



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: Ernest Audino
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 18 June 22 Return: 26 June 22
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Orlando Destination: Israel Return City: Orlando
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: AIEF (American Israeli Education Foundation)
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended:
 See Final Itinerary (included along with this document)

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:  Date: 07/12/2022

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: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Supervising Member: _____



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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original Amendment

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

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
2. Travel Destination(s): Israel
3. Date of Departure: June 18, 2022 Date of Return: June 26, 2022
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Ernest C. Audino, District Director for Congressman Michael Waltz (FL-6)

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 | \$10,090.83 | \$2,469.66 | \$1,211.81 | \$4,856.55 breakdown attached |
| Accompanying Family Member | | | | |

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: Arne Christenson Date: 07/07/2022

Name: Arne Christenson Title: Managing Director

Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

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

Address: 251 H Street NW, Washington DC 20001

Email: achristenson@aiefdn.org Telephone: (202) 639-5266

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

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. This form and any attachments may be delivered to the Committee at 1015 Longworth or e-mailed to travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.

Name of Traveler: Ernest C. Audino

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

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

Signature: _____

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): US Congressman Michael Waltz

Office Address: 213 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515

Telephone Number: 202-225-2706

Email Address of Contact Person: micah.ketchel@mail.house.gov

Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via e-mail: travel.requests@mail.house.gov.



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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Ernest C. Audino
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
America Israel Education Foundation
3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel : Israel
4. a. Date of Departure: 18Jun22 Date of Return: 26Jun22
b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Yes No Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? If yes:
(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____
(2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
(3) Yes No Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age:
6. a. Yes No 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)?
b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:
7. Yes No *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.

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.
I provide subject matter expertise to the Congressman regarding military matters, national security and foreign policy with particular focus on the Middle East. I have 32 years of US Army service with much of it in and around the Middle East, however I've never had my boots on the ground inside Israel, a strategic ally of the United States. This trip will fill that gap and improve my ability to provide my best professional assessments to the Congressman.
9. Yes No Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?
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

5/18/2022



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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:
American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. Signify that the statement is true by checking box.
3. **Check only one.** I represent that:
 - a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip: **OR**
 - b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds: **OR**
 - c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors:
4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary):
Please find attached
5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: June 18, 2022 Date of return: June 26, 2022
7. a. City of departure: Orlando, FL
b. Destination(s): Israel
c. City of return: Orlando, FL
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:
AIEF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the fundamental purpose of educating policy makers and opinion leaders about the U.S.-Israel relationship. AIEF is solely responsible for recruiting, coordinating, executing, and funding all aspects of this trip.
13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (specify: taxis)
- b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (specify: charter bus)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
n/a
14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking 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):
\$150
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:
The trip is in Israel to educate participants about the U.S.-Israel relationship.
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: Orient City: Jerusalem Cost Per Night: \$439
Reason(s) for Selecting: location and affordability
- Hotel Name: Sheraton City: Tel Aviv Cost Per Night: \$364
Reason(s) for Selecting: location and affordability
- Hotel Name: Magdala City: Tiberias Cost Per Night: \$265
Reason(s) for Selecting: location and affordability
17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*



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18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

| <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates | Total Transportation Expenses per Participant | Total Lodging Expenses per Participant | Total Meal Expenses per Participant |
|---|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| For each Member, Officer, or Employee | \$9,677.19 | \$2,439 (includes late checkout 6.25) | \$1,050 |
| For each Accompanying Family Member | | | |

| | 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 | \$7,041.67 | Please find attached |
| For each Accompanying Family Member | | |

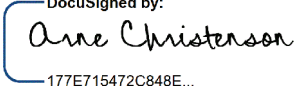
NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

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:  _____ Date: 5/17/2022 | 13:46 PDT
 Name: Arne Christenson Title: Managing Director
 Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
 Address: 251 H Street NW, Washington DC 20001
 Email: achristenson@aiefdn.org Telephone: (202) 639-5266

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:

1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

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June 15, 2022

General Ernest Audino
Office of the Honorable Michael Waltz
213 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear General Audino:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel,¹ scheduled for June 18 to 26, 2022, sponsored by American Israel Education Foundation.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$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.

