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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: Twinkle Patel
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: N/A OR None   
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): N/A
3. a. Dates: Departure: 2/15/2020 Return: 2/21/2020  
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: see 8b OR None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Tel Aviv Return City: Newark
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Rebuilding Alliance
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Traveled to Jerusalem and parts of West Bank to witness what is happening on-site. Heard both Palestinian and Israeli perspective on the 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: Due to a death in the family, I flew back one day early (missed activities on final day) to make it back in time for the funeral. I paid for the ticket back totaling \$779.31.

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

Signature of Traveler:  Date: 2/24/2020

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Name of Supervising Member: Rep. Steube Date: 2/24/2020

Signature of Supervising Member:



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## Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form

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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: Rebuilding Alliance, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, was Primary Sponsor, and the Rotary Club Woodside Portola Valley Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, was a grant-making sponso

2. Travel Destination(s): Israel and the West Bank

3. Date of Departure: February 15, 2020 Date of Return: February 21, 2020

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Twinkle Patel

*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	\$725	\$1400	\$384	\$1020 Cost of the Tour guide service incl. minibus
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: Donna Baranski-Walker Date: February 26, 2020

Name: Donna Baranski-Walker Title: Executive Director

Organization: Rebuilding Alliance

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

Address: 1818 Gilbreth Road, Ste. 243, Burlingame CA 94010

Telephone: (650) 651-7165 Email: contact@rebuildingalliance.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: Twinkle Patel
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: Rebuilding Alliance
3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel :Israel
4. a. Date of Departure: 2/15/2020 Date of Return: 2/22/2020
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? [ ] Yes [x] No
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? [ ] Yes [x] 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 [x] No
7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: [x] Yes [ ] No
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties.
9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip? [ ] Yes [x] 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 1/17/2020



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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rebuilding Alliance, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization EIN 56-2392452
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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rotary Club Woodside Portola Valley Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization
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): \_\_\_\_\_  
See attached list of all Congressional Staff invited, and the list of staff who sent notice they intend to travel
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?  Yes  No
6. Date of Departure: February 15, 2020 Date of Return: February 22, 2020
7. a. City of departure: Dulles, Virginia (IAD)  
b. Destination(s): TLV Ben Gurion Airport  
c. City of return: Dulles, Virginia (IAD)
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: [X]
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: [X] 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:
Rebuilding Alliance (RA) seeks to advance peace. RA organized this trip to show how the peaceful aspirations of
ll are furthered when Palestinians & Israelis both enjoy equal rights and how US policy and aid can support
those aspirations. Rotary Club WPV Fdn seeks to 'Promote Peace' - this is the first of Rotary's six Areas of Focus.
13. Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:
a. Mode of travel: Air [X] Rail [ ] Bus [ ] Car [ ] Other [X] (specify: Minibus )
b. Class of travel: Coach [X] 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: [X]
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: [X]
If "b" is checked:
1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided):
2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
Hotel Name: National Hotel City: Jerusalem, Israel Cost Per Night: \$280 pp single
Reason(s) for Selecting: High standards, relaxing environment, centrally located, great breakfast
Hotel Name: City: Cost Per Night:
Reason(s) for Selecting:
Hotel Name: City: Cost Per Night:
Reason(s) for Selecting:
17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. Signify that the statement is true by checking box: [X]



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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	\$1620 r.t.	\$1680	\$480
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	\$116	Cost of tour guide service
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: Donna Baranski-Walker Date: January 16, 2020

Name: Donna Baranski-Walker

Title: Executive Director

Organization: Rebuilding Alliance

Address: 1818 Gilbreth Road, Ste 243, Burlingame CA 94010

Telephone: 650 440-9667

Email: LeadershipLearning@RebuildingAlliance.org

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

**Committee on Ethics**  
 U.S. House of Representatives  
 1015 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515  
 Phone: 202-225-7103 General Fax: 202-225-7392



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## Grantmaking Trip Sponsor Form

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

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. I certify that (name of your organization): Rotary CLub Woodside Portola Valley Foundation  
has been designated a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service.  Yes  No

2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: Rebuilding Alliance

3. I certify that my organization (check and complete a or b):

a.  Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. **OR**

b.  Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to

Destination: \_\_\_\_\_ on Date: \_\_\_\_\_

that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor.

4. **Check only one:**

a.  My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent **OR**

b.  My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.

5. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.

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

Signature:  Date: 12/17/2019

Name: Ken Hayes Title: Presdient

Organization: Rotary Club Woodside Portola Valley Foundation, a 501c(3)

Address: 130 Springdale Way, Emerald Hills, CA 94062

Telephone: 415-203-2597 Email: khayes@thehayesgroup.com

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

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February 12, 2020

Ms. Twinkle Patel  
Office of the Honorable W. Gregory Steube  
521 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Patel:

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 February 15 to 22, 2020, sponsored by Rebuilding Alliance.

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 Office of House Security (OHS) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. OHS may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or [ohsstaff@mail.house.gov](mailto: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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Theodore E. Deutch".

Theodore E. Deutch  
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kenny Marchant".

Kenny Marchant  
Ranking Member

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1818 Gilbreth Road Ste. 243, Burlingame CA 94010 Phone: (650) 651-7165 Email: [Contact@RebuildingAlliance.org](mailto:Contact@RebuildingAlliance.org)

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## **Congressional StaffDel Leadership Learning Mission to Jerusalem and the West Bank**

**With financial support provided by Rebuilding Alliance, an American 501(c)3 organization  
and the Rotary Club of Woodside/Portola Valley Foudation (also a 501(c)3 org)**

**February 14-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**

**Detailed Agenda**

**MISSION GOALS:** The overall goal of this Leadership Learning Mission is to explore how the peaceful aspirations of all can be furthered when Palestinians and Israelis both enjoy the benefits of equal rights, and how U.S. policy and aid can support those aspirations.

**RELEVANCE TO OFFICIAL DUTIES:** The Leadership Learning Mission offers Congressional foreign policy staff the opportunity to further their understanding of this region of the world and to better understand the implications of American policies in the region. This fact-finding trip will:

- Provide participants with an understanding of the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict leading to the current conditions;
- Consider the implications and impact of Israeli control of building and planning rights in Jerusalem and the West Bank and explore successful ways to prevent the demolition of Palestinian homes, schools, and neighborhoods;
- Visit public, private, and U.N. schools in West Jerusalem, East Jerusalem, and the West Bank to understand the challenges they are facing and learn about joint efforts to address those challenges; and
- Show what the termination of all US aid means for the health and education of Palestinian children.

