



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: Samantha Goldsmith
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ OR None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 8/13/2022 Return: 8/21/2022
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Tel Aviv, Israel Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Israel Policy Forum
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended:
 The meetings and events attended were focused on the current contours of the Israel-Palestinian conflict with a special focus on the security issues that impact each side. We spoke with Israeli and Palestinian policymakers and security officials and saw firsthand the situation on the ground.
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: 08/29/2022

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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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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- Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: Israel Policy Forum
- Travel Destination(s): Israel and the West Bank
- Date of Departure: 8/13/2022 Date of Return: 8/21/2022
- Name(s) of Traveler(s): See attached

Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if *all* information is *identical* for each person listed.

- Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$2,334.93	\$2,415	\$1,056.64	\$2,064.82 (See attached description)
Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

- All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. Signify statement is true by checking box.

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

Signature: Date: 8/22/2022

Name: David A. Halperin Title: Chief Executive Officer

Organization: Israel Policy Forum

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

Address: 355 Lexington Ave, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10017

Email: aweinberg@ipforum.org Telephone: 212-315-1741

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: Samantha (Sammi) Goldsmith
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
Israel Policy Forum
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Israel/West Bank
4. a. Date of Departure: August 13, 2022 Date of Return: August 21, 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 a Legislative Assistant for Congresswoman Stevens advising on matters of foreign policy in the Middle East, this trip will help me understand the complex issues related to the regional conflict and the US-Israel partnership.
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

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Date

7/11/22



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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:
Israel Policy Forum
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. Signify that the statement is true by checking box.
3. **Check only one.** I represent that:
 - a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip: **OR**
 - b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds: **OR**
 - c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors:
4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary):
Please see attached.
5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: August 13, 2022 Date of return: August 21, 2022
7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C.
b. Destination(s): Tel Aviv, Israel
c. City of return: Washington, D.C.
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:
 Israel Policy Forum is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization focused on educating policy and Jewish communal leaders on pragmatic policy ideas regarding the US-Israel relationship and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. IPF alone is responsible for choosing attendees, planning, executing, and funding this trip in its entirety.
13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (specify: _____)
- b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (specify: Charter bus on ground)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking 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):
 \$155
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:
 Please see attached
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: Carlton Tel Aviv City: Tel Aviv Cost Per Night: \$405
 Reason(s) for Selecting: This hotel was chosen for its location, security, and comfort
- Hotel Name: Inbal Jerusalem City: Jerusalem Cost Per Night: \$400
 Reason(s) for Selecting: This hotel was chosen for its location, security, and comfort
- 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.*



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	\$2,334.93	\$2,415	\$1,132
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$1,466.34	Please see attached
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: Date: July 6, 2022
 Name: David A. Halperin Title: Chief Executive Officer
 Organization: Israel Policy Forum
 Address: 355 Lexington Ave, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10017
 Email: aweinberg@ipforum.org Telephone: 212-315-1741

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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July 28, 2022

Ms. Samantha Goldsmith
Office of the Honorable Haley M. Stevens
1510 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Goldsmith:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel,¹ scheduled for August 13 to 21, 2022, sponsored by Israel Policy Forum.

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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List of House Participants

As Congressional staff, the following participants advise their bosses on legislation related to the issues being examined and addressed on this trip, including: the U.S.-Israel relationship, Israeli-Palestinian conflict, U.S. foreign aid, and U.S. policy related to the Middle East.

Name	Title	Office
Sammi Goldsmith	Legislative Assistant	Rep. Haley Stevens
Daniel Marrow	Senior Legislative Assistant	Rep. Kathy Manning
Lauren Wolman	Legislative Director	Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz

List of Other Costs

\$86.67- Airport Assistance
\$25.41- Security
\$543.48- Bus and Taxis
\$120.32- Meeting room rentals
\$1,134.97- Speaker Fees
\$13.40- Portage
\$108.89- Tips
\$31.68- Miscellaneous (printing, water, etc)

Answer to Question 15 (b) 2:

The trip will take place in Israel and the West Bank, as these are critical to understanding the complex issues related to the conflict and the US-Israel relationship.

