



U.S. House of Representatives COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form

Original Amendment

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, B-81 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.

- Name of Traveler: Zachary Wilkinson
- a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ OR None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
- a. Dates: Departure: 28 April 2019 Return: 5 May 2019
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR None
- Departure City: Washington, D.C. Destination: Israel Return City: Washington, D.C.
- Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Rebuilding Alliance
- Describe Meetings and Events Attended: We met with activists and community leaders engaged in work monitoring the occupation. We also met with some leaders in the Israeli Settlement community.
- Attached to this form are **each** of the following, signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box:
 - a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
 - the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms*;
 - page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; **and**
 - the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
- a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda.
Signify statement is true by checking the box:
b. If not, explain: We did not go to Gaza, as reflected in this amendment to the travel agenda.

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

Signature of Traveler: _____ Date: 9 May 2019

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. André Carson (IN-7) Date: 9 May 2019

Signature of Supervising Member: _____

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Rebuilding Alliance

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Rebuilding Alliance Leadership Learning Mission about Gaza, the West Bank, and Jerusalem

Goals of the Trip: To provide participants with an understanding of the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict with a focus on how the 70 years of occupation have affected Palestinians and Israelis, and led to current conditions. Particular attention will be given to the rights of Palestinian children and families to a home especially in the 62% of the West Bank under Israeli control, to food and economic security, to education, to safety, to legal rights, and to a future. The program will include discussion of how the peaceful aspirations of all can be furthered when Palestinians and Israelis both enjoy the benefits of basic human rights. This is an accompaniment tour in which Congressional staff are joined by constituents. Green Olive Collective is the tour operator selected by Rebuilding Alliance to present the following agenda.

Detailed Agenda for the Leadership Learning Mission departing Friday, April 27th and returning Saturday May 5th, 2018 Accommodations: Crown Plaza Hotel in Jerusalem

April 27th, Friday – Departure from Reagan International Airport DCA (most staff)

April 28th, Saturday - Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, TLV

- **15:00** Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv
- **16:00** Transit to Jerusalem, Crown Plaza Hotel, Check In
- **19:30-21:00** Welcome quiet dinner with Rebuilding Alliance trip overview welcome introduction by Donna Baranski-Walker, and Itamar Shapira, Green Olive Partners. Also, discussion of rules and guidelines of the trip, discussion of expectations of the participants.
- *Overnight, Crown Plaza Hotel in Jerusalem*

April 29th, Sunday – Jerusalem

- **08:00-09:00 Breakfast at hotel**
- **09:00-10:00** Briefing overview of the history of Jerusalem provided by Itamar Shapira, Green Olive Cooperative

- **10:00-10:15** pick-up from hotel to the Old City
- **10:15-13:15** Guided walking tour of Old City, Jerusalem facilitated by Green Olive Cooperative
 - This will include an overlook of the Wailing Wall, the Dome of the Rock and Al Aqsa Mosque, the Holy Sepulcher Church, and other significant religious, historical, and cultural sites and neighborhoods to help Congressional staffers and constituents begin to understand the varied aspirations of Palestinians and Israelis and provide a better understanding of what the New York Times calls, “a distinctly 20th-century story, with roots in colonialism, nationalism, and anti-Semitism.”
- **13:15-13:30 pick up from Jaffa Gate to Ein Karem**
- **13:30-14:30 lunch at Ein Karem**
 - This was a Palestinian Arab village in the Mandatory Palestine's Jerusalem subdistrict, until on July 16, 1948 during the 1948 War of Partition. Ein Kerem was one of the few depopulated Arab villages which survived the war with most of the buildings intact. The abandoned homes were resettled with new immigrants. For Palestinians, this is called a Nakba village and it is a village to which the former residents hope to someday return. We'll discuss the long-term implications of forced relocation and the possibility of return.
- **14:30-14:40** pick up from Ein Karem to Yad Vashem
- **14:40-17:00** visit to Yad Vashem: the World Holocaust Remembrance Center.
 - This private tour by Itamar Shapira, will focus on the importance of Holocaust remembrance in Israeli society and explore the impact of the Holocaust on aspects of the modern-day Israeli Palestinian conflict.
- **17:00-17:15** pickup from Yad Vashem to hotel

