



# U.S. House of Representatives COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form

Original  Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual *Financial Disclosure Statements* of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, B-81 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

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

1. Name of Traveler: Christopher MacArthur
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ OR None   
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: August 2, 2019 Return: August 11, 2019  
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ OR None
4. Departure City: Washington, D.C. Destination: Israel and West Bank Return City: Washington, D.C.
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Inside The Middle East (501(c)(3))
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Met with military representatives, academics, and civilians, which provided background and diverse perspectives on ongoing regional conflicts. Viewed on-the-ground effects of said conflicts.
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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2019 AUG 20 PM 1:01  
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: 8/20/2019

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: John Moolenaar Date: 8/20/2019

Signature of Supervising Member:



## 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.**

- Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: Inside The Middle East (501(c)(3))
- Travel Destination(s): Israel & The Palestinian Territories (West Bank)
- Date of Departure: August 2, 2019 Date of Return: August 11, 2019
- Name(s) of Traveler(s): Christopher MaCarthur  
*Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.*
- 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	\$2237	\$1400	\$983	\$2044 (Details in Addendum A)
Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

- 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:  Date: August 18, 2019

Name: Maia H Hoffman Title: Chief Operating Officer

Organization: Inside The Middle East

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

Address: 7009 Wallis Avenue, Baltimore MD 21215

Telephone: 410-843-7520 Email: Maia@MaiaHoffman.com

*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.



U.S. House of Representatives

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Christopher MacArthur

2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: Inside The Middle East (501(c)(3))

3. Travel Destination(s): Israel and The Palestinian Territories (West Bank)

4. a. Date of Departure: August 2, 2019 Date of Return: August 11, 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.**

The field seminar provides a hands-on learning opportunity to understand the motivation and connectivity of events in the Middle East, both past and present. As a Senior Legislative Assistant, I handle appropriations and policy related to our national security.

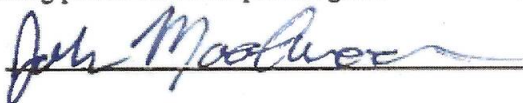
The field seminar provides valuable insight and perspective to contextualize regional events and potential effects on the US.

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 6-28-19



## 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: Inside The Middle East (501(c)(3))
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: August 2, 2019 Date of Return: August 11, 2019
7.
  - a. City of departure: Washington, DC
  - b. Destination(s): Israel & The Palestinian Territories (West Bank)
  - c. City of return: Washington, DC
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: \_\_\_\_\_



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:  
Inside The Middle East's (ITME) mission is to provide a non-partisan education on the Middle East, while teaching critical thinking in an innovative and engaging fashion. ITME provides the knowledge and tools to accurately analyze and decipher current events in the Middle East and to successfully navigate future events.
13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
  - b. Class of travel: Coach  Business  First  Charter  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
  - c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:*
15. **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): \$111  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: As part of its general mission to encourage a non-partisan education on the contemporary Middle East, the trip provides a professional look at the region.
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- |   |                        |                              |
|---|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Hotel Name: <u>Rothschild 65</u>  | City: <u>Tel Aviv</u>  | Cost Per Night: <u>\$225</u> |
| Reason(s) for Selecting: <u>It is a nice small hotel in a good location and it is not expensive</u> |                        |                              |
| Hotel Name: <u>Metula Travel Hotel</u>  | City: <u>Metula</u>    | Cost Per Night: <u>\$180</u> |
| Reason(s) for Selecting: <u>It is an inexpensive new hotel in a good location for the itinerary</u> |                        |                              |
| Hotel Name: <u>Arthur Hotel</u>   | City: <u>Jerusalem</u> | Cost Per Night: <u>\$175</u> |
| Reason(s) for Selecting: <u>It is a nice small hotel in a good location and it is not expensive</u> |                        |                              |
17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:*



18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	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	\$2095	\$1430	\$780
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	\$1,534	Tour Guides, Speakers, Activities, Entrance Fees, Room Rentals, Water, Tips, Materials, Security
For each Accompanying Family Member		

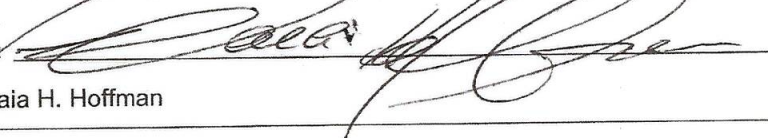
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19. Check only one:

- 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: July 1, 2019

Name: Maia H. Hoffman

Title: Chief Operating Officer

Organization: Inside The Middle East

Address: 7009 Wallis Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215

Telephone: 410-843-7520

Email: maia@maiahoffman.com

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July 31, 2019

Mr. Christopher MacArthur  
Office of the Honorable John Moolenaar  
117 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. MacArthur:

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 August 2 to 11, 2019, sponsored by Inside the Middle East.

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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"INSIDE THE MIDDLE EAST: INTELLIGENCE PERSPECTIVES "ITME

Congressional Staff Delegation to Israel and The Palestinian Territories

August 2 – August 11, 2019

**Addendum A**

(per person other expenses)

Tour Guide(s)	\$423 per person
Meeting Room Rental	\$140 per person
Speakers	\$700 per person
Entrance Fees	\$17 per person
Snacks, Water, Printing	\$82 per person
Hotel and Expenses for Guide, Driver, Security	\$127 per person
Meals for Guide, Driver, Security	\$77 per person
Security	\$307 per person
Hostess	\$21 per person
Tips for guides and drivers	\$150 per person
<b>Total Per Person:</b>	<b>\$2,044.00</b>

INSIDE THE MIDDLE EAST: INTELLIGENCE PERSPECTIVES "ITME"

Congressional Staff Delegation to Israel and The Palestinian Territories

August 2 – August 11, 2019

(As of August 1, & Subject to Change)

IMPLEMENTED ITINERARY

Friday, August 2, 2019

**10:30 PM** UA 72 Departs Dulles International Airport, Washington DC for Ben Gurion International Airport, Tel Aviv

Saturday, August 3, 2019

**4:30 PM** UA 72 Arrives at Ben Gurion International Airport, Tel Aviv

Our Representative holding a sign that says ITME will meet the group at the exit of the airplane.

