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: Monika Konrad
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ ***OR*** ☒ None
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: Friday, August 11, 2023 Return: Sunday, August 20, 2023
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ ***OR*** ☒ None
4. Departure City: Washington, D.C., U.S.A. Destination: Tel Aviv, Israel Return City: Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: The Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA)
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: See Tab A
7. Attached to this form are ***each*** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
   a. ☒ a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
   b. ☒ the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor ***prior*** to the trip, ***including all*** attachments ***and*** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
   c. ☒ page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; ***and***
   d. ☒ the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. ☒ I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. *Signify statement is true by checking the box.*
   b. If not, explain: _____

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

Signature of Traveler: [signature] **Date:** 8/23/2023

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: Mark E. Amodei **Date:** 8/23/2023

Signature of Supervising Member: [signature]

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

☐ *Original* ■ *Amendment*

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated 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.

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

1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: The Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA)
2. Travel Destination(s): Israel
3. Date of Departure: Friday, August 11, 2023 Date of Return: Sunday, August 20, 2023
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): See Tab A

   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	$2,050 ($1,500 for round trip international flights, $550 for bus transportation to and from the airport and between sites in Israel)	$2,940 ($2,100 in Herzliya, $840 in Jerusalem)	$1,238 ($900 in Herzliya, $338 in Jerusalem)	$700 (guides, entry fees)
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: Michael Makovsky **Date:** 8/23/2023

Name: Dr. Michael Makovsky **Title:** President and CEO

Organization: The Jewish Institute of National Security of America (JINSA)

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

Address: 1101 14th Street, NW, Suite 1030, Washington, D.C. 20005

Telephone: mmakovsky@jinsa.org **Email:** (202) 667-3900

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.

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TRAVELER FORM

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

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

Name of Traveler: Monika Konrad

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: Monika Konrad

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Rep. Mark Amodei (NV)

Office Address: 104 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Telephone Number: (202) 225-6155

Email Address of Contact Person: monika.konrad@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: Monika Konrad

2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
The Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA)

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

4. a. Date of Departure: Friday, August 11, 2023 Date of Return: Sunday, August 20, 2023
   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.
   Educational travel to deepen understanding of the U.S.-Israel bilateral defense and security relationship.

   As a legislative assistant who handles the defense and foreign affairs portfolios, issues involving Israel and the Middle East come across my desk often. I am looking forward to applying what I learn during the sessions at the Israeli Knesset, the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Remia Hezbollah Terror Tunnel, briefings led by IDF Officials, etc. on the trip to my everyday work for Rep. Amodei.

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 Mark W. Amodei Date 6/24/23

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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:
   The Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA)
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):
   See attached Tab A
5. Yes ☐ No ☒ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: Friday, August 11, 2023 Date of return: Sunday, August 20, 2023
7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
   b. Destination(s): Tel Aviv, Israel
   c. City of return: Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
8. ***Check only one.*** I represent that:
   a. ☐ The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: **OR**
   b. ☒ The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: **OR**
   c. ☐ The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. ***Check only one of the following***:
   a. ☒ I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
   b. ☐ I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
   c. ☐ I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
   d. ☐ I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

10. ☒ Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. ***Check only one of the following***:
a. ☐ I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box;* **OR**
b. ☐ *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For ***each*** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip ***and*** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

For nearly 50 years, JINSA has been dedicated to educating congressional, military and civilian national security decision-makers on American defense and strategic interests, primarily in the Middle East, the cornerstone of which is a robust U.S.-Israel security cooperation relationship. Organized and run entirely by JINSA, this trip directly supports our core educational mission.