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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**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
Veteran Leaders
June 18-26, 2022**

Addendum

4. Ernest C. Audino, Brigadier General, US Army (Ret.)
District Director for Congressman Michael Waltz (FL-6)

As the District Director for the U.S. House of Representatives, this invitee is consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran’s affairs. These issues—along with issues more broadly related to the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel—will be explored during the AIEF Israel Seminar, which is focused on educating the staffer on events throughout the region by providing on-the-ground context. The member is a leader of veteran affairs and serves on the relevant House Armed Services Committee.

18. Breakdown of other expenses

| Other expense | Cost per person |
|--|------------------------|
| Security | \$2,208.34 |
| Speaker Fees | \$1,250.00 |
| COVID testing | \$833.33 |
| Room Rentals and Setup (Mics) | \$833.33 |
| Hotels for contract staff | \$583.33 |
| Meals for contract staff and guests | \$500.00 |
| Tour Guide/Yad Vashem Guide | \$375.00 |
| Transportation for contract staff & speakers | \$166.67 |
| Airport Assistance | \$100.00 |
| Entrance Fees | \$75.00 |
| Photography | \$58.33 |
| Misc. | \$41.67 |
| Tips | \$16.67 |
| TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES | \$7,041.67 |

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
Veteran Leaders
June 18 -26, 2022**

Itinerary

Saturday, June 18, 2022

4:00 PM Depart Orlando
6:54 PM Arrive JFK
10:59 PM Depart JFK

Sunday, June 19, 2022

5:00 PM Flights arrive in Israel
▪ Transfer to Jerusalem
▪ Check in at the Orient Hotel
8:40 – 10:00 PM *Welcome and Orientation*
▪ Andrew Ashford, Regional Outreach Director
▪ Yossi Garr, Educational Seminar Leader
-at Touro
10:00 PM Overnight at the Orient Hotel

Monday, June 20, 2022

8:15 AM – 9:30 AM *Pulse of the Nation*
Coffee with Matti Friedman
-at Touro

Matti Friedman

Matti Friedman is a renowned reporter with a career that has taken him from Lebanon to Morocco, Cairo, Moscow and Washington, D.C., and to conflicts in Israel in the Caucasus. Mr. Friedman is a dynamic and insightful speaker who will provide the group an illuminating synthesis of domestic political trends, current international affairs, and the general state of mind of the Israeli citizens. He also provides a greater understanding of international media coverage of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

9:30 AM Depart

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Strategic Survey of Jerusalem: The Historic and Holy Basin

Guided survey of the Old City of Jerusalem:

- City of David
- Robinson's Arch
- Western Wall
- Church of the Holy Sepulcher

Jerusalem

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

Old City of Jerusalem & the Holy Basin

The Old City of Jerusalem is home to the holiest shrines of the three monotheistic religions, including the Temple Mount, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, and the Al-Aqsa Mosque. During the Camp David II talks, the Palestinians and Israelis differed on the Jerusalem question, namely the Old City, the status of Arab neighborhoods just outside the Old City, and religious sites such as the Temple Mount.

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

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

The City of David

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has consumed an enormous amount of time and manpower from members of consecutive American Administrations as well as members of Congress. One of the most intractable issues in the conflict has been the question of the future of Jerusalem.

Jerusalem's City of David, more than any other site, represents the complexity of this conflict. The City of David is the site most archeologists agree to be the ancient city of Jerusalem that later became the capital of the united Israelite tribes under King David. This area is one of the most intensively excavated sites in the wider region. To Jewish Israelis, the site represents the beginning of their physical and emotional attachment to Jerusalem that has continued for over three thousand years.

York Times bestseller. He writes for leading op-ed pages in the US, including the Times and the Wall Street Journal, and is a former contributing editor to the New Republic. This session will focus on the unique relationship between the United States and the Jewish homeland, and how Israel's Jewish identity informs both politics and culture.

7:30 PM Depart for Machane Yehuda Market

8:00 PM – 10:00 PM *Dinner and Discussion*
Visit to the market and group dinner
- at Tea'mim

Dinner and Discussion

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

10:00PM Overnight at the Orient Hotel

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

7:30 AM – 8:00 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel
Check out

8:00 – 9:00 AM *Israeli Politics Primer*
Coffee with Yossi Garr, Educational Seminar Leader

Israeli Politics Primer

It is critical for trip participants to understand the parliamentary system in Israel. Yossi will explain how the parliamentary party system works, how coalitions rise and fall, and how Israeli politics differ from American politics.

