



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: Tracie Pough

2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ OR None

b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____

3. a. Dates: Departure: 6/25/22 Return: 7/3/22

b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR None

4. Departure City: Washington, D.C. Destination: Tel Aviv/ Israel Return City: Washington, D.C.

5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: AIFF - American Israel Education Foundation

6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended:
Attended meetings on issue areas relevant to the U.S. - Israel relationship. These included foreign policy, US appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity and veterans affairs.

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: [Signature] Date: 7/15/22

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

Name of Supervising Member: Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz Date: 7/18/22

Signature of Supervising Member: [Signature]



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

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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 25, 2022 Date of Return: July 3, 2022
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Lane Loften, Tracie Pough

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	\$7,379.94	\$2,171.78	\$1,198.28	\$4,569.48
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:  Date: 07/15/2022

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.



TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Tracie Pough
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
American Israel Education Foundation
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Israel
4. a. Date of Departure: JUne 25, 2022 Date of Return: July 3, 2022
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.
As Chief of Staff to a senior Jewish Member of Congress with a large Jewish American constituency, this trip will help strengthen my knowledge and understanding of the U.S./Israel relationship.
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

5/26/22



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
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 25, 2022 Date of return: July 3, 2022
7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C. or Member's home district
b. Destination(s): Israel
c. City of return: Washington, D.C. or Member's home district
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:



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):

\$159

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: Inbal City: Jerusalem Cost Per Night: \$359

Reason(s) for Selecting: location and affordability

Hotel Name: David Intercontinental City: Tel Aviv Cost Per Night: \$407

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.*



18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$6,798.07	\$2,156	\$1114
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	\$5,642.86	Please see addendum for breakdown
For each Accompanying Family Member		

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19. Check only one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
- b. Not Applicable. Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify 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.

DocuSigned by:
 Signature: Arne Christenson Date: 05/24/2022
 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:

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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 10, 2022

Ms. Tracie Pough
Office of the Honorable Debbie Wasserman Schultz
1114 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Pough:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel,¹ scheduled for June 25 to July 3, 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>.

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
Chiefs of Staff
June 25 – July 3, 2022**

Breakdown of other expenses

Other expense	Cost per person
Security	\$1,814.35
Speaker Fees	\$803.73
Hotels for contract staff	\$547.18
Tour Guide/Yad Vashem Guide	\$471.44
Room Rentals and Setup (Mics)	\$372.98
Meals for contract staff and guests	\$339.52
Misc.	\$98.96
Photography	\$41.65
Transportation for contract staff and guests	\$34.57
Entrance Fees	\$34.62
Tips	\$10.48
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$4,569.48

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
U.S. Senior Congressional Staff
June 25 – July 3, 2022**

Itinerary

Saturday, June 25, 2022

Afternoon domestic flights depart

10:55 PM UA90 departs Newark

Sunday, June 26, 2022

4:20 PM UA90 arrives at Ben-Gurion
Transfer to Jerusalem

6:30 PM Check in to the Inbal Hotel

7:15 PM Depart for dinner

7:30-8:30 PM **Setting the Stage**
Welcome and Orientation with:

- Julie Peretz, Israel Seminars Director, AIEF
- Tova Serkin, Israel Seminars Director, AIPAC-AIEF Israel

-at Touro

8:30-10:00 PM **Pulse of the Nation**
Opening dinner with David Horovitz
-at Touro

David Horovitz is the founding editor of *Times of Israel*, the leading current affairs website in Israel. Mr. Horovitz will provide staff with a synthesis of domestic political trends, current international affairs, and the general state of mind of the Israeli voters.

10:00 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

Monday, June 27, 2022

7:30 AM Breakfast is served
-at the hotel

8:15 AM Depart for Strategic Survey of Jerusalem

8:45 AM-12:00 PM **Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part I:**
The Historic and Holy Basin and City of David
Guided survey of the Old City of Jerusalem

5:00 – 5:30 PM **Meeting with the Honorable Meirav Michaeli,**
Minister of Transportation, Labor Party
-at the Knesset

The delegation will have the opportunity to meet with two members of the Israeli parliament representing two different parties in the Knesset: Labor from the coalition; and Likud from the opposition. They will discuss their party's priorities, as well as their views on the current governing collation, and prospects for new elections.