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Lauren Wolman	Legislative Director	Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz

List of Estimated Other Costs

\$63.33- Airport Assistance
\$51.67- Security
\$298.33- Bus
\$188- Meeting room rentals
\$759.17- Speaker Fees
\$45.84- Tips
\$60- Miscellaneous (printing, water, etc)

IPF Congressional Staff Delegation August 13-21, 2022

Mission Goals: This delegation is intended to provide participants with an overview of the current contours of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict with a specific focus on the security issues that impact each side. We will speak with Israeli and Palestinian policymakers and security officials and see firsthand the situation on the ground to gain an understanding of the challenges that both sides face with regard to maintaining stability and affecting political change going forward.

Saturday, August 13: Departure

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| 4:30pm | Arrive Washington Union Station |
| 5:20pm | Depart Washington Union Station on Amtrak #192 to EWR |
| 8:21pm | Arrive EWR |
| 10:55pm | Depart EWR on United #90 to TLV |

Sunday, August 14: Arrival and Welcome

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| 4:20pm | Arrive TLV Ben Gurion Airport
<i>We will meet at the end of the jet bridge and travel through passport control together as a group</i> |
| 6:00pm-6:30pm | Transfer to Carlton Hotel, 10 Eliezer Peri St, Tel Aviv |
| 6:30pm-7:30pm | Check in and freshen up |
| 7:30pm-8:00pm | Welcome, Orientation, and the Outlook for Two States
<i>This session will introduce and orient participants to the rest of the week, introduce participants to each other, and give a brief overview of the current state of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as we enter the program.</i> |

Speakers:

Michael Koplow, Chief Policy Officer, IPF

Aaron Weinberg, Director of Government Relations, IPF

Location: Carlton Hotel, 10 Eliezer Peri St, Tel Aviv

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| 8:00pm- 9:30pm | Dinner and discussion: Israel and the Palestinians in 2022
<i>This session will serve as an orientation to the current state of affairs in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza. Between changes in</i> |
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government, political instability, security threats from borders, the normalization process with Arab states, the lack of an Israeli-Palestinian peace process, and domestic pressures leading up to an election, Israel has experienced dramatic change in recent years. The Palestinians continue to face a split between Fatah and Hamas, continued threats to undermine the Palestinian Authority's control, and a Hamas regime in Gaza that continues to commit acts of terror against Israel. This session will cover these topics and set the stage for the rest of the trip. Note: the entirety of this meal will be officially-connected programming.

Speaker:

Neri Zilber, Journalist, Adjunct Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, and Policy Advisor, Israel Policy Forum

Location: Carlton Hotel, 10 Eliezer Peri St, Tel Aviv

9:30pm

RON at Carlton Hotel, 10 Eliezer Peri St, Tel Aviv

Monday, August 15: Israel's Security Challenges

Breakfast served at hotel

9:30am-11:00am

Israel's Security and Military Challenges- A View from the Ministry of Defense

This session will be a high-level briefing on how Israel's current security officials view the country's security challenges, not only with regard to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict but around the wider region. We will hear the government's most current threat assessments along with avenues of current and potential strategic cooperation.

Speaker:

Yigal Ostrovsky Katz, Director, Strategic Planning Bureau, Israeli Ministry of Defense

Location: Carlton Hotel, 10 Eliezer Peri St, Tel Aviv

11:00am-12:00pm

Security and Diplomacy: Israel's Current Standing

This session will dive deeper into Israel's security posture, including the numerous challenges and opportunities. This session will focus on the implications of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict on Israel's short and long term security, the sustainability of the status quo, and the security needed to ensure Israeli security in any final status agreement.

