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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.

1. Name of Traveler: Brooke Stuedell
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: July 27, 2019 Return: August 4, 2019
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Tel Aviv, Israel Return City: Dulles Airport, VA
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: American Israel Education Foundation
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: I participated in meetings with government officials, advocates, and Israeli citizens to learn more about the culture and political history of Israel, particularly the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
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** the *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 statement is true by checking the box:
 b. If not, explain: _____

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

Signature of Traveler: Date: 19 AUGUST 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: Xochitl Torres Small Date: 8/19/19

Signature of Supervising Member:

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Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form

Original Amendment

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 ten days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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

1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: _____
American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

2. Travel Destination(s): Tel Aviv, Israel

3. Date of Departure: July 27, 2019 Date of Return: August 4, 2019

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Please see attached

Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if *all* information is *identical* for each person listed.

5. Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$2,547.87	\$1,628.31	1,306.69	\$3,216.65 Please see breakdown attached
Accompanying Family Member	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. Signify statement is true by checking box:

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

Signature: Rachel Hirsch Date: August 19, 2019

Name: Rachel Hirsch Title: In-House Counsel

Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box:

Address: 251 H Street NW, Washington DC 20001

Telephone: (202) 639-5248 Email: rhirsch@aiefdn.org

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

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



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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Brooke Stuedell +

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

3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Israel

4. a. Date of Departure: July 27, 2019 Date of Return: August 4, 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.**

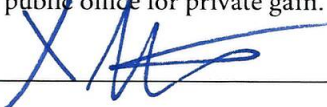
See attached.

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 June 27, 2019



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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 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 find list attached
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
6. Date of Departure: July 27, 2019 Date of Return: August 4, 2019
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC
b. Destination(s): Tel Aviv, Israel
c. City of return: Dulles, Virginia
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 Troy 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: Inbal City: Jerusalem Cost Per Night: \$245
 Reason(s) for Selecting: location and affordability
 Hotel Name: Sheraton City: Tel Aviv Cost Per Night: \$249
 Reason(s) for Selecting: location and affordability
 Hotel Name: Europa City: Tiberias Cost Per Night: \$268
 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	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$2,555.09	\$1,501	\$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	\$3,120	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: _____ Date: June 26, 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

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

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July 26, 2019

Ms. Brooke Stuedell
Office of the Honorable Xochitl Torres Small
430 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Stuedell:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel,¹ scheduled for July 27 to August 4, 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.

¹ 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
Congressional Staff
July 27 – August 4, 2019**

FINAL Breakdown of Other Expenses

Security: \$1,227.07 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: \$690.55 per person

-Honoraria for guest speakers

Hotels for contract staff (tour guide, bus driver, security guards): \$313.88 per person

Meals for contract staff and speakers: \$290.87 per person

Tour Guide: \$256.75 per person

-As a detailed historical understanding is crucial to maximizing the educational aspect of the trip, a licensed tour guide accompanies the group throughout the trip.

Room Rentals: \$150.41 per person

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

Transportation for contract staff and speakers: \$86.04 per person

Airport Assistance: \$76.47 per person

-We use a service to help participants navigate passport control and customs.

Entrance Fees: \$48.88 per person

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

Photography: \$37.07 per person

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

Other: \$31.06 per person

-Briefing materials, miscellaneous

Tips: \$7.60 per person

-Tips for hotel staff

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
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4. Names of Travelers

1. Florence Akinyemi, State Department Fellow, The Honorable Greg Meeks (D-NY)
2. Grady Bourn, Legislative Director, The Honorable John Carter (R-TX)
3. Kenneth Depew, Legislative Assistant, The Honorable Dan Crenshaw (R-TX)
4. Mark Erste, Legislative Assistant, The Honorable Steve Chabot (R-OH)
5. Luci Griffiths, Senior Legislative Assistant, The Honorable Chris Stewart (R-UT)
6. Delia Kashat, Legislative Assistant, The Honorable Brenda Lawrence (D-MI)
7. Colby Kuhns, Military Legislative Assistant, The Honorable Paul Cook (R-CA)
8. Jonathan Rayner, Military Legislative Assistant, The Honorable Anthony Brown (D-MD)
9. Gisselle Reynolds, Legislative Assistant, The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL)
10. Brooke Stuedell, Legislative Director, The Honorable Xochitl Torres Small (D-CA)
11. Lauren Wolman, Legislative Director, The Honorable Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL)

Question 8 Attachment:

As Xochitl Torres Small's Legislative Director, I oversee a range of issues and committee assignments which would benefit from a deeper understanding of the U.S.-Israel relationship as I advise her on policy. In particular, my ability to advise Ms. Torres Small on issues related to her position on the House Homeland Security Committee would benefit from the opportunity to visit settlements near the West Bank and Golan Heights given the border issues these locations face. Additionally, as the primary staff liaison in my office with the House Armed Services Committee, I would benefit from the meetings with innovation hubs and retired military to broaden my knowledge of the tools Israel has developed to protect its people.

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
United States Congressional Staff
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Itinerary

Saturday, July 27, 2019

- 5:20 PM Depart Union Station
Amtrak #192
- 8:25 PM Arrive at Newark International Airport
- 10:50 PM Depart Newark International Airport
United Flight #90

Sunday, July 28, 2019

- 4:20 PM Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport
Transfer to Jerusalem
- 6:00 PM Check-in to the Inbal Hotel
- 7:00 PM Depart for dinner
- 7:15-8:00 PM *Setting the Stage*
Welcome and Orientation
- at Touro Restaurant
- 8:00-10:00 PM *Pulse of The Nation*
Dinner with Yossi Klein Halevi
Senior Fellow, Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem
- at Touro Restaurant
- 10:00-10:30 PM *Shalom Jerusalem*
Introduction to the history of the city
Brief walking survey
- 10:30 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

