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, by email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov*, 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: Izmira Aitch
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ *OR* None ☒
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. **Dates:** Departure: May 27, 2022 Return: June 7, 2022
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: June 5 - June 7, 2022 *OR* None ☐
4. Departure City: Washington Destination: Tel Aviv Return City: Washington
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Rebuilding Alliance
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended:
   meetings with U.S. Embassy and Branch office in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, as well as government officials of the Palestinian Authority. Site visits to Palestinian villages and schools subject to demolition. Visits to a prision holding Palestinian youth. Additional meetings with human rights attorneys and the United Nations Mission in Jerusalem
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 *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
   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:

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

Signature of Traveler: Izmira Aitch **Date:** June 20, 2022

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: Gwen S. Moore **Date:** June 20, 2022

Signature of Supervising Member: Gwen S. Moore

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

☐ *Original* ☐ *Amendment*

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip *within ten days of their return.*** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: Rebuilding Alliance, a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization EIN 56-2392452
2. Travel Destination(s): Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and cities and villages in the West Bank
3. Date of Departure: May 27th, 2022 Date of Return: June 8, 2022
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Izmira Violet Aitch

   Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if ***all*** information is ***identical*** for each person listed.
5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total **Transportation** Expenses	Total **Lodging** Expenses	Total **Meal** Expenses	Total **Other** Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	$2,035 including airfare and minibus	$1995	$520	Tour guides $1291 Travel insurance,COVID tests, Misc. $596 Total $1887
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: 06/21/2022

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: 50 Woodside Plaza, Ste. 629

Email: dbw@RebuildingAlliance.org Telephone: (650) 440-9667

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: Izmira Violet Aitch
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: Rebuilding Alliance
3. City and State or Foreign Country of Travel : Israel/Palestine
4. a. Date of Departure: May 27,2022 Date of Return: June 7, 2022
   b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☑ Yes ☐ No
   If yes, list dates at personal expense: June 5-7, 2022
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.**
   to further my understanding of this region & to better understand the implications of American policies, and consider the implications & impact of Israeli control of building and planning rights in Jerusalem/West Bank and explore ways to prevent the demolition of Palestinian homes, schools, and neighborhoods.
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 Cyrus D. Moore Date April 27, 2022

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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:
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 attach. list of Congressional staff invited, & list of staff who sent notice of intention to travel.
5. Yes ☐ No ☒ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: May 27, 2022 Date of return: June 5th
7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C. (IAD)
   b. Destination(s): Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport (TLV)
   c. City of return: Washington, D.C. (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; **OR**
   b. ☐ I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
   c. ☐ I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
   d. ☐ I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

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10. ☒ Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. ***Check only one of the following***:
a. ☒ I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box;* **OR**
b. ☐ *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For ***each*** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip ***and*** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

Rebuilding Alliance seeks to advance peace. Rebuilding Alliance organized this trip to show how the peaceful aspirations of all are furthered when Palestinians and Israelis both enjoy equal rights and how U.S. policy and aid can support those aspirations.

13. ***Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary***:
a. Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☒ Other ☒ (specify: minibus)
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:

n/a

14. ☒ I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking the 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):

Our approximate cost per day was $87pp per day

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:

To examine U.S. policy, meet people working for peace, & discuss ways to assist.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
Hotel Name: St. George Hotel City: Jerusalem Cost Per Night: $180
Reason(s) for Selecting: Great breakfast, excellent location, safe, high standards, and a relaxing environment.
Hotel Name: Manger Square Hotel City: Bethlehem Cost Per Night: $105
Reason(s) for Selecting: Jerusalem not safe so received permission to evacuate. Chosen for safety, excellent location, high rating.
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 the box.*

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18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

☐ Actual Amounts ☐ Good Faith Estimates	Total **Transportation** Expenses per Participant	Total **Lodging** Expenses per Participant	Total **Meal** Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	Izmira Aitch: $2,035 Ruben Goddard: $2,217 Amber Milenkevich: $2086	$1,995	$520
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	$1291 $596 Total $1887	Tour guides Travel insurance,COVID tests, Misc
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 by my signature that
    a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
    b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and
    c. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Donna Baranski-Walker Date: 06/21/2022

Name: Donna Baranski-Walker Title: Executive Director

Organization: Rebuilding Alliance

Address: 50 Woodside Plaza Ste. 627, Redwood City CA 94061

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INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* and submit the agenda, invitation list, any attachments, and any *Additional Trip Sponsor Forms* directly to the Travelers.

Written approval from the Committee on Ethics is required before traveling on this trip. The Committee on Ethics will notify the House invitees directly and will not notify the trip sponsors.

Willful or knowing misrepresentation on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

For questions, please contact the Committee on Ethics at:

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ethicscommittee@mail.house.gov | 202-225-7103
More information and forms available at **ethics.house.gov**

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May 10, 2022

Ms. Izmira Aitch
Office of the Honorable Gwen Moore
2252 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Aitch:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel,[1] scheduled for May 27 to June 7, 2022, sponsored by Rebuilding Alliance. We note that this trip includes three days at your personal expense.

