

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: Leslie Shedd
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: Aug 2, 2023 Return: Aug 15, 2023
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: Aug 10 (evening) - Aug 15, 2023 **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Tel Aviv, Israel Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Foundation for the Defense of Democracies (FDD), DL Revocable Trust
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Met with national security experts and elected officials throughout the country to discuss the U.S. and Israel's short and long-term national security problems and discussed solutions.
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: Leslie Shedd Date: August 18, 2023

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

Name of Supervising Member: Rep. Michael McCaul Date: August 18, 2023

Signature of Supervising Member: Mike McCaul

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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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 in the trip within 10 days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: The Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD), DL Revocable Trust Dated February 21, 2018, co-Trustees David Alan Barish and Linda Shemtob

2. Travel Destination(s): Israel

3. Date of Departure: August 2, 2023 Date of Return: August 11, 2023

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Zachary Kahler, Leslie Shedd, Grace Wright

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

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

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$2155.50	\$2,720.00	\$999.00	\$175.45 (entrance fees - \$50, insurance - \$80, beverages and bus snacks -\$45.45)
Accompanying Family Member				

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

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

Signature:  Date: 8/17/23

Name: Clifford D. May Title: President & Founder

Organization: The Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD)

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

Address: 1800 M Street NE 800 S, Washington, DC 20036

Telephone: 202-207-0191 Email: samantha@fdd.org

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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August 1, 2023

Ms. Leslie Shedd
Committee on Foreign Affairs
2170 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Shedd:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel,¹ scheduled for August 2 to 15, 2023, sponsored by the Foundation for Defense of Democracies. We note that this trip includes four days at your personal expense.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$480 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 \$480] 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Guest". The first letter "M" is large and loops around the first few letters of the name.

Michael Guest
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Wild". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter "S" being particularly large and stylized.

Susan Wild
Ranking 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: Leslie Shedd

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

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

Signature: Leslie Shedd

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Rep. Michael McCaul

Office Address: 2170 Rayburn House Office Building

Telephone Number: 202-226-8467

Email Address of Contact Person: leslie.shedd@mail.house.gov

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

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

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

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



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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Leslie Shedd

2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
Foundation for the Defense of Democracy

3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel : Israel

4. a. Date of Departure: August 2, 2023 Date of Return: Aug 15, 2023

b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?

If yes, list dates at personal expense: Aug. 12-Aug 15, 2023

5. a. Yes No Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**

(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____

(2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____

(3) Yes No Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age:

6. a. Yes No Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?

b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

7. Yes No *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.

NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.

8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties.

Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.

I'm the communications director for the House Foreign Affairs committee and a senior advisor for Chairman McCaul. In Israel, I will learn about one of the most important diplomatic and military relationships the US has (Israel).

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 06/15/2023



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ADDITIONAL TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by an organization that provides funds, services, or in-kind assistance to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation.

Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.

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. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: The Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD)

2. Name of your organization: DL Revocable Trust Dated February 21, 2018, co-Trustees David Alan Barish and Linda Shemtob Jayaram

3. Yes No Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?

4. Yes No Does your organization receive funding from any foreign government or multinational organization?

5. **Check one.** I certify that my organization:

a. Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. **OR**

b. Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to
Destination: Israel on Date: August 2-11, 2023
that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. **OR**

c. Has provided in-kind support to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor (e.g., meeting planning assistance, meeting space and set-up, and paying for expenses related to this trip directly to the service provider).

6. **Check only one:**

a. My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent **OR**

b. My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.

7. 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;

c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and

d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Date: 6/12/2023

Name: DAVID A. BARISH Title: TRUSTEE

Organization: DL Revocable Trust Dated February 21, 2018, co-Trustees David Alan Barish and Linda Shemtob Jayaram

Address: 20 Sunset Park Lane, Sugar Land, Texas, 77479

Email: DBARISH@CHAULKING.COM Telephone: (713) 690-1919



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INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the *Additional Trip Sponsor Form* and submit the forms directly to the Primary Trip Sponsor.

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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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: _____

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): _____

5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
6. Date of Departure: _____ Date of Return: _____
7. a. City of departure: _____
b. Destination(s): _____
c. City of return: _____
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:
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging:
 - 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:

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 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): _____

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

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
 Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
 Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
 Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
 Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
 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 box:*



18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$2,189.95	\$2,720.00	\$999.00
For each Accompanying Family Member			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$175.45	Entrance fees, activities, insurance, beverages, bus snacks **See additional page 18
For each Accompanying Family Member		

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19. Check only one:

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

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.