They will escort the group through arrival airport formalities and connect them with **Avi Melamed**, the President & CEO of Inside The Middle East: Intelligence Perspectives and **Maia Hoffman**, the Chief Operating Officer of Inside The Middle East: Intelligence Perspectives who will be waiting in the Arrivals Hall. Maia and Avi will take the group to the bus.

**6:15 PM** The bus will depart the airport for Tel Aviv

**7:00 – 8:30 PM** Middle East Update over Dinner

This Inside The Middle East: Intelligence Perspectives (ITME) Educational Field Seminar follows 9 Educational Seminars held in Washington DC in February and March 2019 (Curriculum enclosed).

The 9 DC based sessions were designed to build the database necessary to understand the contemporary Middle East. Hand in hand with building the database, Middle East updates regarding current events were also part of the Seminars.

This opening session will consist of a general update of events that have transpired in the region since the last Seminar in DC which was held on March 18<sup>th</sup>. In addition, the participants will be able to ask any questions they have regarding current events.

**Speaker:** Avi Melamed, President & CEO, Inside The Middle East: Intelligence Perspectives

**Location:** Yulia | 1 Yordei HaSira Tel Aviv

**8:30 PM** Depart Yulia and take bus to hotel - **Rothschild 65 Hotel in Tel Aviv.**

**9:00 PM** Check-in to Hotel

**Overnight:** Rothschild 65 Hotel | 65 Rothschild Boulevard, Tel Aviv | Phone: +(972) 3 - 767-7677

Sunday, August 4, 2019

**Subject:** The Faces of the Israeli - Palestinian Conflict: The West Bank - A Behind the Scenes Understanding of the Reality of Palestinians and Israelis Living in the West Bank

**6:30 AM** Buffet Breakfast is served

**8:15 AM** Depart Hotel and walk to to Rothschild 22

**8:30 – 9:30 AM** **Opening Session & Framing of The Educational Seminar**

**8:30 – 9:00 AM** The Inside the Middle East: Intelligence Perspectives Congressional Fellowship is designed to equip Congressional Staffers with the knowledge and the tools to accurately analyze and decipher current events in the Middle East and successfully navigate future events in the region.

The program in its sixth year of operation, and its second year on Capitol Hill, consists of lectures on selected topics to provide the history and in depth understanding critical to interpreting the Middle East today, and real-time Middle East updates on current and evolving events.

ITME looks beyond Western media sources, narratives and explanations, and encourages participants to adopt a new critical lens for broader analysis.

The three-dimensional perspectives the program offers, the understanding of the connectivity of events, the motivation, interest and mindset of the players - plus the intelligence tools which are incorporated throughout the program, guarantee a better ability to accurately understand, analyze and contextualize regional events.

The ITME Congressional Fellowship provides US policy makers insight, knowledge, and understanding to effect a constructive, productive, and effective US policy in the Middle East.

The DC based component of the program was designed to build the database critical to understanding the contemporary Middle East.

The Educational Field Seminar builds on that database by zooming in on specific issues through meetings with outstanding Middle East experts and allowing participants to see things on the ground.

This opening session will be an opportunity to do a brief overview of the DC sessions to ensure participants get the most out of the Field Seminar.

**9:00 – 9:30 AM** As we learned in the DC Sessions, The Israeli Palestinian Conflict is one of many conflicts that make up the Middle East landscape.

The first two days of the Educational Seminar will focus on different aspects of the issue to help participants build a three-dimensional picture of the conflict.

Today will be an opportunity to hear from one of the foremost experts on the Israeli Palestinian conflict, and then to go beyond the headlines to meet Palestinians and Jews living in the West Bank.

Traveling through the region, seeing things on the ground - understanding the geography, the demography, the terrain, the communal fabric and societal structure is an essential component in building an accurate understanding.

Moreover, meeting and talking with people who live in the region provides personal and unfiltered access to the multi-dimensional picture of a complex reality.

**Speakers:** **Avi Melamed**, President & CEO, Inside The Middle East: Intelligence Perspectives

**Jared Goldfarb**, Tour Guide & Educator

**Location:** Rothschild 22 - 11<sup>th</sup> Floor

**9:30 – 10:45 AM** **Current Local & Regional Perspectives on The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**  
Dreams of a future of hope for both Israelis and Palestinians following the Oslo Agreement in the early 1990's quickly crashed; the conflict has further intensified. What are the major factors shaping the course of the conflict? What are the major characteristics of the inner political discussion within and amongst the sides? What can we realistically expect in the foreseeable future?

**Speaker:** **Brig-Gen. (Ret.) Dr. Shlomo Brom**, Head of the Program on Israeli-Palestinian Relations, The Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)

**Location:** Rothschild 22 - 11<sup>th</sup> Floor

**11:00 AM** **Leave Tel Aviv and Drive to Qalandia**

**11:00 – 12:00 PM** **Education-in-Motion – Build The Database**  
En Route Avi Melamed and Jared Goldfarb will build the database and lexicon necessary to understand the conflict.

**12:00 – 4:30 PM What is it like to be a Palestinian living in the West Bank?**

Who are the Palestinians? What motivates them? What concerns them? What are their daily lives like?

**Speaker:** Rami Nafez Nazzal, A Palestinian Educator and Founder of Beyond Borders Tours

**12:00 – 12:30 PM Introduction to Palestine and Palestinian Society and Bus Tour to Ramallah**

Visit Qalandia Check Point, the Seam Line Obstacle (Security Fence), and drive to the Business District / Downtown of Ramallah.

Rami will begin by introducing us to Palestine and Palestinian Society.

Visiting the Check Point, traveling from the check point to Ramallah, seeing the Seam Line Obstacle, and walking around Ramallah will offer an unfiltered opportunity to see things up close on the ground and speak to people.

**Speaker:** Rami Nafez Nazzal

**12:30 – 2:00 PM Lunch Discussion with Dr. Khalil Shikaki – Insights Into The Inner Palestinian Dialogue**

Developing a constructive and sustainable approach to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict requires an understanding of Palestinian society and the inner dialogue within Palestinian society.