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):

$184

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

Educational travel to deepen understanding of the U.S.-Israel bilateral defense relationship.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
Hotel Name: Ritz Carlton City: Herzliya, Israel Cost Per Night: $420
Reason(s) for Selecting: Centrally located for meetings in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and meetings in the north and south of the country.
Hotel Name: David Citadel City: Jerusalem, Israel Cost Per Night: $420
Reason(s) for Selecting: Centrally located for meetings in Jerusalem.
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:**

☐ Actual Amounts ☒ Good Faith Estimates	Total **Transportation** Expenses per Participant	Total **Lodging** Expenses per Participant	Total **Meal** Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	$2,050 ($1,500 for round trip international flights, $550 for bus transportation to and from the airport and between sites in Israel)	$2,940 ($2,100 in Herzliya, $840 in Jerusalem)	$1,238 ($900 in Herzliya, $338 in Jerusalem
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	$700	Guides, entry fees
For each Accompanying Family Member		

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19. ***Check only one:***
   a. ☒ I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
   b. ☐ *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify by my signature that
   a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
   b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and
   c. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Michael Makovsky Date: 8/23/2023

Name: Dr. Michael Makovsky Title: President and CEO

Organization: The Jewish Institute of National Security of America (JINSA)

Address: 1101 14th Street, NW, Suite 1030, Washington, D.C. 20005

Email: (202) 667-3900 Telephone: mmakovsky@jinsa.org

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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August 9, 2023

Ms. Monika Konrad
Office of the Honorable Mark Amodei
104 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Konrad:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel,[1] scheduled for August 11 to 20, 2023, sponsored by the Jewish Institute for National Security of America.

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.

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[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,

Michael Guest
Chairman

Susan Wild
Ranking Member

MG/SW:rp

Tab A
2023 JINSA Congressional National Security Program to Israel
House Participant List

1. **Charles Truxall,** Legislative Director to Rep. Morgan Luttrell (TX)
2. **Catherine Treadwell,** Chief of Staff to Rep. Cory Mills (FL)
3. **Amelia Litynski,** Policy Advisor to Rep. Tom Emer (MN)
4. **John Faherty,** Executive Director for the For Country Caucus
5. **Donald Barber,** Legislative Director to Rep. Jake Ellzey (TX)
6. **Shaefer Bagwell,** Military Legislative Assistant to Rep. Mikie Sherrill (NJ)
7. **James Dolbow,** Military Legislative Assistant to Rep. Austin Scott (GA)
8. **Luis Reyes**, Military Legislative Assistant to Rep. John James (MI)
9. **Clare Plassche,** Legislative Director to Rep. Jared Moskowitz (FL)
10. **Merrilee Rogers,** Legislative Assistant to Rep. Jake Auchincloss (MA)
11. **Monika Konrad,** Military Legislative Assistant to Rep. Mark Amodei (NV)

The Jewish Institute for National Security of America
2023 Congressional National Security Program to Israel
August 11–20, 2023

TRAVEL: Friday, August 11th

08:00 Departure of Group 1 from Reagan Airport, Washington, D.C., USA. (1. Clare Plassche, 2. Monika Konrad, 3. James Dolbow, 4. Luis Reyes, 5. Merrilee Rogers, 6. John Castillo)

16:40 Departure of Group 2 from Dulles International Airport, Washington, D.C., USA (7. Donald Barber, 8. Shaefer Bagwell, 9. Amelia Litynski, 10. John Faherty)

TRAVEL: Saturday, August 12th

08:20 Departure of Charles Truxal from Heathrow Airport, London, UK

09:15 Arrival of Group 1 at Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv, Israel. (1. Clare Plassche, 2. Monika Konrad, 3. James Dolbow, 4. Luis Reyes, 5. Merrilee Rogers, 6. John Castillo)

09:45-10:30 Transfer of Group 1 to the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, 4 Hashunit Street, Herzliya, 4655504, Israel.

10:30-15:15 Executive Time for Group 1

13:30 Arrival of Group 2 at Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv, Israel (7. Donald Barber, 8. Shaefer Bagwell, 9. Amelia Litynski, 10. John Faherty)

14:00 Transfer of Group 2 to the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya

15:15 Arrival of Group 2 at Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya

15:40 Arrival of Charles Truxal at Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv, Israel

15:15-18:00 Executive Time

18:00-20:00 Dinner at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya (no speakers).