**LOCATION:** The purpose of travel to Jerusalem and the West Bank is to give Congressional Foreign policy staff the opportunity to see the evolving facts on the ground and to attend on-site meetings, where possible, to hear from Palestinians and Israelis working to safeguard human rights.

**OF NOTE:** This is an accompaniment tour in which Congressional staff are joined by constituents. Green Olive Collective is the tour operator selected by Rebuilding Alliance to implement this agenda.

**Friday, Feb. 14th: Travel**

22:45	United Fl. 72	Departing IAD at 10:45 PM, Nonstop Boeing 777, Dinner
	Nonstop Boeing 777Dinner	Arriving at TLV 4:30 PM

<b><u>Sunday, Feb. 16th: West Jerusalem, East Jerusalem, and Greater Jerusalem</u></b>		
8:00	9:00	Breakfast
9:00		Meet in the Gloria Hotel lobby to depart to first destination
9:00	9:30	Transportation by minibus to Jerusalem, Haas Promenade, view point over Jerusalem.
9:30	10:00	Overview of Jerusalem’s evolvement as a center point in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, including the 1948 Green Line, the 1967 conquests, East Jerusalem and West Bank annexations, Jewish neighborhoods/settlements, Palestinian neighborhoods, and discussion of civil status in the city of Jerusalem.
		This presentation is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Congressional Staff’s official duties because it is providing the Staff with the base of information that they will need and draw upon throughout the remainder of the trip.
		Presenter: Itamar Shapira, LLM tour leader from Green Olive Tours
		Location: Jerusalem’s Haas Promenade, Daniel Yanofsky Street, Jerusalem, Israel
		<i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
10:00	10:30	Transportation by minibus to Sieff & Marks Middle and High School
		As we travel, our speaker will provide an overview of Principal's Letter about Issawiya, a neighborhood of East Jerusalem. This is a substantive presentation that advances the mission of trip by introducing a key initiative put forward by educators.
		Presenter: Donna Baranski-Walker, Exec. Director of Rebuilding Alliance
		<i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
10:30	10:50	Participants will have a guided tour of this West Jerusalem school, the first of five school tours on our trip. This tour is useful to Congressional Staff because it provides a first-hand understanding of similarities and differences between the West Jerusalem and East Jerusalem schools, and offers them the opportunity to ask questions of a principal who is working to bridge the divide.
		Tour Guide: Yoram Haim, Principal
		Location: Sieff & Marks Middle and High School, Herzl Blvd 137 Jerusalem

10:50	11:50	Discussion with the Principal, staff, and students. Discussion will include an overview of the "Principals Together - Jerusalem Schools Connect for Learning" program and will focus on the August 30th letter in which 41 Jerusalem administrators who are members of that program, requested the personal intervention of the Mayor of Jerusalem "so that the children in the Issawiya neighborhood can reach their schools with confidence and peace as all the children of Jerusalem."
		This presentation is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Congressional Staff's official duties because it provides a strong base of information regarding both a program that the principal is a part of that focuses on one particular well-considered request for intervention on behalf of an East Jerusalem neighborhood and also a number of programs that the school is part of, that advance the peaceful aspirations of all.
		Presenter: Yoram Haim, Principal and the staff and students of the Sieff & Marks Middle and High School
		Location: Sieff & Marks Middle and High School, Herzl Blvd 137 Jerusalem
		<i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
11:50	12:50	Transportation by minibus to Khan al Ahmar village via a drive that will have the stopping points at (1) a lookout point over the E1 and Maale Adumim settlement enclave, (2) a lookout point over Issawiya village that became part of annexed East Jerusalem in 1967 and (3) a lookout point over Shuafat Refugee Camp, which also became part of East Jerusalem, yet it is separated from it physically by the Separation Wall.
		One hour of the entire drive is a substantive presentation that will provide Congressional staff with the basis from which to better understand the new U.S. policy declaring Israel's settlements to be legal and the impact of that policy on an evolving campaign within Israel to annex portions of the West Bank and E. Jerusalem. They will have received maps in their information packet and this presentation will allow them to see some of places described on their maps and hear about the history of those places.
		Presenter: Itamar Shapira, LLM tour leader from Green Olive Tours
		<i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
12:50	13:20	Tour of the famous Khan al Ahmar Tyre School. This is the second of five schools we will visit on our trip. The Tyre School serves 150 children from four villages yet demolition orders have been issued to this and most Palestinian schools in Area C.
		This tour offers Congressional Staff a first-hand understanding of similarities and differences between the Jerusalem schools and this school in the West Bank's Area C (the 62% of the West Bank temporarily administered by the Israeli military, per the Oslo Accords).
		Tour Guide: Eid Jahalin, Spokesperson for Khan Al Ahmar
		Location: The Tyre School, Khan al Ahmar Village
		<i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
13:20	13:30	Short walk to the tent where lunch is served. Lunch will be prepared by Khan al Ahmar Women's Association, and served by young men of the village. Joining us for lunch is Rabbi Jeremy Milgrom, an early member of Rabbis for Human Rights who is a good friend of the Bedouin who

		live in this area, and Angela Godfrey Goldstein, co-director of the non-governmental organization, Jahalin Solidarity.
13:30	14:00	An overview of the village's situation, including the history of the village and time for Q/A. In September 2018, the Supreme Court of Israel rejected an appeal by the residents of the village to stop the planned demolition of their village. Without fair consideration of the village's own master plan, the Supreme Court decision approved demolition of the village and the forced relocation of its residents. This presentation will describe the history of the village and their values. With the help of professional planning services provided by an Israeli planning group, the village developed their own master zoning plan the presentation will show how the village's why allowing the village to build their future in accordance with their own zoning plan would be beneficial to all both in the village and for the neighbors too.
		This presentation is important because Congressional staff will begin to learn what this community values, the impact that forced relocation would have on them.
		Presenter: Eid Jahalin, Spokesperson for Khan Al Ahmar
		Location: Visitor's tent, Khan al Ahmar Village
		<i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
14:00	14:15	A rabbi's personal perspective on his own commitment to Al Khan Al Ahmar and the diverse communities that have come together to defend the rights of the families who live there.
		This presentation will help Congressional staff understand a commitment that stretches across boundaries.
		<i>Presenter: Rabbi Jeremy Milgrom</i>
		Location: Visitor's tent, Khan al Ahmar Village
		<i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
14:00	14:45	Overview of Bedouin issues, especially relating to displacement of Bedouin in the Jerusalem Periphery using maps, and discussion of worldwide advocacy underway to keep Khan Al Ahmar Village not only to stop demolition but to also recognize their master plan.
		This presentation will help Congressional staff understand why the international community views this issue as crucial for keeping options open for peace.
		Presenter: Angela Godfrey Goldstein, co-founder Jahalin Solidarity
		Location: Visitor's tent, Khan al Ahmar Village
		The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
14:45	15:00	Transportation by minibus up the hill to Kfar Adumim, an Israeli Settlement
15:00	16:00	Discussion with one of the settler-advocates. Kfar Adumim is a mixed religious-secular Israeli settlement in the West Bank. It is located in the Judean Desert, on the southern bank of the Wadi Qelt valley, about 2 miles northeast of the settlement town Ma'ale Adumim, directly above the neighboring Palestinian Bedouin village of Khan al Ahmar.