This session will offer insight into that inner dialogue regarding including: the conflict with Israel; the impact of the Arab Spring and the increasing challenges of the Arab world on the Arab world's relationship with the Palestinians; perspectives on Fatah and the Hamas – Fatah relationship; differences in generational outlooks and perspectives on the conflict, Palestinian society, and more.

**Speaker:** Dr. Khalil Shikaki, Director of the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research, Ramallah. He is also a senior fellow at the Crown Center for Middle East Studies at Brandeis University.

**Location:** Capers Restaurant | Al-Kuliyeh Al-Ahlyeh Street, Ramallah As'as Building, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor

**2:00 PM Leave Ramallah and Drive to Rawabi**

**2:30 – 4:00 PM** **The City of Rawabi and its place within Palestinian Society**

**2:30 – 3:15 PM** **Overview and Tour the city of Rawabi**

Rawabi is the first Palestinian planned city, providing opportunities for affordable home ownership, employment, education and leisure. The city features state-of-the-art infrastructure designed according to a masterplan prioritizing urban planning and environmental sustainability. Rawabi is tailored to provide a modern and comfortable environment in which to **Live, Work and Grow**.

**3:15 – 4:00 PM** **The History and Future of Rawabi and its importance on Palestinian Society**

**Speaker:** **Mr. Bashar Masri**

Bashar Masri, the visionary behind Rawabi, is founder and Chairman of Massar International. He also established the first private equity fund dedicated to investing in companies operating in Palestine. He was recently elected Chairman of the Palestine Development and Investment Company (PADICO) and regionally he leads several economically significant investment projects throughout the Arab world.

**Location:** Siroter, Q Center

**4:00 PM** Leave Rawabi and drive to Kfar Tapuach

**4:00 – 4:30 PM** **Education-in-Motion – Summary & Q's and A's**  
En Route Rami will summarize the morning and take any questions.

**4:30 – 9:00 PM** **What is it like to be an Israeli living in the West Bank?**  
Who are the Jews who live in the West Bank – which they refer to as "Judea and Samaria"? What motivates them? What concerns them? What are their daily lives like?

**Speaker:** **David Ha'Ivri**, A Jewish Educator, Member of the Regional Council, Strategist, Author, and Talk Show Host

**4:30 – 4:45 PM** Drive from Kfar Tapuach to Ariel

**4:45 – 5:15 PM Introduction to Jews and Jewish Society in Yehuda & Shomron**

David will begin by introducing us to the Jews and Jewish society in the Yehuda and Shomron – which are the Biblical names of the West Bank.

**Bus tour of Ariel**

A thirty-minute drive from Tel Aviv, Ariel is one of the largest Jewish communities in the West Bank. The bus tour will offer the opportunity to understand the structure of the city, its demographic makeup, and impact on the surrounding areas – both Palestinian and Jewish.

**Speaker: David Ha'Ivri**

**5:15 – 5:30 PM Drive from Ariel to Barkan**

**5:30 – 6:20 PM Visit the Community of Barkan**

The Barkan community is a secular Jewish community in the West Bank with a Business Park with 120 businesses that employ Jews and Palestinians.

An important component of understanding the conflict – and to developing a productive policy is knowing the distances and the composition of the communities.

From Barkan looking to the west towards the Mediterranean Sea, participants will see Israel's largest metropolitan area - Gush Dan, including the city of Tel Aviv – as well as the Jewish and Arab communities that make up the landscape of this region.

**Speaker: Chen Ben Lulu**

**6:20 – 6:35 PM Drive from Barkan to Mt. Gerizim**

**6:35 – 7:10 PM Briefing - Mt. Gerizim**

Mount Gerizim at 886 meters above sea level (higher than Jerusalem) is one of the highest mountains in Israel.

From Mt. Gerizim, looking to the east towards Jordan, participants see the Jewish and Arab communities that make up the landscape of this region - including the city of Nablus, one of the largest Palestinian cities with a population of more than 50,000 people.

Having these two perspectives builds a holistic picture of the terrain, the geography, the demography and the landscape. All of this knowledge is critical to building a tangible understanding of the conflict and building the database necessary to offer practical arrangements that can lead towards a viable and sustainable long term solution which takes into account the needs and interests of Palestinians and Israelis.

In addition to understanding the distances, a key component to deciphering the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is to meet the people who are part of the conflict and who are impacted by the conflict. And this is not only Palestinians and Israelis. On Mt. Gerizim there is a Samaritan community. The Samaritans are a group in the Levant, said to have originated from the ancient Israelites. Today they are a tiny non-Jewish, non-Arab people caught up right in-between the two and struggling to maintain their own ancient heritage.

**Speaker:** David Ha'Ivri

**Location:** Mt Gerizim

**7:10 – 8:45 PM Har Bracha**

The Samaritan Village and an Israeli settlement, Har Bracha are situated on the same mountain ridge.

Have dinner in the Har Bracha Winery

**Dinner Discussion with David Ha'Ivri – Insights Into The Inner Jewish Dialogue in The West Bank**

Developing a constructive and sustainable approach to the Israeli Palestinian conflict requires an understanding of Israeli society and the inner dialogue within Israeli society. This session will offer insight into Israeli society's inner dialogue regarding among other things the conflict with the Palestinians; the issue of settlements; their relationship with the government; their relationship with the Jewish community; their perspectives on the future, and more.

**Speakers:** David Ha'Ivri, Yonaton Behar, and Nir Lavie

**Location:** Mt. Blessing Winery | 84 Mount Blessing

**8:30- 9:30 PM Drive back to Tel Aviv**

**Education-in-Motion**

En Route Avi Melamed and Jared Goldfarb will summarize the day and answer questions.

**9:30 PM Arrive at Hotel**

**Overnight:** Rothschild 65 Hotel | 65 Rothschild Boulevard, Tel Aviv | Phone: +(972) 3 - 767-7677



Monday, August 5, 2019

**Subject:** The Gaza Strip: Domestic and Regional Aspects of the Israeli – Palestinian Conflict

**6:30 AM** Buffet Breakfast is served

**8:00 AM** Depart Hotel and Dayan Center

**8:30 – 9:30 AM** Framing of Today and Reflections on Yesterday

**8:30 – 9:00 AM** This session will offer participants the opportunity to comment, reflect, and ask questions about the day with Rami in the West Bank and David in Judea and Samaria.