Monday, July 29, 2019

7:45 AM Breakfast is served
-at the hotel

8:00-9:00 AM *Israel in The Media*
Matti Friedman

9:15 AM Depart for Strategic Survey of Jerusalem

9:45 AM-12:30 PM *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part I:
The Historic and Holy Basin and City of David*
Guided Survey of the Old City of Jerusalem

12:30 PM Depart for lunch

1:00-2:00 PM *Israel's Political Map*
Lunch with Tal Shalev
Political Correspondent, *Walla!* News
-at Olive and Fish

2:15-3:15 PM *The Palestinian Street*
Meeting with Shimrit Meir
Founding Editor, Al-Masdar
-at Notre Dame Hotel

3:30 PM Depart

3:45-5:15 PM *Start-Up Nation*
Meeting with:

- Miriam Ballin, United Hatzalah
- Aryeh Katz, 6 Degrees
- Cathy Sebag, MobileODT
- Ofer Tzadik, Tyoto Care

- at the hotel

7:00 PM Depart for dinner

7:45-9:30 PM Dinner
-at Tali's Atelier, Mahane Yehuda Market

9:45 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

8:15 AM Breakfast is served
-at the hotel

8:30-9:30 AM *Navigating Obstacles to Peace*
Breakfast with Dr. Tal Becker
Senior Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- at the hotel

9:45 AM Depart for Yad Vashem

10:15 AM -12:15 PM *Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust*
Visit to Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum

12:30 PM Depart

1:00-2:00 PM *A View from the Palestinian Authority*
Lunch with Dr. Saeb Erekat
Chief Negotiator, Palestinian Authority
- at the American Colony Hotel

2:15 PM Depart

2:45 PM Security Check

3:00-3:45 PM *A View from the Prime Minister's Office*
Meeting with Yuval Gerbi
Deputy Head of Foreign Policy, Office of the Prime Minister
- at The National Security Council Office

4:00 PM Depart

4:30-5:30 PM *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part II:
Post-1967 Neighborhoods & the Security Barrier*

5:30 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

7:00 PM Check-in to the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv

8:00 PM Depart for dinner

- 8:15-9:45 PM *Dinner Meetings with Members of Knesset*
- The Honorable Sharren Haskel, Member of Knesset, Likud Party
 - The Honorable Ksenia Svetlova, Immediate Past Member of Knesset, Zionist Union Party
- at Deca
- 9:45 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

- 7:45 AM Breakfast served
-at the hotel
- 8:00-9:00 AM *Regional Threats Assessment Post-JCPOA*
Breakfast with Brig. Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel
Former Director, Counter Terrorism Bureau, Prime Minister's Office
-at the hotel
- 9:15 AM Depart
- 10:45 AM -12:45 PM *Israel's Southern Front*
Living in the Shadow of Rocket Fire
- Overlook into Gaza at Nir Am
 - Visit Kibbutz Kfar Aza and meet with local residents
- at Kibbutz Kfar Aza
- 1:00-1:30 PM Lunch with residents
-at Kfar Aza
- 1:30-2:15 PM *Bridging Gaps: People to People Peace Initiatives*
- Dr. Akram Amro, Green Land Society for Health Development
 - Roni Keidar, Road to Recovery
- at Kfar Aza
- 2:30 PM Depart for Tel Aviv
- 4:00-4:30 PM *360° Bird's Eye View*
Briefing from the Azrieli Tower Rooftop
- 4:30 PM Depart
- 5:00 PM Arrive at the hotel
- 6:30 PM Depart for dinner

7:00-8:45 PM *The Israeli Mosaic*

- Ofer Erez, Jerusalem Open House
- Galit Sasson, Mekorot: Israel's National Water Company
- Racheli Yaso-Ngatuo, Yemin Orde Youth Village

- at Eat With

9:00 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv

Thursday, August 1, 2019

7:45 AM Breakfast served
- at the hotel, Topaz hall

8:00-8:45 AM *Settlements in Focus, Part I:*
Lia Weiner, Research Associate, Washington Institute for Near East Policy
- at the hotel

9:00-10:00 AM *Settlements in Focus, Part II:*

- Yariv Oppenheimer, Former CEO, Peace Now
- Oded Revivi, Mayor, Efrat

- at the hotel

10:15 AM Depart

11:30 AM-12:15 PM *Israel's Narrow Waistline*
Briefing at Alfei Menashe

12:15 PM Depart

1:00-2:00 PM *Minority Rights in Israel*
Lunch with Mohammad Darawshe
Director of Planning Equality & Shared Society
Givat Haviva Educational Center
-At Ramada Hotel, Netanya

2:15 PM Depart

2:30-4:45 PM En route briefings:

- *The Jezreel Valley – Strategic Land Bridge Between Africa and Asia*
- *Upper Galilee – Potential for Development*

4:45-5:30 PM *Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Lebanon and Hizballah*
 Strategic briefing on Israel's border with Lebanon
 With Lt. Col. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi, IDF Northern Command
 - at Zarit

5:45 PM Depart

6:45 PM Check-in to Europa Hotel

7:45 PM Depart for Dinner

8:00-10:00 PM *Reflections of the Week*
 - at Decks Restaurant

10:00PM Overnight at Europa Hotel

Friday, August 2, 2019

7:30 AM Breakfast at the hotel

8:00 AM Depart

8:30-10:30 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's Village

10:30 AM Depart for the Golan Heights

11:00 AM-1:00 PM *Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Syria*
 Strategic survey of Israel's border with Syria
 With Maj. Ilan Shulman
 - at Mizpeh Gadot, Merom Golan

1:00 PM Depart

1:30-2:30 PM Lunch
 - at HaBokrim

2:45-5:45 PM Travel back to Jerusalem via the Jordan Valley
 En route briefing:
Jordan: Relations with Israel, and the Growing Refugee Crisis

5:45 PM Check-in to the Inbal Hotel

7:00 PM Depart for dinner

7:30-9:30 PM *Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem*
 Traditional Sabbath evening dinner
 With Professor Gil Troy and Linda Adams
 - at their home in Jerusalem