		This presentation is important because it provides Congressional staff with an in-person introduction to a thoughtful effort by the settlers to care about their neighbors.
		Presenter: Ezra Korman, a resident of Kfar Adumim Settlement and a member of the 'good neighbor' group of settlers
		Location: the park inside the Kfar Adumim Settlement
		<i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
16:00	16:30	Transportation by minibus back to the Gloria Hotel, East Jerusalem
16:30	18:30	Rest at the Gloria Hotel.
18:30	19:30	Debriefing - an open discussion of the day's issues
		Facilitators: Itamar Shapira, LLM tour leader from Green Olive Tours
		Donna Baranski-Walker, Executive Director, Rebuilding Alliance
		Location: Conference room at the Gloria Hotel
		<i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
19:30	20:30	Supper at the Gloria Hotel
		Each traveler will introduce themselves to the newcomer traveler and describe why they joined this tour.
		<i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
		<i>Accommodations: Overnight at the Gloria Hotel</i>
		<b><u>Monday, Feb. 17th: Ofer Military Court, Old City Jerusalem, and Parents Circle</u></b>
		Breakfast
8:15	10:00	Overview of the realities of prolonged military occupation as drawn from the testimonies of children, parents, and the Israeli military.
		This presentation will provide important context for the Congressional staff so to better understand the rationale for the Israeli Army's arrest and incarceration of Palestinian children, and the impact on the children themselves.
		Presenter: Adv. Gerard Horton, Military Court Watch

		Location: Conference room at the Gloria Hotel
		<i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
10:00	10:30	Transportation by minibus to Ofer Military Prison and Court
10:30	12:45	Observation of the court proceedings for cases of Palestinian child prisoners. Military Court Watch (MCW)'s work is guided by the basic principle that children detained by the Israeli military authorities are entitled to all the rights and protections guaranteed under international law. Further, and in accordance with the principle that no State is permitted to discriminate between those over whom it exercises penal jurisdiction, there is no legal justification for treating Palestinian and Israeli children differently under Israel's military and civilian legal systems. In accordance with these principles, MCW advocates, and where appropriate, litigates, to ensure that all children that come in contact with the military legal system are treated fairly and in accordance with the law.
		Because the key goal of this LLM is to explore how the peaceful aspirations of all can be furthered when Palestinians and Israelis both enjoy equal rights, it is important for Congressional staff to observe this separate, unequal form of juvenile justice.
		Tour Guides: Gerard Horton, Military Court Watch
		Location: Ofer Military Court, just outside the Palestinian town of Beitunia
		<i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
12:45	13:15	Transportation by minibus to Retro restaurant in Beit Hanina, East Jerusalem
13:15	13:30	Lunch at Retro restaurant in Beit Hanina, East Jerusalem
13:30	15:00	Transportation by minibus to Palestinian Susiya, southern Hebron Hills.
15:00	15:15	Overview of the history of the Palestinian village of Susiya. In 2013, the Sub-Committee for Planning and Licensing of the Civil Administration's Supreme Planning Council rejected the village's proposed master plan stating that the "women and children would be better off living somewhere else." In 2015, Israel's High Court decided that the Palestinian Village of Susiya can be demolished before its case is even heard, and the case is still pending. We'll hear their story and learn of their aspirations to see the recognition of their master plan and live and build their future on their land without fear of demolition.
		A key goal of this LLM is to consider the implications and impact of Israeli control of building and planning rights in Jerusalem and the West Bank and explore ways to prevent the demolition of Palestinian homes, schools, barns, and neighborhoods.
		Presenters: Nasser Nawaja, spokesperson of the Village Council
		Location: inside the tent home of the spokesperson for the Palestinian village of Susiya in the South Hebron Hills

		<i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
15:15	16:15	Walking tour of the Palestinian village of Susiya. Having heard the history of the village and learned their argument for approval of their master plan, it is time to see what the center of the village looks like. In 2016, the Washington Post called this "a ramshackle village with squalid tents" — but that's not because they want to live this way. Though their ownership of their land is not in question, their master plan was denied by the Israeli Civil Administration's Regional Housing Council for spurious reasons and their appeal is still pending before the Israeli High Court. It is important to note that the Regional Housing Council is made up of Israeli settlers without any Palestinian representation, and, also the Oslo Accords state that Israeli Administration of Area C was only temporary, to be transferred to Palestinian administration 18 months after the establishment of the Palestinian Legislative Council.
		Tour guides: Aysar Nawaja (16) and Ahmad Nawaja (11). Both boys have flown to Washington DC to present a briefing to Congress describing what peace means to each of them. Aysar raises ducks, chickens, turkeys, and pigeons and is keenly interested in animal husbandry. Following her meeting with Aysar in 2015, Senator Diane Feinstein began her correspondence with Prime Minister Netanyahu, <a href="https://www.feinstein.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/press-releases?ID=2E7437D1-FBA4-4052-B9F6-6EAE38611203">https://www.feinstein.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/press-releases?ID=2E7437D1-FBA4-4052-B9F6-6EAE38611203</a> . The Senator wrote, <i>"I fear that a decision to demolish the village and remove families from their own land will be judged as utterly inconsistent with Israel's core values. If Israel retains a desire to be a Jewish, democratic state, it must treat Palestinians with the same dignity and human rights as Israel's citizens."</i>
		<i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
16:15	18:15	Transportation by minibus, return to The Gloria Hotel
18:15	19:00	Rest at the Gloria Hotel.
19:00	20:00	Supper and debrief at the Gloria Hotel with Rami Elhanan and Bassam Aramin
20:00	22:00	Personal reflections on the loss of one's child to violence. The Parents Circle Families Forum is a grassroots organization of Palestinian and Israeli families who have lost immediate family members due to the conflict. The PCFF operates under the principle that a process of reconciliation is a prerequisite for achieving a sustained peace. The Parents Forum organizes an annual ceremony in Tel Aviv and our guests will describe how that memorial proceeded.
		This presentation is a way for Congressional Staff to understand the immense value of 'third way' diplomacy and explore how U.S. policy and aid can support the peaceful aspirations of both societies.
		Presenters: Rami Elhanan co-director of the Parents Circle Families Forum, and Arab Aramin, son of the co-director of the Parents Circle Families Forum
		Location: a private conference room at the Gloria Hotel
		<i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
		<i>Accommodations: Overnight, the Gloria Hotel</i>

