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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual *Financial Disclosure Statements* of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, 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: Joseph Valente
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ OR None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): N/A
3. a. Dates: Departure: 8/26/22 Return: 9/3/22
 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: J Street Education Fund
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended:
 Met with Israeli and Palestinian government figures, civil society leaders, and NGOs to learn more about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the realities 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: 09/13/2022

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: 9/13/22

Signature of Supervising Member: 



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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: Joseph Valente

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

Signature: Joseph Valente

Digitally signed by Joseph Valente
Date: 2022.07.26 13:08:20 -04'00'

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Rep. Jake Auchincloss

Office Address: 1524 Longworth House Office Building

Telephone Number: 202-225-5931

Email Address of Contact Person: joe.valente@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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1. Name of Traveler: Joseph Valente
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
J Street Education Fund
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Israel and the West Bank
4. a. Date of Departure: August 26, 2022 Date of Return: September 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: N/A
(2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): N/A
(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 am a Legislative Aide and a foreign policy advisor to Representative Auchincloss, and I advise my Member on issues related to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Meetings with government officials and briefings from NGOs in Israel and the West Bank will inform my duties with the Representative.
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 7/26/22



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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:
J Street Education Fund
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 26, 2022 Date of return: September 3, 2022
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC
b. Destination(s): Tel Aviv, Israel
c. City of return: Washington, DC
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:
 JSEF is a non-profit organization that works to promote a nuanced understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. JSEF alone has planned the trip, chosen the attendees, and shaped the itinerary.
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: _____)
- 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):
 \$180
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:
 We choose to visit Israel and the West Bank to see issues related to the Israeli-Palestinian c
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: Intercontinental Tel Aviv City: Tel Aviv Cost Per Night: \$470
 Reason(s) for Selecting: The hotel is a popular choice due to proximity, security, and comfort.
- Hotel Name: Herbert Samuel City: Jerusalem Cost Per Night: \$315
 Reason(s) for Selecting: The hotel is a popular choice due to proximity, 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.*



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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	\$2,250	\$2,200	\$1,140
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	Please see attached	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 19, 2022

Name: Jeremy Ben-Ami Title: President

Organization: J Street Education Fund

Address: PO Box 66073, Washington DC 66073

Email: cooperboyar@jstreet.org Telephone: (917) 312-1869

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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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Washington, DC 20515

August 18, 2022

Mr. Joseph Valente
Office of the Honorable Jake Auchincloss
1524 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Valente:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel,¹ scheduled for August 26 to September 3, 2022, sponsored by J Street Education Fund.

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



Michael Guest
Acting Ranking Member

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The Len Hill Education Program

Dedicated to providing American policymakers and opinion leaders with balanced information that lays the groundwork for pursuing Israeli- Palestinian peace through diplomacy

August 27 - September 2, 2022

MISSION GOALS: *The aim of the mission is to explore the current state of affairs and facts on the ground in the region, while gaining increased understanding of the challenges and the opportunities in both Israeli and Palestinian politics today. The delegation will be particularly focused on the role of US policy and the options for American assistance in moving toward peaceful resolution of long-running conflicts in the region.*

DISCLAIMER: *One of the objectives of this trip is to provide participants with a window into the broad spectrum of opinions related to the conflict and its resolution in order to foster a deeper understanding of the complexities of the issues at hand. Therefore, we will meet with individuals and groups engaged in various activities or political agendas. In some cases, the policies of the J Street Education Fund diverge from the beliefs of speakers; however, we recognize the importance of trying to understand one another's viewpoint.*

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2022: WELCOME

*****DRESS CODE: CASUAL**

Afternoon	Flights Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport
	Drive to hotel and check-in
6:30 PM	Meet in the lobby (2nd floor) to depart for dinner
6:40 - 7:00 PM	Walk to dinner
7:00 - 8:30 PM	Welcome Dinner: Overview of the Current Political Climate <i>This session will serve as an orientation to the state of Israel's current affairs and a political overview.</i>
	<u>Speaker:</u> Noa Landau, Political Correspondent, Haaretz

Location: Animar, Retsif Herbert Samuel St 94, Tel Aviv-Yafo

Hotel: David Intercontinental | Yehezkel Kaufman St 12, Tel Aviv-Yafo +972-3-795-1111

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022: ISRAEL: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