9:30 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

Saturday, August 3, 2019

7:45 AM Breakfast on own
 - at the hotel

8:00-9:45 AM Depart
 En route briefing:
Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor

9:45-11:45AM *History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire*
 Guided survey of the National Archeological Park at Masada

12:00-1:00 PM Exploration of the Dead Sea Region
 - at Herods Hotel

1:00-2:15 PM Lunch
 -at Herods Hotel

2:30 PM Depart for Jerusalem

4:30 PM Return to hotel

6:15 PM Depart for dinner

6:30-8:30 PM *The U.S.-Israel Relationship: Bringing it all Together*
 Closing dinner
 - at Dolphin Yam

8:45 PM Depart for the airport

Sunday, August 4, 2019

12:20 AM Depart Tel Aviv
 United Flight #73

5:50 AM Arrive Dulles

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House Invitees and Explanations
updated June 26, 2019

Florence Akinyemi, State Department Fellow, Rep. Greg Meeks (D-NY)

As a State Department Fellow 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. Additionally, Florence Akinyemi serves as State Department Fellow to a member of the relevant House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Grady Bourn, Legislative Director, Rep. John Carter (R-TX)

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

Kenneth Depew, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Dan Crenshaw (R-TX)

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

Mark Erste, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH)

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foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran's affairs. The AIEF Israel Seminar will explore these issues in depth on the trip, in order to educate the staffer and provide them on-the-ground context for events throughout the region, as well as the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel. Additionally, Mark Erste serves as Legislative Assistant to a member of the relevant House Foreign Affairs Committee.

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

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

Delia Kashat, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Brenda Lawrence (D-MI)

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

Colby Kuhns, Military Legislative Assistant, Rep. Paul Cook (R-CA)

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

Sara Matar, Senior Legislative Assistant, Rep. Lee Zeldin (R-NY)

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

events throughout the region, as well as the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel. Additionally, Sara Matar serves as Senior Legislative Assistant to a member of the relevant House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Jonathan Rayner, Military Legislative Assistant, Rep. Anthony Brown (D-MD)

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Gisselle Reynolds, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL)

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Ernesto Rodriguez, Legislative Director, Rep. Nanette Barragán (D-CA)

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Brooke Stuedell, Legislative Director, Rep. Xochitl Torres Small (D-NM)

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

Lauren Wolman, Legislative Director, Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL)

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**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
Congressional Staff
July 27 – August 4, 2019**

Breakdown of Other Expenses

Security: \$1218.75 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: \$687.50 per person

-Honoraria for guest speakers

Tour Guide: \$281.25 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): \$206.25 per person

Meals for contract staff and speakers: \$200 per person

Room Rentals: \$187.50 per person

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

Hotel Commission \$113

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

Airport Assistance: \$62.50

-We use a service to help participants navigate passport control and customs.

Entrance Fees: \$56.25 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: \$37.50 per person

Other: \$31.25 per person

-Briefing materials, miscellaneous

Photography: \$31.25 per person

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

Tips: \$7.19 per person

-Tips for hotel staff

Stuedell, Brooke

From: Lauren Anderson <landerson@aiefdn.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 11:13 AM
To: Stuedell, Brooke
Subject: Please Join Us: AIEF Israel Seminar Invitation, July 27 - August 4, 2019

Hello Brooke,

My colleague just informed me that you had not received your invitation. When you receive this, would you mind confirming receipt so that I know it went through?

Thanks!

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June 19, 2019

Brooke Stuedell
Office of The Honorable Xochitl Torres Small
430 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Brooke,

On behalf of the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF), we would like to invite you to participate in an educational seminar in Israel for Senate and House foreign policy staff, July 27-August 4, 2019. The trip will depart

Saturday afternoon, July 27; and return to the U.S. on Sunday morning, August 4.

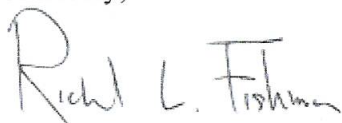
This seminar will delve into some of the most difficult issues facing Israel and the region. Israeli leaders from across the political spectrum, along with Palestinian leaders, will explore the peace negotiations and the obstacles to peace, the myriad of security threats facing the region, and the strategic relationship between the United States and Israel.

Participants will hear a wide array of viewpoints, including discussions with: members of the Israeli Knesset and the Palestinian Authority; U.S. government officials; military leaders; heads of non-governmental organizations; and prominent academics and journalists. The program will also include visits to historic and religious sites in Jerusalem and the Galilee.

All trip-related expenses will be paid for by AIEF, and all aspects of the trip will be in full conformity with Senate and House Ethics rules. AIEF will provide additional information to assure your compliance with ethics rules.

We hope you will be able to join us on what promises to be a rich, insightful and educational trip. To confirm your participation, please complete the [confirmation form](#), and return to landerson@aiefdn.org. If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Anderson at (202) 639-5327.

Sincerely,



Richard Fishman
Executive Director, AIEF

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United States Congressional Staff
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Itinerary

Saturday, July 27, 2019

5:20 PM Depart Union Station
Amtrak #192

8:25 PM Arrive at Newark International Airport

10:50 PM Depart Newark International Airport
United Flight #90

Sunday, July 28, 2019

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

6:00 PM Check-in to the Inbal Hotel

7:00 PM Depart for dinner

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

8:00-10:00 PM *Pulse of The Nation*
Dinner with Yossi Klein Halevi
Senior Fellow, Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem
- at Touro Restaurant

Pulse of the Nation

Yossi Klein Halevi is a senior fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. Together with Imam Abdullah Antepli of Duke University, he co-directs the Institute's Muslim Leadership Initiative (MLI), which teaches emerging young Muslim American leaders about Judaism, Israel and Zionism. A renowned author and thought leader, his latest book, the New York Times bestseller, *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor*, was published by Harper Collins in June 2018 to wide acclaim. Halevi writes for leading op-ed pages in the U.S. and is a former contributing editor to The New Republic. During this session, Halevi will provide members with a synthesis of domestic political trends, current international affairs, and the general state of mind of the Israeli people at the point in time that the group arrives in Israel.