		<b><u>Tuesday, Feb. 18th: UNRWA (Shuafat), Issawiya neighborhood, Jerusalem's Old City</u></b>
7:45	8:45	Breakfast at the Gloria Hotel
8:45	9:15	Transportation by minibus to Shuafat Refugee Camp in East Jerusalem
9:15	10:00	This presentation will describe the scope and scale of UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugee (UNRWA)'s food, education, and emergency operations in the West Bank, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Israel, and Gaza. House staff will learn about the refugee crisis as a whole, and hear of the consequences of President Trump's decision to cut over \$300Mil of annual US funding to UNRWA. There will be time for questions and answers.
		A major change in U.S. policy took place in 2018 when the President chose to impound funds allocated by Congress to pay for food, education, and medical care provided by UNRWA to nearly 5.5 million Palestinian refugees. In addition, all funding for Palestinian aid was cut, both for food and medical aid projects implemented by Non-Governmental Organization contractors under contract to USAID, and direct aid to the Palestinian Authority, with the exception of funding for Palestinian security cooperation with Israel in the West Bank. This presentation is relevant to the House staffs' official duties because here they will hear about the significant impact this decision has had for UNRWA in Jerusalem and throughout the region. Recently, the foreign aid spending legislation which passed the House 207-120 and the Senate 71-23 in December, included \$75 million in humanitarian and economic aid for the West Bank and Gaza alongside another \$75 million for security aid to support the Palestinian Authority (PA), however, it did not reinstate aid to UNRWA.
		Presenter: Allegra Pacheco, Senior Team Leader, Protection and Neutrality Office
		Location: Conference room at Shufat Health Center
		<i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
10:00	10:15	Overview of Shufat Refugee Camp from the roof of Shufat Health Center
		The Shufat Refugee Camp faces serious challenges. This is the only Palestinian refugee camp located inside Jerusalem or any other Israeli-administered area. Residents hold Jerusalem ID's and pay taxes to Israel. In 2012, this refugee camp was cited in a French study as a good example of urban renewal as East Jerusalem businesses began to relocate there. However, in November, 2017, the Jerusalem municipality demolished 18 storefronts and three gas stations in East Jerusalem's Shuafat refugee camp for not having the proper building permits. The demolitions in Shuafat — a refugee camp that lies on the Palestinian side of the Green Line but is in the greater Jerusalem footprint — were the most extensive since the construction of the security fence over a decade ago.
		This presentation is relevant to the House staffs' official duties because this overview will show the proximity of Shuafat to other Jerusalem neighborhoods.
		Presenter: Thaer Jalloud - Chief Area Officer, UNRWA – Jerusalem
		Location: the roof of the Shufat Health Center
		<i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>

10:15	10:45	Protection Briefing: Life under occupation specifically focusing on protection issues for children in and out of school. although this is a Jerusalem neighborhood, city services including community policing and garbage pick-up are minimal.
		This presentation is relevant to the House staffs' official duties because they are required to advise on policy decisions that impact peace and security. How the neighborhood of Shuafat is treated impacts the peace and security of Jerusalem.
		Presenter: Romain Estebe, Protection and Neutrality Officer
		Location: a conference room inside the Shufat Health Center
		<i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
10:45	11:05	Walking tour in the Shufat Refugee Camp, from the health center to the Shuafat Girls' School
		The walking tour will help the travelers gain a sense of what life in an UNRWA-administered refugee camp is like. This can also be a time for one-to-one discussion with the UNRWA staff. This is related to the staff's official duties because U.S. policy is directly and severely impacting the services provided to Palestinian refugee camps.
		Leader: Thaer Jalloud
		Location: Shufat Refugee Camp
		<i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
11:05	11:25	Meeting with the School Parliament (children). This is the third school of five that we plan to visit on the Leadership Learning Mission. This tour is useful to Congressional Staff because it provides them with a first-hand understanding of what UNRWA schools are like, including the challenges they face.
		Facilitator: Thaer Jalloud
		Presenters: The girls who are the elected representatives of their school.
		Location: Shufat Girls' School
		<i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
11:25	11:50	Transportation by minibus to Issawiya Girls Comprehensive School
11:50	12:15	Participants will have a guided tour of the school, the fourth of five schools we will visit on our trip. This tour is useful to Congressional Staff because it provides them with a first-hand understanding of similarities and disparities between the West Jerusalem and East Jerusalem schools, and offers them the opportunity to ask questions.
		Tour Guide: Afaf Kadumi, Principal
12:15	13:15	Discussion with the Principal. Discussion will include an overview of the Parents' Strike and the impact of the August 30th Principals Together letter and subsequent efforts to negotiate a removal

		of police presence during school hours. Members of the Parents Club may join us for this discussion.
		This presentation is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Congressional Staff's official duties because it examines the response to a particular well-considered effort to provide the same safety and care to children in an East Jerusalem neighborhood as is experienced by all other children in Jerusalem.
		Presenter: Afaf Kadumi, Principal
		Location: Issawiya Girls Comprehensive School, Issawiya neighborhood, Jerusalem
		The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
13:15	13:30	Transportation by minibus to Morduch Restaurant in Machne Yehuda market, Jerusalem
13:30	14:30	Lunch at Morduch Restaurant
14:30	14:50	Transit by street-car through West Jerusalem to the Old City
14:50	17:30	Guided walking tour of Old City, Jerusalem.  This will include an overlook of the Wailing Wall, the Dome of the Rock and Al Aqsa Mosque, the Holy Sepulcher Church, and other significant religious, historical, and cultural sites and neighborhoods to help Congressional staffers and constituents begin to understand the varied aspirations of Palestinians and Israelis and provide a better understanding of what the New York Times calls, "a distinctly 20th-century story, with roots in colonialism, nationalism, and anti-Semitism."  A major objective is to provide the Congressional Staff with an understanding of the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict leading to the current conditions and any discussion of that history must include the historical sites within the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem.  Tour Guide: Itamar Shapira, Green Olive Cooperative  Location: Old City of Jerusalem  <i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
17:30	18:00	Walk back to the Gloria Hotel
18:00	18:45	Rest and free time.
18:45	19:00	Walk to Al-Ma'mal Foundation for Contemporary Art, New Gate, Old City (just up the street from our hotel)  Al Ma'mal Foundation for Contemporary Art (Al Ma'mal), is a non-profit organization based in a former tile factory inside the Old City of Jerusalem. Since its inception in 1988, Al Ma'mal has constituted a cultural hub for art, cultural vibrancy & learning, through providing a diverse

