human rights for those affected by the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Guest Speakers:

Sarit Michaeli, International Advocacy Officer, B'Tselem

Bassam Aramin, International Spokesperson, Bereaved Families Forum

Dr. Gershon Baskin, Co-Founder and Co-Chairman, IPCRI

Shaqued Morag, Executive Director, Peace Now

Huda Abuarqoub, Regional Director, ALLMEP

Soulaiman Khatib, Combatants for Peace

Location: Olive and Fish, 2 Jabotinsky St, Jerusalem

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 14: ISRAELI POLITICS AND JERUSALEM

9:00 - 10:00 AM

Breakfast Briefing: Israeli Politics 101

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

Speaker: Boaz Rakocz, CEO & Founder, The Whistle

Location: Inbal Hotel

- 10:00 - 11:00 AM** **Tour of the Knesset**
Learn about the Israeli parliament, the Knesset, its legislative process, structure, and operation.
- 11:00 - 11:45 AM** **Meeting with MK Benny Begin, Likud**
Hear from MK Benny Begin about top-line issues in Israeli politics and his opinion regarding the resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
- Location:** Knesset
- 12:30 - 1:30 PM** **Meeting with the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs**
In this meeting, we will discuss Israel's foreign policy priorities and the relationship the MFA has with US Congress. Participants will also have the opportunity to ask questions about top-line foreign policy issues.
- Speaker:** Ambassador David Roet, Head of Bureau for North America Affairs
- Location:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 1:30 - 2:15 PM** **Lunch** en route to Inbal Hotel
- 2:30 - 3:30 PM** **Meeting with Rabbi Aryeh Lightstone, Special Advisor to the US Ambassador to Israel**
Hear from the Special Advisor to the US Ambassador to Israel regarding US policy in the region.
- Location:** Inbal Hotel
- 3:45 - 6:30 PM** **East Jerusalem Tour**
The final status of Jerusalem is considered to be one of the key issues to be negotiated in the resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Following the 1967 war, Israel annexed all of East Jerusalem, land which is beyond the Green Line and is inhabited predominantly by Palestinians. On this tour, we will visit areas of contention in East Jerusalem and evaluate the developments in Jerusalem and their impact on a potential solution for the core issue of Jerusalem.
- Guide:** Daniel Seidemann, Founder, Terrestrial Jerusalem
- 6:45 - 7:15 PM** **Visit JEST (Jerusalem Entrepreneurs Society and Technology) Hub in E. Jerusalem**
JEST is the first high-tech incubator in East Jerusalem. East Jerusalem has predominantly Arab neighborhoods and while the land was annexed by the State of Israel following the '67 war, the inhabitants have a different residency status than Palestinians living in the West Bank or Arab-Israelis living in Israel. We will hear from one of the incubator's project managers about its unique activity in cultivating high-tech initiatives and entrepreneurs from East Jerusalem.

Speaker: Rana Qutteineh, JEST Project Manager

7:30 - 9:30 PM

Dinner with Palestinian Business and Civil Society Leaders from Jerusalem
East Jerusalem has predominantly Arab neighborhoods and while the land was annexed by the State of Israel following the '67 war, the inhabitants have a different residency status than Palestinians living in the West Bank or Arab-Israelis living in Israel. We will meet with young Palestinians from the business and non-profit sectors and learn about their personal and professional journeys and how they relate to the complexity of E. Jerusalem.

Guest Speakers:

Bashar Azzeh, Advisor to the President of PLO Planning Center

Rana Qutteineh, JEST Project Manager

Mohammad Nasser Eldeen, National Program Director for SOS Children's Villages

Dima Abumaria, Journalist

Kamel Hussein, founder of the Ellam Tam Communications and Public Relations Company in Jerusalem

Moien Odeh, Attorney and Legal expert

Location: Ambassador Hotel

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15: SETTLEMENTS & SECURITY

6:30 – 8:30 AM Buffet breakfast served at hotel

8:30 - 9:30 AM Introduction to Settlement and Security Barrier Tour

In this session, we will discuss key terminology, core issues, and paths forward.

Speaker: Col. (res.) Ron Schatzberg, Senior Advisor, ECF (Economic Cooperation Foundation)

Location: Inbal Hotel

9:30 – 11:30 AM

Settlement and Security Barrier Tour

On the ground visit to settlements and the security barrier; understanding Israel's security concerns, the legal and international ramifications of settlement expansion, as well as potential territorial and security solutions.

Guide: Col. (res.) Ron Schatzberg

11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Meeting with Settlers

We will hear first-hand personal narratives from residents from Efrat regarding their ideological and political justifications for living over the Green Line.

Speaker: Yitzhak Sokoloff, resident of Efrat

Location: Efrat

12:30 PM Drive to Hebron

1:15 - 2:00 PM **Falafel Lunch in Hebron**

2:00 - 4:00 PM **Walking tour of Hebron**

Hebron is a city in the West Bank that can be considered a microcosm of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. On this walking tour of Hebron, we will visit the H2 area, see checkpoints in the city and see the Jewish settlement of Hebron.