18:30-21:00 Supper at the hotel

Overnight, Crown Plaza Hotel in Jerusalem

April 30th, Monday - Greater Jerusalem and West Bank near Jerusalem

- **08:00-9:00** Breakfast
- **9:00-12:00** Yahav Zohar, senior guide at GOT, tour of Greater Jerusalem, possibly drive through the settlement of Maale Adumim, and possible visit with settlers.
 - **This tour will** describe annexation, settlements, walls, municipal reality and political implications.
- **12:00-13:30** Rabbi Jeremy Milgrom is one of the early members of Rabbis for Human Rights and has been a good friend of the Bedouin. He will offer insight and introductions about both societies and activities underway to sustain the village of Khan al Ahmar.
- **13:00-15:30** Lunch for all, prepared by the women of Khan al Ahmar
 - Discussion with the Village Council and with Khan Al Ahmar Women's Association about their plans following their hearing on April 25th before the High Court of Israel. The High Court of Israel will have heard Khan Al Ahmar's petitions as presented by their attorney, Shlomo Lecker, (1) to stop the forced

relocation of the Khan al Ahmar community to Jabel West and (2) on behalf of the other four communities who reside in the area and use the school, to prevent demolition because they will have no alternative for the education of their 140 children.

- **15:30-16:00** Travel back to the hotel through A Zaim checkpoint
- **18:30-19:30** Supper at hotel
- **20:00-22:00** Evening meeting with Rami Elhanan and Bassam Aramin of the Parents Circle; Jewish Israeli & Palestinian grieving parents.
 - We will hear their stories and explore the implications on 'recognition of the other' in a recent decision by the Israeli High Court to grant request of a group of Palestinian grieving parents to attend the Alternative Memorial Day commemoration, and discuss how that memorial proceeded.
Overnight, Crown Plaza Hotel in Jerusalem

May 1st, Tuesday - Al Aqaba Village, Jaba' Village, and Ramallah

- **8:00-9:00 *Tentative Hold*** Breakfast Meeting with American Consul General Jerusalem Staff. This meeting will include a discussion with Consulate staff about the State Department's role in Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza. Congressional staff will have the opportunity to ask questions about the "on the ground" operating environment. Topics of special interest to the delegation include: Palestinian Area C planning issues, human rights, child detentions, Gaza aid efforts, and the value of citizen diplomacy.
- **Israeli Atty. Netta Amar** will join us for this meeting. Atty. Netta Amar is an expert in human rights law and she represents Al Aqaba Village and many Palestinian villages facing Israeli demolition orders.
- **9:30-11:30** Travel to Al Aqaba Village
- **11:30-13:00** Meeting with Mayor Haj Sami Sadeq, tour of the village that shows what peace can look like.
 - In 2004, the Israeli Army issued demolition orders against all the homes in Al Aqaba Village and also against the medical clinic, the mosque, and the kindergarten that was built from contributions by hundreds of Americans. In 2008, the Israeli High Court ruled in favor of the village stating that 'for the time-being, the center of the village will remain standing.' In addition to the kindergarten and conference center, the village is home to the Ibn Rush'd Library, a mosque with double minarets in the shape of a peace sign, a tea factory, a cheese factory, and most recently, many new homes built with village-issued building permits, the first in Area C. All guests who come in peace are welcome.
- **13:00-14:30** Lunch prepared by Al Aqaba Rural Women's Association and discussion with the Women's Association
- **14:30-16:00** Transit to Jaba' Village

- **16:00-17:00** Visit Jaba' Village escorted by Architect Renad Shqeirah of RIWAQ, the Palestinian organization that is a center for the preservation of architectural heritage on the West Bank of Palestine.
 - This tour will show an antiquities restoration project, also show what happened when the Separation Wall was installed, separating the village from Jerusalem
- **17:40-19:30** Dinner at Darna Restaurant, Ramallah, hosted by the Rotary Club of Ramallah.
 - The Mapathon volunteers will join us for dinner. They are using OpenStreetMap to put Palestinian villages on the map and show shops and places of interest. This is especially important because local online maps such as Waze map the Israeli settlements but not the villages next door. Google Maps recently added the names of Palestinian villages in so-called Area C but detail is still lacking. Our speakers will explain the use of OpenStreetMap mapathons to help villagers add local names while inviting Americans to assist by mapping the roads and buildings visible via satellite.
- **20:00** Return to Hotel
Overnight, Crown Plaza Hotel in Jerusalem