		program of exhibitions, live music, public lectures and workshops. Taking the local community and the city's visitors as target audience, the foundation aims to create cultural and learning bridges between Jerusalem and the world, promoting its cultural and artistic scene and highlighting its presence as a complex, culturally rich, ageless city.
19:00	20:00	Supper catered by the Al-Ma'mal Foundation for Contemporary Art
20:00	21:30	A panel discussion about zoning and planning in the West Bank's Area C, including the Jordan Valley, and in Jerusalem. 12,500 demolition orders are pending against Palestinian homes, schools, barns, and water cisterns in so-called Area C and as far as we know, not even one demolition order has ever been reversed. With a trade war underway, the presentations will also include discussion of the Jordan Valley export crisis.
		This presentation will provide important context for the Congressional staff so to better understand trends in Israeli law and the implications of recent changes in land law. Together we'll explore possible ways forward.
		Presenters: (1) Ms. Nava Sheer, a mapping expert from Bimkom: Planners for Planning Rights (an Israeli human rights group); (2) Atty. Danny Seidemann, a leading Israeli expert on the politics of Jerusalem and how the city will fit into a two-state resolution; (3) Mr. Mohammad Khader, founder, Lausanne Trading Consultants
		<i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
21:30	21:45	Walk back to the Gloria Hotel
		<i>Overnight, the Gloria Hotel</i>
		<b><u>Wednesday, Feb. 19th: Wadi Hummus, Ramallah meeting, Jordan Valley, Al Aqaba Village</u></b>
7:00	7:45	Early breakfast to-go
7:45	8:00	Transportation by minibus to Sur Baher neighborhood of East Jerusalem, Wadi Humus district which is in Area A of the West Bank, but on the Jerusalem side of the Separation Barrier, just 3.5 miles downhill from the U.S. Embassy.
8:00	8:30	The presentation by the Wadi Hummus town council will describe what happened on January 22nd when four homes and an apartment building in the West Bank's Area A were destroyed by the Israeli Army, just a day after a ruling by Israel's High Court. The presentation will include review of the court decision and maps, and exploration of what it would take to rebuild.
		This presentation will provide Congressional staff with an opportunity to understand the challenges of building and planning in Palestinian neighborhoods when Israel asserts eminent domain near the Separation Barrier. This is relevant to the House staffs' official duties because U.S. intervention may help prevent this demolition from setting a precedent and also may be able to prevent the demolitions of Palestinian homes and neighborhoods in the future.

		Presenter: Mohammed Hamada, chairperson of the Wadi Hummus Town Council
		Location: Offices of the Wadi Hummus Town Council
8:30	8:45	Walking tour along the road next to the Security Fence to the site of where one of the homes and the apartment building once stood and visit with the family to discuss their next steps.
		Tour guide: Mohammed Hamada, chairperson of the Wadi Hummus Town Council, and Homeowner Ismail Abdiya
		<i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
8:45	9:45	Travel to Ramallah
9:45	10:00	Entry, getting seated, welcome and introductions
10:00	11:00	Discussion about the Palestinian Authority's challenges and intention to hold elections.
		This presentation will provide Congressional staff with an opportunity to further their understanding of this region of the world from a Palestinian perspective and to better understand the implications of American policies.
		Presenter: Dr. Hanan Ashrawi, Member of PLO Executive Committee and a member of the Palestinian Leadership Committee. A former professor of English literature, Ashrawi is best known for her advocacy of Palestinian self-determination and peace in the Middle East.
		Location: Dr. Ashrawi's office at the Ministry of Culture in Ramallah
		<i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
11:00	13:00	Transportation by minibus to Al Aqaba Village in the north of the Jordan Valley, in the West Bank's Area C
13:15	14:30	Lunch for all prepared by Al Aqaba Rural Women's Association
		Location: Women's Center Room adjacent to the Kindergarten Building
14:30	15:00	Presentation of the history and challenges faced and facing the Palestinian village of Al Aqaba in the West Bank's Jordan Valley in so-called Area C. In 2004, the Israeli Army issued demolition orders against all the homes in Al Aqaba Village and also against the medical clinic, the mosque, and the kindergarten that was built from contributions by hundreds of Americans. In 2008, the Israeli High Court ruled in favor of the village stating that 'for the time-being, the center of the village will remain standing.' In addition to the kindergarten and conference center, the village is home to the Ibn Rush'd Library, a mosque with double minarets in the shape of a peace sign, a tea factory, a cheese factory, and most recently, many new homes built with village-issued building permits, the first in Area C. Israeli, Palestinian, and international peacemaker teams are invited to join us — RSVP's required.
		This presentation will show how a Palestinian village would thrive if their master plan was recognized — Al Aqaba is a great place to see what peace can look like.