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 $415 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 $415] 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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[1] Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the 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. 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,

Theodore E. Deutch
Chairman

Jackie Walorski
Ranking Member

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Rebuilding Alliance LLM StaffDel May 28-Jun 4 2022: Confirmed Travellers

	Congressional Office	State or District	Staff Position	Staffer	Reason for Invitation
1	Rep. Al Lawson	D-FL-05	Foreign Policy/Leg. Director	Amber Milenkevich	Amber has been to Israel before and would like to see the West Bank. Her boss, Rep. Lawson, has an interest in the region, as stated by the staffer. As a foreign policy staffer, this region is relevant to her official duties.
2	Rep. Donald Payne	D-NJ-10	Foreign Policy	Ruben Goddard	As a foreign policy staffer, Ruben is looking for first hand knowledge in the area. His boss has been very involved in issues related to Israel and the West Bank, and the staffer would benefit from seeing conditions on the ground.
3	Rep. Gwen Moore	D-WI-04	Foreign Policy/ Senior Legislative Adviser	Izmira Aitch	Izmira's boss has been involved in these issues. Staffer herself has been invited to and attended our briefings on Israel and the West Bank in the past.

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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

May 28 - June 3, 2022
Detailed Agenda as Completed

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 senior Congressional 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, to better support constituents. This fact-finding trip will:

- Provide participants with an understanding of the history of Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza leading to the current conditions;
- Consider the implications and impact of Israeli control of building and planning rights in East Jerusalem and the West Bank and explore successful ways to prevent the demolition of Palestinian homes, schools, water systems, and neighborhoods;
- Visit Palestinians and Israelis who work for peace and justice to understand the challenges they are facing, learn about their efforts including joint efforts to address those challenges, consider what Congress is uniquely able to do to support such efforts, and how this makes a difference; and
- Show how US aid benefits the health and education of Palestinian children.

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

Of Note: Holy Land Trust is the tour operator selected by Rebuilding Alliance to implement this fact-finding mission.

Friday, May 27th: Travel

22:45	**United Flight 72**	**Departing IAD at 10:45 PM, Nonstop Boeing 787 w Dinner**
	Nonstop Boeing 787 w Dinner	**Arriving at TLV 4:40 PM**

Note: One staff member was delayed and and arrived a day later.

Saturday, May 28th: Arrival

15:00 16:40 Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv

16:40-17:30 Transportation by minibus to the *St. George Hotel* in East Jerusalem. The St. George Hotel is conveniently located, recently renovated, and known for great breakfasts.

Location: *St. George Hotel*

19:30-21:00 Welcome! Hotel dining room dinner with introductions.

Presenters: Donna Baranski-Walker, Exec. Dir. of Rebuilding Alliance and Matthew Walsh, Assistant Leadership Learning Coordinator. A warm welcome, discussion of safety guidelines of the trip.

Accommodations: Overnight at the St. George Hotel, Jerusalem

			Sunday May 29, 2022: Bethlehem. Note: Many people anticipated that violence would erupt in Jerusalem due to the controversial flag march. Because the U.S. Embassy issued a Security Alert preventing U.S. employees from entering the Old City on Sunday, May 29th, Rebuilding Alliance changed our schedule to start our LLM 3.0 in Bethlehem instead of Jerusalem. We notified the House Ethics Committee and the U.S. Embassy's Regional Security Officer of this change, and asked if it would be possible for us to stay overnight in Bethlehem if safe return to our Jerusalem hotel was not possible. We received the following reply, "*If there is an emergency situation and you need to change lodging, then that would likely be an exceptional circumstance and would be allowable. It would just need to be reflected on the post-travel paperwork.*" At 6pm Sunday, when our driver, who lives in East Jerusalem, expressed concern about our return to Jerusalem, we relocated to stay at the Manger Square Hotel in Bethlehem, just across from the Nativity Church and down the street from the office of our tour agency, Holy Land Trust.
	Start Time	*End Time*	
	8:00	*8:45*	*Breakfast*
	9:00	*9:05*	*Meet in the Saint George Hotel lobby to depart to first destination*
	9:05	*9:30*	*Transportation by mini bus to Bethlehem*
1:15:00	*9:30*	*10:45*	*Discussion with Holy Land Trust* ***What:*** *Delegation begins the trip by learning about Rebuilding Alliance and our partner for this delegation, the Holy Land Trust., as well as getting to know one another. We also were introduced to the historical, political, and geographic issues in the area.* ***Why:*** *This information provides context and setting for what we will be learning throughout the week.* ***Location:*** *Holy Land Trust office, Old City Bethlehem* ***Tour Guide:*** *Elias D'eis, Executive Director of HLT and facilitator, Said Zarzar* ***Assurance:*** *The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.*
1:45:00	*10:45*	*12:30*	*Tour of Rachel Tomb Area from Bethlehem side/ The Wall* ***What****: A look at the wall and the area around Rachel's Tomb (inaccessible from the Bethlehem side), a site that is important for both Palestinians and Israelis but that is now almost entirely encircled by the wall- and accessible only to Israelis. This visit includes a walk along the separation wall and an introduction to the geo-politics of the Bethlehem area.* ***Why****: The separation wall has been called a security measure by some and a land grab by others. It has long been controversial due to its route- which cuts deep into Palestinian territory and seprates Palestinian communties. One of the missions of this trip is to discuss barriers to peace and the separation wall has long been considered by the Palestinians to be an Israeli attempt to create more facts on the ground, and to include as much Palestinian land on the Israeli side as possible.* ***Presenter:*** *Said Zarzar, HLT Tour Guide*