9:00 AM Depart for Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM *The Meaning of the Holocaust in Israeli Society*
- at Yad Vashem

Yad Vashem

One cannot understand Israel's worldview without understanding the trauma of the Holocaust. Israelis view threats to its destruction in light of the events of the 1930s and 1940s, when the German government's threats to exterminate the Jewish people were not taken seriously by the international community. This museum provides an important reference point as to how Israelis interpret the threat of an Iranian nuclear program and Iranian leaders committed to Israel's destruction. Yad Vashem has become a symbol of the Jewish people and its transformation from total helplessness to self-reliance and strength. Thus, a visit to Yad Vashem provides a historical context for the Jewish state. The museum's professional docent will guide the group through the main exhibit hall and the children's memorial.

11:30 AM Depart Yad Vashem

12:50 PM – 1:40 PM **Current Challenges and Future Dilemmas for the Palestinians**
Meeting with Ohad Hemo
Palestinian Affairs Correspondent, Channel 12 news
- at the Vert hotel

Ohad Hemo

Ohad Hemo is a veteran award-winning journalist who currently serves as the Palestinian Affairs Correspondent for the Israeli Television News Company. He has worked in the three main Israeli channels, where he has been covering the Palestinian field for the past 15 years and has received the prestigious Sokolov Award for outstanding journalism. He will provide participants a unique and nuanced view of the Arab-Israeli identity, the Palestinian identity, and the view from the Palestinian Street.

1:40 PM – 2:15 PM Lunch
-at the Vert hotel

2:15 PM Depart for Ramallah

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM *A View from the Palestinian Authority*
Osama Qawasma, Member of the PLO Palestine National Council
- at the PLO Headquarters

A View from the Palestinian Authority

Osama Qawasma will present the current state of Palestinian Authority Affairs, including the Palestinian perspective on the issues of the day, as well as relations with Israel and prospects for peace.

4:30 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

6:50 PM Check into the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

7:30 PM Depart for dinner

8:15 PM – 9:30 PM *After the Army: IDF to Civilian Life*
Dinner with:

- Gili Cohen, Heroes for Life
- Shoshi Rushmevsky, Makers for Heroes
- Assaf Shmuelovich, Blue Heart

-at Darya

After the Army: IDF to Civilian Life

Israel is one of the few countries in the world with a mandatory military service requirement. During this dinner, the delegation will have a chance to hear from a diverse group of Soldiers who

served in various units of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and how their service inspired them to give back to their community and create non-profits that help service the Veteran community in Israel.

9:30 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM *Working with Army Veterans with PTSD*
Breakfast with Ilan Frumkin
Entrepreneur; Co-Founder, The Service Dog Training Center
- at the hotel

Ilan Frumkin

Ilan Frumkin is the leading Israeli expert in service dog training itself and in educational frameworks for the instruction of professional dog trainers, and is a widely respected speaker and lecturer. He is the founder and general manager of The Service Dog Training Centre, the first organization to ever train service dogs in Israel.

8:30 AM Depart for Peres Peace Center

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM *Start-Up Nation*
Israeli Technology briefing
-at Peres Center for Peace and Innovation

Peres Center for Peace and Innovation

Israel is a giant when it comes to innovation: a global leader in R&D spending and Venture Capital investment, and home to global R&D centers for the likes of Google, Apple and IBM. The Peres Center for Peace and Innovation represents Israeli innovation and ingenuity that has had enormous impact both in Israel and abroad.

10:45 AM Depart for Gaza Envelope Region

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM *Israel's Southern Front*
Gaza border briefing
-at Assaf Siboni

12:45 PM – 2:00 PM *Lunch with IDF Soldiers*
- at Kibbutz Kfar Aza Dining hall

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM *Living Under the Threat of Rocket Fire*
Meeting with Chen Abrahams-Kotler, local resident
Tour and overlook into Gaza
- at Kibbutz Kfar Aza

Israel's Southern Front & Living Under the Threat of Rocket Fire

Since 2001, Israeli communities bordering the Gaza Strip have been living under the threat of rocket fire. Since the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip in 2005 and the Hamas takeover of the Gaza Strip in 2007, the volume, range and accuracy of the rockets has only increased. The summer of 2014 witnessed Operation Protective Edge, which returned the issue of rocket fire from Gaza to international headlines. Most recently, Israel engaged in Operation Guardian of the Walls, to thwart another barrage of rocket attacks from Hamas in Gaza.

