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U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Ethics

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: Eric Amidon
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: \_\_\_\_\_ or None   
b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: May 25, 2019 Return: June 2, 2019  
b. Dates at personal expense (if any): \_\_\_\_\_ or None
4. Departure city: Newark Destination: Israel Return city: Newark
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): The American Israel Education Foundation
6. Describe meetings and events attended: Discussed issues that Israel faces every day, how Israel and America can work together, and what the future of a peace plan would look like.
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: 6/14/2019

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: Lee Zeldin DATE: 6/14/2019

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: 

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## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Eric Amidon
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: American Israel Education Foundation (WIEF)
3. Travel Destination(s): Israel
4. a. Date of Departure: May 25, 2019 Date of Return: June 2, 2019  
 b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  Yes  No  
 If yes, list dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense?  Yes  No If yes:  
 (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (2) Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
 (3) Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age:  Yes  No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?  Yes  No  
 b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night 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 to the co-Chair of the Republican Israel Caucus and one of only two Jewish Republicans in Congress,  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 understanding the important issues facing Israel is highly important to our office. Also, as Chief of Staff of a Member of the House  
 Foreign Affairs understanding the important issues facing the Middle East is critical.  
 \_\_\_\_\_
9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, 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.

Signature of Employing Member

Date

4/25/19



## 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 website (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 family member of the House invitee(s)?  Yes  No
6. Date of Departure: May 25, 2019 Date of Return: June 2, 2019
7. a. City of departure: Newark, NJ (Eric Amidon only)  
b. Destination(s): Tel Aviv, Israel  
c. City of return: Newark, NJ (Eric Amidon only)
8. **Check only one.** I represent that:
  - 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 only 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 you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_



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10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities 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 only one of the following:  
 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. Not Applicable. 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 Sabbath dinner hosted by the Singer family on Friday night.
13. Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:  
 a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (specify: taxis \_\_\_\_\_)  
 b. Class of travel: Coach  Business  First  Charter  Other  (specify: 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. Check only one. I represent that either:  
 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 the 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: \$1348.75  
 Reason(s) for Selecting: location and affordability  
 Hotel Name: Carlton City: Tel Aviv Cost Per Night: \$1308.76  
 Reason(s) for Selecting: location and affordability  
 Hotel Name: Europa City: Tiberias Cost Per Night: \$1150.66  
 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:



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**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	\$9,638.68	\$1,814.43	\$1,046
For each Accompanying Family Member	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	\$2,809.63	Please see breakdown attached
For each Accompanying Family Member	n/a	n/a

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**19. Check only one:**

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below:  OR
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip 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: *Rachel Hirsch* Date: April 23, 2019

Name: Rachel Hirsch

Title: In-House Counsel

Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

Address: 251 H Street NW, Washington DC 20001

Telephone: (202) 639-5248

Email: rhirsch@aiefdn.org

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

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May 24, 2019

Mr. Eric Amidon  
Office of the Honorable Lee Zeldin  
2441 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Amidon:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel,<sup>1</sup> scheduled for May 25 to June 2, 2019, 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 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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<sup>1</sup> Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Sergeant at Arms (SAA) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. SAA may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or ohsstaff@mail.house.gov. House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at <https://step.state.gov>.

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

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Theodore E. Deutch in blue ink.

Theodore E. Deutch  
Chairman

Handwritten signature of Kenny Marchant in blue ink.

Kenny Marchant  
Ranking Member

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**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)  
Educational Seminar in Israel  
U.S. Senior Congressional Staff  
May 25-June 2, 2019**

**Final Itinerary**

**Saturday, May 25, 2019**

~~3:20 PM Depart Union Station (Amtrak)~~

6:21 PM Arrive Newark

10:45 PM Depart Newark

**Sunday, May 26, 2019**

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

6:30 PM Check-in to the Orient Hotel

7:15 PM Depart for dinner

7:30-8:00 PM *Setting the Stage*  
Orientation with Becky Strapp, Director of Educational Initiatives  
- at Touro

8:00-10:00 PM *State of the Nation*  
Dinner with David Horowitz  
Founding Editor, *The Times of Israel*  
- at Touro

10:00-10:30 PM *Shalom Jerusalem*  
Introduction to the history of the city  
Brief walking survey

10:30 PM Overnight at the Orient Hotel



Monday, May 27, 2019

7:30 AM Breakfast is served  
-at the hotel

7:45-8:45 AM *Israel's Political Map*  
Breakfast with Professor Reuven Hazan  
Professor of Political Science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
- at the hotel