*****DRESS CODE: CASUAL / BUSINESS CASUAL**

- 8:30 – 9:30 AM** **Seminar: Israeli-Palestinian Conflict 101 (Part 1)**
This session will serve as an orientation, with the goal of framing the week ahead in light of the history, geography and political dynamics in the region.
- Speaker:** Dr. Dahlia Scheindlin, Political Analyst
- Location:** Gallery Room, David Intercontinental Hotel
- 9:45 - 11:00 AM** **Seminar: Israeli Politics and Public Opinion 101 (Part 2)**
An introduction to the Israeli political system, including structure, political parties, and political trends.
- Speaker:** Dr. Dahlia Scheindlin, Political Analyst
- Location:** Gallery Room, David Intercontinental Hotel
- 11:00 - 11:25 PM Drive to Ben Gurion House in Tel Aviv
- 11:30 - 12:30 PM** **Visit and Tour at the Ben Gurion House in Tel Aviv**
A docent will lead us through the Ben Gurion House, which presents two parallel stories: the history of Israel and Israeli society, and the biography of Ben Gurion. The Museum exhibits focus on historical turning points in the country's development, presenting the conflicts, social challenges and dilemmas the country faced at that time.
- 12:30 - 12:45 PM Drive to Lunch
- 12:45 - 2:00 PM** **Lunch Discussion: Vision of Zionism**
The modern State of Israel was born in 1948, based on an idea of reclaiming Jewish history and the Jewish people's right to self-determination. In this discussion, we will explore the Israeli founding fathers' vision and reflect upon where we are today.
- Speaker:** Prof. Arie Saposnik, The Ben-Gurion Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism
- Location:** Goshen, Nahalat Binyamin St 30, Tel Aviv-Yafo

- 2:00 - 2:30 PM** **Meeting with Tel Aviv-Yafo City Council Member Abed Abu Shehadeh**
- Location:** Goshen, Nahalat Binyamin St 30, Tel Aviv-Yafo
- 2:30 - 4:00 PM Executive time
- 4:00 - 5:00 PM** **IDF Strategy Briefing**
This IDF briefing will acquaint us with the major security threats Israel faces in the region.
- Speaker:** Brig. Gen. Dr. Oren Setter, IDF Strategic Division
- Location:** Gallery Room, David Intercontinental Hotel
- 5:15 - 6:15 PM** **Briefing from Commanders for Israel's Security (CIS)**
Leaders of Commanders for Israel's Security will share their perspective on the security challenges that Israel faces.
- Speaker:** Dr. Nimrod Novik, Member, Executive Committee, CIS
- Location:** Gallery Room, David Intercontinental Hotel
- 6:15 - 6:30 PM Walk to Dinner
- 6:30 - 8:00 PM** **Dinner with Israeli Political Advisors**
At dinner, we will be joined by advisors to Israeli political officials. Congressional staff will have the opportunity to converse and network with their Israeli counterparts who work in the Knesset.
- Dinner Guests:**
Noa Pinto, Spokesperson, MK Mossi Raz, Meretz
Nitzan Machlis, Director of Foreign Affairs, MK Gilad Kariv, Labor
Gilad Shats, Adviser, Minister of Culture and Sport Chili Troper, Blue and White
Alon Hutter, Chief of Staff, Deputy Minister of Economics, Yair Golan, Meretz
Meital Arbel, Parliamentary and legal advisor, MK Michal Rozin, Meretz
Shahar Tenenbaum, Parliamentary Advisor, MK Naama Lazimi, Labor
- Location:** Night Kitchen, Lilienblum St 20, Tel Aviv-Yafo

Hotel: David Intercontinental | Yehezkel Kaufman St 12, Tel Aviv-Yafo +972-3-795-1111

MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2022 GAZA BORDER & ISRAELI POLITICS

****Logistical note: We will be checking out of the hotel today. Before we meet, please (1) bring your luggage to the lobby floor to be loaded to the bus; (2) settle any additional items charged to your room at the front desk and (3) bring your passports with you.***

*****DRESS CODE: BUSINESS CASUAL**

6:30 – 8:00 AM Buffet breakfast served at hotel

8:00 – 8:20 AM Load luggage onto the bus

8:30 - 9:30 AM Bus Briefing en route to Kfar Aza: Israel-Gaza relations
Overview of Israeli policy toward the Gaza and major events that have influenced Israeli-Hamas relations.