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

Shalom Jerusalem

Throughout its 4,000-year history, the city of Jerusalem has changed hands many times. As home to the world's three great monotheistic religions — Judaism, Christianity and Islam — Jerusalem is probably the most disputed city in history. Today, the status of Jerusalem remains the most contentious issue in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Jerusalem has been at the heart of all Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. To understand the current political issues, it is critical to understand Jerusalem's history and the role it has played in shaping the Middle East. This seminar will include site visits to various locations in and around Jerusalem to give participants a first-hand look at the historic significance of the city, as well as its geographic layout.

10:30 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

Monday, July 29, 2019

7:45 AM Breakfast is served
-at the hotel

8:00-9:00 AM *Navigating Obstacles to Peace*
Dr. Tal Becker
Senior Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- at the hotel

Navigating Obstacles to Peace

Since Israel's founding, the Jewish state has sought to reach a just and lasting solution to the Israeli Palestinian conflict. The United States has been closely involved in negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. Dr. Tal Becker is a senior member of the Israeli peace negotiation team. In this position, he is on the front lines of many of Israel's most pressing diplomatic, legal and policy challenges. He is a veteran negotiator, and key behind the scenes representative, for Israel in a wide variety of contexts. During this session, he will address the prospects for peace in the current political climate. He will also discuss the complex challenges that have prevented a final status agreement thus far.

9:15 AM Depart for Strategic Survey of Jerusalem

9:45 AM-12:00 PM *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part I:*
The Historic and Holy Basin and City of David
Guided Survey of the Old City of Jerusalem

The Historic and Holy Basin and City of David

The Old City of Jerusalem is home to the holiest shrines of the three monotheistic religions, including the Temple Mount, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and the Al-Aqsa Mosque. During the Camp David II talks, the Palestinians and Israelis differed on the Jerusalem question,

namely the Old City, the status of Arab neighborhoods just outside the Old City, and religious sites such as the Temple Mount.

The Holy Basin is the historic location of Jerusalem and refers to the land surrounding the Old City, including the Mount of Olives, which is believed to be the departure point for Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem and where Jews have been burying their dead for 2,500 years. The Holy Basin also includes the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site, and the Temple Mount (Haram al-Sharif), sacred ground for Jews, Muslims, and Christians. Control over these sensitive areas remains among the largest disputes in the Middle East.

The professionally guided survey will walk through all of these sites and others, educating trip participants on their historical impact and their role in today's political discussions.

12:00 PM Depart for lunch

12:30-1:30 PM *Israel's Political Map*
Lunch with Professor Reuven Hazan
Hebrew University
-at Notre Dame Hotel

Israel's Political Map

It is critical for trip participants to have an understanding of the parliamentary system in Israel. Professor Hazan explains how the parliamentary party system works, how coalitions rise and fall, and how Israeli politics differ from American politics. Since the group will be visiting with government officials throughout the week, we believe it's important to provide this overview early in the seminar.

1:45-2:45 PM *The Palestinian Street*
Shimrit Meir
Founding Editor, Al-Masdar
-at Notre Dame Hotel

The Palestinian Street

Shimrit Meir is a leading Middle East analyst and journalist and a global expert in Palestinian affairs with over 15 years of experience in researching and reporting on the Arab world. She is a veteran of the Israeli Defense Forces Intelligence corps elite unit "8200." Fluent in Hebrew, Arabic, English and French, Meir is a regular contributor to the leading Israeli daily Yedioth Ahronoth and often writes and is quoted in global publications such as the Washington Post, Globe and Mail and New York Times. She started her professional career as the Arab affairs correspondent and commentator for Galei Zahal, Israel's top radio station, and worked for both Israeli public television and Channel 2 News, the country's largest commercial broadcaster. Meir served as the Founder and CEO of Link—the Center for Strategic Communication in the Middle East, a non-profit organization with a mission to create a better understanding of Israel in the Arab world through the use of digital media. She is also the founding editor of Israel's largest Arabic digital media outlet Al-Masdar, where she headed a diversified Jewish-Arab team of young journalists that delivered stories from Israel to readers in the region. The team at Link

created a Facebook community of more than 2.2 million followers from Egypt, KSA, the PA, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and more. In 2015 Meir was named one of most influential women in Israel by Forbes Magazine. During this session, she will provide an overview of the Palestinian street, in both Israel, the West Bank, Gaza, and the region.

3:00 PM Depart

3:30-4:45 PM *Start-Up Nation*
Meeting with:

- Gill Beeri, Business Development Director, OrCam
 - Gideon Ben-Zvi, Chairman & Co-Founder, BriefCam
 - Yonit Golub Serkin, Director of Partnerships, MassChallengeIsrael
 - Cathy Sebag, product validation manager, MobileODT
- at Start Up Nation Central

Start-Up Nation

Israel is a giant when it comes to innovation: a global leader in R&D spending and Venture Capital investment, and home to global R&D centers for the likes of Google, Apple and IBM. This evening's Start-Up Nation dinner will include a discussion with entrepreneurs representing Israeli innovation and ingenuity that has had enormous impact both in Israel and abroad.