			Location: *Bethlehem* ***Assurance:*** *The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.*
	12:30	*13:15*	*Lunch at Memories of Bethlehem restaurant, Bethlehem*
	13:30	*14:15*	*Shopping at Local Souvenir Shop: Mitri Souvenir Shop, Bethlehem*
	14:15	*14:30*	*Transit to Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem*
1:15:00	*14:45*	*16:00*	*Visit the Church of Nativity, Old City of Bethlehem, Star Street area*
			What*: Walking tour of the Old City area of Bethlehem- to include Manger Square and the Church of the Nativity. The Church of the Nativity is the oldest site continuously used as a place of worship in Christianity, and the basilica, dating back to 325/26 is the oldest major church in the Holy Land.* ***Why****: "This presentation is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Congressional staff's official duties because it meets one major goal of this trip: to provide participants with an understanding of the history of the region, which includes religious and historical.* ***Location:*** *Manger Square, Bethlehem* ***Tour Guide****: Sana Sansour* ***Assurance****: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity*
0:20:00	*16:00*	*16:20*	*Drive to Al Walajeh Village*
0:55:00	*16:20*	*17:15*	*Meeting with Khader Al-Araj, head of Village Council, and Adv. Ibrahim Al-Araj, attorney*
			What*: Al-Walajeh provides a unique introduction to the administrative and military "areas" of the West Bank- portions of the village are located in Areas B, and C. The village also is an example of the impact of vast settlement blocs on Palestinian villages in the area. Home demolitions are considered to be disruptive to the establishment of conditions that should lead to a future peace deal- and Al-Walajeh currently has large numbers of homes facing demolition.* ***Why****: This presentation is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Congressional staff's official duties because it addresses many of the issues that are seen to impact peace in the region: settlement takeover of Palestinian village lands, home demolitions, and discriminatory planning policies. Understanding these issues and seeing a village that is being impacted by them will give staff insight into the challenges faced by Palestinian communities on mulitple fronts.* ***Location****: Al-Walajeh Village* ***Presenter****: Khader Al-Araj; Ibrahim Al-Araj* ***Assurance:*** *The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.*
0:45:00	*17:15*	*18:00*	*Visit with Khaled Abu Khyara Family*

			***What**: The Abu Khyara family had their home demolished in recent years. Our partner in the planning of this delegation, the Holy Land Trust, funded and assisted in the rebuilding of the family's home.* ***Why**: One of the goals of this delegation is to discuss the remedies to some of the issues in the area, and how those remedies can lead to a longer lasting peace. Organizations that are rebuilding demolished homes are working towards that goal.* ***Location**: Al-Walajeh Village* ***Presenter**: The Abu Khayra family* ***Assurance**: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity*
	18:00	*18:05*	Ruben Goddard, Jr. arrived at Ben Gurion airport and joined our team
	18:05	*18:30*	*Transportation by mini bus to Manger Square Hotel, Bethlehem for check-in*
0:30:00	*18:45*	*20:00*	*Taxies to Dinner at Shepherd's Tent Restaurant, Beit Sahour*
6:45:00	*20:00*		*Overnight at Manger Square Hotel, Bethlehem*
	Start Time	*End Time*	***Monday May 30, 2022: Jerusalem Area***
	8:00	*9:00*	*Breakfast*
	9:00	*10:30*	*Free time in Bethlehem*
0:30:00	*10:30*	*11:00*	*Transit by Minibus to Haas Promenade*
			***What**: The drive between Bethlehem and Jerusalem provides the opportunity to see the block of settlements that separates the two areas, effectively cutting the Bethlehem area from Jerusalem- the city to which it has been connected for several thousand years. In our case it also offered a sense of what closure is like because the Bethlehem/Jerusalem checkpoint was entirely shut down. Our bus driver had to take an alternate route.* ***Why**: Settlement construction has been described as one of the main impediments to peace and to realizing a two state solution. Seeing the layout of settlements helps one understand how the future prospect of peace is impacted by the Gilo Settlement bloc.* ***Where**: Bethlehem-Jerusalem* ***Presenter**: Itamar Shapirra, LLM Guide* ***Assurance**: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.*
0:30:00	*11:00*	*11:30*	*Haas Promenade, view over Jerusalem*

			***What**: Overview of Jerusalem's evolution 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.* ***Why**: 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 Shapirra, LLM tour leader* ***Location**: Jerusalem's Haas Promenade, Daniel Yanofsky Street, Jerusalem, Israel* ***Assurance**: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.*
0:15:00	*11:30*	*11:45*	*Transportation by bus to Damascus Gate for Old City Tour*
1:15:00	*11:45*	*13:00*	*Guided walking tour of Old City, Jerusalem* ***What**: Entry via Damascus Gate. This will include an overlook of the Wailing Wall, the Dome of the Rock and Al Aqsa Mosque, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and other significant religious, historical, and cultural sites and neigbhborhoods 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."* ***Why:** A major objective is to provide the Congressional staff with an understanding of the history of the area leading up to the current conditions. Any discussion of that history must include the historical sites in the Old City of Jerusalem.* ***Tour Guide**: Itamar Shapirra, LLM tour guide* ***Location**: Old City of Jerusalem* ***Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.*
0:20:00	*13:00*	*13:20*	*Guided discussion as we passed the public area of the City of David (delegation will walk out the Dung Gate of the Old City and walk over to the City of David which is just adjacent to the Sumarin Family's home)* ***What**: The City of David, one of the largest and richest settler groups in Jerusalem, is in the oldest part of Jerusalem, predating the walled Old City, and was believed to be the area that the ancient Israelites first inhabited.* ***Why:** This is relevant to the mission and the staffer's official duties because it provides a lens into the foundations of the City of Jerusalem and how that archaeological foundation has been used to expand Israeli settlements in East Jerusalem, as well as appropriating the field of archaeology to achieve those ends.* ***Tour Guide**: Itamar Shapirra, LLM tour guide* ***Location**: City of David, Jerusalem* ***Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.*
			Our guide will take us, walking, next door to the Sumarin Family's home