Speaker: Adina Vogel-Ayalon, Chief of Staff, J Street

9:45 - 10:45 AM Tour: Life in Kfar Aza
We will be led on a tour by local residents in Sderot to discuss life in the Gaza perimeter and the effects of the continuous escalations and rocket-fire from Gaza.

Speaker: Chen Kotler, Kfar Aza Resident

Location: Kfar Aza

11:00 - 12:30 PM Lunch Session: Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza
In this briefing, we will learn about life in Gaza, and the variety of humanitarian issues Gazans face, such as restrictions on freedom of movement and access to healthcare.

Speakers:

Tania Hary, Executive Director, Gisha – Legal Center for Freedom of Movement

Mohammed Azaiza, Field Coordinator, Gisha – Legal Center for Freedom of Movement

Alberto Natta, Coordination Officer, UNSCO

Location: Kfar Aza

12:30- 2:00 PM Drive to Jerusalem

2:00 - 2:30 PM Arrival at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and security clearance

2:30 - 3:00 PM Meeting with Deputy Foreign Minister Idan Roll

Location: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jerusalem

3:00 – 3:30 PM **Meeting with Head of North American Division of Ministry of Foreign Affairs David Roet**

Location: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jerusalem

3:30 - 4:00 PM **Meeting with MK Mossi Raz**

Location: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jerusalem

4:00 – 4:15 PM Drive to the Hotel

4:15 - 5:45 PM Check in + Executive time

5:45 PM **Meet in the lobby to walk to dinner**

6:15 – 8:00 PM **Dinner: Mejdi Home Hospitality with Armenian Family**
At dinner, we will be joined by “The Armenian Cousins” - a project which shares Armenian culture and community with visitors to the Holy Land. The Armenians of Jerusalem hold three national identities: Armenian, Palestinian and Israeli. The “cousins” are a small family of four with two children - ages 8 and 9. Nubar is a music teacher and therapist; Anoush is an artist and graphic designer. The patriarch of their family adds spirit to the hospitality, performing with the oud, a signature sound of the city.

Hosts: Nubar and Anoush Voskourjeian

Location: Armenian Quarter, Jerusalem Old City

Hotel: **Herbert Samuel** | Shamai St 25, Jerusalem | +972- 2-5600600

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30: PALESTINIAN POLITICS AND INTRODUCTION TO SETTLEMENTS

*****DRESS CODE: BUSINESS**

6:30 – 8:30 AM Buffet breakfast served at hotel

8:30 - 9:30 AM **Bus Briefing en route to Ramallah: Palestinian Politics 101 (Part 3)**
Overview of the Palestinian political structure and parties.

Speaker: Adina Vogel-Ayalon, Chief of Staff, J Street

9:30 - 10:45 AM **Meeting with Minister Hussein Al-Sheikh, Secretary General of the PLO Executive Committee**
We will discuss the current state of affairs in Palestine and the Palestinian Authority and PLO’s political interests and priorities with regard to the

US-Palestine relationship, as well as the diplomatic resolution of the conflict.

10:45 - 11:30 AM Drive to Dr. Khalil Shikaki's office

11:30 - 12:30 AM Briefing: Palestinian Politics and Public Opinion

We will learn about the state of Palestinian public opinion regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Palestinian politics, and internal Palestinian social and cultural issues.

Speaker: Dr. Khalil Shikaki, Director, Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research

12:30 - 1:00 PM Drive to Rawabi

1:00 - 2:30 PM Tour at Rawabi + Lunch

Rawabi is the West Bank's first Palestinian planned development community. It seeks to provide opportunities for home ownership, employment, education, and leisure. We will have a tour followed by lunch in one of the restaurants.

2:30 - 3:00 PM Drive to Eli

3:00 - 4:00 AM Meeting with Binyamin Regional Council

We will have an opportunity to hear directly from Israeli settlers living in the West Bank. We will learn what drives them, why they have chosen to make their homes where they have, and what their hopes are for the future.