5:00 PM Depart for hotel

6:45 PM Depart for dinner

7:00 PM Dinner*
-at Tali's Atelier, Mahane Yehuda Market

**This dinner will just be the participants, in order to allow the group to process what they've experienced thus far.*

9:45 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

7:45 AM Breakfast is served
-at the hotel

8:00-9:00 AM *Israel in The Media*
Matti Friedman
-at Anna/Notre Dame Hotel

Israel in The Media

Matti Friedman is a renowned reporter with a career that has taken him from Lebanon to Morocco, Cairo, Moscow and Washington, D.C., and to conflicts in Israel in the Caucasus. Mr. Friedman is a dynamic and insightful speaker who will provide the group an illuminating

synthesis of domestic political trends, current international affairs and the general state of mind of the Israeli citizens. He also provides a greater understanding of international media coverage of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

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

Yad Vashem

One cannot understand Israel's position on Iran's nuclear program without understanding the trauma of the Holocaust. Israelis view threats to its destruction in light of the events of the 1930s and 1940s, when the German government's threats to exterminate the Jewish people were not taken seriously by the international community. This museum provides an important reference point as to how Israelis interpret the threat of an Iranian nuclear program and Iranian leaders committed to Israel's destruction.

Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, was established in 1953 by an act of the Israeli Knesset. Since its inception, Yad Vashem has been entrusted with documenting the history of the Jewish people during the Holocaust period, preserving the memory and story of each of the six million victims, and imparting the legacy of the Holocaust for generations to come through its archives, library, school, museums and recognition of the Righteous Among the Nations. Located on Har Hazikaron (the Mount of Remembrance) in Jerusalem, Yad Vashem is a sprawling complex of museums, exhibits, archives, monuments, sculptures, and memorials.

Every foreign leader that travels to Israel visits Yad Vashem. Yad Vashem has become a symbol of the Jewish people and its transformation from total helplessness to self-reliance and strength. Thus, a visit to Yad Vashem provides a historical context for the Jewish state. The museum's professional docent will guide the group through the main exhibit hall and the children's memorial.

12:00 PM Depart

12:30-1:30 PM *A View from the Palestinian Authority*
Lunch with Dr. Saeb Erkat
Chief Negotiator, Palestinian Authority
- at the American Colony Hotel

A View from the Palestinian Authority

During each seminar, we invite a representative of the Palestinian Authority to address the group. Dr. Erekat will present the current state of Palestinian Authority Affairs, including the Palestinian perspective on the issues of the day, as well as relations with Israel and prospects for peace.

1:45PM Depart
2:15-3:15 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

A View from the Prime Minister's Office

During each seminar, we invite a representative of the Prime Minister's office to address the group. Mr. Azar will present the official Israel perspective on the issues of the day, as well as relations with the Palestinian Authority and prospects for peace.

3:30 PM Depart
4:00-5:00 PM *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part II:*
Post-1967 Neighborhoods & the Security Barrier

Post-1967 Neighborhoods and the Security Barrier

When Jerusalem was reunified in 1967, following 19 years of division, the State of Israel extended the city's boundaries to include the strategic hills surrounding Jerusalem. These hills served as launching pads between 1948 and 1967 for sniper and mortar attacks on Israeli parts of the city by the Jordanian Army. Since 1967, these hills have become vibrant neighborhoods, fully integrated into the fabric of Jerusalem. It is vital for those discussing the issue of Jerusalem to understand these neighborhoods' strategic importance and their relationship to the areas in the immediate vicinity.

5:00 PM Depart for Tel Aviv
6:30 PM Check-in to the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv
7:30 PM Depart for dinner
7:45-9:45 PM *Dinner Meetings with Members of Knesset*

- The Honorable Sharren Haskel, Likud
- The Honorable Pnina Tomah-Shata, Blue and White

-at Mesa/Claro

Dinner Meetings with Members of Knesset

During this dinner the participants will have the opportunity to hear from two members of the Israeli Knesset. The discussion will explore the difference between the American and Israeli political systems; and the views of the various Knesset members they serve on current issues affecting the region.

9:45 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

- 7:45 AM Breakfast served
-at the hotel
- 8:00-9:00 AM *Regional Threats Assessment Post-JCPOA*
Breakfast with Brig. Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel
Former Director, Counter Terrorism Bureau, Prime Minister's Office
-at the hotel

Regional Threat Assessment

Brig.-Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel is the immediate past director of the Counter-Terrorism Bureau at the Office of the Prime Minister, where he served until 2012. His duties included developing a national policy for border protection, cargo and aviation security, and advanced technology for public security. He is a veteran of the "Golani" Infantry Corp; he held command positions in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and South Lebanon. Today he is a research associate at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism at IDC Herzliya. With experience on all of Israel's borders, he will provide a broad overview of Israel's neighbors, and the unique challenges each poses to the Jewish state.

- 9:15 AM Depart
- 10:45-11:30 AM *Israel's Southern Front, Part I*
The Erez Border Crossing
Briefing by Maj. Sabina Elayev
Head of the International Organizations Department, Coordination of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT)
-at Erez crossing
- 11:45 AM-1:30PM *Israel's Southern Front, Part II*
Living in the Shadow of Rocket Fire
- Visit Kfar Aza and meet with local residents
 - Overlook into Gaza at Nir Am
- at Kfar Aza

Israel's Southern Front

Since 2001, Israeli communities bordering the Gaza Strip have been living under the threat of rocket fire. Since the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip in 2005 and the Hamas takeover of the Gaza Strip in 2007, the volume, range and accuracy of the rockets has only increased. The summer of 2014 witnessed Operation Protective Edge, which returned the issue of rocket fire from Gaza to international headlines. At Kibbutz Nir Am, participants will be able to see the border between Israel and the Gaza Strip, to better comprehend the landscape of the region, as well as the unique challenges faced by this area. The visit to Kibbutz Kfar Aza and meeting with a local resident will be an opportunity to better understand the reality of living just kilometers from Israel's border with Gaza, to learn how almost 15 years of rocket fire has shaped those living in the communities most affected, to discuss the advent of Hamas "terror tunnels" into

Israel's border towns and how communities have sought to cope with the threat on their doorstep, both physically and psychologically.