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

Signature:  Date: June 12, 2023

Name: Clifford D. Mey

Title: President

Organization: FDD

Address: 1800 U St NW 800S Washington DC 20036

Telephone: 202-207-0191

Email: info@fdd.org

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee at the following address:

Committee on Ethics
 U.S. House of Representatives
 1015 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515
 Phone: 202-225-7103 General Fax: 202-225-7392

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):

FDD's Barish Center for Media Integrity Trip to Israel to Israel is a seven-day trip that offers a fact-based, nuanced understanding of a country that faces unique strategic communications and public diplomacy challenges. Throughout the week, trip participants will travel around Israel to participate in off-the-record high-level meetings with Israel's top national security brass; current and former Israeli, Palestinian, and American national security decision makers; journalists; military officials; and leaders in the private sector. These in-depth conversations will be supplemented by experiential exercises, including visits to elite military installations and the high-tech sector. FDD believes that Israel serves as a useful laboratory for teaching the next generation of U.S. national security leaders best practices in national security, public diplomacy, and counterterrorism. The trip will offer a fact-based, nuanced understanding of a country that faces unique public diplomacy and strategic communications challenges. Participants will do a deep dive into the complex issues that a democracy confronts in the face of ongoing national security threats to the homeland. It is part of FDD's strategic mission to provide educational opportunities for the next generation of U.S. national security leaders and communicators. The below invitees would benefit from the trip experience and visiting the region.

1. Zachary Kahler, Communications Director, Office of Rep. Eli Crane
 - Additionally, Rep. Eli Crane is on the below committees:
 - Committee on Homeland Security
 - Counterterrorism, Law Enforcement, and Intelligence
 - Oversight, Investigations, and Accountability
2. Leslie Shedd, Communications Director & Senior Advisor/Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications, House Foreign Affairs Committee/Rep. Michael McCaul
 - Additionally Rep. McCaul is also the Chairman Emeritus of the House Committee on Homeland Security
3. Grace Wright, Communications Director, Rep. Jason Crow
 - Additionally, Rep. Jason Crow is on the below committees:
 - House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
 - Subcommittee on the Central Intelligence Agency Intelligence Modernization and Readiness
 - Subcommittee on Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture
 - House Foreign Affairs Committee
 - Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Oversight and Accountability

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:

David A. Barish (of the DL Revocable Trust Dated February 21, 2018, co-Trustees David Alan Barish and Linda Shemtob Jayaram) is on FDD's Board of Advisors. FDD believes that Israel serves as a useful laboratory for teaching the next generation of U.S. national security leaders best practices in national security and counterterrorism. David provided ideas for speakers and activities which were then incorporated on the trip. The DL Revocable Trust Dated February 21, 2018, co-Trustees David Alan Barish and Linda Shemtob Jayaram have previously contributed to organizations that sponsor a range of educational activities designed to educate Americans about the importance of the U.S.-Israel relationship, including congressional trips to Israel. These organizations include the American Israel Education Foundation, American Jewish Committee, Jewish Federation of Greater Houston, Shirley Barish Educators Institute, and teen trips to Israel for Congregation Emanu El.

18.

Total Expenses for each Participant:

Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)

<i>Activities and entrance fees (Yad Vashem, Kalia)</i>	<i>\$50</i>
<i>Insurance</i>	<i>\$80</i>
<i>Beverages and bus snacks</i>	<i>\$45.45</i>



FDD's Barish Center for Media Integrity Trip to Israel August 2-11, 2023

Note: This is our optimal itinerary and is flexible according to federal travel restrictions and speaker availability.

Please do not circulate.

Guides: Iftah Burman, Enia Krivine, Shannon Walsh

Wednesday, August 2

Time	Activity
19:15	Group meets at Washington Dulles (IAD)
22:45	Group flight on United Airlines UA72

Thursday, August 3

Time	Activity
16:40	Arrive to Ben Gurion Airport on UA72
17:30-18:30	Travel to the Mamilla Hotel in Jerusalem
18:30-19:30	Check-in to the hotel and prep for dinner
19:30-20:00	Travel to dinner at Bait Ot Hamutsar
20:00-22:30	Welcome dinner and briefing on the U.S.-Israel strategic relationship with Ambassador Michael Oren , former Israeli Ambassador to the U.S.
22:30-23:00	Travel to the hotel
Overnight	Mamilla Hotel Shlomo ha-Melekh St. 11, Jerusalem +972 2-548-2200