Overnight: Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya

Day 1: Sunday, August 13th

Grand Strategy and Regional Perspective, Israel's Policy and Defense Strategy Day

06:30 Breakfast Available

09:00-10:00 Briefing by **U.S. Chargé d'Affaires ad interim Stephanie Hallet** (U.S. Embassy) at the Ritz-Carlton complex, 4 HaShunit Street, Herzliya
Topic: Overview of U.S.-Israeli relations including an explanation of U.S.-Israel defense and security priorities internally to Israel and the region as well as the challenges and opportunities they present.

10:00-10:30 Executive Time

10:30-11:00 Briefing by **MG Yaacov Ayish**, Former Israel Defense Forces (IDF) Defense Attaché to the U.S. and Canada and JINSA's Senior Vice President for Israeli Affairs at the Ritz-Carlton complex, Herzliya.
Topic: Overview of Israel's evolving border geography, particularly focused on the role played by Israel's first Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, the interplay between the two cities of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, and impact of the 1948 and 1967 wars.

11:00-12:00 Depart to the Prime Minister office, Kiryat Ben-Gurion, Jerusalem.

12:30-13:30 Meeting with **Mr. Tzachi Hanegbi**, the Israeli National Security Advisor for Prime Minister Netanyahu and **Mr. Joseph Draznin**, the Israeli Deputy National Security Advisor.

13:30-14:15 Depart to the Israeli Knesset (Parliament), Kiryat Ben-Gurion, Jerusalem.
Lunch on the go*

14:15-14:45 Briefing by **Mr. Roni Tal**, Chief of Staff to the Speaker of the Knesset Amir Ohana
Topic: The role of the Speaker of the Knesset, structure and operations of the Israeli system of government, and parliamentary elections.

14:45-15:30 Briefing by **Mr. Asaf Friedman, Director the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee** at the Knesset in Jerusalem.
Topic: Brief on how the 120 members are elected and the role the Knesset plays in developing and executing Israeli national security policy. Discussion of how the legislative process operates in Israel, challenges in designing and executing policy within the Israel system of government, and discussion of similarities and differences to how the U.S. Congress operates.

15:30-16:00 Tour of the Knesset (Parliament)
Topic: The role of the Knesset in the Israeli system of government, the history of the foundation of the Israeli democratic system of governance, and the role the Knesset plays in the development and execution of Israeli national security policy.

16:00-17:00 Drive to the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya

17:00-18:30 Briefing by **MG Amidror**, former National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of Israel at the Ritz-Carlton complex, Herzliya.
Topic: "Israel - 2,000 Years of Dreams," an overview of the history of Israel touching on the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 CE, the rise of Zionism in the 19th century, the Balfour Declaration issued by Great Britain during WWI to establish a Jewish homeland, and the declaration of Israeli independence in 1948 in the aftermath of WWII, followed by a broad strategic overview of the U.S. / Israel defense cooperation and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

18:30-19:15 Briefing by **MG Yaacov Ayish**, Former Israel Defense Forces (IDF) Defense Attaché to the U.S. and Canada and JINSA's Senior Vice President for Israeli Affairs at the Ritz-Carlton complex, 4 HaShunit Street, Herzliya.
Topic: "The State of Israel," a strategic overview of Israel including a discussion of population concentrations, key strategic infrastructure, and current security threats. Discussion of how the mil-to-mil partnership between the Unites States and Israel strengthens the ability of both nations to address shared security concerns.

19:15-21:00 **JINSA Delegation Welcome Dinner with Joshua Zarka,** Deputy Director General for Strategic Affairs, Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Ritz-Carlton complex, Herzliya.
Topic: "The State of U.S. / Israel Relations," a strategic overview of how the mil-to-mil partnership between the United States and Israel strengthens the ability of both nations to address shared security concerns such as the Iranian nuclear program and expanding and deepening the Abraham Accords.