Speaker:

Nimrod Novik, Adviser, IPF, Senior Associate and former Chairman of the Economic Cooperation Foundation (ECF), and former adviser to Prime Minister Shimon Peres

Location: Carlton Hotel, 10 Eliezer Peri St, Tel Aviv

12:00 pm-12:30pm Travel to Lunch at Goshen Restaurant, Nahalat Binyamin 30

12:30pm-2:15pm The Palestinian Arena: A Working Lunch
We will hear from one of Israel's leading experts on Palestinian politics and society about the current state of Palestinian leadership, recent developments between the Palestinian Authority and Hamas, and the challenges of crafting policies that take into account the disparate environments in which Israel must operate when addressing the West Bank and Gaza. We will also discuss trends in Palestinian society and public opinion, particularly among younger Palestinians, and shifting attitudes toward Israel and the Palestinians' preferred political solution. Note: the entirety of this meal will be officially-connected programming.

Speaker:

Colonel (Rt.) Michael Milshtein, Head of the Palestinian Studies Forum at the Moshe Dayan Center, Tel Aviv University

Location: Goshen Restaurant, Nahalat Binyamin 30, Tel Aviv-Jaffa

2:15pm-2:45pm Travel to Institute for National Security Studies

2:45pm- 4:00pm Israeli Security Challenges in the Region
A briefing from Israel's preeminent expert on Iran, laying out Israeli challenges in countering Iranian regional designs and mitigating its growing presence in Syria, and analyzing Israel's position with regard to Iran's nuclear program and any diplomatic efforts meant to arrest it.

Speaker:

Sima Shine, Senior Research Fellow, INSS

Location: Institute for National Security Studies, Chaim Levanon St 40, Tel Aviv

4:00pm-4:30pm Return to Carlton Hotel

4:30pm-5:30pm Prepare for Dinner

5:30pm-6:00pm Travel to Thai House Restaurant, Bograshov St 8, Tel Aviv

- 6:00pm-8:30pm The State of the U.S.-Israel Relationship and the Abraham Accords: A Working Dinner
This session is an opportunity to hear from a former American Ambassador, National Security Council senior director for the Middle East, and current think tank analyst focusing on regional normalization about the major issues that impact the U.S.-Israel relationship, including how the U.S. balances its security relationship with Israel and its diplomatic relationship with Israel, and the current state of the Abraham Accords and how they may be expanded. Note: the entirety of this meal will be officially-connected programming.
- Speaker:
Amb. Dan Shapiro, Former U.S. Ambassador to Israel
- Location: Thai House Restaurant, Bograshov St 8, Tel Aviv-Yafo
- 8:30pm-9:00pm Return to Carlton Hotel
- 9:00pm RON at Carlton Hotel, 10 Eliezer Peri St, Tel Aviv

Tuesday, August 16: The Challenges of Gaza and the Gaza Envelope

Breakfast served at hotel

- 8:30am-9:45am The Drive Down: A Briefing on the Challenges of Gaza
This drive will consist of a briefing on the history and current situation in Gaza, and the challenges for Israeli citizens who live in proximity to the Strip. The briefing will include the security challenges for Israel in defending from rockets and tunnels, the humanitarian disasters afflicting residents of Gaza, and current blockade policies. Note: the entirety of this drive will be officially-connected programming.
- Guide:
Colonel (Rt.) Dr. Shaul Arieli, Former Northern District of Gaza Brigade Commander, Deputy Military Secretary, and Head of the Peace Administration
- 9:45am-11:45am The Israel-Gaza Border Tour
This tour will include several lookouts into Gaza, including a stop at the Erez Crossing– the only crossing for people between Israel and Gaza. The tour will discuss several issues. At Erez we will discuss how the crossing has changed over time with the advent of the blockade, and the challenges of moving people back and forth between hostile parties. At the Nativ Ha'asara outlook and Assaf

Siboni lookout near Kibbutz Nir Am participants will get a view of both Gaza and the region in Israel surrounding Gaza, including the location of the March of Return protests that have been ongoing for nearly two years, which will help better understand the dynamics at play and the security challenges facing the area. The briefing will continue during the drive to Black Arrow.