4:00 PM Drive to S. Hebron Hills

4:30 - 6:30 PM

Tour of S. Hebron Hills and Visit to the Palestinian Village of Susya

Learn about the situation of Palestinians living in Area C of the West Bank in communities under pending demolition orders.

6:30 - 8:00 PM

Dinner in Susya

At dinner, we will be joined by residents of Susya and hear firsthand about daily life and the village's pending demolition order.

Speaker: Nasser Nawaja, Palestinian human rights activist from Susya

8:00 PM

Drive to Jerusalem

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 16: PALESTINIAN POLICY AND POLITICS

6:30 - 8:30 AM Buffet breakfast served at hotel

8:30 - 10:00 AM Drive to Rawabi

10:00 - 11:30 AM

Tour of Rawabi and meeting with Mr. Bashar Masri

Rawabi is Palestine's first planned development community. It seeks to provide opportunities for home ownership, employment, education and leisure all in one place. We will tour the construction site and meet with the project's visionary.

11:30 PM

Drive to Ramallah - Seminar on the bus: Palestinian Politics 101

This session will serve as an orientation to the Palestinian political system.

12:30 - 2:30 PM

Lunch with Palestinian Business Leaders

At lunch, we will be joined by a cadre of Palestinian business leaders. We will learn about the challenges the conflict presents to business development and will have a candid discussion about the Palestinian business sector's achievements and challenges.

Speakers:

Bashar Azzeh, Advisor to the President of PLO Planning Center
Amber Amleh, Ibtekar fund.
Adham Rishmawi, entrepreneur Christian Activists
Daren J, Zidan, Country Manager, Paces
Sarah Kuhail, GM is Al Nayzak NGO for innovation
Mohamad Khateeb, Young Business Leader

Location: Darna Restaurant, Ramallah

3:00 - 4:30 PM Meeting with Dr. Saeb Erekat, PLO Chief Negotiator

We will discuss the current state of affairs in Palestine and the PLO's political interests and positions with regard to negotiations and the diplomatic resolution of the conflict.

Location: Ramallah

4:30 - 5:15 PM Walking tour of Ramallah

Learn about the establishment of the city of Ramallah, its current political significance, the demographic composition of the city, its culture, and day-to-day life in the city.

Guide: Bashar Azzeh, Advisor to the President of PLO Planning Center

5:15 PM Drive back to Jerusalem

6:30 - 7:30 PM Executive time

7:45 - 9:45 PM Dinner and Screening of The Oslo Diaries

We will eat dinner as we watch the new documentary, The Oslo Diaries, which provides an account of 1,100 days of secret talks between Palestinians and Israelis as told by the people who were there at the table. Using the personal diaries of both Israeli and Palestinian participants, the film provides new insights into why peace keeps failing in the longest ongoing conflict of our times. This film gives additional context to the issues we are exploring on this trip. Yael Patir will lead us in a discussion following the film regarding the lessons learned from Oslo and paths forward.

Speaker: Yael Patir, J Street Israel Director

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 17: LOOKING FORWARD

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8:30 - 9:00 AM Walk to restaurant in German Colony

9:00 – 10:15 AM **Breakfast with Nathan Thrall, International Crisis Group**
The future of the US-Israel relationship and the potential role that the US can play in furthering the two-state solution under the current circumstances.

Location: Kafit, 36 Emek Refaim, Jerusalem

10:30 AM–11:45 PM **Promoting a Progressive Agenda for Change**
A presentation by Israeli progressive leaders about their strategies for political change in Israel. Each leader will present the basis for their theory of change. Participants will then have the opportunity to ask questions and engage in a discussion about the benefits and challenges relating to these different strategies.

Speakers:

Dr. Avner Inbar, Co-Chair and Co-Founder, Molad
Yehuda Greenfield-Gilat, Jerusalem Municipality Council Member

Location: Molad Offices

12:15 - 1:30 PM **Tour of Machane Yehuda Market**
The city of Jerusalem has changed hands many times throughout history. Many different peoples have laid claim to the city and call it home. On this tour, we will visit the biggest market in Jerusalem and one of the largest areas where the different cultures and societies intermingle. We will see first-hand how Jerusalemites from all backgrounds live, interact and engage in commerce and will sample local produce.

1:45 - 5:00 PM **Old City of Jerusalem Walking Tour**
Jerusalem's Old City contains important religious sites for three of the world's major religions. The status of Jerusalem and its holy sites is one of the key elements of a peace negotiation. On this tour, we will learn about the history of the city and understand the importance of these sites to the three main religions in the region.

Guide: Ilan Bloch, Teaching Israel

5:00 - 5:45 PM **Executive time**

6:00 – 8:00 PM **Farewell Dinner**

Each participant will have the opportunity to share their takeaways from their experiences over the past week and discuss how this will impact their work in the United States. We will review potential opportunities for action that support a diplomatic and peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Location: Mona, 12 Shmuel Hanagid, Jerusalem

8:30 PM **Drive to Ben Gurion Airport**

11:10 PM *Flight departs to US*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18: RETURN TO US

7:24 AM **Flight lands at IAD**