9:00 AM Depart for Strategic Survey of Jerusalem

9:15 AM-12:15 PM *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part I:*  
The Historic and Holy Basin and City of David  
Guided Survey of the Old City of Jerusalem with Ze'ev Orenstein

12:15 PM Depart

12:45-1:45 PM *Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations: How Wide is the Gap?*  
Lunch with Tal Becker  
Senior Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
-at Caffit Botanical Gardens

1:45 PM Depart

2:15-2:45 PM *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part II:*  
Post-1967 Neighborhoods and the Security Barrier

3:00 PM Security Check

3:15-4:30 PM *Meetings with Members of Knesset*  
▪ The Honorable Nir Barkat, Likud  
▪ The Honorable Yair Lapid, Blue & White Party  
-at the Knesset

4:30 PM Depart for hotel

7:45 PM Depart for dinner

8:00-10:00 PM Dinner  
-at Tali's Atelier

10:30 PM Overnight at the Orient Hotel

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

7:45 AM Breakfast is served  
- at the hotel

8:00-9:00 AM *U.S.-Israel Relations*  
Breakfast with Aryeh Lightstone  
Senior Advisor to Amb. David Friedman, U.S. Ambassador to Israel  
-at the hotel

9:15 AM Depart for Yad Vashem

9:45-11:45 AM *Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust*  
Visit to Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum

11:45 AM Depart for Ramallah  
Lunch boxes en route

12:30-1:45 PM *A View from the Palestinian Authority*  
Meeting with Dr. Saeb Erekat  
Chief Negotiator, Palestinian Authority  
- at his office in Ramallah

1:45 PM Depart

2:45-3:45 PM *A View from the Prime Minister's Office*  
Meeting with Reuven Azar  
Foreign Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister  
- at the Crowne Plaza Hotel

4:00 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

5:15 PM Check-in to the Carlton Tel Aviv Hotel

7:30 PM Depart for dinner

7:45-9:45 PM *Start-Up Nation*  
Dinner with  
▪ Dovie Meisel, United Hatzalah  
▪ Cathy Sebag, Head of Products, Mobile ODT  
▪ Dr. Yonatan Wexler, OrCam  
Moderated by Inbal Arieli, Tech Entrepreneur  
- at Deca

10:00 PM Overnight at the Carlton Tel Aviv Hotel

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

7:00 AM Breakfast on your own

7:45 AM Depart

8:15-9:45 AM *Save a Child's Heart*  
Meet with Dr. Hourri and Visit the Recovery Home  
-Wolfson Hospital

9:45 AM Depart

10:45 AM-12:45 PM *Israel's Southern Front*

- Visit Netiv Ha'asara and meet with local residents
- Overlook into Gaza and Visit to Peace Wall

-at Netiv Ha'asara

12:45 PM Depart  
*Boxed Lunches en Route*

1:00-1:30 PM *Israel's Missile Defense Systems*  
Visit to Iron Dome Battery

1:30 PM Depart

3:00-4:00 PM *Israel-U.S. Strategic Partnership*  
Briefing with Ari Sacher  
Rocket Scientist, Rafael  
-at the Hotel

4:15-5:00 PM 360 Bird's Eye View of Israel  
Briefing at the Azrieli Center Helipad

5:00 PM Dpear for hotel

7:50 PM Depart for dinner

8:00-9:45 PM *Israelis from Different Walks of Life*

- Dr. Yasmeen Abu Fraiha  
Co-Founder and Executive Director, Genesis
- Chen Arieli, Chairperson, Aguda-National LGBT Task Force
- Rivka Ravitz, Chief of Staff to the President of Israel
- Racheli Yaso  
Development Officer and Visitor Relations Director, Yemin Orde

- at Lumina

10:00 PM Overnight at the Carlton Tel Aviv Hotel

Thursday, May 30, 2019

8:00 AM Breakfast is served  
- at the hotel

8:15-9:15 AM *Regional Strategic Threats*  
Meeting with Assaf Orion  
Senior Research Fellow,  
The Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)  
- at the hotel

9:30 AM Depart

10:30-11:15 AM *Israel's Narrow Waistline – Strategic Concerns*  
Briefing at Alfei Menashe

11:15 AM-12:15 PM *Settlements in Focus*  
▪ Shaqued Morag, Head of Peace Now  
▪ Eliana Passentin, Int'l Desk Director, Binyamin Regional Council  
-at the Community Center, Alfei Menashe