Guide:

Col. (Rt.) Dr. Shaul Arieli, Former Northern District of Gaza Brigade Commander, Deputy Military Secretary, and Head of the Peace Administration

11:45am-12:45pm Living in the Gaza Envelope: A Briefing With a Resident
During this session we will hear the perspective of a journalist and member of a community in the Gaza envelope region that lives under difficult conditions, including intermittent barrages of rockets. We will hear how such conditions have impacted quality of life in the region and impacted residents' outlook on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Speaker:

Amir Tibon, Deputy Editor, Haaretz International

Location: Black Arrow

12:45pm-1:00pm Drive to Kibbutz Nachal Oz

1:00pm-2:00pm Working Across Borders: The Sha'ar HaNegev Industrial Zone
This working lunch will delve into a new joint Gaza/Shar'ar HaNegev industrial zone project being led by the Mayor of the Sha'ar HaNegev Regional Council. This session will allow participants to dive into the issues of Gazans working in Israel and together with Israelis, and the implications on stability both in Gaza and for Israeli Gaza envelope residents.

Speaker:

Yahel Ben Aris, Arazim Project Manager, Sha'ar HaNegev Regional Council

Location: Kibbutz Nachal Oz

2:00pm-2:30pm Lunch and Discuss
Location: Kibbutz Nachal Oz

2:30pm-3:15pm Nachal Oz viewpoint
At this viewpoint we will look out at the closed Karni crossing from Gaza and discuss issues related to goods and people traveling in and out of Gaza, as well as the impact of the topography in

Hamas' attempt to attack Israel. This includes discussion of the "Iron Wall," smart fences, and surveillance of Gaza and surrounding area.

Guide:

Col. (Rt.) Dr. Shaul Arieli, Former Northern District of Gaza Brigade Commander, Deputy Military Secretary, and Head of the Peace Administration

Location: Nachal Oz Lookout

3:15pm-5:15pm Drive to Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

5:15pm- 6:30pm Arrive at hotel and prepare for dinner

6:30pm-7:00pm Drive to dinner at Greco Restaurant

7:00pm-9:00pm The State of Israeli Politics 2022: A Working Dinner
This session will serve as an orientation to the political landscape in Israel, including the recent rounds of election, how the results will impact Israeli policy going forward, and what it means for the future of the U.S.-Israel relationship. Note: the entirety of this meal will be officially-connected programming.

Speaker:

Tal Shalev, Chief Political Correspondent, Walla News

Location: Greco Restaurant, Uri Tsvi Grinberg St 25, Tel Aviv

9:00pm-9:30pm Return to Carlton Hotel

9:30pm RON at Carlton Hotel, 10 Eliezer Peri St, Tel Aviv

Wednesday, August 17: Israel's Foreign Policy and the U.S.-Israel Relationship

*****Please bring down bags to the lobby ready to be loaded onto bus before breakfast*****

Breakfast served at hotel

8:45am-10:15am Foreign Aid and Security: USAID's role in the Region
The Biden administration's recent restoration of funds for USAID activities in the West Bank has restored USAID's role in the Palestinian territories. We will hear from the mission director about how USAID projects are operating and ramping back up on the ground, how Congressionally-appropriated funds are being

used, and how these impact the larger security situation in the Palestinian territories.

Speaker:

Amy Tohill-Stull, Mission Director, West Bank and Gaza, USAID

Amy Southworth, Program Officer, West Bank and Gaza, USAID

Nathan Vest, Desk Officer, West Bank and Gaza, USAID

Location: Carlton Hotel, 10 Eliezer Peri St, Tel Aviv

10:15am-10:30am Check out and board bus

10:30am-12:15pm Drive to Jerusalem

12:15pm-1:45pm A View from the U.S. Office of Palestinian Affairs: Working Lunch

We will hear from a representative of the United States Office of Palestinian Affairs and the United State Security Coordinator regarding United States policy in the region regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the U.S.-Palestinian relationship, and regional security issues. Note: the entirety of this meal will be officially-connected programming.