Overnight: Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya *Total Hours of Programming: 8+*

Day 2: Monday, August 14th
Northern Command Day- Syria-Lebanon-Hezbollah

06:30 Breakfast Available

07:30-09:00 Depart Hotel for War Reserves Stockpile Allies-Israel (WRSA-I). Brief by **MG Ayish** on bus.
Topic: Israel's lack of strategic depth in the north, highlighting economically important strategic sites including Haifa Port and off-shore natural gas platforms.

09:00-09:30 Briefing by **MG Ayish** on the War Reserves Stockpile Allies-Israel (WRSA-I), one of the United States' largest collections of warfighting material pre-positioned to be used in wartime at a WRSA-I observation point.
Topic: How WRSA-I functions and serves as an example of U.S. / Israel security cooperation.

09:30-10:00 Drive to Hezbollah Terror Tunnel near Metula. Briefing by **MG Ayish** on bus.
Topic: How Hezbollah planned to use the tunnels from Lebanon to invade Israel and conduct raids against Israeli civilians and infrastructure.

10:00-11:00 **IDF 91st Division briefing and tour of the Remia Hezbollah Terror Tunnel** near Metula.
Topic: Discussion of how Hezbollah spent years carving tunnels out of hard rock, at a cost of millions of dollars, designed to enable them to launch surprise attacks against Israel and how these efforts were thwarted. Tour of physical tunnel to enable participants to see first-hand the extent of the tunnels and the level of effort employed to develop them.

11:00-11:15 Travel to Mt. Adir, Israel's Northern Command, 91st Division.

11:15-11:55 Briefing by **Israel Defense Forces (IDF) 91st Division at Northern Command**.
Topic: The strategic threat Israel faces on its northern border facing Lebanon from Hezbollah (and Iran).

11:55-12:00 Drive to Kibbutz Sasa, Upper Galilee area of northern Israel (one mile from the border with Lebanon). Briefing by **MG Ayish** on the bus.
Topic: The history and continuing use of Israel's Kibbutz economic system, the role it played in the history of Zionism and helping Israel to settle and secure its northern border region.

12:00-12:45 Visit to **Kibbutz Sasa**, the first Hebrew settlement founded in the high region of the Upper Galilee after the War of Independence in 1948. Presentation by **Yaron Roded, Vice President of Armored Vehicle Programs division at SASA Plasan.**

12:45-13:15 Tour led by Yaron Roded of the **Plasan factory**, run by Kibbutzim Sasa, a world leader in manufacturing armor protection technology for vehicles, many of which were utilized by the U.S. military in Iraq. Ride-along in military vehicles.

13:15-13:30 Ride along to the Kibbutz dining room

13:30-14:00 Lunch at Kibbutz Sasa

14:00-14:45 Drive to **Israel-Syrian militarized zone/UN Disengagement Observer Force** (UNDOF) post at Quneitra Crossing

14:45-15:15 Briefing by **MG Ayish** at Quneitra Crossing
Topic: IDF management of the Israel-Syrian border and the role of the United Nations at Quneitra Crossing

15:15 -15:30 Drive to Mt. Bental, IDF 210th Division (along the Syrian border). Briefing by **MG Ayish** on the bus.
Topic: Overview of the contentious history between Israel and Syria, who have technically been at war since 1948, and have fought each other in three major wars: the 1948 Arab Israeli War, the 1967 Six-Day War, and the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

15:30-16:30 Briefing by **IDF 210th Division on the Syrian Border** at an observation point overlooking the Israel-Syria border.
Topic: Briefing on the tank battles between Israel and Syrian forces during the Six-Day War in 1967 and Yom Kippur War in 1973 on the Golan Heights. Further discussion of the evolving threat Israel faces from Syria today, particularly in light of the Syrian Civil War that began in 2011, and violent incidents in recent years that have strained relations between the two nations. Discussion of Israeli humanitarian aid to Syrians during the civil war that began in 2011.