Speaker: Eliana Passentin, Head of Binyamin Regional Council International Affairs

Location: Eli

4:00 - 5:30 PM Drive to hotel

5:30 - 7:15 PM Executive time

7:15 PM Meet in the lobby to walk to dinner

7:30 - 9:00 PM Dinner with Israeli and Palestinian Peace and Human Rights Leaders

At dinner, we will be joined by Israeli and Palestinian Peace and Human Rights leaders who will provide us with insights into the work they are doing to advance people-to-people cooperation and the protection of human rights for those affected by the ongoing Israeli- Palestinian conflict.

Dinner Guests:

Huda Abuarquob, ALLMEP
Ido Dembin, Molad Center
Asmahan Simry, Comet-ME
Sharon Bengio, EcoPeace
Jessica Montell, HaMoked

Location: EatWith Chef Roni, Lincoln St 6, Apt 8, Jerusalem

Hotel: *Herbert Samuel* | Shamai St 25, Jerusalem | +972- 2-5600600

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31: WEST BANK – FACTS ON THE GROUND

*****DRESS CODE: CASUAL**

6:30 – 8:30 AM Buffet breakfast served at hotel

8:30 - 9:10 AM Introduction to Israeli Settlements
An overview of the strategy and plans behind Israeli settlement construction in the West Bank.

Guide: Yehuda Shaul

9:15 - 10:00 AM Settlement Tour en Route to Hebron
We will have an on the ground visit to settlements; understanding settlement blocs, illegal outposts, and ideological settlements, the legal and international ramifications of settlement expansion, as well as potential territorial and security solutions.

Guide: Yehuda Shaul

10:00 - 10:45 AM Drive to Hebron

10:45 - 12:25 PM Walking tour of Hebron
On this walking tour of Hebron, we will visit the H2 area, see checkpoints in the city and see the Jewish settlement of Hebron.

Guide: Benzi Sanders

12:25 - 1:30 PM Visit H1 area in Hebron
During the walking tour of Hebron, we will visit H1, the Palestinian Authority-controlled section of the city.

Guide: Issa Amro

1:30 - 2:30 PM Drive Susya: Lunch on the bus

2:30 – 4:00 PM Site Visit at Palestinian Village Susya

Learn about the situation of Palestinians living in the South Hebron Hills in Area C of the West Bank, in communities under pending demolition orders. We will hear firsthand about life and activism in the region.

Speaker: Nasser Nawaja, Palestinian human rights activist

Guide: Yehuda Shaul

4:00 - 5:30 PM Drive to Jerusalem

5:30 - 7:00 PM Executive Time

*****DRESS CODE: BUSINESS CASUAL**

7:00 - 9:00 PM Dinner Meeting with US Embassy
Discuss the ways the United States can play a constructive role in the region.

Speakers:

Stephanie Hallet, Deputy Chief of Mission, US Embassy
Lourdes Lamela, Political Counselor, Office of Palestinian Affairs

Location: Piccolino, Yo'el Moshe Salomon St 12, Jerusalem, 9463312

Hotel: *Herbert Samuel* | Shamai St 25, Jerusalem | +972- 2-5600600

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1: OLD CITY AND EAST JERUSALEM

*****DRESS CODE: MODEST DRESS**

6:30 – 8:15 AM Buffet breakfast served at hotel

8:15 AM Meet in the lobby to depart for walking tour

8:30 – 12:30 AM Tour of the Old City of Jerusalem
We will visit the major holy sites in Jerusalem, with an emphasis on the Al Aqsa Mosque / Temple Mount, and learn about its religious, historic, and political significance. We will discuss how the situation in the Old City of Jerusalem impacts the developments on the ground in the region.

Guide: Dr. Eran Tzidkiyahu

12:30 - 1:00 PM Drive to the Educational Bookshop

1:00 - 2:30 PM Lunch at the Educational Bookshop
Participants will visit the Educational Bookshop in East Jerusalem and hear firsthand about the challenges Palestinian residents of Jerusalem face over a traditional lunch.

Speaker: Ahmad Muna, Assistant Manager, Educational Bookshop

2:30 - 3:15 PM Drive to Shuafat Refugee Camp

3:00 - 4:00 PM Visit UNRWA Shuafat Refugee Camp

We will have the chance to speak with the UNRWA representatives and staff and learn about the services UNRWA provides and the unique challenges of operating in the Shuafat Refugee Camp in East Jerusalem.