May 2nd, Wednesday – Bethlehem and Susiya

- **07:30-8:30** Breakfast at hotel
- **8:30-9:15** Transit to Bethlehem
- **9:15-11:15** Visit to UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugee (UNRWA)'s AIDA Refugee Camp in Bethlehem and to the UNRWA school, with presentation by UNRWA by Scott Anderson, Director UNRWA Operations in the West Bank.
 - Here we hear about the scope and scale of UNRWA food, education, and emergency operations in the West Bank, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Israel, and Gaza and learn about the refugee crisis as a whole and discuss the consequences of President Trump's decision to cut over \$300Mil from the US budget provided UNRWA.
- **11:30-13:00** Visit the Church of Nativity in Bethlehem
 - Discussion will provide valuable historical and cultural context.
- **13:00-14:00** Travel to Palestinian Susiya, Palestinian Susiya, southern Hebron Hills
 - The Israel High Court decided that the Palestinian Village of Susiya can be demolished before its case is even heard. We'll hear their story and learn of their aspirations to recognize their master plan, to live without fear of demolition.
- **14:00-15:30** Lunch in the village, presentation by Fatma or Nasser Nawaja and Israeli Atty. Qamar Misriqi of Haqel who represents Susiya in its petitions before the Israeli High Court. Visit with Susiya villagers and friends of Susiya including the EAPPI Ecumenical Accompaniment Team, Villages Group, and Operation Dove / Christian Peacemaker Team, Ta'ayush, and Torat Tzedek.
- **16:00-17:00** Visit Al Tawane with Fatma Nawaja, a social worker employed by Rebuilding Alliance

- On March 25th and 30th, settlers attacked first an agricultural worker and then students on their way to school accompanied by internationals who sought to assure the safety of the children. In both cases, the settlers sent the victim to the hospital with badly broken legs. We will discuss what happened and explore the rule of law.
- **17:00-18:00** Return to Jerusalem
- **19:00-21:00** Supper at Hotel followed by discussion with Alon Cohen Lifschitz, Area C Coordinator with Israeli human rights group Bimkom: Planners for Planning Rights, about the 12,500 demolition orders pending against Palestinian homes, schools, barns, and water cisterns in so-called Area C. Alon will also provide an analysis of trends in Israeli law and the implications of recent changes in land law.

May 3rd, Thursday – Meet speakers from Gaza either in Gaza, in Israel, or via teleconference

Our goal overall is to explore how the peaceful aspirations of all can be furthered when Palestinians and Israelis both enjoy the benefits of basic human rights. Because the World Bank is reporting that the Gaza economy is close to collapse, we want our delegates to hear directly from Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Gaza and the UN to learn exactly what “close to collapse means” and to explore what action to take to ameliorate the starvation that will set in by July unless something changes. Rebuilding Alliance has worked with NGOs’ in Gaza since 2003, many of which are affiliated with the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees and Palestinian Non-Governmental Organizations. Rebuilding Alliance is currently working with five Palestinian NGOs in our program to send solar-powered lanterns to Gaza’s children, and we’ve precleared and sent 27,000 lanterns through the blockade so far. We want to speak directly with people who live in Gaza. At present, US Government employees are prohibited from travelling to Gaza. So we are planning as follows:

- Plan 1: Jerusalem. We have applied to bring our 13 speakers out of Gaza to meet with the team in Jerusalem and the UN team will also join us. Here is our list of NGO and UN speakers:
 1. Dr. Yasser abu-Jamei, Gaza Community Mental Health Programme
 2. Dr. Sami Owaida, Gaza Community Mental Health Programme
 3. Najah Ayash, Women's Project Center – Rafah
 4. Eid Shaqura, Al Basma Club for the Disabled
 5. Iyad al-Igel, Youth Vision Society
 6. Ziyad al-Abed, El-Amal Rehabilitation Society
 7. Neveen abu-Naser, Rebuilding Alliance
 8. Kareem Nasrallah, Rebuilding Alliance
 9. Mohammed Mansour, Rebuilding Alliance
 10. Ali al-Shekh, We Are Not Numbers
 11. Anas Jnena, We Are Not Numbers
 12. Ghada Ahmed, We Are Not Numbers
 13. Mohammed Arafat, We Are Not Numbers