			***Presenter**: Itamar Shapirra, LLM tour leader* ***Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.*
0:40:00	*13:20*	*14:00*	*Participants will have a catered lunch in the family's gated courtyard and meet with the family and many of the Israeli Jewish groups that have been advocating to save their home.*
0:30:00	*14:00*	*14:30*	*Meeting with the Sumarin Family and Sumarin Coalition*
			***What**: Meeting will update the delegation and provide background on the case of the Sumarin family. They will describe the challenges they have faced and are facing in their appeal of the eviction order.* ***Why: S**ilwan has served as a flashpoint in recent years. Understanding the various legal mechanisms and laws that allow settler groups and NGOs is vital. Discussion also includes the issue of American NGOs that are listed as charities funding some of these activities.* ***Presenters**: Sumarin Family, Rabbi Arik Ascherman- Torat Tzedek, Rabbi Moshe Silver and Reza Green, Seek Peace Jerusalem* ***Location:** Silwan, Sumarin family home* ***Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.*
1:00:00	*14:30*	*15:30*	*Discussion with Sumarin Coalition Partners*
			***What**: Meeting will update the delegation and provide background on the case of the Sumarin family; will also introduce staff to the coalition of groups that worked together to save the family home.* ***Why:** The coalition exemplifies various groups coming together and working to save a home- starting small, with one home, but that home being very important to that family. This will serve as an introduction to some of the advocacy work RA has undertaken.* ***Presenters**: Sumarin Family, Rabbi Arik Ascherman- Torat Tzedek, Rabbi Moshe Silver and Reza Green, Seek Peace Jerusalem* ***Location**: Silwan, Sumarin family home* ***Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.*
0:15:00	*15:30*	*15:45*	*Walk from the Sumarin home to the Bustan neighborhood of Silwan*
1:00:00	*16:00*	*17:00*	*Meeting Dr. Laura Wharton*

			***What**: Dr. Wharton has been one of the only advocates for fair housing on the Jerusalem City Council. She discussed issues related to home demolition orders and planning policies in the area.* ***Why**: One of the goals of the trip is to understand planning issues in Jerusalem and how the system does not work for all of the people of Jerusalem. Dr. Wharton, an ally of the Palestinian communities in Jerusalem, exemplafies what it means to "cross the aisle" and is a model of cooperation and of diverse communities coming together in Jerusalem to find solutions that will lead to a prosperous and thriving Jerusalem for all.* ***Presenters**: Dr. Laura Wharton* ***Location**: Bustan neighborhood, Silwan* ***Assurance**: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity*
1:00:00	*17:00*	*18:00*	*Discussion with Dr. Amani Odeh and Fakhri Abu Diab of Al Bustan neighborhood* ***What**: Local leaders discuss the issues that are impacting their community, including home demolitions, lack of planning and services, and one of the highest rates of child arrests in Jerusalem.* ***Why**: This presentation is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Congressional Staff's official duties because it provides insight into local issues from the perspective of female members of the community, as well as other local leaders.* ***Presenter**: Mr. Fahkri Abu Diab and Dr. Amani Odeh* ***Location**: Al Bustan neighborhood, Silwan* ***Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity*
	18:00	*18:15*	*Minibus to St. George Hotel*
	18:15	*18:30*	*Free Time*
0:45:00	*18:30*	*19:15*	*Dinner at Saint George Hotel with Andrea DiDomenico of UNOCHA*
0:15:00	*19:15*	*19:30*	*Walking to U.N. Office near hotel*
1:30:00	*19:30*	*21:00*	*Discussion with Samer Abdel Jaber & Andrea DiDomenico* ***What:** Discussion of the humanitarian need and relief required in the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza, and possible underlying reasons for this ongoing crisis.* ***Why**: Discussing the impact of U.S. aid in the region is relevant to the mission of this trip. This discussion revolved around funding to UNOCHA and the World Food Programme, and what funds are needed; discussing the potential humanitarian and security concerns that are related to the lack of funding for these food and social programs.* ***Presenters**: Samer Abdel Jaber (WFP head and U.N. Deputy Humanitarian Coordinator), Andrea DiDomenico (special assistant to the UN Humanitarian Coordinator)* ***Location**: U.N. Office, East Jerusalem*