Speakers:

Synadicta Nkrumah, Deputy Director UNRWA Affairs West Bank
Thaer Jalloud, Chief of Jerusalem Area Officer

4:15 - 5:00 PM Drive to hotel

5:00 - 6:15 PM Executive time

6:15 PM Meet in the lobby to walk to dinner

6:30 - 8:00 PM Dinner Session: The US Role Moving Forward

This session will focus on the potential role that the US can play in furthering the two-state solution under the current circumstances.

Location: Kedma, Mamilla Mall, Jerusalem

Speakers:

Dr. Shira Efron, Director of Research, Israel Policy Forum
Ibrahim Dalalsha, Director, Horizon Center for Political Studies and Media Outreach

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2: EAST JERUSALEM + US ROLE MOVING FORWARD

****Logistical note: We will be checking out of the hotel today. Before we meet, please (1) bring your luggage to the lobby floor to be loaded to the bus; (2) settle any additional items charged to your room at the front desk and (3) bring your passports with you.***

8:00 – 8:15 AM Check-out and drop luggage off in hotel lobby

8:30 AM Meet in lobby to depart for Yad Vashem

9:00 - 10:30 AM Tour at Yad Vashem

On this tour, we will visit the museum commemorating the Holocaust and the loss of six million Jews

10:30 - 11:00 PM Drive to East Jerusalem

11:00 - 1:00 PM	<p>East Jerusalem Geopolitical tour <i>On this tour, we will visit the Old City of Jerusalem as well as areas of contention in East Jerusalem and evaluate the developments in Jerusalem and their impact on a potential solution for the core issue of Jerusalem.</i></p> <p>Guide: Daniel Seidemann, Founder, Terrestrial Jerusalem</p>
1:00 - 1:30 PM	Falafel lunch at Mount of Olives
1:30 - 1:45 PM	Drive to Augusta Victoria Hospital
1:45 - 2:45 PM	<p>Visit at Augusta Victoria Hospital <i>Learn about the impact of the U.S. decision to cut the \$20 million transferred by the U.S. government through USAID to hospitals in East Jerusalem. Many of these hospitals have been struggling with a continued economic crisis for many years.</i></p> <p>Speakers: Dr. Fadi Atrash, CEO, Augusta Victoria Hospital Rachel Hadari, Director of Medicine, Business & Environment Department, Peres Center for Peace & Innovation</p>
2:45 - 3:15 PM	Drive to the hotel
3:15 – 5:45 PM	Executive time
5:45 PM	Load luggage on the bus + walk to dinner
6:00 – 8:00 PM	<p>Farewell Dinner <i>Each participant will have the opportunity to share their takeaways from their experiences over the past week and discuss how this will impact their work in the United States. We will review potential opportunities for action that support a diplomatic and peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.</i></p> <p>Location: Sea Dolphin</p>
8:20 - 9:20 PM	Drive to Ben Gurion Airport
11:25 PM	Departure flight

ATTACHMENT III ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

\$387 Logistics Coordinator fee

\$41 Tour Guide

\$202 Tour bus for duration of trip

\$55 Programming Costs (Meeting room rentals, AV, etc)

\$130 Speaker honoraria

\$56 Printing

\$113 Security

\$5 Covid Testing

In addition to the above Traveler Form, please note the following attachments:

- I. PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM
- II. PARTICIPANT LIST
- III. ADDITIONAL EXPENSES
- IV. ORIGINAL INVITATION
- V. DELEGATION ITINERARY

ATTACHMENT II: PARTICIPANT LIST

As Congressional staff, the following trip participants are asked to advise their bosses on legislation related to the issues that will be addressed on this trip surrounding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, US foreign aid, and other policies related to Middle East issues.

Kat Cosgrove, Office of Rep. Chrissy Houlahan

Danielle Fulfs, Office of Rep. Adam Schiff

James Green, Office of Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez

Paige Hutchinson, Office of Rep. Colin Allred

Jessie Kaplan, Office of Rep. Jim Himes

Michael Mucchetti, Office of Rep. Lloyd Doggett

Jed Ober, Office of Rep. Susan Wild

Sid Ravishankar, Staff Director, Subcommittee on International Development and International Organizations

Victoria Rivas, Office of Rep. Pete Aguilar

Zahraa Saheb, Office of Rep. Veronica Escobar

Ben Talus, Office of Rep. Jerry Nadler

Joe Valente, Office of Rep. Jake Auchincloss

Maura Waver, Office of Rep. Melanie Stansbury

ATTACHMENT III ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

\$360 Logistics Coordinator fee

\$30 Tour Guide

\$350 Tour bus for duration of trip

\$330 Programming Costs (Meeting room rentals, AV, etc)

\$160 Speaker honoraria

\$50 Printing

\$130 Security

\$50 Covid Testing



Joe Valente
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Joe,

We are pleased to invite you to join a delegation of congressional staffers for an educational trip to Israel and the West Bank sponsored by the J Street Education Fund (JSEF). The trip, which will be on the ground in Israel and the West Bank for six days, will depart on Friday, August 26 and return on Saturday, September 3.