14. Tarneem Form, We Are Not Numbers
15. Murad Matar, Youth Vision Society
16. Matthias Schmale, UNRWA Gaza Operations Director

UNRWA submitted these applications to the Israeli Government on April 11th however because Israel's review process currently takes 55 days, diplomatic assistance will be required to allow their permit to be reviewed in time to allow for their meeting with our delegation. As such, we have a back-up plan to bring our group to Ashkelon.

- Plan 2: Peres Center for Peace, Jaffa
Hold a teleconference to link our delegation to the speakers inside Gaza. Doable.
- Plan 3: Jerusalem or Peres Center for Peace, Jaffa
Bring the UN staff who have exit permits out to meet with us at a conference room – location dependent upon their availability.

Here is the detailed agenda for the day:

- **8:00-9:00 breakfast**
- **9:00-10:00** Travel to teleconference site (Jaffa) or in-person meeting site Jerusalem (see above).
- **10:30-12:30 Meeting with Gaza visitors or teleconference**
- **12:30-13:30 lunch** with Plan C teleconference with Gaza NGO's
- **13:30- 15:00** Drive to the Gaza area to meet with Israeli groups
- **15:00 – 16:00** Meeting with a spokesperson of the Regional Council of Israel's Shaar Ha Negev area
- **16:00-17:30** Meeting with Other Voice Sderot, possible – but not in Sderot so to remain in accordance with US State Dept Guidelines.
- **18:00-19:30** Dinner
- **19:30** Transit back to hotel
- **20:30** Debriefing at the hotel
- *Overnight, Crown Plaza Hotel in Jerusalem*

May 4th, Friday — About children's rights and the military justice system

- **07:00-08:00** Check-out
- **08:00-09:00** Breakfast
- **09:00-10:30** meeting overview with Ivan Karakashian, Defense of Children International. A key goal of our Leadership Learning Mission is to promote the rights of Palestinian children. Defense of Children Int'l provides legal support for Palestinian children and documents violations of international law.
- **10:00-11:15** Departure for Hebron
- **11:15-12:00** Christian Peacemakers Teams (CPT)- Our goal is to explore how the peaceful aspirations of all can be furthered when Palestinians and Israelis both enjoy the

benefits of basic human rights. We chose to hear from CPT because CPT places teams at the invitation of local peacemaking communities that are confronting situations of lethal conflict. Their mission is to follow God's Spirit as it works through local peacemakers who risk injury and death by waging nonviolent direct action to confront systems of violence and oppression and Itamar Shapira of Green Olive Cooperative will be assisting by speaking in the Jewish-only areas.

- **12:00-14:30** Tour of Hebron by Hisham Sharabati from Al Haq, in their office and rooftop view of Hebron Al Haq is an independent, Palestinian Non-Governmental human rights organization based in Ramallah, established to protect and promote human rights and the rule of law in the occupied Palestinian territories. Al Ahaq has special consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council.
 - The issue of Palestinian homes being taken over by Israeli settlers is prevalent in Hebron. An understanding of the city will help the delegation to understand why this is occurring.
- **14:30-15:30** Visit with one or two families whose children are in Israeli military jails to hear their experiences first hand;
- **15:30-16:30** Transit to Jaffa;
- **17:00-18:00** Meet with Member of the Knesset Ayman Ouda, Head of Arab Joint Lists to discuss his experience as an Arab member of the Israeli Knesset. Danny Seidemann may join: Atty. Seidemann is a leading Israeli expert on the politics of Jerusalem and how the city will fit into a two-state resolution. In the wake of the President's decision to move the US Embassy to Jerusalem, Atty. Seidemann's insights will be useful.
- **18:00-18:30** Walking through Jaffa
- **18:30** Farewell dinner
- **20:00** Depart for airport and midnight departure to U.S.A.