16:30-17:00 Drive to The Valley of Tears

17:00-18:00 Briefing by **BG (Ret.) Avigdor Kahalani**, known for his heroics in the Yom Kippur War in the Valley of Tears
Topic: First-hand account briefing of the tank battles between Israel and Egypt during the Six Way War and between Israel and Syrian forces during the Yom Kippur War in 1973.

18:00-19:30 Depart to old Caesarea Port, Caesarea.

19:30-21:00 Dinner at Hazalbanim Restaurant (or Crusaders Restaurant), Caesarea Port, Caesarea.

21:00 Return to Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya

Overnight: Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya *Total Hours of Programming: 8+*

Day 3 Tuesday, August 15th
U.S.-Israel Defense Cooperation Day

06:30 Breakfast Available

08:00-09:00 Depart to 'Palmahim' Air Force Base near Kibbutz Palmachim. Brief by MG Ayish on bus.
Topic: Overview of Israel's integrated air defense architecture.

09:00-10:15 Briefing by **Moshe Patel**, Director of the Israel Missile Defense Organization, at the **Directorate of Defense Research and Development (DDR&D)**, on how it develops technological, logistical and industrial infrastructure to support

Israeli national security operations; guarantees Israel's ability to protect its civilians and maintain its qualitative military edge; and cooperates with international partners like the United States in the field of Research and Development (R&D). Particular focus on Iron Dome, David's Sling, and Arrow 3 systems.

10:15-11:00 Depart for Elbit Systems, 2 Hamachshev Netanya 4250712

11:00-13:00 Briefings by **Gen. Miki Edelstein (ret.), Executive Vice President for Strategy; Nir Solomon, Head of the Autonomy Division; and Horace Spellman, Systems Engineer in the Underground Warfare Division at Elbit Systems** on joint U.S. / Israeli projects like the Phalanx system utilized by the U.S. Army to detect and destroy incoming threats on land.

13:00-14:00 Lunch at Elbit

14:00-15:00 Depart to Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) in International Airport Ben Gurion.

15:00-15:30 Visit to IAI and brief by **Boaz Levy, Chief Executive Officer of IAI** in Lod.
Topic: History of Israel Aerospace Industries and background of collaboration with the U.S. defense industrial base.

15:30-16:00 Briefing by **Yael Bimbaum, IAI project manager** on the loitering munitions line at IAI, Lod.
Topic: Gain insight into Israel's use of loitering munitions in the region and international partnerships..

16:00-16:30 Briefing by **Johnny Shaelit, IAI Deputy Director for Space** on the Israeli satellite industry at IAI, Lod.
Topic: Gain insight into how collaboration between U.S. and Israeli industry contributes to space capabilities of both nations.

16:30-17:00 Briefing by **Amir Paun, IAI project manager** on IAI's production of air defense systems, including Arrow 3 and Arrow 2 interceptors, and BARAK.

17:00-17:30 Drive to Dinner, Concierge, Dizengoff 95, Tel Aviv.

17:30-19:00 Dinner at Concierge, Tel Aviv.

19:00 Return to Ritz-Carlton, Herzliya

Overnight: Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya *Total Hours of Programming: 6+*

Day 4: Wednesday, August 16th

Southern Command and the Gaza Strip + Middle East Policy and Israel's National Security Day

06:30 Breakfast Available

08:30-9:30 Drive to Israeli Air-Force (IAF) Base Tel-Nuf. Brief by **Yaniv Menachim,** JINSA Middle East Operations Manager on the bus.
Topic: Overview of the Israeli Air-Force and base structure.

09:30-11:15 Briefing by **IAF 210 Squadron** at Tel-Nuf Air Force Base.
Topic: Presentation of IAF's use of UAV technology and discussion of day-to-day base operations and the squadron's role in operations like Operation Guardian of the Walls in 2021 and Operation Breaking Dawn in 2022.