Through this trip, JSEF hopes to provide an opportunity for congressional staffers to achieve a more nuanced understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The trip will enhance your knowledge of the region and the dynamics behind one of the most vexing foreign policy challenges facing the United States. In addition, it will explore the essential role of active, engaged and sustained US diplomatic leadership in bringing about a two-state solution. The program will also include:

- Meetings with leading Israeli and Palestinian government officials and non-governmental voices;
- Visits to Sderot on Israel's Gaza border and to Ramallah, in the West Bank;
- A visit to historic sites including Jerusalem's Old City;
- A briefing on Israel's security and the Iron Dome missile defense system.

This delegation enables congressional staffers to have a one-of-a-kind experience that gives a unique perspective on what is at stake in the region and how American leadership can help bring about peace. Participants in past JSEF delegations are more than happy to speak with you in greater detail about their experiences and the importance of attending the July delegation.

All trip related expenses will be paid for by JSEF in compliance with ethics rules. At least 30 days prior to departure, participants are responsible for submitting the "Primary Trip Sponsor Form," filled out by JSEF, as well as the "Traveler Form." Prior to the trip, JSEF will conduct a briefing to provide background information and logistics for participants in preparation for their visit.

I hope that you will be able to join us on this important, thought-provoking and educational trip. If you have any questions, please contact Cooper Boyar at (917) 312-1869, or at cooperboyar@jstreet.org, at any time to discuss the details of the sponsored trip and our organization.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Ben-Ami President
J Street Education Fund

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August 26 - September 3, 2022

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Friday, August 26

Late evening Flights depart from IAD, Newark, etc

Saturday, August 27

Mid-Afternoon Flights land in Tel Aviv
Drive to the hotel and check-in

7:30 - 9:00 PM Group Dinner - Israeli Politics and Public Opinion 101
An introduction to the Israeli political system, including structure, political parties, and political trends.

Speaker:
Tal Schneider, Diplomatic and Political Correspondent, Globes

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Sunday, August 28

8:30 – 9:30 AM J Street Conflict 101
This session will serve as an orientation, with the goal of framing the week ahead in light of the history, geography and political dynamics in the region.

	Speaker: Dr. Dahlia Scheindlin, Political Analyst
9:45 - 11:00 AM	Israeli Politics and Public Opinion 101 <i>An introduction to the Israeli political system, including structure, political parties, and political trends.</i>
	Speaker: Dr. Dahlia Scheindlin
11:00 - 11:15 AM	Walk to Ben Gurion House
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM	Ben Gurion House Visit <i>A docent will lead us through the Ben Gurion House, which presents two parallel stories: the history of Israel and Israeli society, and the biography of Ben Gurion. The Museum exhibits focus on historical turning points in the country's development, presenting the conflicts, social challenges and dilemmas the country faced at that time.</i> Vision of Zionism
12:15 - 12:45 PM	Walk/drive to Lunch
12:45 - 2:15 PM	Lunch Discussion - Vision of Zionism <i>The modern State of Israel was born in 1948, based on an idea of reclaiming Jewish history and the Jewish people's right to self-determination. We will explore the Israeli founding fathers' vision and reflect upon where we are today.</i>
	Speaker: Prof. Arieh Saposnik, The Ben-Gurion Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism (TBC)
2:30 - 4:00 PM	Executive Time
4:00 - 5:00 PM	IDF Strategic Security briefing <i>The security briefing by the IDF will acquaint us with the major security threats Israel faces.</i>
	Speaker: TBD
5:15 - 6:30 PM	Briefing from Commanders for Israel's Security <i>Leaders of Commanders for Israel's Security will share their perspective on the security challenges that Israel faces.</i>
	Speakers: Dr. Nimrod Novik and Gen. (ret) Gadi Shamni (TBC)
6:45 - 7:15 PM	Drive to Dinner

7:15 – 9:00 PM Dinner with Parliamentary Assistants
At dinner, we will be joined by parliamentary assistants. Congressional staff will have the opportunity to converse and network with their Israeli counterparts who work in the Knesset.