**9:00 – 9:30 AM** The second day of looking at the Israeli - Palestinian conflict will focus on the Gaza Strip.

The reality of both 2 million Palestinians in the Gaza Strip as well as millions of Israelis is shaped by regional players as well a wide variety of underlying forces, processes and trends, and interests.

Today participants will learn who the factors are, and how and why they shape the reality in Gaza and in Israel.

**Speakers:** **Avi Melamed**, President & CEO, Inside The Middle East: Intelligence Perspectives

**Jared Goldfarb**, Tour Guide & Educator

**9:30 – 11:00 AM** **Egypt: The Struggling Giant**

This session will explore the role of Egyptian young generation vis-a-vis domestic economic and societal Challenges and the impact of the young generation on Egypt's political map and future.

**Speaker:** **Dr. Mira Tzoreff**, Co-Chair, Egypt Forum at the Moshe Dayan Center for Middle East and African Studies. Research Fellow at the MDC, Lecturer, Department of Middle Eastern and African History at Tel Aviv University.

**Location:** Dayan Center

**11:00** Leave Tel Aviv and Drive to Sderot

**Education-in-Motion**

En Route Avi Melamed and Jared Goldfarb will build the database necessary to understand the history of the Gaza Strip and its relationship with the State of Israel.

**12:30 – 2:00 PM** **Gaza – Pawns on a Chessboard**

Standing in Israel seeing almost half of the Gaza Strip participants will learn about the history of Gaza and delve how events in Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Iran and the Sinai impact the Hamas leadership in Gaza and the lives of the Palestinians living there. The briefing will also explore how the ever-evolving alliances, allegiances and conflicts impact and influence Palestinian identity, the Palestinian narrative and ambitions, the Fatah-

Hamas relationship and the dynamic between Israel, the Palestinians and the Arab world.

**Speaker:** Avi Melamed

**Location:** Black Arrow Overlook

**2:00 PM** Leave Black Arrow Overlook and Drive to Lunch

**2:00 - 3:00 PM** Lunch in Sderot

**Location:** Hummus Shel Tachina | 51 Herz Street, Sderot

**3:00 PM** Leave Sderot and Drive to Hill

**3:15 - 4:30 PM** **The Underground Challenge: The Threat of Intrusive Tunnels**

In recent years Israel has exposed and neutralized border crossing tunnels dug by Hamas and the Islamic Jihad in Palestine (IJIP) leading to Israeli communities. This briefing explores the dimensions of that threat and the interceptive and defensive measures developed and applied by Israel.

**Speaker:** Lt. Colonel, Yaron Buskila, Former Head of the Tunnel Discovery Unit, the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF)

**Location:** The Lone Rider Hill

**4:30- 5:30 PM** **Tour of Sderot**

On the tour of the city of Sderot – less than one mile from the Gaza border and the largest city in the region, participants will learn about daily life in the areas surrounding Gaza, called the ‘Gaza Envelope.’

**Speakers:** Avi Melamed

Jared Goldfarb

**5:30 PM** Return to Tel Aviv

**Education-in-Motion**

En Route Avi Melamed and Jared Goldfarb will summarize the day and answer questions.

**6:30 PM** Arrive at Hotel

**7:30 PM** Meet in the Lobby of the Hotel and Walk to Dinner

**8:00 – 9:30 PM The Phantom Empire: Social Media in the Middle East**

In the ongoing debate within the Arab world over identity, path and direction, a new powerful player has emerged – the social media empire. Abolishing time and distance, social media compresses and escalates dramatic changes as witnessed during the outbreak of the events of the "Arab Spring."

This Briefing goes behind the scenes and will offer us insight into the inner-discourse of Arab world and the impact of the internet and social media on Arab society and the Arab world.

**Speaker:** **Dr. Michael Barak**, Team Leader of the Global Jihad & Jihadi Websites Monitoring Group, Team Research Manager of the Institute for Counterterrorism (ICT) Cyber-Desk, Researcher and member of the Social Media Networks in the Arab World (Beehive) research board at The Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies (MDC) in Tel Aviv University (TAU).

**Location:** Ha Traklin Restaurant | Heihal HaTalmud St 4, Tel Aviv

**9:30 PM** Walk back to the Hotel

**Overnight:** Rothschild 65 Hotel | 65 Rothschild Boulevard, Tel Aviv | Phone: +(972) 3 - 767-7677

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

**Subject:** The Struggle over Identity, Path, and Direction: The Arab Gulf, Iran, Iraq, Turkey, Syria, and Lebanon

**6:30 AM** Buffet Breakfast is served

**8:00 AM** Leave Hotel and walk to Mindspace

**8:15 – 9:00 AM** Framing of Today and Reflections on Yesterday

**8:30 – 8:45 AM** This session will offer participants the opportunity to comment, reflect, and ask questions about the day in Gaza or the dinner session.

**8:45 - 9:15 AM** For the last decade the Middle East has experienced an historical, political, cultural and societal tectonic plate movement that has resulted in a seismic shift of historical proportions.

The heart of that phenomenon is a massive corridor consisting of 160,000,000 million people that stretches all the way from Iran crossing through Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon. At the core of that earthquake are issues such as national identity, political, social, and economic challenges, power struggles between ancient players, and competing ideologies. These core issues and others have joined together and coincide – and not by coincidence - in the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century to result in the huge earthquake that has shaken the Middle East to its core for the past decade.

What are those issues? Why do they coincide now? How do they shape the reality of the region and its people? What are the immediate and possible ramifications?

For the next three days – through on the ground Briefings and Closed Door Briefings, participants will zoom in and zoom out to develop a clear picture of the current reality which will help them accurately decipher current regional events as well as the future path, direction and outcomes.

Today's briefings will zoom in on some of the most important countries of the region that are at the epicenter of this seismic shift.