Speaker:

Lourdes Lamela, Acting Chief, Office of Palestinian Affairs

Matthew Totilo, Senior Policy Advisor, OPA

Location: Inbal Hotel, Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3, Jerusalem, Israel

1:45pm-2:00pm Break

2:00pm-3:00pm A View from a Member of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee

We will hear from a member of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee about his views on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the role of the U.S. in making progress, and the most current pressing issues in Israeli political discourse.

Speaker:

MK Yossi Shain, Yisrael Beiteinu, Member of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee

Location: Inbal Hotel, Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3, Jerusalem, Israel

3:00pm-4:15 pm A View from the U.S. Embassy in Israel

We will hear from a representative of the United States Embassy to Israel regarding United States policy in the region regarding the

Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the U.S.-Israel relationship, and regional security issues.

Speaker:

Ambassador Tom Nides, U.S. Ambassador to Israel

Location: Inbal Hotel, Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3, Jerusalem, Israel

4:15pm-4:30pm

Break

4:30pm-5:45pm

A View from the Prime Minister's Office

We will hear from Prime Minister Lapid's International Spokesperson on how the PMO views the challenge from Iran, the prospects of increasing security and diplomatic cooperation between Israel and Arab states, and the possibilities of a political process with the Palestinians. We will also discuss the role that Israeli foreign policy plays in domestic politics, and Israeli perceptions of American foreign policy and the U.S. role in the region.

Speaker:

Keren Hajioff, International Spokesperson for PM Yair Lapid

Location: Inbal Hotel, Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3, Jerusalem, Israel

5:45pm-6:30pm

Check into hotel and prepare for dinner

6:30pm-6:45pm

Walk to Angelica Restaurant, George Washington St 4, Jerusalem

6:45pm-8:45pm

Israel's Foreign Policy: The Gulf, Russia/Ukraine, Iran, and more
This working dinner will feature a prominent foreign policy expert, journalist, and former Knesset member. She will share her insights into Israel's current foreign policy challenges and opportunities around the globe, including: the status and possible expansion of the Abraham Accords, Israel's relations with the Arab world, Israel's position vis-a-vis Russian aggression and the war in Ukraine, Iran and its proxies, and regional dynamics with Israel's neighbors, including Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, and Jordan.

Speaker:

Ksenia Svetlova, Former Member of Knesset and Director of the Israel- Middle East Relations Program, Mitvim Institute

Location: Angelica, George Washington St 4, Jerusalem

8:45pm-9:00pm

Return to Inbal Hotel

9:00pm RON at Inbal Hotel, Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3, Jerusalem, Israel

Thursday, August 18: Ramallah and the Northern West Bank

Breakfast served at hotel

9:00am-10:00am The Drive to the West Bank: A Briefing on the Status of the West Bank Today
This drive will consist of a briefing on the history and current situation in the West Bank, given settlement construction. We will discuss the unique challenges the current map raises for Israeli security and the well-being of Palestinian towns and villages.
Note: the entirety of this drive will be officially-connected programming.

Guide:

Col. (Rt.) Dr. Shaul Arieli, Former Northern District of Gaza Brigade Commander, Deputy Military Secretary, and Head of the Peace Administration

10:00am-1:15pm West Bank Tour: Settlements and Villages
This on-site examination of the northern West Bank will cover the geography of the area and particularly the problem presented by illegal Israeli settlement outposts, and illuminate the unique challenges that arise from having Israeli and Palestinian communities intertwined in the same contested territory. This tour will include stops in Nebi Samuel, Itamar, and the road to the Three Seas Outlook.