Friday, August 4

Time	Activity
07:30-08:25	Breakfast at the hotel
08:25-08:50	Travel to Jerusalem Overlook
08:50-09:00	Photo at Jerusalem Overlook
09:00-09:45	Strategic Depth Overview of Jerusalem with Col (Res.) Miri Eisin , former deputy head of the combat intelligence corps, the personal assistant to the director of Military intelligence, and intelligence officer in combat units and research departments.
09:45-10:40	Travel to Yad Vashem
10:40-12:40	Experience at Yad Vashem , Israel's Holocaust Memorial Museum
12:40-13:15	Travel to Mahane Yehuda, Jerusalem's Shuk
13:15-14:30	Lunch at Mahane Yehuda, Jerusalem's Shuk
14:30-15:00	Travel to the Security Fence
15:00-16:00	Briefing at the Security Fence with Iftah Burman , Founder of the Middle East Learning Academy
16:00-16:30	Travel to Old City of Jerusalem
16:30-19:15	Explore the diversity and security installations of the Old City of Jerusalem with Iftah Burman
19:15-19:30	Travel to hotel
19:30-19:50	Prep for dinner
19:50-20:00	Travel to dinner
20:00-22:00	Traditional Shabbat dinner and briefing on Israeli politics and society with Haviv Rettig Gur , <i>The Times of Israel</i> Senior Analyst
22:00-22:30	Travel to the hotel
Overnight	Mamilla Hotel Shlomo ha-Melekh St. 11, Jerusalem +972 2-548-2200

Saturday, August 5

Time	Activity
07:00-08:30	Breakfast at the hotel
08:30-09:00	Travel to American Colony Hotel

09:00-10:00	Briefing on Palestinian politics and society with Ashraf Al-Ajrami , former Palestinian Authority Minister of Prisoners
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-11:15	Briefing on Israeli-Arabs with Khaled Abu Toameh , journalist and Middle East expert
11:15-11:45	Travel to Har Adar with Itay Bar
11:45-12:45	Briefing on settlements and security environment in the West Bank with Itay Bar , Security Officer of the Population and Immigration Authority in East Jerusalem
12:45-13:00	Travel to lunch in Abu Gosh
13:00-14:00	Lunch at Honey Shawarma in Abu Gosh
14:00-15:15	Travel to Qaser El-Yehud , traditional site of Jesus' Baptism
15:15-15:45	Explore Israeli-Jordanian military cooperation at Qaser El Yehud , traditional site of Jesus' Baptism
15:45-16:15	Travel to the Dead Sea
16:15-17:30	Explore water and border security dynamics along the Jordan Valley at the Dead Sea
17:30-18:30	Travel to the hotel
18:30-19:00	Prep for dinner
19:00-19:30	Travel to dinner
19:30-21:00	Dinner with Minister Ron Dermer , Strategic Affairs Minister
21:00-21:30	Travel to the City of David
21:30-22:45	Survey of national security during early Jewish civilization at the City of David
22:45-23:15	Travel to hotel
Overnight	Mamilla Hotel Shlomo ha-Melekh St. 11, Jerusalem +972 2-548-2200

Sunday, August 6

Time	Activity
08:00-08:20	Breakfast at the hotel
08:20-08:30	Check out of Mamilla Hotel
08:30-09:00	Travel to the Knesset, Israel's Parliament

09:00-09:30	Security check at the Knesset
09:30-11:00	Meetings with Members of Knesset
11:00-13:00	Travel to the biblical city of Yokneam
13:00-13:45	Independent shawarma lunch
13:45-15:30	Travel to counter-terrorism training exercise
15:30-18:30	Learn best practices in counterterrorism with Raveed Elfassi , former IDF special forces soldier, and team
18:30-19:00	Travel to Merom Golan Resort
19:00-20:00	Check in to Merom Golan and prep for dinner
20:00-21:30	Dinner with Raveed Elfassi and team
21:30-23:00	Debrief on best practices in counterterrorism with Raveed Elfassi and team
Overnight	Merom Golan Resort Merom Golan, 1243600 +972 4-696-0267