		<p>Presenter: Haj Sami Sadek Sbaih, Mayor of Al Aqaba. From 1972 until 2002, Al Aqaba Village was used for live-fire training exercises by the Israeli Army. Mayor Haj Sami Sadeq was 16 years old when he became the first victim of that unfettered training program and has been in a wheelchair since that time. When the shooting happened, Israel provided emergency medical care and rehabilitation for many years within Israel so the mayor speaks fluent Hebrew. He deeply believes that no one, not on any side, should ever experience what has happened to him. He welcomes all who come in peace.</p>
		<p>Location: The Mayor's office on the ground floor of the Kindergarten Building</p>
		<p><i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i></p>
15:00	16:00	<p>Walking tour of Al Aqaba's kindergarten (the 5th school in our series), tea factory, community park, goat cheese factory, and past the homes that were finished without demolition orders. Rebuilding Alliance was instrumental in helping build the kindergarten and in 2011, we organized a design charette to help villagers design and build their own homes. Al Aqaba is the first Palestinian village to provide their own building permits for construction of homes in their village. Rebuilding Alliance worked with the Al Aqaba Housing Cooperative to launch the Rebuilding to Remain home construction finance program, and we crowd-funded affordable loans for the construction of three homes. The people of the village have continue to build in accordance with their village-issued building permits and a remarkable town has taken shape. This tour is relevant to the House staff's official duties because (1) it is important to see what a Palestinian village looks like when the village is allowed to thrive, (2) seeing this will allow House staff to consider how U.S. policy and aid can support the aspirations of Palestinian village who seek to stay on their land by preventing the demolition of Palestinian homes, schools, and neighborhoods, and (3) to hear from this important Palestinian leader who is working to safeguard human rights.</p>
		<p>Tour Guides: Mayor Haj Sami Sadeq and Donna Baranski-Walker</p>
		<p><i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i></p>
16:00	16:45	<p>Transportation by minibus back to Bardala Village, through the Tayaseer Checkpoint, passing settlement outposts</p>
		<p>Presenters: Dafna Banai who is part of Machsom Watch, will join us on the bus to describe what we will be seeing in the Jordan Valley.</p>
		<p><i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i></p>
16:45	17:15	<p>Visit to Bardala to see the Israeli Army's destruction of a water pumping station for the village and its agriculture while installing a pumping station exclusively for settler agriculture within 50 yards of the damaged pump.</p>
		<p>This visit is relevant to the House staff's official duties because it is important for staff to see not only the positive example that Al Aqaba brings forward but also understand the very real challenges of most villages in the Jordan Valley. Bardala is also facing a serious water crisis while the settlement next door is fully green. This is amplified in drought years like 2019. Bardala is receiving demolition orders for building without an unattainable permit. Dafna and her colleagues are called to act as a peaceful presence when Israeli settlers threaten the shepherds and their families.</p>
		<p>Presenters: Dafna Banai who is part of Machsom Watch, will join us on the bus to describe what we will be seeing in the Jordan Valley.</p>

		<i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
17:15	19:15	Transportation by minibus back to hotel with a stop en route at the Dead Sea, just south of Jericho.
19:15	19:30	Rest at the Gloria Hotel
19:30	20:30	Dinner at Gloria Hotel
20:30	21:45	Debriefing - a discussion with the lawyer who is representing Al Aqaba Village. This discussion is relevant because it is important to answer the staff's detailed questions about the places they saw in their visits. Facilitators: Adv. Netta Amar, the lawyer representing Al Aqaba Village Location: Conference room at the Gloria Hotel <i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
		<i>Overnight, the Gloria Hotel</i>
		<b><u>Thursday, Feb. 20th: Israeli attorneys, Gaza Telecon, Israeli advocates, free time or optional program, WFP</u></b>
7:00	7:20	Early breakfast
7:20	9:00	Early transportation by minibus to " <i>Partners &amp; Co, A Fine Space For Lawyers</i> " in Tel Aviv Presentation and discussion focused on the 'peaceful presence shifts' that West Jerusalemites are organizing at the request of the Palestinian families in East Jerusalem neighborhoods in the hope of documenting and possibly preventing the harassment the neighborhoods are experiencing or the demolition of their homes. This is relevant to the House staff's official duties because (1) it is important for them to understand the depth of the crisis in the East Jerusalem neighborhoods by hearing from those working to safeguard the neighborhoods; and (2) because intervention by Congressional offices in times of crisis can bring calm, safety, and may be able to re-establish fair law. Presenters: Dina Chizhik and Shaindy Ort Location: on the minibus <i>One hour of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
9:00	10:15	An overview of the Israeli Legal System and recent changes in Israeli law

		A key Israeli lawyer for at-risk Palestinian neighborhoods in both E. Jerusalem and Palestinian villages in the West Bank will meet with us to describe his efforts to assert fair rule of law. This is an opportunity for the travelers to ask questions about what we saw earlier in the week: East Jerusalem and Palestinian Area C planning issues, human rights, child detentions. Yesh Din – Volunteers for Human Rights is an Israeli organization registered as a non-profit in Israel. Yesh Din is subject to Israeli law and is served by a volunteer corps and by a professional staff, lawyers and human rights experts. Yesh Din was established in 2005 and has since worked to protect the human rights of Palestinians living under Israeli armed forces' occupation.
		Presenting visitors: Attorney Michael Sfar of Yesh Din
		Location: Partners & Co, A Fine Space For Lawyers, Ha'Arba'a Towers, North Tower, 28 HaArba'a st. Tel Aviv
		<i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
10:15	10:30	Transit by minibus or walking (optional) to Gisha Office, Derech Menachem Begin, Tel Aviv-Yafo
10:30	11:30	<p>Presentation: an overview of the challenges facing children and families in Gaza. Since the 1967 occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Israel's military has developed a complex system of rules and sanctions to control the movement of the 4.5 million Palestinians who live there. The Israeli human rights group, Gisha, whose name means both "access" and "approach," will describe the legal assistance and public advocacy they use to protect the rights of Palestinian residents. Because freedom of movement is a precondition for exercising other basic rights, Gisha's work has a multiplier effect in helping residents of the occupied territories access education, jobs, family members and medical care.</p> <p>This is relevant to the House Staffs' official duties because (1) it is important for them to understand the challenges that ordinary people are facing in Gaza; and (2) because intervention by Congressional offices can overcome barriers and assure calm, health, and safety.</p> <p>Presenter: Tania Hary, Executive Director of the Gisha Legal Center for Freedom of Movement</p> <p>Location: Gisha Office</p> <p><i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i></p>
11:30	13:30	<p>The overall goal of this Leadership Learning Mission is to explore how the peaceful aspirations of all can be furthered when Palestinians and Israelis both enjoy the benefits of equal rights, and how U.S. policy and aid can support those aspirations. Because the World Bank is reporting that the Gaza economy is close to collapse, we want our delegates to hear directly from Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Gaza and from the UN to learn exactly what "close to collapse means" and to explore what action to take to ameliorate the malnutrition and hopelessness that will grow worse unless something changes. Rebuilding Alliance has worked with NGOs' in Gaza since 2003, many of which are affiliated with the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees and Palestinian Non-Governmental Organizations. Rebuilding Alliance is currently working with four Palestinian NGOs in our program to send solar-powered lanterns to Gaza's children, and we've precleared and sent 35,600 lanterns through the blockade so far. We want to speak directly with people who live in Gaza. At present, the US Government</p>