5:30 – 6:00 PM **Visit to the Knesset Plenary**
View the Plenary hall, live voting

6:00 PM Depart for hotel

6:30 – 7:30 PM **Palestinian Society and Politics**
Briefing with Abed Elraouf Arnaout
Journalist, Anadolu news agency and *Al-Ayyam*
-at the hotel

Abed Elraouf Arnaout is a senior political reporter and analyst at the Anadolu news agency and Al-Ayyam newspaper. He is a Palestinian resident of East Jerusalem. Arnaout covered the Camp David and Wye River negotiations and attended several major global meetings including the General Assembly of the UN. He has also accompanied President Mahmoud Abbas on many trips abroad. As a reporter, he has been covering the developments of Jerusalem for the past 26 years and continues to follow the ongoing negotiations between Israel and Palestine. He acts as a mentor and provides training to other Palestinians journalists through the BBC action program As a moment of enormous change in the Middle East and the rise of an Arab party in Israel's ruling coalition, Arnaout will delve into the complexities of Gaza and the West Bank, into the thinking of Fatah and Hamas leaders, the reality of the Abraham Accords and young Palestinians in the West Bank and inside Israel itself.

7:45 PM Depart for dinner

8:15 – 9:45 PM **Behind the Headlines: Israel and the International Media**
Briefing with 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 provides a journalist's perspective on how Israel's story is told by the international media, and how that media portrayal impacts the stories taking place on the ground.

9:45 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel
Prepare for checkout

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

7:45 AM Breakfast is served
-at the hotel

7:00 – 8:00 PM

Negotiating Peace

Meeting with Brig. Gen. (Res.) Udi Dekel
Managing Director, Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)
-at the hotel

Since Israel's founding, the Jewish state has sought to reach a just and lasting solution to the Israeli Palestinian conflict. The United States has been closely involved in negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. Brig. Gen. (Res.) Udi Dekel is the managing director of INSS. He joined INSS in 2012, was head of the negotiations team with the Palestinians in the Annapolis process under the Olmert government. In February 2013 he was appointed Managing Director of INSS. Brig. Gen. (res.) Dekel filled many senior IDF positions in intelligence, international military cooperation, and strategic planning, His last post in the IDF was head of the Strategic Planning Division in the Planning Directorate of the General Staff, and as a reservist he is head of the Center for Strategic Planning. Previously he served as head of the Foreign Relations Division in the General Staff and head of the Research Division in the Israeli Air Force Intelligence. Brig. Gen. (res.) Dekel served as head of the Israel-UN-Lebanon committee following the Second Lebanon War and head of military committees with Egypt and Jordan. In addition, he headed a working group on strategic-operative cooperation with the United States. He served on the 2006 commission to update Israel's security concept and coordinated the formulation of IDF strategy. He will address the prospects for peace in the current political climate. He will also discuss the complex challenges that have prevented a final status agreement thus far.

8:15-9:30 PM

Israel's Humanitarian Efforts in the Ukraine

Dinner with

- Yoel Hareven, Deputy Director, Sheba Medical Center
- Yotam Polizer, Co-CEO, IsraelAID
- Assaf Shmuelevitz, Blue Heart

- at the hotel

As the world considers the security of countries that border Russia, Israel is no stranger to having the Russian military operate along its own borders. For the past seven years, Moscow's military forces have been deployed in Syria, with de facto control of Syria's skies. As Iran stations its own proxy forces in Syria and uses the country as a passthrough to arm Hezbollah, Israel is forced to coordinate with Russia to defend itself from the growing Iranian threat. Despite Russia's military presence in Syria—along with Israel's unique role as a possible mediator between Russia and Ukraine—the Jewish state has provided vital aid to the Ukrainian people. Israel is leading some of the key efforts in Ukraine and on the borders – both through the official governmental channels, but also via civic organizations, veteran and new. In this session, representatives from key organizations on the ground will share their experiences on the frontlines of Russia's war against Ukraine.

9:30 PM

Overnight at the David Intercontinental Hotel

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

7:30 AM

Breakfast on own
-at the hotel

6:30PM Depart for Jaffa

7:00-8:00 PM **The Power of Water: Israel and Clean Energy**
Visit to EcoWave site

Israel is a giant when it comes to innovation: a global leader in R&D spending and Venture Capital investment, and home to global R&D centers for the likes of Google, Apple and IBM. This program will share the story of Israeli innovation and ingenuity that has had enormous impact both in Israel and abroad. Eco Wave Power has developed innovative technology to produce clean electricity from ocean and sea waves. The delegation will visit the EcoWave site to learn about the technology and see it in action.