- 1:30-2:45 PM Lunch with residents
 -at Kfar Aza
- 2:45 PM Depart for Tel Aviv
- 4:00-4:30 PM *360° Bird's Eye View*
 Briefing from the Azrieli Tower Rooftop

Azrieli Center Rooftop

From the rooftop of the Azrieli center, participants will be standing at the highest observatory in the Middle East. The panoramic view stretches from Ashkelon in the south to Hadera in the north. On a clear day one see almost 70 percent of the country, as far as Jerusalem to the East. The importance of this visit is to provide participants a geostrategic viewpoint from which to understand the narrow waistline of Israel, which at its narrowest spans 9 miles from the Mediterranean to the West Bank. Additionally, the area visible from this vantage point – referred to as the Gedera-Hadera corridor – comprises a small rectangle of land that can be covered lengthwise in under an hour. This section of Israel includes over 50% of Israel's population, economic infrastructure, as well as its only International Airport.

- 4:30-5:30 PM *Why A Jewish State*
 Meeting with Dr. Einat Wilf
 Former Member of Knesset
 Senior Fellow, the Jewish People Policy Institute
 -at 2C

Why A Jewish State

Einat Wilf is a prominent Israeli is a renowned author and thought leader in Israel. She provides a nuanced understanding of Zionism, the history of Israel, and the successes and challenges of the modern Jewish state. She will provide participants a greater understanding of the Israel's most pivotal moments, including the recent 70th anniversary of the founding of the state, and how those moments have shaped Israel's present and future.

- 5:45 PM Depart
- 6:15 PM Arrive at the hotel
- 7:30 PM Depart for dinner

- 8:00-9:45 PM *The Israeli Mosaic*
- Miriam Ballin, United Hatzalah
 - Dan Slijper, LGBT Caucus, Yesh Atid Party
 - Racheli Yaso-Ngatuo, Outreach Coordinator
Yemin Orde Youth Village
 - Reem Younis, Co-founder, Alpha Omega Company
- at Eat With

The Israeli Mosaic

“The Israeli Mosaic” will be a dinner discussion with Israelis representing some of the various societal sectors – all integral parts of the fabric of Israeli society and broader identity. The evening will be an opportunity to gain insight into the Israeli population as a whole, what governs the perspective and decisions of various sectors and to explore how each of the sectors represented fits into Israeli society and informs the collective national narrative.

10:00 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv

Thursday, August 1, 2019

7:45 AM Breakfast served
- at the hotel, Topaz hall

8:00-8:45 AM *Settlements in Focus, Part I:*
Lia Weiner, Research Associate, Washington Institute for Near East Policy
- at the hotel

9:00-10:00 AM *Settlements in Focus, Part II:*
• Yariv Oppenheimer, Former CEO, Peace Now
• Oded Revivi, Mayor, Efrat
- at the hotel

Settlements in Focus, Part I and II

Israeli settlement policy is one of the more complex issues in the ongoing negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians. Lia Weiner is a Research Associate at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. Mayor Revivi is the Mayor of a settlement in the West Bank; Yariv Oppenheimer is the former head of Peace now. These sessions provide an opportunity for participants to get an insider’s perspective on Israeli settlement policy, the differing views among Israeli citizens, and the role settlements play in the current political climate.

10:15 AM Depart

11:30 AM-12:15 PM *Israel’s Narrow Waistline*
Briefing at Alfei Menashe

Israel's Narrow Waistline – Strategic Concerns

Alfei Menashe is a Jewish community located on the western edge of the West Bank. Less than 10 miles from the Mediterranean Sea, Alfei Menashe provides a unique vantage point to discuss Israeli settlement policy, the routing of the security barrier, as well as Israel's narrow waistline.

The sliver of Israeli land west of the West Bank is often referred to as the Hadera-Gadera rectangle, with the city of Hadera denoting the northern point, and the city of Gadera the southern point. The Hadera-Gadera rectangle is home to over 50 percent of Israel's population, as well as civilian infrastructure. The area is also home to Israel's "Silicon Valley", as well as Ben Gurion international airport.

The discussion at Alfei Menashe will allow participants to see firsthand the proximity of Jewish and Arab neighborhoods in both Israel and the West Bank; as well as the strategic threats faced by the Israeli population living in Israel's narrow waistline.

12:15 PM Depart

1:00-2:00 PM *Minority Rights in Israel*
Lunch with Mohammad Darawshe
Director of Planning Equality & Shared Society
Givat Haviva Educational Center
-At Netanya/Hadera

Minority Rights in Israel

As of the 2015 census, approximately 21% of Israeli residents are part of the non-Jewish minority, which includes, among others, Muslims, Christians, and Druze. As a liberal, democratic state, Israel is rooted in liberty, the rule of law, free and fair elections, and full civil rights for all citizens. Currently 14 Israeli Arabs and 2 Druze serve in the 120-member Israeli Knesset. Our speaker, Mohammad Darawshe is currently the director of planning, equality and shared living at Givat Haviva Educational Institute –a non-profit organization founded in 1949 as the national education center of the Kibbutz Federation in Israel. His focus throughout his career is promoting coexistence and quality among Israel's Jewish and Arab-Palestinians citizens. He will discuss the current challenges facing minority groups in Israel, as well as ways the government of Israel and NGOs seek to address these challenges.

2:15 PM Depart

En route briefings:

- *The Jezreel Valley – Strategic Land Bridge Between Africa and Asia*
- *Upper Galilee – Potential for Development*

The Jezreel Valley

Our tour guide will spend an hour during the drive from Israel's center to the north to provide the delegation a briefing on the Jezreel Valley and the Upper Galilee and the challenges facing these regions of the country.

For thousands of years, the Jezreel Valley served as a land bridge linking Africa, Asia and Europe, and serving as a thoroughfare for ancient caravans and, more frequently, armies. In modern times, during World War I, for example, the British and Turkish forces fought a number of pitched battles in the valley. In 1948, following Israel's establishment, the combined forces of Iraq and Jordan attempted unsuccessfully to capture the valley in order to split the just-born Israel into two parts. In the early 20th century, after decades of neglect, Jewish pioneers drained the swamps in the valley, transforming this region into Israel's "breadbasket" known for wheat, cotton, sunflowers and fish ponds. The Jezreel Valley is also home to historical and biblical sites including Tel Megiddo and Nazareth.