	bars US Government employees from travelling to Gaza, the area where over 2 million Palestinians live. Therefore, we are planning teleconference discussions with UNRWA Gaza Operations Director Matthias Schmale and the Gaza speakers many of whom are associated with Palestinian NGO's in Gaza.
	Israel's blockade of Gaza has continued for 12 years now producing immense suffering among the people who live there. A goal of our LLM is to show what the termination of all US aid means for the health and education of Palestinian children. Though we cannot bring our delegation there, we can talk with those who live there to get their assessment. This is relevant to the staff's official duties because Congress (1) has the ability to ameliorate suffering, (2) can intervene to lift the blockade to allow Gaza exports to reach U.S. markets and (3) can intervene to allow U.S. food to reach Gaza families.
	Here is the list of NGO and UN speakers we are inviting as speakers. In addition, we are inviting Israeli human rights activists and writer, <b>Amos Gvirtz</b> , to make an introduction and to stay with us to listen to the Gaza presenters. Amos' book, <u>Don't Say We Didn't Know</u> , is formulated with the understanding that on both sides of the Israeli – Palestinian conflict there are people who want the same thing: peace and protection of human rights.
	1. Dr. Sami Owaida, Child Psychiatrist, Gaza Community Mental Health Programme
	2. Ms. Rania, Community Mental Health Worker & Therapist, Gaza Community Mental Health Programme
	3. Najah Ayash, Exec. Director, Women's Project Center – Rafah
	4. Iyad al-Igel, Exec. Director, Youth Vision Society
	5. Ziyad al-Abed, Exec. Director, El-Amal Rehabilitation Society
	6. Neveen abu-Naser, coordinator, Rebuilding Alliance
	7. Kareem Nasrallah, coordinator, Rebuilding Alliance
	8. Walid Rouke, photo journalist
	9, 10 Lama and Mazen, both 15 years old
	Location: Gisha Office
	<i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>

13:30	14:00	Transportation by minibus to Zakaim restaurant, Simtat Beit HaSho'eva, Tel Aviv-Yaffo							
		As we drive, group discussion to reflect upon the Gaza presentations.							
		<i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>							
14:00	15:30	Lunch at Zakaim restaurant, Simtat Beit HaSho'eva, Tel Aviv-Yaffo							
		Presentation by Adalah – The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel which is a human rights organization and legal center. Adalah’s mission is to promote human rights in Israel in general and the rights of the Palestinian minority, citizens of Israel, in particular (around 1.5 million people, or 20% of the population). This work also includes promoting and defending the human rights of all individuals subject to the jurisdiction of the State of Israel (e.g. Palestinian residents of the OPT). This presentation will discuss the status of minorities and will also address the recent announcement by the International Criminal Court that potential cases would be admissible before the ICC.							
		This is relevant to the House Staff's official duties because minority rights in Israel became more fragile with the passage of a 'Basic Law' in Israel stating that only Jewish Israelis are entitled to self-determination. It is important for them to understand the implications of this law on minorities in Israel.							
		Presenters: Suheir As'ad and Rina Rosenberg from the International Relations department of Adalah							
		Location: Zakaim restaurant, Simtat Beit HaSho'eva, Tel Aviv-Yaffo							
		The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.							
15:30		Afternoon and evening off.							
		<i>Overnight, the Gloria Hotel</i>							

		<b><u>Friday, Feb. 21st: — US Embassy, Bethlehem, then Hebron, Closing Dinner in Jaffa, late night departure</u></b>							
7:00	7:30	Check-out by all							
7:30	8:00	Transportation by minibus to the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem							
8:00	9:45	Meeting with Assistant DCM/PAU Chief Chris Hodges at the U.S. Embassy. This meeting will include a discussion about the State Department’s role in Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza. Congressional staff and guests will have the opportunity to ask questions about the “on the ground” operating environment.							
		This is relevant to the House staff's official duties because the U.S. Embassy will present the official U.S. policy on the many topics of special interest to the delegation including the proposed American peace plan and also much of what we saw earlier in the week: East Jerusalem and Palestinian Area C planning issues, human rights, child detentions, Gaza aid, Israel security, the							

		confiscation of a portable school classroom from Susiya School, and the sudden blockade of exports of West Bank Palestinian dates and olive oil to neighboring countries.
		Presenter: Assistant DCM/PAU Chief Chris Hodges and other members of the U.S. Embassy team
		Location: U.S. Embassy annex, Jerusalem, Agron Road
9:45	10:15	Transportation by minibus to Bethlehem
10:15	11:15	Tour of the Church of the Nativity. This tour will provide valuable historical and cultural context. A major objective is to provide the Congressional Staff with an understanding of the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict leading to the current conditions and any discussion of that history must include some of the historical and religious sites. Tour guide: George Zeidan, recent Fullbright Scholar (USC) and co-founder of Right to Movement which is the group that started the Palestine Marathon, held annually in Bethlehem. Location: Church of the Nativity, Manger Square, Bethlehem <i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
11:15	11:30	Walk back to the bus (a tourist area, much like Jerusalem)
11:30	12:15	Transportation to Hebron
12:15	13:15	Walking tour of the Palestinian-access side of Hebron The issue of Palestinian homes being taken over by Israeli settlers is prevalent in Hebron. An understanding of the city will help the delegation learn what this means for Palestinian homeowners. A major objective is to provide the Congressional Staff with an understanding of the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict leading to the current conditions and any discussion of that history must include discussion of the historical sites and current conditions in Hebron. Tour Guides: Ret. Atty. Hisham Sharabati Itamar Shapira of Green Olive Cooperative will be assisting by conducting our tour in Jewish-only areas. Location: We will meet at the Christian Peacemaker Teams office, then walk through the market that is closed-down in central Hebron The walking tour will include a falafel sandwich light lunch in Hebron H1 area <i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
13:15	14:00	Our goal in visiting Hebron is to explore how the peaceful aspirations of all can be furthered when Palestinians and Israelis both enjoy the benefits of basic human rights. We will hear from the Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT), a U.S. organization that brings Americans and internationals to live in Hebron at the invitation of local peacemaking communities that are confronting situations of conflict. CPT's mission is "to follow God's Spirit as it works through local