			***Assurance**: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.*
	21:00	*21:15*	*Walking back to hotel; Overnight at St. George Hotel, East Jerusalem*
9:45:00			
	Start Time	*End Time*	***Tuesday May 31, 2022: Ramallah, Al Aqaba, Al Maleh, Al Auja, Dead Sea, Jericho***
	8:00	*9:00*	*Breakfast at Saint George Hotel*
	9:00		*Meet in lobby to depart for day*
1:00:00	*9:00*	*10:00*	*Transportation by bus to Ramallah*
			***What:** Guide to discuss route between Jerusalem and Ramallah, including checkpoints/separation wall, and introduce Ramallah as the current capital of the P.A.*
			***Tour Guide**: Itamar Shapirra, LLM tour guide*
			***Location**: Jerusalem-Ramallah*
			***Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.*
1:00:00	*10:00*	*11:00*	*Meeting with P.A. Minister of Health, Dr. Mai Kaleh*
			***What**: Our delegation will meet with the Minister of Health to discuss current challenges facing the P.A. in the health care sector, including Covid-19, malnutrition, PKU, etc.*
			***Why:**This presentation is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Congressional staff's official duties because this visit meets one major goal of this trip: to provide participants with an understanding of how US aid benefits the health and education of Palestinian children.*
			***Presenter**: Minister of Health Dr. Mai Kaleh*
			***Location**: Ministry of Health building in Ramallah*
			***Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity*
1:00:00	*11:00*	*12:00*	*Transportation by bus to Firing Zone 900*
			***What:** Tour Guide to discuss the previous meeting with P.A. Health Ministry, as well as introduce the Jordan Valley area we will be visiting.*
			***Tour Guide**: Itamar Shapirra, LLM tour guide*
			***Location**: Ramallah-Al Aqaba*
			***Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity*

0:45:00	12:00	12:45	*Al Aqaba Village Meeting*
			What: *This is the first Palestinian Village in Area C to issue its own building permits — and for the 12 years, no demolition orders were issued agains the new homes — that changed in January, placing the whole village at risk of demolition and expecially the homes under construction. The walking tour of Al Aqaba's kindergarten, 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 charrette to help villagers design and build their own homes. 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 continued to build in accordance with their village-issued building permits and a remarkable town has taken shape.*
			Why: *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.* *Note: Rebuilding Alliance continues to crowdfund and provide grants for the kindergarten in Al Aqaba as well as to the Al Aqaba Housing Cooperative Association for their home construction finance program.*
			Tour Guide*: Khaled Sawafta (Head of Village Council), Rawheye Alsbaih (Chair of the Rural Women's Association), Hisham Sbaih (Chair of the Al Aqaba Cooperative Assembly for Housing the Displaced & Head of Agricultural Association)*
			Location*: Al Aqaba*
			Assurance: *The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.*
0:55:00	12:45	13:40	*Walking Tour, visit Sahar & Ismael's home, and possibly other homes too*
	13:40	14:15	*Lunch at the Rural Women's Association Dining Room*
	14:15	15:00	*Minibus Departure*
0:30:00	15:00	15:30	*Meet with principal of Al-Maleh School*
			What*: Al Maleh School is an important school to the local inhabitants- it allows children from nearby areas the chance to have an education. Last year, the Israeli Army confiscated the portable classroom and shade structures. Israeli settlers stole their water tanks. RA has partnered with Middle East Children's Alliance to bring this back*
			Why: *Staff will learn about the the issues impacting education for Palestinian children, particularly in remote and rural areas. They will also have the opportunity to be introduced to RA advocacy work to see the impact that the occupation has on education.*
			Presenter*: Principal Jafar Fuqha*
			Location: *Al Maleh Elementary School*
			Assurance: *The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.*

	15:30	16:00	*Transportation by bus to al-Auja*
1:00:00	16:00	17:00	*Meeting with Rabbi Arik Ascherman and Bedouin Shepherds in al-Auja*
			***What**: The Israeli settlement movement openly advocates for the creation of "agricultural settlements" to plunder or destroy Palestinian crops, and disrupt traditional sheepherding to damage the food supply and threaten the farmers and herders to make them up and leave. Palestinians in this rural area face land, crop, and water theft and settler violence.* ***Why:** This is related to the mission of the trip and the Congressional staff's official duties because part of our mission is to meet with people and groups working to bring peace and security for all.* ***Presenters**: Rabbi Arik Ascherman, from Torat Tzedek, Bedouin shepherds* ***Location**: Al-Auja countryside* ***Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.*
	17:00	17:30	*Transportation by bus to Dead Sea*
0:30:00	17:30	18:30	*Discussion of the day's activities, debrief*
			***What**: Debriefing of a long day of activities, and a visit to the Dead Sea* ***Why**: Discussion time to process and reflect on the large amount of various activities and a time for questions is essential.* ***Presenters**: Donna Baranski-Walker (Executive Director, Rebuilding Alliance), Elias (Executive Director, HLT),* ***Location:** Dead Sea* ***Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.*
	18:30	19:00	*Minibus to the Green Valley Restaurant, Jericho*
	19:00	20:30	*Dinner at The Green Valley, a Jericho Restaurant*
6:40:00	20:30	22:00	*Minibus back to Saint George Hotel; Overnight at St. George Hotel*

	Start Time	End Time	
			Wednesday June 1, 2022: Ofer Prison, then Tel Aviv
	7:00	8:00	*Breakfast*
1:30:00	8:30	10:00	*Presentation by Military Court Watch*