11:15-12:15 Briefing by **MG Amikam Norkin**, Former Commander of the Israeli Air Force and a former member of the Israel Defense Forces General Staff and JINSA Distinguished Fellow at Tel-Nuf Air Force Base.
Topic: Evolving threats in the air domain from cruise and ballistic missiles, manned and unmanned aerial systems, and rocket attacks from Iran and Iranian proxies including Hamas and Hezbollah.

12:15-13:30 Depart for **Bells Hills Gaza observation point.**

13:30-14:00 Briefing by **MG Ayish at Bells Hills- Gaza observation point.**
Topic: Briefing on Israel's border management with Gaza and the role played by Iron Dome missile defense system in the 2021 Gaza conflict and more recent missile attacks in protecting Israeli and Arab civilians.

14:00-14:15 Depart for lunch at Black Arrow Monument near Bells Hills.

14:15-15:00 Lunch at food truck at Black Arrow Monument near Bells Hills with briefing by local business owner, sharing his life story living on the border with Gaza and the air strikes he and his family experience

15:00-15:15 Depart for **Iron Dome** missile defense battery site near Kibbutz Eivim.

15:15-16:00 Briefing at the **Iron Dome** missile defense battery site by an **IDF officer and meeting with "Lone Soldier,"** the Defense Ministry's Administration for the Development of Weapons and Technological Infrastructure (MAFAT), near Kibbutz Eivim.
Topic: The value of this critically important joint-U.S. / Israeli produced system in protecting civilian life and infrastructure.

16:00-16:45 Depart to IDF Gaza Division **Command & Control Center**

16:45-17:30 **Gaza Division Command & Control Center**
Visit and brief by the all-female unit at the Gaza Division Command & Control Center

Topic: Briefing on observation and fire capabilities on the Israeli southern border to protect Israel's civilian population from rocket and missile attacks.

17:30-18:00 IDF briefing at the **Kerem Shalom crossing** into the Gaza Strip at the end of Road 232.
Topic: Israeli Humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip and how it operates on a day-to-day basis.

18:00-19:00 Drive to **Brothers for Life** at HaElla 115, Kefar Truman, Israel, 73150

19:00-20:30 Visit and dinner at **Brothers for Life** at HaElla 115, Kefar Truman, Israel, 73150
Topic: Gain insight into how Israeli supports their military veterans by visiting Brothers for Life, a non-profit organization, created and run by injured Israeli veterans, which gives critical and immediate help to other injured Israeli combat veterans.

20:30 Clare Plassche departure to Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv.

20:30-21:00 Return to the Ritz-Carlton Hotel

23:55 Clare Plassche Departure from Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv, Israel.

Overnight: Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya Total Hours of Programming: 7+

Day 5: Thursday, August 17th
Israel's Innovation Ecosystem and Ministry of Foreign Affairs

06:30 Breakfast Available

09:00-11:00 **MG Ayish** led roundtable discussion on Jerusalem at Ritz-Carlton Hotel
Topic: Briefing on IDF organizational structure, recruitment and selection process, defense budget planning, IDF performance and evaluation, and force readiness.

11:00-12:00 Departure to Machane Yehuda Market, Jerusalem

12:00-13:45 Lunch and tour of Machane Yehuda Market (no speakers), 62 Agripas Yerushalayim 9430135

13:45-14:00 Depart for Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Kiryat HaLeom, Jerusalem

14:00-15:00 Meeting with **Amb. Benjamin Krasna, Senior Director of the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs North America Bureau** at the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Kiryat HaLeom, Jerusalem.
Topic: Briefing on the current state of U.S. / Israel foreign relations.

15:00-16:00 Meeting with **Ori Ruttman, Head of the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs Middle East Bureau** at the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Kiryat HaLeom, Jerusalem.
Topic: Briefing on Israel's perspective of the Middle East, the current state of efforts to build out a regional air defense architecture, how to respond to the Iranian nuclear program, and emergent opportunities to expand and deepen the Abraham Accords diplomatic agreements.