		peacemakers who risk injury and death by waging nonviolent direct action to confront systems of violence and oppression.”
		A major objective is to provide the Congressional Staff with an understanding of the challenge the local peacemakers in Hebron are facing, including the challenges the Americans are facing in their efforts to provide a peaceful presence there, and why a peaceful presence is requested by Palestinian families who live there.
		Presenters: Christian Peacemakers Teams (CPT)
		Location: CPT Office near Shuhada street, Hebron
		<i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
14:00	14:15	Itamar brought snacks for us
14:15	14:45	Transit by minibus to Jewish-only side of Hebron
		Debriefing - a facilitated discussion of the day’s issues. What we experience in Hebron requires discussion because, as noted by the Jerusalem Post, "Hebron was once a model of Jewish-Muslim coexistence, but is now typified by a very strained ... relationship between its Israeli and Palestinian residents. The name Hebron in both Hebrew and Arabic – Hevron and al-Khalil – is derived from the root meaning “friend.” The city, holy to both Jews and Muslims, is believed to be the burial place of some of Judaism and Islam’s most consequential patriarchs and matriarchs.
		A major objective is to provide the Congressional Staff with an understanding of this complex history — so this discussion will provide time for questions, answers, and more questions.
		<i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
14:45	15:15	Tomb of the Patriarchs, Jewish side (not accessible to Muslims), with Itamar
		A major objective is to provide the Congressional Staff with an understanding of the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict leading to the current conditions and any discussion of that history must include some of the historical and religious sites. Please note: all muslims, including members of our delegation, will be denied entry.
		Presenter: Itamar Shapira, Green Olive Tour Guide
		<i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
15:15	15:45	Shuhada restricted Jewish-only zone
		To understand the division of Hebron, one should see what this Israeli settlement in downtown Hebron looks like.
		A major objective is to provide the Congressional Staff with an understanding of the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict leading to the current conditions and any discussion of that history must include discussion of the historical sites and current conditions in Hebron, from both sides of the border lines.
		Tour Guide: Itamar Shapira, Green Olive Tour Guide

		Location: Shuhada Street, restricted Jewish-only zone
		<i>The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</i>
15:45	16:45	Transit by minibus to return to Jerusalem area
16:45	19:15	Farewell dinner at Reshta Restaurant — a wonderful restaurant for our closing meal. Time to enjoy another good meal, in warm surroundings and to reflect upon all that we have experienced on this trip.
		Location: Ein Rafa, an Israeli Arabic-speaking village ten kilometers west of Jerusalem
		The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
19:15		Transportation by minibus to TLV airport

23:10            **United Fl. 91, BOEING 777-300ER Dinner**  
 Departing TLV at 11:10 PM, Friday Feb. 21st, arriving in Newark at 4:30am for 1.5 hrs,  
 and arriving at IAD at 7:26am, Saturday Feb. 22nd

**Saturday, Feb. 22nd: Arrival home, Washington DC time**

6:00            United Fl. 3638 Departing Newark for IAD  
 7:26 AM        Arrival at IAD

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**Here are the Congressional Staff who were invited to join RA's Leadership Learning Mission, Feb 2020:**

Because the staff member handles or manages the foreign policy portfolio for their office, Rebuilding Alliance invited these staff to further their understanding of this region of the world and to provide them with the opportunity to better understand the implications of American policy.

Name	Office
Reginald Darby	Staff for Rep. Steube (R-FL-017)
Adam Stewart	Staff for Rep. Bishop (R-UT-001)
Jessica Mulligan	Staff for Rep. Jayapal (D-WA-007)
Izmira Aitch	Staff for Rep. Moore (D-WI-004)
Sean Griffin	Staff for Rep. Gohmert (R-TX-001)
Twinkle Patel	Staff for Rep. Steube (R-FL-017)
Michael Zetts	Staff for Rep. Tim Ryan (D-OH)
<a href="#">Guerra, Liana</a>	Staff for Rep. Soto (D-FL-009)
<a href="#">Archer, William Reynolds</a>	Staff for Rep. Fortenberry (R-NE-001); Nuclear Security Working Group
<a href="#">Block, Kevin</a>	Staff for Rep. Watson Coleman (D-NJ-012); Fragrance Caucus
<a href="#">Wein, Justin</a>	Staff for Rep. Price (D-NC-004)
<a href="#">Wagner, Christine</a>	Staff for Rep. Moulton (D-MA-006)
<a href="#">Henderson, Jared</a>	Staff for Rep. Cox (D-CA-021)
<a href="#">Wallace, Katie</a>	Staff for Rep. Neguse (D-CO-002)
<a href="#">Wiser, Devin</a>	Staff for Rep. Bishop (R-UT-001) (Retiring)
Van Flein, Tom	Staff for Rep. Gosar (R-AZ-004)
Harris, Darryn	Staff for Rep. Bass (D-CA-037)
<a href="#">Lassiter, Hillary</a>	Staff for Rep. Pence (R-IN-006)
<a href="#">Mucchetti, Michael</a>	Staff for Rep. Doggett (D-TX-035)
<a href="#">Manley, Bret</a>	Staff for Rep. Davis (R-IL-013)
<a href="#">Yarwood, Janette</a>	Staff for Rep. Bass (D-CA-037); H-Foreign Affairs: Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations (Majority); Liberia Caucus
<a href="#">Wilson, Jeffrey</a>	Staff for Rep. Turner (R-OH-010); Historic Preservation Caucus and 1 other caucus
<a href="#">Banik, Disha</a>	Staff for Rep. Jeffries (D-NY-008)
<a href="#">Beckelman, Yuri</a>	Staff for Rep. Takano (D-CA-041); Maker Caucus
<a href="#">Rogin, Joshua</a>	Staff for Rep. Deutch (D-FL-022)
<a href="#">Carney, Ryan</a>	Staff for Rep. Steil (R-WI-001)
<a href="#">Anderson, Ryan</a>	Staff for Rep. Tlaib (D-MI-013)
<a href="#">Halpern, Jonathan</a>	Staff for Rep. Bishop (D-GA-002); AbilityOne Caucus and 1 other caucus
<a href="#">Silva, Natasha</a>	Staff for Rep. Keating (D-MA-008); House Quiet Skies Caucus and 1 other caucus
<a href="#">Davis, Alexandra</a>	Staff for Sen. Coons (D-DE)
<a href="#">Bos, Amy</a>	Staff for Rep. Sensenbrenner (R-WI-005); Addiction, Treatment and Recovery Caucus and 1 other caucus
<a href="#">Bowling, Michelle</a>	Staff for Rep. Comer (R-KY-001)
<a href="#">Wheeler, Susan</a>	Staff for Sen. Crapo (R-ID)
<a href="#">Ranieri, Hilary</a>	Staff for Rep. Timmons (R-SC-004); House Sovereignty Caucus
<a href="#">Silva, Natasha</a>	Staff for Rep. Keating (D-MA-008); House Quiet Skies Caucus and 1 other caucus
<a href="#">Kahn, Rebecca</a>	Staff for former Rep. _____ from Santa Clarita
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Alexander, LaVerne	Staff for Rep. Payne (D-NJ-010)
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