			***What**: Military Court Watch will introduce their work to the delegation, and prepare them with context and background information to their visit to Ofer Prison.* ***Why:** 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.* ***Presenters:** Gerard Horton and Salwa Duiabis, Military Court Watch* ***Location:** Meeting room in the St. George Hotel, East Jerusalem* ***Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.*
0:30:00	*10:00*	*10:30*	*Transportation by bus to Ofer Military Prison*
2:00:00	*10:30*	*12:30*	*Observation of court proceedings* ***What**: Observation of 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.* ***Why:** 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, Salwa Duaibis, Military Court Watch* ***Location**: Ofer Military Court, just outside the Palestinian town of Beitunia* ***Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.*
	12:30	*13:45*	*Lunch on the bus enroute to Tel Aviv*
	13:45	*14:00*	*Security to enter US Embassy-Tel Aviv Annex*
1:30:00	*14:00*	*15:30*	*Brian M. Grimm, Political Counselor, | U.S. Department of State, U.S. Embassy Jerusalem - Embassy Branch Office Tel Aviv*

			What: *Meeting with Political Counselor at the U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv Branch* ***Why:*** *Discussing the structure of the U.S. Embassy and State Dept. presence in the region and why there are different entities to deal with the Israeli and Palestinian governments. We will have just come from visiting Ofer Prison with Military Court Watch, amongst many other visits. The group will likely have an opportunity to ask questions regarding official U.S. policies in the region.* ***Presenter:*** *Brian M. Grimm, Political Counselor and Nicholas A. Engquist* ***Location:*** *U.S. Embassy Branch Office, Tel Aviv* ***Assurance:*** *The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.*
	15:30	*15:45*	*Transportation by minibus to office of Gisha*
0:30:00	*15:45*	*16:15*	*Meeting with representatives from the NGO Gisha*
			What*: Gisha is an organization that works to protect the freedom of movement of Palestinians, mostly those that live in Gaza.* ***Why:*** *This is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Congressional staff's official duties because one of the goals of our trip is to meet groups working towards peace. Meeting Israelis who work and advocate on behalf of Palestinians is part of this. The siege on Gaza has had a major impact on peace and security in the entire region.* ***Presenter****: Rebecca Lederkramer* ***Location****: Office of Gisha, Tel Aviv* ***Assurance:*** *The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.*
	16:15	*16:30*	*Walking to the nearby law office of Adv. Michael Sfard*
0:45:00	*16:30*	*17:15*	*Meeting with Michael Sfard*
			What*: Meeting with a prominent Israeli attorney that Rebuilding Alliance works with. One of the discussion topics will center on Palestinian civil society and the recent designation of 6 key Palestinian CSOs as illegal- this designation was made last October and still has not been seen as having any merit for most of the international community. Solutions for how to continue to support Palestinian civil society will be discussed. Both speakers will present an overview of history, policies, and what has led to the current crisis.* ***Why:*** *This is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Congressional staff's official duties because one of the goals of our trip is to meet groups working towards peace. Meeting Israelis who work and advocate on behalf of Palestinians is part of this. For peace and stability to be achieved, Palestinian civil society must be supported and strengthened.* ***Presenter****: Adv. Michael Sfard Yesh Din* ***Location****: Michael Sfard's Law Office in Tel Aviv* ***Assurance:*** *The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.*
	17:15	*17:30*	*Walking back to the Office of Gisha*

0:45:00	17:30	18:15	Teleconference with Gazans
			What: We will meet, via teleconference, with RA staff and partner organizations that are based in Gaza to hear about their work and their lives, and the challenges faced with living under a prolonged siege. **Why:** This is relevant to the mission and to the Congressional staff's official duties because Gaza has been under blockade for nearly 15 years now. This has brought humanitarian issues to the forefront- but also security issues. Discussing life in Gaza will allow staffers to see what is happening there, and how it impacts the prospect for peace and security for all in the region. **Presenter**: Heba Khozondar and Nesbah, RA staff in Gaza **Location**: Gisha Offices, Tel Aviv **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
	18:15	19:15	Transportation by minibus to the Saint George Hotel
	19:15	20:15	Late Dinner at the St George Hotel; Overnight at the St George Hotel, Jerusalem
7:30:00			

	Start Time	End Time	**Thursday June 2, 2022: J Hebron, then South Hebron Hills/Masafer Yatta**
	7:00	8:00	Early Breakfast
1:00:00	8:00	9:00	Transportation by bus to Hebron
2:00:00	9:00	11:00	Tour of Palestinian Access Side Hebron
			What: 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. The delegation will also visit the Ibrahimi Mosque and other historical sites of importance. **Why:** 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. Presenter: Tariq Tamimi, Founding Director, Hebron Chamber of Commerce and industry **Location:** Old City, Hebron **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
0:45:00	11:00	11:45	Transit from Hebron to Susiya
0:45:00	11:45	12:30	Overview of the history of the Palestinian village of Susiya