Today it is an important symbol of Israel's complex and diverse political reality. The Jezreel Valley, together with the areas of the Lower and Upper Galilee, is home to the majority of Israel's Arab citizens. A survey of this area provides an opportunity to discuss and learn about Israel's Arab citizens – 20 percent of the population – each of which has full democratic, social and welfare rights, the right to vote and serve in the Knesset, and the opportunity to serve on Israel's Supreme Court. These issues are not widely known and this segment gives trip participants the opportunity to understand Israel's relationship with its largest minority group.

Upper Galilee

The Upper Galilee is home to the largest variety of ethnic communities in Israel including Druze, Circassian, Arab Muslim and Arab Christian villages. The Galilee is also home to ancient Jewish and Christian holy sites that provide additional historical and political context to regional tensions. Just as in the case of the Jezreel Valley, the area illustrates the role of minorities in Israel.

At the same time, the Upper Galilee is home to some of the most prominent industrial hubs. Best known among them is the Tefen Industrial area, home to numerous enterprises established by the region's residents – Jewish and Arab. In 2006, Upper Galilee's ISCAR Metal Working Company was purchased for \$5 billion by Warren Buffet's conglomerate holding company. Since then, a number of American investors have become partners in some of the region's hi-tech and bio-tech companies.

While time does not permit for sites visits, a drive through the region allows for expanding on the importance of the area in the context of the U.S.–Israel relationship.

4:45-6:45 PM *Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Lebanon and Hizballah*
Strategic briefing on Israel's border with Lebanon
With Lt. Col. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi, IDF Northern Command
- at Zarit

Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Lebanon and Hizballah

Lt. Col. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi served 15 years in the IDF in Military Intelligence –first in the Research and Analysis Branch, and later in the Northern Command. During her military service she briefed hundreds of delegations, ranging from U.S. Senators, Congressmen and politicians to global military commanders, senior journalists and visiting VIP delegations. She is the founder/director of Alma, an educational research center focusing on the security issues of

Israel's northern border. Zehavi has authored many position papers focusing on Lebanon, Syria and Israel's national security challenges, and continues to brief delegations on these topics. She holds an MA in Middle East Studies from Ben Gurion University and is a resident of the northern Galilee region. She will brief the group on the current threats facing Israel by Iranian backed Hizballah in Lebanon.

6:45 PM Depart
7:30 PM Check-in to Europa Hotel
8:00 PM Depart for Dinner
8:15-10:00 PM *Reflections of the Week*
- at Decks Restaurant

Reflections on the Week

We will use this dinner as an opportunity to discuss the speakers and topics we have been exposed to thus far. We have found giving our participants an opportunity to discuss the topics and perspectives presented to them assists them in their ability to more fully understand the complexities Israel faces.

10:00PM Overnight at Europa Hotel

Friday, August 2, 2019

7:30 AM Breakfast at the hotel
8:00 AM Depart
8:30-10:30 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's Village

Christian Sites at the Sea of Galilee

As part of the seminar's focus on the complex religious fabric of Israeli society, the group will be visiting several of the most sacred sites for Christians in the Holy Land. Included is a guided survey and discussion of some of the most important events in the life of Jesus by the Sea of Galilee. Just as strategic surveys in Jerusalem focused on Jewish, Muslim, and Christian history and claims to the land, the site visits to the Christian sites help provide context for the competing religious narratives for the land of Israel. For example, we will be visiting the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount, the most studied and read speech of any religion in history. Our guide will also lead discussions through Capernaum and St. Peter's Church.

- 10:30 AM Depart for the Golan Heights
- 11:00 AM-1:00 PM *Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Syria*
 Strategic survey of Israel's border with Syria
 With Maj. Ilan Shulman
 - at Ein Zivan

Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Syria

Captain (Res.) Ilan Shulman, a disabled IDF veteran, divides his time guiding geopolitical tours on the Galilee and Golan Heights, lecturing to students, giving geo-political briefings for delegations through various Israeli foreign ministry programs, and fulfilling his IDF reserve duties in the Northern Command's intelligence unit. Shulman was raised in Kibbutz Merom Golan near Israel's border with Syria, where one of his favorite jobs was herding the kibbutz cattle. Shulman served in the IDF's paratrooper's unit, rising to the position of company commander. He holds a BA in Israel and Middle East Studies. During this session he will take participants to the border between Israel and Syria and provide an overview of the Syrian civil war.

- 1:00 PM Depart
- 1:30-2:30 PM Lunch
 - at Rutenberg Restaurant
- 2:45-3:45 PM Travel back to Jerusalem via the Jordan Valley
 En route briefing:
Jordan: Relations with Israel, and the Growing Refugee Crisis

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The tour guide will spend approximately an hour during the drive through the Jordan Valley to explore several topics related to Israel's eastern neighbor: specifically, Israeli-Jordanian strategic cooperation, as well as the implications of the Syrian civil war on the Kingdom.

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan became the second Arab country after Egypt to recognize Israel when it signed a comprehensive peace agreement that ended nearly five decades of warfare. Shepherded by United States President Bill Clinton, the accord signed on Oct. 6, 1994, marked the onset of a new era of economic, cultural, and political dialogue and cooperation between the two countries.

In recent years, the two countries have worked together to combat the increased threat from terrorism by coordinating their security efforts and preventing infiltrations across their shared border. Today, Jordan hosts over 1.4 million Syrian refugees fleeing civil war. Following our discussion with Israeli soldiers patrolling the Syrian border, our guide will address how the influx of Syrian refugees and the threats in the region impact Jordan internally; as well as relations and further potential for strategic partnership between Jordan, the United States, and Israel.