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Monday, August 29

8:15 - 9:45 AM Drive to Gaza Envelope Region

9:45 - 10:45 AM Kfar Aza Kibbutz visit
We will be led on a tour by local residents in Kfar Aza to discuss Kibbutz life in the Gaza perimeter and the effects of the continuous escalations and rocket-fire from Gaza.

Speaker:
Chen Kotler, resident of Kfar Aza

Location: Kfar Aza

11:00 - 12:30 PM Lunch Session: Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza
In this briefing, we will learn about life in Gaza, and the variety of humanitarian issues Gazans face, such as restrictions on freedom of movement and access to healthcare.

Speakers:
Tania Hary, Executive Director, Gisha – Legal Center for Freedom of Movement
Others TBC

Location: Kfar Aza

12:30 - 2:00 PM Drive to Jerusalem

2:00 - 2:30 PM Drive to Knesset + Security Clearance

2:30 - 4:00 PM Meetings with Israeli Political Officials (exact meetings TBC)
We will meet with Israeli political officials from across the political spectrum to discuss the current state of affairs in Israel, their vision regarding the future of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and the US-Israel relationship.

4:00 - 4:30 PM Drive to Hotel

4:30 - 6:30 PM Check in and Executive Time

6:30 - 7:00 PM Drive to dinner

7:00 - 9:00 PM Group Dinner
At this dinner, participants will have an opportunity to debrief about the first two full days of meetings and tours.

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Tuesday, August 30

8:30 - 9:30 AM Drive to Ramallah - Seminar on the Bus: Palestinian Politics 101
On the way to Ramallah, we will go through a quick history of major developments in Palestinian politics,

Speaker: Bashar Azzeh (TBC)

9:30 - 10:45 AM Meeting with Palestinian Authority Leadership (TBC)
We will discuss the current state of affairs in Palestine and the Palestinian Authority and PLO's political interests and priorities with regard to the US-Palestine relationship, as well as the diplomatic resolution of the conflict.

10:45 – 11:30 AM Drive to Dr. Shikaki's Office

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Briefing: Palestinian Public Opinion
We will learn about the state of Palestinian public opinion regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Palestinian politics, and internal Palestinian social and cultural issues.

Speaker: Dr. Khalil Shikaki, Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research, Director (TBC)

12:30 - 1:00 PM Drive to Rawabi

1:00 - 2:30 PM Tour at Rawabi and Lunch
Rawabi is the West Bank's first Palestinian planned development community. It seeks to provide opportunities for home ownership, employment, education, and leisure. We will have lunch with and then tour the community.

2:30 - 3:30 PM Drive to Eli

3:30 - 4:30 PM Meeting with Binyamin Regional Council
An opportunity to hear directly from Israeli settlers living in the West Bank. We will learn what drives them, why they have chosen to make their homes where they have and what their hopes are for the future.

Speaker:
Eliana Passentin, Head of International Relations, Binyamin Regional Council (TBC)

Location: Eli

4:30 - 6:00 PM Drive to hotel

6:00 - 7:30 PM Executive time + drive to dinner

7:30 - 9:00 PM Group Dinner with Israeli and Palestinian Peace and Human Rights Leaders
At dinner, we will be joined by Israeli and Palestinian Peace and Human Rights leaders who will provide us with insights into the work they are doing to advance people-to-people cooperation and the protection of human rights for those affected by the ongoing Israeli- Palestinian conflict.

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Wednesday, August 31

8:30 - 9:15 AM Drive to Efrat - Intro to Settlements briefing on the bus

9:15 - 10:00 AM Outlook - Givat Hadagan
We will have an on the ground visit to settlements; understanding settlement blocs, illegal outposts, and ideological settlements, the legal and international ramifications of settlement expansion, as well as potential territorial and security solutions.

Guide: Yehuda Shaul

10:00 - 10:45 AM Drive to Hebron

10:45 AM - 12:30 PM Walking tour of Hebron
On this walking tour of Hebron, we will visit the H2 area, see checkpoints in the city and see the Jewish settlement of Hebron.