Monday, August 7

Time	Activity
07:00-7:45	Breakfast at the hotel
07:45-8:00	Check out of Merom Golan Resort
08:00-11:00	Geopolitical Survey of the Golan Heights with Captain (Res.) Ilan Shulman , owner and guide of 'No Other Land'
11:00-11:15	Travel to the Valley of Tears
11:15-12:15	Briefing on the geopolitical significance of the Golan Heights with Avigdor Kahalani , former commander of the IDF's 7th Armored Brigade and former Israeli politician
12:15-13:00	Travel to lunch
13:00-15:00	Lunch briefing on Operation Good Neighbor with Eyal Dror , former commander of Operation Good Neighbor
15:00-16:00	Travel to a neutralized Hezbollah tunnel
16:00-17:00	Briefing with IDF Northern Command on Hezbollah terror tunnels
17:00-20:15	Travel to Tel Aviv
20:15-20:30	Check in to the Renaissance Tel Aviv Hotel

20:30-	Independent dinner and evening in Tel Aviv
Overnight	Renaissance Tel Aviv Hotel HaYarkon St 121, Tel Aviv-Yafo, 63453 +972 3-521-5555

Tuesday, August 8

Time	Activity
08:00-09:00	Breakfast at the hotel
09:00-10:00	Briefing on the War Between Wars with Josh Zarka , Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-11:15	Briefing on trend lines in the region with Jonathan Spyer , British-Israeli analyst, writer, and journalist of Middle Eastern affairs
11:15-11:45	Travel to Shuk HaCarmel
11:45-14:00	Independent lunch at Shuk HaCarmel
14:00-14:30	Travel to the Kirya , Headquarters of the Israel Defense Forces
14:30-14:45	Security check at the Kirya
14:45-15:45	Strategic briefing at the Kirya , Headquarters of the Israel Defense Forces
15:45-16:15	Travel to briefing
16:15-17:15	Briefing on Israeli strategic priorities with Amos Gilead , former director of the Political-Military Affairs Bureau at Israel's Defense Ministry
17:15-18:15	Travel to the hotel
18:15-19:00	Check in and prep for dinner
19:00-20:30	Dinner at the hotel and briefing on Israeli public diplomacy with Lt. Col. (Res). Jonathan Conricus , former International Spokesperson for the IDF
Overnight	Kedma Hotel Kibbutz Sde Boker, 8499300, Israel +972 08-623-8100

Wednesday, August 9

Time	Activity
07:00-08:00	Breakfast at the hotel

08:00-09:30	Travel to Black Arrow Overlook and briefing from Lt. Col (Res.) Jonathan Conricus , Former International Spokesperson for the IDF on security in Southern Israel
09:30-10:15	Briefing on threats from Gaza with Lt. Col (Res.) Jonathan Conricus , Former International Spokesperson for the IDF
10:15-10:45	Travel to Kfar Azza
10:45-12:00	Briefing on Israeli resiliency and living along the Gaza border with Chen Kotler Abrams , resident of Kibbutz Kfar Azza
12:00-12:20	Travel to Sderot
12:20-13:20	Lunch at Geula Food Truck
13:20-13:50	Travel to Ibbim , a village in southern Israel and briefing from Iftah Burman on rockets and other threats from Gaza
13:50-15:00	Briefing on Israeli missile defense at the Iron Dome Battery
15:00-16:45	Travel to hotel
16:45-19:30	Group debrief and prep for dinner
19:30-20:30	Dinner at hotel
20:30-	Group activity to debrief on participants key takeaways from the trip
Overnight	Kedma Hotel Kibbutz Sde Boker, 8499300, Israel +972 08-623-8100

Thursday, August 10

Time	Activity
07:30-10:50	Breakfast at the hotel and final debrief with FDD staff
10:50-11:00	Check out of Kedma Hotel
11:00-12:00	Travel to Kerem Shalom Border Crossing and briefing from Lt. Col (Res.) Jonathan Conricus , Former International Spokesperson for the IDF on IDF liaison units and military cooperation with Israel's neighbors
12:00-13:00	Briefing on Israeli-Egyptian relations and military cooperation at Kerem Shalom Border Crossing
13:00-13:30	Travel to lunch
13:30-14:15	Lunch at Gvulot

14:15-14:45	Travel to Tzeelim and briefing from Iftah Burman on IDF training operations and combat units
14:45-15:45	IDF briefing at Tzeelim Urban Warfare Training Base
15:45-17:30	Travel to dinner
17:30-18:30	Debriefing at Tatti's Loft
18:30-20:30	Closing dinner and briefing on normalization efforts with Ambassador Dan Shapiro , former U.S. Ambassador to Israel
20:30-21:00	Travel to Ben Gurion Airport

Friday, August 11

Time	Activity
00:20	Depart Israel on United Airlines UA73
05:30	Arrive to Washington Dulles (IAD) on UA73