Guide:

Col. (Rt.) Dr. Shaul Arieli, Former Northern District of Gaza Brigade Commander, Deputy Military Secretary, and Head of the Peace Administration

1:15pm-1:45pm Lunch and Discuss
Location: Sha'ar Binyamin

1:45pm-2:45pm A View from the Settlements: A Visit to the Sha'ar Binyamin Industrial Zone
During this visit we will hear from the representatives of the largest West Bank regional council about their outlook on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the interaction between Israeli and Palestinian residents of the West Bank, and how they envision peace.

Speaker:

Ruth Lieberman, Political Adviser to the Chairman of the Binyamin Regional Council

Yisrael Medad, Resident of Silo and Former Knesset Aid

Location: Sha'ar Binyamin

2:45pm-3:30pm

Drive to Home of Ibrahim Salameh

3:30pm-4:45pm

A View from the Palestinian Authority

We will hear from a prominent member of the Palestinian Authority about his views on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the role of the U.S. in solving it, and the most current pressing issues in light of recent developments. This meeting will focus on the security needs of the Palestinian people, the future of the Palestinian Authority, and additional relevant policy issues.

Speaker:

Ibrahim Salameh, Director-General, Palestinian Authority
Ministry of Interior

Location: Home of Ibrahim Salameh, Birzeit

4:45pm-5:15pm

Drive to Bank of Palestine Headquarters

5:15pm-6:15pm

A View from the Chairman of Bank of Palestine

We will hear from the Chairman of the Bank of Palestine on the economic situation in the West Bank and the challenges of dealing with dueling Israeli and Palestinian bureaucracies. The Chairman will also discuss potential interim economic steps that can assist achieving greater stability in the West Bank in the interim and improving the fiscal situation and opportunities for investment inside the Palestinian Authority.

Speaker:

Hashim Shawa, Chairman of Bank of Palestine

Location: Bank of Palestine Headquarters, Ain Misbah St,
Ramallah

6:15pm-6:30pm

Drive from Bank of Palestine to Darna Restaurant

6:30pm-8:00pm

A Palestinian Perspective on Peacebuilding and the Environment:
A Working Dinner

We will hear from one of the leading NGOs both in the peacebuilding and environmental space that is also a recipient of funds from the Nita M. Lowey Middle East Partnership for Peace

Act (MEPPA) Partnership for Peace Fund (PPF). EcoPeace works to bring together Israelis, Palestinians, and Jordanians to create shared solutions, taking a bottom-up approach to educate local constituents, as well as a top-down approach to advance vital policies on climate resilience and specifically water security. Note: the entirety of this meal will be officially-connected programming.

Speaker:

Nada Majdalani, EcoPeace Co-Director

Location: Darna Restaurant, As-Sahl Street 10, Ramallah

8:00pm-9:00pm Drive from Ramallah to Jerusalem

9:00pm RON at Inbal Hotel, Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3, Jerusalem, Israel

Friday, August 19: South Hebron Hills and Bethlehem

Breakfast served at hotel

9:00am-10:30am The Drive to the South Hebron Hills: A Briefing on Challenges Facing the Area
This drive will include a briefing on the history and current situation in the South Hebron Hills. The briefing will focus on the legal situation in this area, specifically around issues pertaining to land contiguity and freedom of movement. The briefing will be focused and will be led by Shira Livne of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel– often known as “the ACLU of Israel.” Note: the entirety of this drive and tour will be officially-connected programming.

Guide:

Shira Livne, Unit Director, Association for Civil Rights in Israel

10:30am-12:00pm Tour of South Hebron Hills
This tour of the South Hebron Hills area will focus on the legal situation in this area, specifically around issues pertaining to land contiguity and freedom of movement. Specifically we will tour areas such as Umm al-Kher and Tuba which have been involved in recent litigation and explore the legal issues at play.