Guide: Avner Gvaryaahu

- 12:30 - 1:30 PM Walking tour of Hebron H1 area
During the walking tour of Hebron, we will visit H1, the Palestinian Authority-controlled section of the city.
- Guide: Issa Amro
- 1:30 - 2:30 PM Drive to Susya - Lunch on the bus
- 2:30 – 4:00 PM Palestinian Susya Site Visit + Overlook of Masafer Yatta
Learn about the situation of Palestinians living in the South Hebron Hills in Area C of the West Bank, in communities under pending demolition orders. We will be joined by Palestinian and Israeli activists to hear firsthand about life and activism in the region.
- 4:00 - 5:30 PM Drive to hotel
- 5:30 - 7:00 PM Freshen up before dinner
- 7:00 - 8:30 PM Group Dinner
We will reflect on the day and discuss the ways the United States can play a constructive role in the region.

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Thursday, September 1

- 8:00 - 10:30 AM Tour of the Old City of Jerusalem
We will visit one of the major holy sites of Jerusalem, the Al Aqsa Mosque / Temple Mount, and learn about the religious, historic, and political significance. We will discuss how the situation in the Old City of Jerusalem impacts the developments on the ground in the region,
Guide: Dr. Eran Tzidkiyahu
- 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM East Jerusalem Geopolitical Tour
The final status of Jerusalem is considered to be one of the key issues to be negotiated in the resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Following the 1967 war, Israel annexed all of East Jerusalem, land which is beyond the Green Line and is inhabited predominantly by Palestinians. On this tour, we will visit areas of contention in East Jerusalem and evaluate the developments in Jerusalem and their impact on a potential solution for the core issue of Jerusalem.
- Guide: Daniel Seidemann, Founder, Terrestrial Jerusalem

12:30 - 1:00 PM	Drive to Lunch
1:00 - 2:30 PM	Lunch and Discussion at the Educational Book Shop in East Jerusalem <i>Participants will have the opportunity to learn about life as a Palestinian resident of East Jerusalem.</i>
	Speaker: Ahmad Muna
2:30 - 3:15 PM	Drive to Shuafat Refugee Camp
3:15 - 4:15 PM	Visit UNRWA facility at Shuafat Refugee Camp <i>We will have the chance to speak with the UNRWA representatives and school staff at the Shuafat Refugee Camp School and learn about the challenges of running a school in a refugee camp.</i>
4:15 - 5:00 PM	Drive to hotel
5:00 - 6:00 PM	Executive time
6:00 - 7:00 PM	The US Role Moving Forward <i>This session will focus on the potential role that the US can play in furthering the two-state solution under the current circumstances.</i>
	Speaker: Shira Efron, Director of Research at Israel Policy Forum (TBC)
7:00 - 7:30 PM	Drive to dinner
7:30 - 9:30 PM	Dinner: Home Hospitality in the Old City <i>Participants will be hosted by a local family in the Old City of Jerusalem for a home-cooked meal.</i>
	Location: Old City, Jerusalem

Friday, September 2

8:00 - 9:00 AM	Drive to Yad VaShem
9:00 - 10:30 AM	Tour at Yad Vashem <i>On this tour, we will visit the museum commemorating the Holocaust and the loss of six million Jews.</i>
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Meeting with the United States Embassy in Israel

Hear from the US Embassy in Israel regarding U.S. policy in the region - the current approach and priorities of the Biden Administration, specifically as it relates to policies and actions that advance a resolution to the conflict.

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Drive to the Jordan Valley

1:00 - 2:30 PM

Jordan Valley Tour

Experts will lead a tour focusing on the southern Jordan River and regional water management. This includes an overview of the religious, economic and agricultural significance of the river. We will hear about regional environmental cooperation

Speakers:

Gidon Bromberg - EcoPeace

Nada Majdalani - EcoPeace

2:30 - 4:00 PM

Drive to hotel + Executive time

4:00 - 5:30 PM

Executive Time/Freshen up

5:30 - 6:00 PM

Load Luggage onto the bus + Drive to Farewell dinner

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Farewell Dinner

8:00 PM

Depart for Ben Gurion Airport

Saturday, September 3

Morning

Flights arrive back in the US