16:00-17:00 Depart for Western Wall Tunnel (walking)

17:00-19:00 **Western Wall Tunnel Tour**, Ha'Omer 2 Jerusalem, Israel 97500
Topic: The Western Wall is one of the four supporting walls of the Temple Mount that still stands after the destruction of the Second Temple by the Romans. It is the wall that faces westward, and it is the closest in proximity to the site of the Holy of Holies, the most sacred location within the Temple for the Jewish people. Since the Temple's destruction, the Western Wall has served as a source of inspiration, and the focus of yearning and prayer for the Jewish people. It has helped keep the memory of the Temple alive, and is now a site of prayer, a heritage site and location for formal ceremonies of the State of Israel.

Overnight: David Citadel, Jerusalem *Total Hours of Programming: 7+*

Day 6: Friday, August 18th

Israel's Roots, Heritage, and the Impact on National Security

06:30 Breakfast Available

08:00-08:30 Depart Hotel for Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Memorial Museum

08:30-10:30 Visit to **Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Memorial Museum, Jerusalem**
Background: By 1945, the Nazi's Third Reich had killed the majority of Europe's Jewish population, destroying a civilization that had flourished for centuries. Yad Vashem encapsulates and memorializes this tragic history. The visit will provide participants with an unparalleled opportunity to learn about the Holocaust, how it is perceived and understood through the eyes of Israelis, and how it significantly impacts Israel's national defense posture and diplomatic relationships today.

10:30-11:00 Depart for the City of David, Jerusalem

11:00-14:00 Tour of the **City of David, Jerusalem**
Background: The United States Embassy in Jerusalem, together with the United States Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, have recognized the City of David as a testament to America's Judeo-Christian heritage and founding principles. The archeological discoveries at the City of

David bring Biblical Jerusalem back to life and reaffirm the prophetic messages of freedom, justice and peace that inspired America's founders. The City of David is an archaeological excavation of the city of ancient Jerusalem, prior to the Jewish–Roman wars and the destruction and the Second Temple in 70 CE. Participants will learn how Israelis, from diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds, perceive their history and connection to the land of Israel. A key focus will be how this history and the interpretation of it strongly manifests itself in the political and religious challenges that Israeli experiences today in the modern world and how this impacts Israel's national defense posture.

14:00-15:00 Lunch at Panoramic Golden City, Old City, Jerusalem (no speakers).

15:00-16:20 Visit to the **Old City, Jerusalem**

Background: Participants will be exposed to Jerusalem as city of continuing vital importance to three of the world's great faiths. The walk through of the Old City will include an overview of government administration of the West Bank and a discussion of the current political dynamics in the West Bank, specifically the relationship between the Israeli Government and the Palestinian Authority and the ongoing security challenges that affect Israelis and Palestinians, and how this impacts the broader security environment in the Middle East.

They will start with a visit to the **Jewish Quarter** of the Old City and learn about the layers of Judaism from the time of the First Temple until the present day, including the **Cardo,** the main thoroughfare of Roman Jerusalem. Participants will then continue to the traditional **Via Dolorosa**, the Way of the Cross, to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre,** to gain a greater appreciation of the importance of Jerusalem to the Christian world.

16:20-16:30 Return to David Citadel, Jerusalem (walking)

16:30-17:30 Briefing by **Khaled Abu Toameh**, Israeli-Arab Journalist for the Washington Post and Jerusalem Post at David Citadel, Jerusalem .

Topic: Perspective on how the Arab world, (including Palestinian Arabs, Jordanians, Egyptians and others), understands and perceives Israel, how perceptions and misperceptions impact public opinion and government decision-making, and how this in turn impacts the regional security environment.