12:15 PM Depart

12:50-1:30 PM Lunch  
-at Givat Haviva Dining Hall

2:30-3:30 PM Depart  
En route briefings:  
▪ *The Jezreel Valley – Strategic Land Bridge connecting Asia and Africa*  
▪ *Upper Galilee – Potential for Development*

4:00-5:00 PM *Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Lebanon and Hizballah*  
Strategic Briefing on Israel's border with Lebanon  
with Lt.Col. (res) Sarit Zehavi, Director, Alma Research Center  
-at Mt. Adir

5:30 PM Depart

6:30 PM Check-in to Europa Hotel

7:45 PM Depart for dinner

8:00-10:00 PM *Reflections on the Week*  
- Dinner at Decks

10:30 PM Overnight at the Europa Hotel

**Friday, May 31, 2019**

- 8:00 AM Breakfast at the Hotel
- 8:30 AM Depart
- 9:00-11:00 AM *Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee*  
Survey 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
- 12:00-1:15 PM *Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Syria*  
Strategic survey of Israel's border with Syria  
With Cpt. (Res.) Ilan Shulman  
- at Kibbutz Ein Zivan
- 1:30-2:30 PM *Ethics in the IDF*  
Lunch with IDF Soldiers  
-at HaBokrim
- 2:30-3:30 PM Travel back to Jerusalem via the Jordan Valley  
En route briefing:  
*Jordan: Relations with Israel, and the Growing Refugee Crisis*
- 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 Wendy and Saul Singer  
- at their home in Jerusalem
- 10:00 PM Overnight at the Orient Hotel

**Saturday, June 1, 2019**

- 7:30 AM Breakfast on own  
- at the hotel, Main Dining Hall
- 8:00-10:00 AM Depart  
En route briefing:  
*Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor*

9:30-10:30 AM *History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire*  
Guided survey of the National Archeological Park at Masada

11:30 AM-12:30 PM *Exploration of the Dead Sea Region*  
- at Herods Hotel

12:30 PM Depart for Jerusalem

2:00-3:30 PM Lunch  
-in the Old City

4:00 PM Return to hotel  
Check out

7:00-9:00 PM *The U.S.-Israel Relationship: Bringing it All Together*  
Closing dinner

9:00 PM Depart for the Airport

**Sunday, June 2, 2019**

~~12:20 AM~~ **11:20 PM** Depart Tel Aviv

~~5:50 AM~~ **4:30 AM** Arrive Dulles - **Newark**

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)  
Educational Seminar in Israel  
U.S. Senior Congressional Staff  
May 25 – June 2, 2019**

**House Invitees and Explanations**

**Eric Amlund, Chief of Staff, The Honorable Lee Zeldin (R-NY)**

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

**John Bivona, Chief of Staff, The Honorable Antonio Delgado (D-NY)**

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

**Gideon Braglin, Executive Director, House Democratic Caucus,  
The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY)**

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

**Michael Grider, Chief of Staff, The Honorable Tim Burchett (R-TN)**

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

educational programming to all Congressional staff that work in relevant issue areas. The member also serves on the relevant House Foreign Affairs Committee.

**Joshua Grogis, Chief of Staff, The Honorable Tom Cole (R-OK)**

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

**Asha Jones, Chief of Staff, The Honorable Steven Horsford (D-NV)**

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

**David Kennett, Chief of Staff, The Honorable Kenneth Calvert (R-CA)**

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**Kyle Robertson, Chief of Staff, The Honorable Greg Pence (R-IN)**

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**Breakdown of Other Expenses**

**Security: \$1,083.33 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: \$611.11 per person**

-Honoraria for guest speakers

**Tour Guide: \$250.00 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.

**Hotels for contract staff (tour guide, bus driver, security guards): \$183.33 per person**

**Meals for contract staff and speakers: \$177.78 per person**

**Room Rentals: \$166.67 per person**

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

**Hotel Commission \$136.57**

-We pay a 7% hotel room commission to the company that books our hotels.

**Transportation to the Syrian Border: \$55.56**

**Entrance Fees: \$50 per person**

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

**Transportation for contract staff and speakers: \$33.33 per person**

**Photography: \$27.78 per person**

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

**Other: \$27.78 per person**

-Briefing materials, miscellaneous

**Tips: \$6.39 per person**

-Tips for hotel staff