			***What**: 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.* ***Why:** 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. Susiya is also an example of a place that is still standing today because of Congressional intervention.* ***Presenters**: Nasser Nawaja, spokesperson of the Susiya Village Council and B'Tselem Regional Staff, Fatma Nawaja - head of Susiya Rural Women's Association and Social Worker with Rebuilding Alliance* ***Location**: Inside the tent home of the spokesperson for the Palestinian village of Susiya in the South Hebron Hills* ***Assurance:**The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.*
	12:30	*1:30*	*Lunch in Susya*
	1:30	*1:45*	*Transit by tour bus to village of At-Tuwani*
1:15:00	*1:45*	*3:00*	*At-Tuwani meeting w/ Youth of Sumud*
			***What:** At-Tuwani is one of only six villages in Area C granted a master plan by the Israeli Army (2013). As such, it should be safe from demolition — but five homes and a youth center are facing demolition orders. Youth of Sumud, founded in 2017, is a Palestinian grassroots human rights org that advocates principles of nonviolence in all community-building activities in the South Hebron Hills Region of the West Bank. The Youth of Sumud Center is an activities center and a guest house for Americans, Canadians, and Israelis. It serves as the main office of Youth of Sumud since settlers destroyed their building in nearby Sarura in June 2021.* ***Why:** A core goal of the trip is to bring staffers to visit Palestinians and Israelis who work for peace and justice, to understand the challenges they are facing, learn about their efforts including joint efforts to address those challenges, and consider what Congress is uniquely able to do to support such efforts.* ***Location:** Youth of Sumud Center, At-Tuwani* ***Presenters:** Sami Hureini, Youth of Sumud, co-Founder.* ***Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.*
0:30:00	*15:00*	*15:30*	*Meet Nidal Younis, Masafer Yatta Village Council Head*

			***What**: At-Tuwani is also the gateway to the threatened Masafer Yatta region. Currently designated as Firing Zone 918. Despite having inhabited the area for generations, 12 villages are facing eviction and demolition in this area. These actions are widely perceived as a preliminary to Israeli seizure of the land. A pivotal court ruling in May allows the military to forcibly evict the residents.* ***Why:** A core goal of the trip is to consider the implications and impact of Israeli control of building and planning rights in the West Bank and explore successful ways to prevent the demolition of Palestinian homes, schools, water systems, and neighborhoods.* ***Presenter**: Nidal Younis, Head of Masafer Yatta Villages Council* ***Location**: At-Tuwani Youth of Sumud Center* ***Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.*
	15:30	16:15	*Walk to the village of Rakeez (10 min); discussion.* ***What**: Rakeez is one of the 12 Masafer Yatta villages whose case will soon be decided by Israel's High Court. Demolition of their homes has meant that many families returned to living in caves. A young man from this village, Harun abu Aram, was shot by the Israeli military last year and remains paralyzed.* ***Why:** This discussion and visit is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Congressional staff's duties because the forced relocation of the villages of Masafer Yatta is illegal under international law. The case is gaining international attention with 2 Congressional letters having been sent to the U.S. Secretary of State urging intervention.* ***Presenter**: Nidal Younis, Head of Masafer Yatta Villages Council* ***Location**: Village of Rakeez* ***Assurance:**The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.*
1:45:00	16:15	18:00	*Transit by tour bus past Mufaqarra, and Khirbet Al Dale to Um Al Kheir Village* ***What**:The drive will provide a sense of the cost to these communities of the Firing Zone areas. The delegation then travels to the Palestinian Bedouin village of Umm Al Kheir, immediately adjacent to the Israeli settlement of Carmel.* ***Why:** This is relevant to the mission of the trip and the staff's official duties because it shows the challenges of settler incursion into village lands and the impact of discriminatory planning regimens.* ***Presenter:** Eid Suleiman, artist, activist, and staff of Rebuilding Alliance, a resident of Umm Al Kheir who presented to Congress in 2017 and 2018* ***Location:** Masafer Yatta* ***Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.*
	18:00	19:30	*Transit back to hotel*
	19:30	20:30	*Dinner at hotel*
8:00:00			*Overnight at the St George Hotel, Jerusalem*

	Start Time	End Time	**Friday June 3, 2022: US Embassy, Journalist Safety, Khan al Ahmar, Wahat al-Salam**
	6:30	7:00	Quick, early breakfast at the Hotel
	7:00	7:15	Check out of hotel
	7:15	8:00	Minibus to U.S. Embassy Jerusalem
	8:00	8:15	Clear Security check at U.S. Embassy, Jerusalem
0:50:00	8:15	9:05	Meeting with Desiree Baron and Jill Hutchings, U.S. Embassy, Jerusalem
			What: Meeting with PAU political affairs officers 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. **Why**: This 'off the record' disscussion 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 discussions we held earlier in the week: East Jerusalem and Palestinian Area C planning issues, human rights, child detentions, Gaza aid, Israel and Palestinian safety and security, prospects for return of confiscated portable school classrooms, and hope for peace agreements. **Presenter**: Desiree Baron, Jill Hutchings **Location**: U.S. Embassy annex, Jerusalem, 18 Agron Road **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
	9:15	10:15	Coffee break at Mamilla Shopping Center
0:15:00	10:15	10:30	Minibus to meet with Shirin Abu Akhleh's family, Beit Hanina
1:00:00	10:30	11:30	Meeting with the family of journalist Shirin Abu Akhleh, Beit Hanina
			What: In recent weeks, the issue of journalist safety and threats to journalism in Israel and the West Bank have come to the forefront of news, even in the United States, as Shireen was killed by an Israeli soldier and she is an American citizen. **Why:** According to Reporters Without Borders, 35 journalists have been killed in the Occupied Palestinian Territories by the Israeli military since 2000. The U.S. State Dept. has visited the Abu Akleh family and offered condolences. A Congressional letter to the State Dept. and the FBI calls for an American investigation, since Israel announced they won't investigate further. Meeting with the family will give the delegation an opportunity to discuss what happened to Shireen, and also discuss the broader issue of journalism under attack in the area. **Presenter:** Anton Abu Akleh (Shireen's uncle) **Location:** Beit Hanina (East Jerusalem)