**Speakers:** **Avi Melamed**, President & CEO, Inside The Middle East: Intelligence Perspectives

**Jared Goldfarb**, Tour Guide & Educator

**Location:** Moshe Dayan Center

**9:15 – 10:30 AM Iraq: The Land of Two Rivers and Multiple Identities**

Iraq's contemporary history is a constant story of the struggle over identity, which reflects its complex, challenging political, ethnic and religious fabric. That struggle intensified following the downfall of Saddam Hussein and the ensuing growing Iranian influence on Iraq's domestic and regional policy.

**Speaker:** **Professor Dr. Amatzia Baram**, Director of the Centre for Iraq Studies at the University of Haifa, Israel.

**Location:** LABS, Tel Aviv Sarona Tower

**11:15 – 12:45 PM Turkey: The Dream of Restoring Past Glory**

Under the leadership of Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Turkey has experienced a dramatic transition. Once a secular state, Turkey is turning into an Islamic Republic. Guided by a vision of restoring the glory days of the Turkish Ottoman Empire, Erdoğan leads a proactive regional policy striving to crown Turkey and himself as the leader of Sunni Middle East. However, in 2019 that vision faces significant – and growing – challenges and obstacles.

**Speaker:** **Dr. Hay Eytan Cohen Yanarocak**  
Editor of Turkeyscope, Member of the Middle East Network Analysis Desk, Researcher at Jerusalem Institute for Strategic Studies and at the Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Research

**Location:** Moshe Dayan Center

**12:45 PM** Drive to Herzeliya Interdisciplinary Center (IDC)

**Box lunches on the bus or at IDC**

**1:30 – 3:00 PM Iran – At The Crossroads**

40 years has passed since the Mullah regime took over Iran. The revolutionary, ideologically-driven mindset and passion of the regime has translated both inside Iran as well as in the region into an aggressive policy, resulting in a dangerous and growing instability while the challenges inside Iran fuel the growing discontent of Iranians. Where is Iran headed?

**Speaker:** **Meir Javedanfar**, Research Fellow, Institute for Policy Strategy (IPS), Herzeliya Interdisciplinary Center; Owner and Editor, Iran-Israel Observer

**Location:** The Interdisciplinary Center Herzeliya

**3:00 – 4:30 PM**

**The Arab Gulf – In Between Tradition, Conservatism and Openness**

Though relatively, the Arab Gulf Monarchies have successfully outlasted the the “Arab Spring” and its aftermath, the Monarchies need to design a policy which effectively addresses their growing challenges while at the same time navigating between tradition, conservatism and openness. What does the future hold for the Arab Gulf Monarchies?

**Speaker:** **Dr. Yossi Mann**, Chairman of the Department of Middle Eastern Studies, Bar Ilan University; Research Fellow, Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS) at the Herzeliya Interdisciplinary Center (IDC)

**Location:** The Interdisciplinary Center Herzeliya

**5:00 PM**

Depart IDC for Tel Aviv

**6:00 PM**

Arrive at Hotel

**7:45 PM**

Take Bus To Dinner

**8:00 PM**

Arrive at Dinner

**8:00 – 10:00 PM Religion and Politics in the Middle East: Is there a Shift?**

Islam is the religion of most people in the Middle East and throughout history it has played a central role in the shaping of the societies and politics of the region. The establishment of independent states in the region, hand in hand with the growing challenges of its people, generates a growing discussion regarding the nature of the relationship between Islam and politics. Are we in a transition phase?

**Speaker:** **Dr. Ori Goldberg** Faculty member of the Israeli National Defense College, IDC, Tel Aviv University, and other institutions. The author of Lachshov Shi'it (Thinking Shi'a), co-author of Understanding Shiite Leadership: The Art of the Middle Ground in Iran and Lebanon.

**Location:** Maganda Restaurant | 26 Rabbi Meir St., Tel Aviv

**10:00 PM**

Walk to Hotel

**10:20 PM**

Arrive at Hotel

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Wednesday, August 7, 2019

**Logistical Note:** We are checking out... Please bring your bags down to breakfast

**Subject:** The Crescent of the Tectonic Plate Movement: From the Gulf to the Mediterranean

**6:30 AM** Buffet Breakfast is served

**7:45 AM** Bring bags to the bus to load the bus

**8:00 AM** Depart Hotel and drive to Tel Aviv University

**8:20 AM** Arrive at Tel Aviv University

**8:30 – 9:00 AM Framing of Today and Reflections on Yesterday**

**8:30 – 8:45 AM** This session will offer participants the opportunity to comment, reflect, and ask questions about the briefings the previous days' briefings.

**8:45 – 9:00 AM** In the second decade of the 21st Century the 20th Century Middle East disappears, and a new – yet at the same time old, Middle East emerges. On the second day of exploring the events that are reshaping the Middle East map, participants will once again zoom in and zoom out in order to build the database necessary to maximize the upcoming briefings on the Lebanese and Syrian borders.

**Speakers:** **Avi Melamed**, President & CEO, Inside The Middle East: Intelligence Perspectives

**Jared Goldfarb**, Tour Guide & Educator

**Location:** Tel Aviv University  
The Senate Building

**9:00 – 10:30 AM Syria - The Ruined Fortress**

Syria - described as *Qal'at al 'urubah* the "Fortress of Arab Identity" is torn apart, ruined, occupied by a myriad of forces, and has become a stage for a massive power struggle involving both regional and global powers. How and why did this happen? What lies ahead for Syria?

**Speaker:** **Professor Dr Eyal Zisser**, Vice Rector and holder of The Yona and Dina Ettinger Chair in Contemporary History of the Middle East, Tel Aviv University and a Senior Research Fellow at the Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies.

**Location:** Tel Aviv University  
The Senate Building

**10:45 AM** Walk to the Institute of National Security Studies (INSS)

**11:00 AM** Arrive at INSS

**11:15 – 12:45 PM The Shifting Landscape of the Middle East**

This session concludes a series of sessions in which participants have zoomed in on the current core issues and arenas central to understanding the contemporary Middle East. Now it is time to zoom out and bring it all together.

This session will offer a cohesive, comprehensive view of the changing landscape of the Middle East. What is the current atmosphere in the region? What are the possible short term and long term developments? And what will the impact be of these developments on the region?