During the strategic overview participants will be able to see the border between Israel and the Gaza Strip, to better comprehend the landscape of the region, as well as the unique challenges faced by this area. Participants will better understand the reality of living just kilometers from Israel's border with Gaza, where residents have endured almost 20 years of rocket fire, and more recently Hamas "terror tunnels". The group will hear how residents have sought to cope with the threat on their doorstep, both physically and psychologically.

3:00 PM Depart for hotel

5:00 PM Arrive at the hotel

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM *Debrief: Operation Guardian of the Walls*
Briefing with Lt. Col. (Res.) Jonathan Conricus
Former International Spokesperson, Israel Defense Forces
-at the hotel

Debrief: Operation Guardian of the Walls

In May 2021 Israel responded to a barrage of rocket fire from Hamas in Gaza with Operation Guardian of the Walls. Over 11 days, thousands of rockets were fired from Gaza at innocent civilians in Israel; and Israel responded by targeting strategic Hamas positions within the Gaza Strip. During this debrief, Lt. Col. Shefler will provide an overview of the operation and the Israel Defense Force's strategy to combat Hamas terrorism.

7:15 PM Depart for dinner

8:00 PM – 9:30 PM *A Night with Veterans*
-at Ca Phe Hanoi

A Night with Veterans

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) is a true microcosm of Israeli society, as most young men and women are required to serve directly after high school. It is also a great equalizer in Israel's diverse, multicultural society. Soldiers from various units will join the participants during dinner to share their individual experiences in the IDF.

9:30 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

Thursday, June 23, 2022

7:00 AM Breakfast
Checkout
Luggage in the lobby

7:30 – 8:45 AM *Regional Threat Assessment*
with Brig.-Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel
Past Director, Counter Terrorism Bureau, Prime Minister's Office
-at 38th Floor

Regional Threat Assessment

As the delegation prepares to visit Israel's borders with the Gaza Strip, Lebanon and Syria, it is critical to understand the threats faced by Israel from these three areas, all Iranian proxies. The briefing will cover the unique situation at each border, as well as the malign activity from Iran contributing to unrest in the region.

8:45 AM Depart

11:15 AM – 12:45 PM *Israel's Missile Defense Systems*
Briefing with Ari Sacher, Rocket Scientist,
Rafael Advanced Defense Systems
-at Machon Leshem

Israel's Missile Defense Systems

Ari Sacher is a Rocket Scientist and has worked in the design and development of missiles for over twenty years. He has briefed hundreds of US Congressmen on Israeli Missile Defense and speaks regularly for the Israeli Foreign Ministry. Ari is highly regarded speaker, enabling even the layman to understand the "rocket science". During this session, he will explain the U.S.-Israel strategic cooperation that has led to the country's multi-tiered missile defense system.

12:45 PM Depart for Julis

1:30 PM – 2:45 PM *The Druze Culture and Connection to the State of Israel*
Lunch with Nadim Amar
Educational Activist in the Druze Community
-at Noor, Julis

2:45 PM Depart for Zarit

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM Visit Hezbollah terror tunnel
-at Zarit

Hezbollah Terror Tunnel

Virtually all of southern Lebanon is a maze of underground bunkers, rocket-launching sites, and interconnected tunnels built by the Iranian-backed Hezbollah terrorist organization. Hezbollah is the most powerful terrorist organization in the world, stronger than most national armies. They receive around \$700 million annually from Iran, along with advanced weapons, training, and

political support. During this visit, participants will have the opportunity to go into a Hezbollah tunnel discovered by the Israel Defense Forces, to see firsthand this terrorist army poses to Israel and the region.

4:30 PM Depart for Mount Adir

5:00 PM – 5:45 PM *Northern Exposure, Part I: Hezbollah Next Door*
Briefing By Miri Eisen
Northern border expert
-at Mount Adir

Miri Eisen

Col. (Res.) Miri Eisin speaks on regional geo-politics and security related issues in the media worldwide. Col. Eisin served in the Israeli intelligence community and retired from active duty at the rank of full colonel in 2004. Over her twenty-year career in the military she served as the deputy head of the combat intelligence corps, the personal assistant to the Director of Military intelligence and as the intelligence officer in combat units and research departments.

5:45 PM Depart for hotel

6:45 PM Check into the Magdala Hotel

7:45 PM Depart for dinner

8:00 PM – 9:30 PM *Dinner and Discussion*
- at Decks

Dinner and Discussion

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

9:30 PM Overnight Magdala hotel

Friday, June 24, 2022

7:30 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel
Check out

8:15 AM Depart Hotel

8:30 AM – 9:45 AM *Historical, Religious and Geopolitical Significance
of the Sea of Galilee*

United States President Bill Clinton, the accord signed on Oct. 6, 1994, marked the onset of a new era of economic, cultural, and political dialogue and cooperation between the two countries.