Guide:

Shira Livne, Unit Director, ACRI

12:00pm-1:00pm Drive from South Hebron Hills to Beit Jala

- 1:00pm-1:30pm Drive from Beit Jala to Bethlehem
On this drive we will have an introduction to the Bethlehem area and the issues facing residents. Specifically, issues of permits, freedom of movement, and the impact of the separation barrier will be discussed. Note: the entirety of this drive will be officially-connected programming.
- Guide:
Rami Nazzal, Beyond Border Tours and former New York Times reporter
- 1:30pm- 2:00pm Lunch and Discuss
Location: Shepherd Hotel, Jamal Abdel Nasser Street, Bethlehem
- 2:00pm- 2:30pm Driving Tour of Bethlehem and drive to Aida Refugee Camp
On this drive we will see a few of the notable landmarks in Bethlehem and will continue to the Aida Refugee Camp.
- Guide:
Rami Nazzal, Beyond Border Tours and former New York Times reporter
- 2:30pm-3:15pm Visit to UNRWA Offices in Aida Refugee Camp
This visit with the Chief Area Officer for UNRWA will include a discussion of the direct services UNRWA provides for basic needs in the area and specifically in the Aida Refugee Camp.
- Speaker:
Amjad Abu-Laban, Chief Area Officer, UNRWA
- 3:15pm-4:00pm Aida Refugee Camp Tour
On this tour participants will learn about daily life in Aida, the challenges residents face, and the prospects for the future. The first part of the tour will be led by UNRWA personnel showing their work in the camp, and the second part by a tour guide to give a larger picture of life in the camp.
- Guides:
Ibrahim Abu-Srouf, Aida Director, UNRWA
Rami Nazzal, Beyond Border Tours and former New York Times reporter
- 4:00pm-4:45pm Depart Aida for Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem
- 4:45pm-5:45pm UNRWA Policy in the West Bank and Gaza
This meeting with senior UNRWA officials will include a briefing on UNRWA's big picture work in the West Bank and Gaza. It will

also provide an opportunity for participants to ask questions and share their thoughts about UNRWA's practices.

Speaker:

Ben Majekodunmi, Chief of Staff, UNRWA

Stephanie Case, Chief of Protection, UNRWA

Oliver Bridge, Protection Team Leader, UNRWA

Synadicta Nkrumah, Deputy Director of Operations, UNRWA

Location: Inbal Hotel, Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3, Jerusalem, Israel

- 5:45pm-6:30pm Prepare for Shabbat/Sabbath
- 6:30pm-7:30pm Optional Shabbat Services or Reflecting Walk in Jerusalem
- 7:00pm-7:30pm Depart for Dinner at the home of Adv. Joshua and Hava Schoffman
- 7:30pm-10:00pm Shabbat/Sabbath Dinner with Featured Speaker
Former Deputy AG Schoffman will discuss Israel's political system, the legislative process in the Knesset and the role of the government in formulating Israel's laws, and current issues pertaining to the Israeli judiciary and the Supreme Court. This Sabbath dinner setting will allow participants to engage with the Former Deputy Attorney General in an intimate setting and get many of their questions answered. Note: the entirety of this meal will be officially-connected programming.

Speaker:

Adv. Joshua Schoffman, Former Deputy Attorney General of Israel– Legislation

Location: Schoffman Residence, Arnona, Jerusalem

- 10:00pm-10:30pm Return to Inbal Hotel
- 10:30pm RON at Inbal Hotel, Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3, Jerusalem, Israel

Saturday, August 20: Jerusalem

Please bring down bags to the lobby ready to be loaded onto bus before breakfast

Breakfast served at hotel

- 10:00am-1:00pm Jerusalem Environs Tour
This extensive on-site examination of the length and breadth of the Jerusalem seamline will introduce participants to the unique

challenges of Jerusalem, an Israeli city governed by a single municipality with neighborhoods divided between Jews and Palestinians and a population divided between citizens of Israel and non-citizen residents of the city. Stops on this tour will include Givat HaMatos, Abu Tor, French Hill lookout to the Shuafat Refugee Camp, Attarot, Qualandia, and will end at the Ambassador Hotel.