**Speaker:** **Brigadier General (Ret.) Itai Brun**, Deputy Director of Institute of National Security Studies (INSS), Vice President of Research and Analysis; former Head of the Intelligence Analysis Division at Israel Defense Forces (IDF)

**1:00 PM Drive to the Israel – Lebanese Border and Lunch on the Bus**

**Education-in-Motion**

The Middle East is a chain of many links – what happens in one region influences what happens in another. The past few days have built the database necessary to understand the contemporary Middle East. The next two days will be exploring the northern borders and seeing what has been discussed - on the ground.

**2:30 PM** Arrive at Rosh Hanikra, the **westernmost point of the Israel – Lebanon border**

**2:30 – 7:00 PM Lebanon: From Paris to Tehran**  
Lebanon, an Arab state was once known as "The Paris of the Middle East." Today, the highway from Lebanon's International Airport to Beirut is named after Ayatollah Khomeini, the founder of the Islamic Revolution in Iran. How and why has Lebanon changed its face so dramatically? These questions and many other will be addressed during lunch, and the ensuing Educational Intelligence Tour along the Israeli – Lebanese border.

**Speaker:** **Moran Levanoni**, Syria and Lebanon analyst on the Doron Halpern Middle East Network Analysis Desk (MENAD), Research fellow at the Truman Institute.

**2:30 – 2:45 PM Introduction to Tour**

**Location:** Rosh Ha Nikra



**3:00 – 7:00 PM Educational Intelligence Tour of the Israeli - Lebanese Border**

Lebanese Prime Minister, Saad El-Din Rafik Al-Hariri said "Lebanon was kidnapped by Iran and Hezbollah." That reality impacts Lebanon across the board and radiates negatively on its neighbors - Israel and Syria. Driving along the Lebanese border, participants will be able to see and learn about some of the ways Israel is influenced by this reality including: the struggle between Lebanon and Israel over offshore gas rights; Villages in Israel that Lebanon claims are actually in Lebanese territory; Hezbollah watchtowers on the Israeli border; and Hezbollah's border crossing tunnels. Everything participants see and learn today are the clear manifestation of Al-Hariri's statement.

**3:45- 5:00 PM Lebanese Politics and Hezbollah on The Border**

**Location:** Arab Aramshe

**5:00 – 6:00 PM Drive from Arab Aramshe to Metula**

**6:00 – 7:00 PM Land Controversies**

**Location:** Metula

**Speaker:** Moran Levanoni

**7:30 PM** Check into Hotel in **Metula**

**8:30 – 10:00 PM Group Dinner and Summary and Reflection Conversation**

**Location:** Ha Tachana | Metula

**Overnight:** Metula Travel Hotel | 52 Ha-Rishonim Street, Metula | +(972) - 4-688-3040

Thursday, August 8, 2019

**Logistical Note:** We are checking out... Please bring your bags down to breakfast

**Subject:** At the Edge of a Volcano – Syria

**7:00 AM** Buffet Breakfast is served

**8:00 – 8:15 AM** Framing of Today

On the third of the three days piecing together the reality of Israel's northern border and understanding the dramatic processes that are reshaping the Middle East and the global map, participants will continue to delve into Syria to gain an understanding of what is the current state of affairs in the country. But the scope today will widen to look at Syria's neighbors – Lebanon, Iraq, Iran to the east and south towards the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

What are the inner processes that are shaping Syria and her neighbors and how will that impact each country individually and the region as a whole?

**Speakers:** **Avi Melamed**, President & CEO, Inside The Middle East:  
Intelligence Perspectives

**Jared Goldfarb**, Tour Guide & Educator

**Location:** Breakfast Room of the Hotel

**8:20 AM** Board the Bus and Put Luggage on the Bus

**8:30 AM** Depart Hotel

**8:30 – 9:30 AM** Briefing & Border Tour: Beauty is Deceiving: Bordering Hezbollah

The view from Israel into Lebanon is breathtaking. However, external forces and inner struggles have wrenched this country for generations. Standing on the border we will delve deeper into the history of the country and the area, explore the major forces that play a role in this struggling country, see and understand the impact of the primary players including Hezbollah, Iran, and Syria on southern Lebanon and Israel and understand why the complex fiber of Lebanon and Lebanese society makes it fertile ground for continuing violence and chaos. It is against this backdrop that we will discuss the current atmosphere in the country, the impact on Israel's geostrategic posture, the future of Lebanon and the ramifications on the region. We will also have a close look at one of the the border-crossing tunnel dug by Hezbollah infiltrating into Israeli community of Metula.

**Speaker:** **Ofer Amos**, Chief Security Officer, Municipality of Metula and Chief Regional Military and Municipal Security Coordinator

**Location:** In the Moshav of Metula

**10:00 AM** Depart Metula and Drive to the Golan Heights

**Education-in-Motion**

En Route, Avi Melamed and Jared Goldfarb will discuss the history of the human presence in the Golan Heights through the ages and the changing reality of the Golan Heights since the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948 until today.

**11:30 AM** Arrive at **Ronen Overlook**, The Golan Heights

**11:30 – 12:30 PM** **The War in Syria: Looking at a Volcano**

The war in Syria, one of the most significant events in the history of the Middle East, has been brewing for generations is ripping apart the fabric of the society and putting the future of the region in question. Standing on the border, 25 miles from Damascus, participants will explore the war in Syria, discuss the potential for the "Sinaization" or "Shiitization" of the Golan, understand the impact of Assad's allegiances and alliances from the Russia to Turkey to Iran, and how the war impacts the region including Israel's current and future behavior and outlook.

**Speaker:** Avi Melamed

**Location:** **Ronen Overlook**

**12:45 PM** Leave Ronen Overlook and drive to Kibbutz Ein Zivan

**1:00 – 2:00 PM** **Lunch at Pelter Winery**

**Location:** **Pelter Winery | Kibbutz Ein Zivan**

**2:30 – 4:00 PM** **IDF Intelligence Base Visit**

Briefing by the Unit's Commander on the situation in the area under their jurisdiction, and an Introduction to the World of Combat Intelligence Gathering. In the Combat Intelligence component of the Briefing, participants will learn about the operational methodology developed and applied by the IDF in order to increase their capacity to be able to gather reliable, relevant and real-time combat intelligence in the face of growing and varying threats in the area of the Golan Heights.