8:00-9:30 PM **Creating Israeli Policy**
Dinner with parliamentary advisors
- in Jaffa

During this dinner the participants will have the opportunity to hear from their counterparts in Israel – staffers serving different members of the Israeli Knesset. The discussion will explore the difference between the American and Israeli political systems; the role of political staffers; and the views of the various Knesset members they serve on current issues affecting the region.

9:30 PM Overnight at the David Intercontinental Hotel
Prepare for checkout

Thursday, June 30, 2022

7:30 AM Breakfast is served
- at the hotel

8:15-9:30 AM **Regional Strategic Threats**
Briefing with Brig.-Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel
Former Director of the Counter Terrorism Bureau,
Prime Minister's Office
-at Azrieli 38th floor

In order to understand the strategic threats facing Israel, participants must understand the unique situation facing Israel at the borders with the Gaza Strip, Lebanon, and Syria, all Iranian proxies. As the delegation leaves the border with Gaza, and prepares to head north to the borders with Lebanon and Syria, this briefing will provide an overview of each border, as well as the malign activity from Iran contributing to unrest in the region.

9:30 AM Depart

10:45-11:30 AM **Israel's Narrow Waistline – Strategic Concerns**
Briefing at Alfei Menashe

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

3:45-4:30 PM **Visit to Hezbollah Terror Tunnel**
-at Zarit

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, the delegation 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.

4:30-5:30 PM **Israel's Northern Border Concerns I: Lebanon and Hezbollah**
Briefing with Lt. Col. (res) Sarit Zehavi
-at Zarit

Lt. Col. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi served 15 years in the IDF in Military Intelligence –first in the Research and Analysis Branch, and later in the Northern Command. During her military service she briefed hundreds of delegations, ranging from U.S. Senators, Congressmen and politicians to global military commanders, senior journalists and visiting VIP delegations. She is the founder/director of Alma, an educational research center focusing on the security issues of Israel's northern border. Zehavi has authored many position papers focusing on Lebanon, Syria and Israel's national security challenges, and continues to brief delegations on these topics. She holds an MA in Middle East Studies from Ben Gurion University and is a resident of the northern Galilee region.

5:30 PM Depart

6:30 PM Check in to Magdala

7:45 PM Depart for dinner

8:00 – 10:00 PM **Reflections on the Week**
-Dinner at Decks

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.

10:00 PM Overnight at Magdala

Friday, July 1, 2022

8:00 AM Breakfast at the Hotel

The tour guide will spend approximately an hour during the drive through the Jordan Valley to explore several topics related to Israel's eastern neighbor: specifically, Israeli-Jordanian strategic cooperation, as well as the implications of the Syrian civil war on the Kingdom. The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan became the second Arab country after Egypt to recognize Israel when it signed a comprehensive peace agreement that ended nearly five decades of warfare. Shepherded by United States President Bill Clinton, the accord signed on Oct. 6, 1994, marked the onset of a new era of economic, cultural, and political dialogue and cooperation between the two countries.

In recent years, the two countries have worked together to combat the increased threat from terrorism by coordinating their security efforts and preventing infiltrations across their shared border. Today, Jordan hosts 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.

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| 5:30 PM | Check in to the Inbal Hotel |
| 7:15 PM | Depart for dinner |
| 7:30-9:30 PM | Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem
Traditional Sabbath evening dinner with Professor Gil Troy
-at his home 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 delegation will be hosted by Professor Gil Troy and his family. Professor Troy, a renowned educator and author, will lead a discussion on the importance of Jerusalem to the Jewish, Christian and Muslim populations; the potential for a final status agreement on Jerusalem (arguably the most sensitive final status issue); and the diplomatic challenges faced by Israel and the United States regarding Israeli urban development in the area.

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| 9:30 PM | Overnight at the Inbal Hotel |
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Saturday, July 2, 2022

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| 8:00 AM | Breakfast on own
-at the hotel, Main Dining Hall |
| 8:30 AM | Depart for Masada |
| 8:30 – 9:30 AM | En route briefings:
<i>Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor</i> |

On the drive from Jerusalem to Masada, the delegation 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