17:30-18:00 Executive Time

18:00-19:00 Voluntary review of trip by participants at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

19:00-19:30 Executive Time

19:30-22:00 Shabbat Dinner at David Citadel, Jerusalem

Background: Shabbat is a day of rest that lasts from sundown on Friday evening through nightfall on Saturday night. Friday night dinner consists of a traditional meal and guests are considered an integral part of the weekly ritual. The Shabbat ceremony will consist of hymns, recitations, blessings, and eating, and provide participants with a unique window into modern Israeli cultural practices. Participation is an opportunity to strengthen ties with American foreign policy partners in Israel on a personal basis and gain a deeper understanding of each nation's rich heritage through participation in a shared communal experience.

Overnight: David Citadel, Jerusalem *Total Hours of Programming: 7+*

Day 7: Saturday, August 19th
Day of Departure / Israel's Roots & Heritage, the Impact on National Security

06:30 Breakfast Available

08:00-10:00 Drive to the city Capernaum.
Topics: Briefing on the importance Christians have placed on the Holy Land over the centuries and how this has impacted military and political decision making from diverse groups including Jewish revolutionaries in the Roman Era, Crusaders in the Middle Ages, and Great Britain in World War I.

10:00-12:30 Exploration of the Sea of Galilee region by visiting Christian holy sites including **Capernaum,** one of the first villages where Jesus taught to gain a fuller understanding of the importance of the Holy Land to the Christian world, the security implications of the religious importance of the region, and how this impacts the global political landscape.

12:30-13:30 Tour of the **Kinneret,** also known as the Sea of Galilee.
Topic: Briefing on the importance of the Sea of Galilee and the Jordan River as both a border and a key water source for Israel and Jordan and the impact this plays in Israeli national security strategy. Discussion of the sea's historic importance, including to Christians for its connection to Jesus, who spent much of his life on or near it, and to late 19th century Zionists, who's dream of settling the Land of Israel became reality as pioneers and their families returned to the land and created a new form of agricultural settlement, the kibbutz.

13:30-14:30 Briefing at **Yardenit**, Jordan River Baptismal Site of Jesus, Kibbutz Kinneret, one of Israel's most sacred religious sites for Christians and the second oldest kibbutz in Israel.
Topics: Briefing on the significance the Christian community has placed on this historic site and the intimate relationship Christians have with Israel's biblical history.

14:30-15:30 Lunch**, Magdalena Restaurant**, Migdal Junction, Magala Center Migdal (no

speakers).

15:30-16:30 Participants will gain a fuller understanding of the importance of the Holy Land to Christians and Jews today and how this impacts the global political landscape, by visiting the **Magdala Home** of Mary Magdalen and recently uncovered 2,000-year-old city which provides a window into the world of Jesus and his disciples in Magdala, Galilee. Magdala is a unique Holy Land site with a first century city where the Jewish residents gathered in a synagogue where Jesus visited and taught. Discussion will also provide an overview of the vibrant Christian community in Israel, the only place in the Middle East with a growing Christian population.

16:30-18:00 Return to David Citadel, Jerusalem

END OF OFFICIAL PROGRAM

17:00-1800 Executive Time

18:00 Depart to Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv.

No overnight *Total Hours of Programming: 7+*

23:55 Departure of Group 1 from Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv, Israel. (1. Monika Konrad, 2. James Dolbow, 3. Luis Reyes, 4. Merrilee Rogers, 5. John Castillo, 6. Charles Truxal)

TRAVEL: Sunday, August 20th

04:45 Group 2 departure from Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv, Israel. (7. Donald Barber, 8. Shaefer Bagwell, 9. Amelia Litynski, 10. John Faherty)

11:15 Group 1 arrival at Reagan Airport, Washington, D.C. (1. Monika Konrad, 2. James Dolbow, 3. Luis Reyes, 4. Merrilee Rogers, 5. John Castillo, 6. Charles Truxal)

12:10 Group 2 arrival at Dulles International Airport, Washington, D.C. (7. Donald Barber, 8. Shaefer Bagwell, 9. Amelia Litynski, 10. John Faherty)