			Assurance: *The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.*
0:30:00	*11:30*	*12:00*	*Minibus to Khan al Ahmar*
1:00:00	*12:00*	*13:00*	*Meeting Abu Khamees and residents of Khan al Ahmar*
			What: *Khan Al Ahmar, a Bedouin community standing between Jerusalem and the E1 corridor/Maale Adumim settlelemnt bloc, has long been threatened with forced displacement. This village, which predates the settlements around it, is one of the last Palestinian villages standing in the way of connecting the massive Maale Adumim settlement bloc to Jerusalem. Our meetings are with local leaders and residents to discuss the history of the area, the current legal standing of the court case filed against the community pressing for relocation, the recurring attacks by some of the settlers who live in the neighboring Kfar Adumim, and the efforts by other Kfar Adumim settlers to keep them safe.* ***Why:*** *E1 refers to the area between Jerusalem and the Maale Adumim- a massive bloc of settlements outside Jerusalem and in the West Bank. The small Bedouin community of Khan Al Ahmar has been at the center of court cases in Israel for years, with the State wanting the community evacuated, and moved elsewhere. They say it is for the community's own good, but the skeptics say it is to remove the final barrier to making Maale Adumim part of the Greater Jerusalem area and Israel proper. This area has received much international support from Europe and the U.S., that has helped keep it standing for now.* ***Presenter: Eid*** *Abu Khamees Jahalin* ***Location:*** *Khan Al Ahmar* ***Assurance:*** *The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity*
	13:00	*14:00*	*Lunch in Khan al Ahmar*
1:00:00	*14:00*	*15:00*	*Meeting with Dr. Danny Turner of Kfar Adumim*
			What*: Meeting with a local leader from the settlement nearby to Khan Al Ahmar, Kfar Adumim* ***Why:*** *This is relevant to the mission of the trip because one of the things that our program is exploring is ways that various groups, from both sides, are able to come together to work towards peace. Contrary to the overriding narrative, there are some Israelis living in Israeli settlements who are working to help ensure that their Palestinian neighbors are able to stay on their land. Khan Al Ahmar, long a community facing court cases and potential displacement, is one such community. Some of the Israelis in Kfar Adumim speak out to keep Khan Al Ahmar standing.* ***Presenter:*** *Dr. Danny Turner* ***Location:*** *Khan Al Ahmar* ***Assurance:*** *The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity*
	15:00	*15:30*	*Minibus to Lifta Park next to Bayt Iqsa. Because the road to Bayt Iqsa was in disrepair, we transferred to private SUV's to make the drive.*
1:30	*15:00*	*16:30*	*Meeting with Mahmoud Salhiah*

			What: Mahmoud Salhiah and his wife Lital had their home in Sheikh Jarrah demolished in January. Rebuilding Alliance brought their case before Congressional staff to explain what it was that happened and possible remedies. The family now hopes to buy land in the town of Bayt Iqsa, overlooking historical Lifta and the village of Ein Karem (where Mahmoud's grandfather and his family lived before being expelled in 1948) and build a new home and work the land. *Why: This is related to the mission of the trip because one the goals of the trip is to understand the impact of home demolitions on Palestinian communities- and to discuss the broader implications of actions such as home demolitions, and what impact they have on the possibility of peace and reconciliation.* *Presenter: Mahmoud Salhiah and guide Itamar Shapirra* *Location: a private home in Bayt Iqsa* *Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity*
	16:30	*17:00*	*Minibus to Wahat al- Salam/Neve Shalom*
0:30	*17:00*	*17:30*	*Meeting with Mayor Rita Boulos of Wahat al- Salam/Neve Shalom*
	17:30	*19:15*	*Farewell Dinner at Wahat al-Salam Restaurant* ***What**: Farewell Dinner and time for reflection in this intentionally mixed Jewish/Palestinianin Community.* ***Why:** Wahat al-Salam – Neve Shalom (WAS- is a village of Palestinian and Jewish citizens of Israel dedicated to building justice, peace and equality in the country and the region. Situated equidistant from Jerusalem and Tel Aviv-Jaffa, the community was established in 1970 by Fr. Bruno Hussar on land of the Latrun Monastery. It is a model of equality, mutual respect and partnership that challenges existing patterns of racism and discrimination as well as the continued conflict. The community has established educational institutions based on its ideals and conducts activities focused on social and political change. Many of the village members work in peace, justice and reconciliation projects. It has a population of 70+ families and will grow to 150 families.* ***Location:** Wahat al-Salam/Neve Shalom (a village in Israel)* ***Presenter:** Donna Baranski-Walker (RA Executive Director), Elias D'eis (HLT Executive Director), Itamar Shapirra (LLM Tour Guide)* ***Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity*
6:35	*19:15*	*19:45*	*Minibus Tel Aviv, delegation ends*