**Location:** Central Golan Heights

**4:00 PM** Leave Base and drive via the Jordan Valley to Jerusalem

**Education-in-Motion**

En Route Avi Melamed and Jared Goldfarb will summarize the day and answer questions.

**6:00 – 7:00 PM** **Dinner**

**Location:** Last Chance | Almog Intersection

**7:15 PM** Drive to Jerusalem

**9:00 PM** Check into Arthur Hotel in Jerusalem

**Overnight:** Arthur Hotel | 13 Dorot Harishonim Street, Jerusalem | Phone: +(972)-2-623-9999

Friday, August 9, 2019

**Subject:** From Jerusalem to D.C.

**7:00 AM** Buffet Breakfast is served

**8:00 AM** Meet in the Lobby to walk to Harmony Hotel

**8:10 AM** Arrive at the Harmony Hotel

**Location:** 6 Yo'el Moshe Salomon Street, Jerusalem

**8:15 – 9:00 AM** Framing of Today and Reflections on Yesterday

**8:15 – 8:45 AM** This session will offer participants the opportunity to comment, reflect, and ask questions about the day in the Golan Heights.

**8:45 – 9:00 AM** As the educational seminar nears its end – the next two days participants will experience a mixture of geopolitics and understanding Jerusalem on a more personal level.

**Speakers:** **Avi Melamed**, President & CEO, Inside The Middle East: Intelligence Perspectives

**Jared Goldfarb**, Tour Guide & Educator

**Location:** Harmony Hotel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room

**9:00 – 10:30 AM** Reflections on US Policy In The Middle East

A retrospective and future analysis of the factors which shape US policy in the Middle East the Middle East and the Israeli – Palestinian conflict.

**Speaker:** **Professor Dr. Eytan Gilboa**, Director of the Center for International Communication at Bar-Ilan University, Senior research associate at the Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies, Chair of Israel Communication Association. Expert on American-Israeli relations, U.S. policy in Middle East, American and Israeli politics, public opinion, communication, and public diplomacy.

**10:40 AM** Take the Bus to Yad Vashem

**11:00 AM** Arrive Yad Vashem

**11:00 – 1:00 PM** **Yad Vashem** was established in 1953 as the "National Authority for the Remembrance of the Martyrs and Heroes of the Holocaust" to commemorate the six million Jewish men, women and children murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators during the years 1933-1945. The vast campus of the memorial sits on the western edge of Jerusalem, and includes educational and training institutes for both teaches and students from around the world; historical, artistic and archival museums and galleries; as well as many powerful exhibits relating to diverse aspects of holocaust memory and narrative within Israeli society and identity. Our exploration will focus on the unique elements at Yad Vashem which, unlike any other holocaust museum in the world, combine the Jewish

people's commitment to "never forget" the tragedies that have befallen our ancestors, as well as create a dedicated space for Israelis to process these events, learn lessons from our experiences, and integrate these realities into our collective drive to move beyond the past and build a successful future as the Jewish State.

**1:00 PM** Depart Yad Vashem

**1:30 – 4:30 PM** Arrive at **Machane Yehuda Market** for Lunch on Own

**Machane Yehuda Market.** Known to Jerusalemites as simply “the shuk” (market), Machane Yehuda, also pronounced “Machne-Yuda,” is a sprawling buzzing network of alleys and vendors.

**4:30 PM** Leave the Hotel and walk to the Old City of Jerusalem

**4:30 – 7:30 PM** **Tour The Old City of Jerusalem**

The Old City is a walled area of roughly a half square mile, roughly divided into the **Armenian Quarter**, the **Christian Quarter**, the **Jewish Quarter** and the **Muslim Quarter**. The Old City is home to several sites of key religious importance: **Church of the Holy Sepulcher for Christians**, the **Dome of the Rock and al-Aqsa Mosque for Muslims**, and the **Western Wall for Jews**. We will tour the Old City, and we will learn about the centrality of Jerusalem in each of the monotheistic religions. Understanding how Jerusalem became a core theme in the narrative of Christianity, Islam and Judaism is critical to understanding the importance, the centrality, the sensitivity and the importance of Jerusalem in any policy related to the city, the Israeli Palestinian conflict, and the region.

**Speaker:** Jared Goldfarb

**7:30 – 8:00 PM** Visit the **Western Wall**, The Wailing Wall, Ha Kotel Ha Ma’aravi, the Kotel a wall that bears many names. At any hour of the day or night you will find dozens, at times hundreds, of people praying here, their heads bowed against the aged stones worn smooth from centuries of hopes and sorrows. The gamut of deeply felt emotions here is enough to touch anyone. No matter your religion - the sights and sounds of the Old City and the Western Wall on Friday night leave a spiritual and emotional impression which are another important layer of coming to grips with the complexities of Jerusalem.

**8:00 PM** Walk to Dinner

**8:30 – 10:00 PM** **Dinner: Questions and Answers**

This evening will be an opportunity for participants to ask Jared and Avi any questions they feel they need to further clarify from the DC Sessions, the Educational Field Seminar or anything else.

**Speakers:** Jared Goldfarb  
Avi Melamed

**Location:** The Herbert Samuel Hotel | 25 Shamai Street, Jerusalem

**10:00 PM** **Walk back to the Hotel**

**Overnight:** Arthur Hotel | 13 Dorot Harishonim Street, Jerusalem | Phone: +(972)-2-623-9999

Saturday, August 10, 2019

**Subject:** The beginning of a wonderful friendship....

**7:00 AM** Buffet Breakfast is served

**9:00 AM** Meet in the Dining Room

**9:00 – 9:30 AM** Framing of Today

**9:00 – 9:30 AM** Jerusalem is one of the most sensitive and controversial issues between Palestinians and Israelis. In depth knowledge of the city and the geopolitical complexities of the city is critical to any kind of constructive and sustainable arrangement in the conflict.

Today participants will travel through and around the city to gain a comprehensive understanding of the geopolitical reality on the ground.