In recent years, the two countries have worked together to combat the increased threat from terrorism by coordinating their security efforts and preventing infiltrations across their shared border. Today, Jordan hosts hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugees. Following our briefing on Israel's border with Syria, our guide will address how threats in the region impact Jordan internally; as well as relations and further potential for strategic partnership between Jordan, the United States, and Israel.

- 5:00 PM Check into the Orient Hotel
- 7:00 PM Depart for dinner
- 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM *Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem*
Traditional Sabbath dinner with
David and Judith Litoff
- at their home in Jerusalem

Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem

Israel, the only Jewish country in the world, boasts the unique tradition of honoring the Jewish Sabbath from Friday sundown until Saturday sundown. 80 percent of the Israeli population will commemorate the Sabbath, in various forms, which typically include a family dinner and special blessings. The Sabbath is especially significant in Jerusalem, home to the holiest site for Jews worldwide - the remains of the First and Second Temple. The dinner will include a discussion on the importance of Jerusalem to the Jewish, Christian and Muslim populations; the potential for a final status agreement on Jerusalem (arguably the most sensitive final status issue); and the diplomatic challenges faced by Israel and the United States regarding Israeli urban development in the area.

- 9:30 PM Overnight at the Orient Hotel

Saturday, June 25

- 7:30 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel
- 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM Depart for Masada
- En route briefing: The Jericho Road and the E-Corridor*

Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor

On the drive from Jerusalem to Masada, the group will travel on the highway known as the “Jericho Road” is the strategic importance of the area east of Jerusalem. In 1948 and in 1967, the Jordanian army attacked Jerusalem from the east – the 1948 attack resulted in the city’s division that lasted until 1967. Since then Israel has established the City of Ma’ale Adumim east of Jerusalem, today home to some 40,000 residents. To the Palestinians, however, Ma’ale Adumim is the largest

settlement on the West Bank. When Israel attempted to expand Ma'ale Adumim's boundary, into an area known as "E-1", the U.S. State Department stepped in and asked that no construction take place there. The issue needs to be examined with those discussing the future of Jerusalem in the context of the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM *History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire*
-at Masada

History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire

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

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

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

11:30 AM Depart

12:00 PM – 2:30 PM *Exploration of Dead Sea Region*
Exploration and lunch
-at Hod Hotel

Dead Sea Region

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

It is important to note that the region is mostly desert. For decades, Israel has been challenging this arid area and developing its agricultural potential. While the Middle East is suffering from water

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

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

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| 2:30 PM | Depart for Jerusalem |
| 3:30 PM | Return to hotel |
| 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM | <i>The U.S. – Israel Relationship: Bringing it All Together</i> Closing dinner -at the hotel, |

Closing Dinner

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

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| 8:30 PM | Depart for the airport |
| Evening | Flights depart Israel |

Sunday, June 26, 2022

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| Morning | Flights arrive in the United States Participants return to home districts |
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**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
Veteran Leaders
June 18-26, 2022**

Addendum

4. Ernest C. Audino, Brigadier General, US Army (Ret.)
District Director for Congressman Michael Waltz (FL-6)

As the District Director for the U.S. House of Representatives, this invitee is consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran’s affairs. These issues—along with issues more broadly related to the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel—will be explored during the AIEF Israel Seminar, which is focused on educating the staffer on events throughout the region by providing on-the-ground context. The member is a leader of veteran affairs and serves on the relevant House Armed Services Committee.

18. Breakdown of other expenses

| Other expense | Cost per person |
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| Security | \$2,208.34 |
| Speaker Fees | \$1,250.00 |
| COVID testing | \$833.33 |
| Room Rentals and Setup (Mics) | \$833.33 |
| Hotels for contract staff | \$583.33 |
| Meals for contract staff and guests | \$500.00 |
| Tour Guide/Yad Vashem Guide | \$375.00 |
| Transportation for contract staff & speakers | \$166.67 |
| Airport Assistance | \$100.00 |
| Entrance Fees | \$75.00 |
| Photography | \$58.33 |
| Misc. | \$41.67 |
| Tips | \$16.67 |
| TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES | \$7,041.67 |