- 5:45 PM Check-in to the Inbal Hotel
- 7:00 PM Depart for dinner
- 7:30-9:30 PM *Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem*
 Traditional Sabbath evening dinner
 With Professor Gil Troy and Linda Adams
 - at their home in Jerusalem

Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem

Israel, the only Jewish country in the world, boasts the unique tradition of honoring the Jewish Sabbath from Friday sundown until Saturday sundown. 80 percent of the Israeli population will commemorate the Sabbath, in various forms, which typically include a family dinner and special blessings. The Sabbath is especially significant in Jerusalem, home to the holiest site for Jews worldwide - the remains of the First and Second Temple.

The group will be hosted by Professor Gil Troy and his family. Professor Troy, a renowned educator and author, will lead a discussion on the importance of Jerusalem to the Jewish, Christian and Muslim populations; the potential for a final status agreement on Jerusalem (arguably the most sensitive final status issue); and the diplomatic challenges faced by Israel and the United States regarding Israeli urban development in the area.

- 9:30 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

Saturday, August 3, 2019

- 7:45 AM Breakfast on own
 - at the hotel
- 8:00-9:45 AM Depart
 En route briefing:
Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor

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On the drive from Jerusalem to Masada, the group will travel on the highway known as the “Jericho Road” is the strategic importance of the area east of Jerusalem. In 1948 and in 1967, the Jordanian army attacked Jerusalem from the east – the 1948 attack resulted in the city’s division that lasted until 1967. Since then Israel has established the City of Ma’ale Adumim east of Jerusalem, today home to some 40,000 residents. To the Palestinians, however, Ma’ale Adumim is the largest settlement on the West Bank. When Israel attempted to expand Ma’ale Adumim’s boundary, into an area known as “E-1”, the U.S. State Department stepped in and asked that no construction take place there. The issue needs to be examined with those discussing the future of Jerusalem in the context of the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

- 9:45-11:45AM *History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire*
 Guided survey of the National Archeological Park at Masada

Masada

Masada, which was excavated in the 1960s, is considered one of the most important archeological sites in Israel. Masada was the site of the last stand of the Jews in Israel after the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the Holy Temple in 70 A.D. A group of Jewish zealots fled to the Judean Desert and lived in the former mountaintop fortress of King Herod known as Masada for two years resisting the onslaught of the most powerful army in the world. Determined to break the resistance, the Romans finally scaled the mountain to capture and enslave the Jewish rebels. However, when they finally arrived, they found that all the men, women and children had killed themselves as a last act of defiance. They refused to give in to the Romans and become their slaves.

The ancient story of Masada has important contemporary relevance for the modern State of Israel. “Masada shall never fall again” has become the watchword of the country which has faced existential threats since its founding in 1948. Israel’s elite military units, for example, are sworn in on top of Masada in a symbolic act of defiance against Israel’s contemporary enemies. These soldiers along with the thousands of Israeli school children who visit Masada each year learn the lesson that Israel should never become so weak again that it would ever face national suicide as an option.

We will spend approximately two hours atop of Masada with a professional guide. The time at Masada with the guide is focused on three areas: 1. surveying the ancient excavations; 2. learning the narrative of Jewish resistance to the Romans backed by the archeological and historical evidence; 3. discussing the importance of the Masada story to the contemporary Middle East and the threats in the region.

12:00-1:00 PM Exploration of the Dead Sea Region
 - at Herods Hotel

Dead Sea Region

During our drive to and from the Dead Sea area, as well as during our visit to the Dead Sea, our tour guide will discuss a variety of issues integral to understanding the region, the country, and relations with both the Palestinians and Jordanians.

It is important to note that the region is mostly desert. For decades, Israel has been challenging this arid area and developing its agricultural potential. While the Middle East is suffering from water shortages, Israel, through modern technology and water conservation policies, including the recycling of over 80 percent of water used for domestic purposes and transferring it to agriculture, has literally “made the desert bloom.” Some of this technology is already being shared with Jordan and the Palestinian Authority. All sides realize that a comprehensive regional water policy will ensure food production necessary to satisfy the Middle East’s growing population. For example, in late 2013, the three parties agreed to build a Red Sea-Dead Sea water project to address the shortage of fresh, clean water in the region and the rapid loss of water at the Dead Sea. This highlights the growing importance for Israel and her Arab neighbors to work together on joint environmental projects.

The key regional players also face serious environmental issues in the Dead Sea region. One of the major environmental concerns is the receding of the Dead Sea and the appearance of sinkholes, which cause the earth above to collapse. Roads, fields and buildings have collapsed due to this phenomenon, and experts are concerned the tourist infrastructure along the Jordanian and Israeli shores of the Dead Sea are also in danger. This issue has led to unprecedented cooperation between Israelis, Jordanians and Palestinians and serves as a model for regional cooperation.

1:00-2:00 PM	Lunch -at Hod Hotel
2:00 PM	Depart for Jerusalem
4:00 PM	Return to hotel Check out
7:00-9:00 PM	<i>The U.S.-Israel Relationship: Bringing it all Together</i> Closing dinner - at Ester

Closing Dinner

The closing dinner provides an opportunity for participants to process the scope of the week, from the religious center of the Judeo-Christian world in Jerusalem, to the bustling economic powerhouse of Tel Aviv; from the conflict plagued northern borders with Syria and Lebanon, to the environmental and geographical wonders of the Negev desert and the Dead Sea. We will process the range of topics explored, including the U.S.-Israel strategic partnership, prospects for Arab-Israeli peace, the experience of minorities in Israel, as well as greater existential threats throughout the region. Participants will also have the opportunity to share their takeaways, and ask any lingering questions that weren't covered during the week.

9:00 PM	Depart for the airport
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Sunday, August 4, 2019

12:20 AM	Depart Tel Aviv United Flight #73
5:50 AM	Arrive Dulles