Guide:

Nir Hasson, Journalist, Haaretz

1:00pm-2:30pm

People-to-People: A Vision of Peacebuilding- Working Lunch
In this session, we will learn about the work being done by people-to-people organizations to bring Israelis and Palestinians together towards a better future. Note: the entirety of this meal will be officially-connected programming.

Speakers:

Riman Barakat, East Jerusalem Director, Feel Beit

Hela Lahar, Chief Executive Officer, Tech2Peace

Location: Ambassador Hotel, Nablus Rd 5, Jerusalem

2:30pm- 3:00pm

Drive to Augusta Victoria

3:00pm-4:00pm

Visit Augusta Victoria Hospital

For many years the U.S. Government has been funding hospitals in East Jerusalem. Participants will learn about the impact that had and how the cut of such funds impacts the hospital and surrounding population.

Speaker:

Dr. Fadi al-Atrash, CEO, Augusta Victoria Hospital

Location: Augusta Victoria Hospital, Martin Buber St, Jerusalem

4:00pm-4:30pm

Return to Inbal Hotel

4:30pm-5:30pm

A View from a Former Deputy Prime Minister

Minister Meridor was a long-time Likud leader and will discuss how the political gridlock gripping Israel and the legal issues surrounding the prime minister impact Israel's ability to deal effectively with Israel's security issues and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Speaker:

Former Minister Dan Meridor, Former Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Intelligence & Atomic Energy, Minister of Justice and Member of Knesset (Likud)

Location: Inbal Hotel

5:30pm-6:15pm Prepare for dinner and flight

6:15pm-6:30pm Walk to Dinner

6:30pm-8:30pm Closing Dinner and Reflections

This is an opportunity for participants to reflect and process the week together, share their takeaways from their experiences, and discuss how their experience will impact their work. Note: the entirety of this meal will be officially-connected programming.

Location: Adom Restaurant, David Remez St 4, Jerusalem

8:30pm Drive to Ben Gurion Airport

Sunday, August 21: Arrival in Washington

12:20am Depart TLV on United #73 to IAD

5:30am Arrive IAD

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Dear Sammi,

We are pleased to invite you to join a delegation of congressional staff to Israel and the West Bank for an educational trip sponsored by Israel Policy Forum. The trip will depart Washington D.C. on August 13 and return on August 21—totaling seven days on the ground.

Israel Policy Forum aims to offer an educational experience that will deepen your knowledge of Israel's complex security needs given the realities on the ground and the current dynamics of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The trip will add to your understanding of the region and one of the most critical foreign policy issues for the United States. As Israelis and Palestinian struggle for their futures, we will explore the key issues in achieving a two-state outcome—including the role of the U.S. in the process.

The trip will include:

- Meetings with Israeli and Palestinian government officials and non-governmental experts, including leading academics and journalists
- Visits to Israel's border with Gaza and to Ramallah in the West Bank
- Briefings from former high-ranking Israeli security officials
- A security tour of the current situation on Israel's borders

The delegation will provide a unique look into the serious challenges facing the region today and what is at stake in future actions by all parties—including the United States.

All trip related expenses will be paid for by Israel Policy Forum in compliance with Ethics Committee rules. Participants are responsible for submitting two forms, as well as a copy of this invitation to the House Committee on Ethics no later than 30 days prior to departure: the "Primary Trip Form" will be provided by Israel Policy Forum, and you must complete and submit a signed "Traveler Form." Israel Policy Forum is committed to ensuring that all elements of the trip comply with all relevant congressional travel rules.

We hope that you will be able to join us for this important, insightful, and educational trip. If you have any questions, please contact Aaron Weinberg at aweinberg@ipforum.org or 847-848-2968.

Sincerely,

David A. Halperin
Chief Executive Officer
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