**Speakers:** **Avi Melamed**, President & CEO, Inside The Middle East: Intelligence Perspectives

**Location:** Balcony of the Dining Room

**9:30 AM** Depart the Hotel

**9:30 – 12:30 PM** **Geopolitical Tour of Jerusalem**

When it seems like the Old City, East and West Jerusalem are in the palm of your hand, when in one glance you overlook The Anti-Terror Fence and Bethlehem, and when you can see Ramallah, Tel Aviv and the Dead Sea from the one spot you begin to build a holistic and comprehensive picture of the region and can better grapple with the issues in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Participants will delve into the complexity of Jerusalem, explore specific issues related to Jerusalem such as its borders, its geography, demography, political structure, strategic importance, etc.

**9:45 – 11:45 AM** **The Holy Basin & Temple Mount**

**Location:** Haas Promenade

**11:45 – 12:00 PM** Drive by US Embassy, the Bethlehem Passage and the Security Barrier

**12:00 – 12:30 PM** **The Anti Terror Fence**

**Location:** Gilo

**Speaker:** Avi Melamed

**12:30 PM** Take the bus back to the hotel

**1:00 PM** Return to Hotel to freshen up and finish packing

**2:30 PM** Depart Hotel, put luggage on the bus, walk to the Old City

**2:30 – 4:30 PM** Free time in the Old City of Jerusalem

**4:30 PM** Meet the Bus and go to Jerusalem Ovelook

**4:45 – 5:00 PM** **Overlook from Hebrew University Mt. Scopus, Jerusalem**

Throughout their time in Jerusalem, participants will have the opportunity to see Jerusalem from various vantage points to build a comprehensive understanding of the city – the topography, the demography, the structure, etc. This first view from Mt. Scopus looks at Jerusalem from the east. Jerusalem is a core issue in the Israeli – Palestinian conflict, and a comprehensive understanding of Jerusalem is critical for any policy intended to address the conflict.

**5:00 pm** Leave Mt Scopus and drive to the American Colony Hotel

**5:15 – 7:30 PM** **Concluding Session**

**5:15 – 6:00 PM** Participants will fill out **Post Program Evaluations**

**6:00 – 7:30 PM** **Summary of Educational Seminar**

**7:30 – 9:15 PM** **Closing Dinner**

Reflections on the entire Inside The Middle East: Intelligence Perspectives program

**Speakers:** Avi Melamed  
Jared Goldfarb  
Everyone in the Group

**Location:** American Colony Hotel | 1 Louis Vincent Street, Jerusalem

**9:30 PM** Board the Bus and Depart Jerusalem for Ben Gurion International Airport

**10:15 PM** Our **Representative** will **meet the group upon arrival at the airport. They will escort** the group through departure airport formalities.

**Sunday, August 11, 2019**

**12:20 AM** **UA 73** Departs Ben Gurion International Airport, Tel Aviv for Dulles International Airport, Washington DC

**5:50 AM** **UA 73** Arrives at Dulles International Airport, Washington DC

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**EXPLANTION OF ITINERARY CHANGES from the Pre-Approved itinerary to the Actual Itinerary**

**Sunday, August 4, 2019**

We were supposed to do a walking tour of Ramallah. The RSO at the US Embassy did not want us doing that. So we cancelled that and the lunch with Rami and replaced it with a meeting with Dr. Shikaki.

Mr Masri was originally not available to meet the group when they were scheduled to visit Rawabi. When he became available, we adjusted the schedule to allow participants to meet him and have an open conversation about the project and a wide variety of Palestinian issues.

In the afternoon we were only going to meet with David Ha Ivri. But he was able to integrate community members along the way.

**Monday, August 5, 2019**

Dr Haim Koren was scheduled to be the opening speaker. We believed Dr. Tzoreff of the Dayan Center would be better, so we switched the opening speaker and the location.

Sderot was supposed to be first, followed by the by lunch, a Briefing on the Tunnels, Erez Crossing. We had the opportunity to meet the former commander of the Tunnel Discovery Unit, Lt Colonel Yaron Buskila at a location that is usually closed to the public. We felt that was a more powerful experience than meeting with Spokespeople. Therefore, we needed to adjust the itinerary to accommodate his schedule which meant rearranging the activities and cancelling the visit to Erez Crossing.

**Tuesday, August 6, 2019**

Dr. Yanarocak was supposed to be the first speaker, followed by Dr. Baram. Dr. Baram preferred to speak in a "neutral" location, so we moved his session and for logistical purposes flipped the order.

**Wednesday, August 7, 2019**

We were supposed to have lunch at Ha Tzuk Restaurant. For logistical purposes, we decided to have lunch on the bus. The actual stops were adjusted based on the topics the speaker covered. We believed participants needed one evening to socialize over dinner without a speaker.

**Thursday, August 8, 2019**

We were supposed to include a UNDOF visit. The RSO at the US Embassy did not want us going east of Road 98 where the UNDOF Camp is located. So we extended the Briefing with Ofer Amos in Metulla, adjusted the Syria Briefing location and the lunch location to suit the adjusted schedule and route.

In the pre-approved itinerary, we were supposed to do an overlook upon arrival to Jerusalem. We decided to check in to the hotel instead and move the overlook to Saturday.

**Friday, August 9, 2019**

At the last minute Dr. Taub needed to go abroad. Therefore, we released the bus after he dropped the group at the market, we walked to and from the Old City and adjusted the program and location for dinner.

**Saturday, August 10, 2019**

On the Jerusalem Geopolitical Tour we were supposed to include Tel El Ful which required some walking. Given the heat, we decided to forgo that overlook.



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Each of the participants above participated in an educational seminar consisting of nine three-hour sessions on Capitol Hill designed to provide a non-partisan education on the contemporary Middle East and were selected based on their general interest in the region and their policy roles in the various Member offices and Committees. This program is focused on teaching critical analysis in an innovative and engaging way. Ultimately this program is designed to provide Congressional staff with the knowledge and tools necessary to accurately analyze and decipher current events in the Middle East and successfully navigate future events. This trip has been structured to provide a hands-on application of the information taught during the nine three-hour sessions and will provide an in-depth look at the geopolitical issues facing Israel and the Palestinian Territories.