

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: Jon Moore
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: N/A **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): N/A
3. a. Dates: Departure: 2/16/2024 Return: 2/28/2024
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: 2/26 - 2/28 **OR** None
4. Departure City: Albuquerque Destination: Amman Return City: Albuquerque
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Rebuilding Alliances
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Please see attached detailed agenda
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: N/A

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

Signature of Traveler:  Date: 03/14/24

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: Melanie Stansbury Date: 03/14/24

Signature of Supervising Member: 

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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.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: _____

2. Travel Destination(s): _____

3. Date of Departure: _____ Date of Return: _____

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): _____

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				
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: Donna Buranski-Welke Date: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

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

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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

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

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Jon Moore
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Rebuilding Alliances
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Israel and Jordan
4. a. Date of Departure: 2/16/2024 Date of Return: 2/28/2024
b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: 2/26-2/28
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, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**
As Deputy District Director and Constituent Services Manager I have been assisting constituents who have family members in Gaza and the West Bank. I am also the office point person on all contacts with local Palestinian and Israeli advocacy groups.
9. **Yes No Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in 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: 2/8/2024

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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 submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or 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: Jon Moore

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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: _____

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

N/A

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): _____

Melanie Stansbury

Office Address: _____

1421 Longworth House Office Building

Telephone Number: _____

202-225-6316

Email Address of Contact Person: _____

Jon.Moore@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 email: travel.requests@mail.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's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

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. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

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, services, or in-kind assistance 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. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

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; **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 the statement is true by clicking the 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:
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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: _____
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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 the box.*

18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input 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			
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		
For each Accompanying Family Member		

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: Donna Baranski-Walker Date: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

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

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February 15, 2024

Mr. Jon Moore
Office of the Honorable Melanie Stansbury
1421 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Moore:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel and Jordan,¹ scheduled for February 16 to 28, 2024, sponsored by Rebuilding Alliance. We note that this trip includes three 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 signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Michael Guest
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Wild". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Susan Wild
Ranking Member

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**House Staff Leadership Learning Mission 8.0 to Jerusalem and the West Bank, via Amman
February 16-26, 2024**

A constituent accompanied trip
with financial sponsorship by Rebuilding Alliance, an American 501(c)3 nonprofit organization

MISSION GOALS: The overall goal of this Leadership Learning Mission is to explore how the peaceful aspirations of all can be furthered when Palestinians and Israelis both enjoy the benefits of equal rights and how U.S. policy and aid can support those aspirations, especially exploring how to assure the safety of children and families. Prioritizing safety, travelers will visit sites and cities of cultural, social, historical, and political significance to better understand this region of the world, and consider the implications of American policies in the region.

RELEVANCE TO OFFICIAL DUTIES: While always prioritizing safety, the Leadership Learning Mission will offer senior House staff the opportunity to further their understanding of this region of the world and to learn the implications of American policies in the region, to better support constituents.

This fact-finding trip will:

- Provide participants with an understanding of the history of Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza;
- Develop their understanding of the challenges faced by all in this time of crisis through meetings with community leaders, human rights experts, U.S. embassy officials, and decision makers participants;
- Consider the implications and impact of Israeli control of building and planning rights in East Jerusalem and the West Bank and explore successful ways to prevent the demolition of, and help in the sustainable development of Palestinian homes, schools, water systems, and communities, especially in at-risk neighborhoods;
- Visit Palestinians and Israelis who are providing emergency response and who work for peace and justice to understand the challenges they are facing now, learn about their efforts to address those challenges, consider what Congress is uniquely able to do to support such efforts, and how this makes a difference; and
- Show how U.S. aid and intervention benefits the health and safety of children and families in Gaza, the West Bank, and Israel.

LOCATION: The purpose of travel to Jerusalem and the West Bank is to give senior House staff the opportunity to see the evolving facts on the ground, attend on-site meetings, and where possible, to hear from Palestinians and Israelis working together to keep neighborhoods standing and safeguard human rights.

Of Note: Holy Land Trust is the tour operator selected by Rebuilding Alliance to implement this fact-finding mission. Elias D'eis and Itamar Shappira were the Tour Guides.

Detailed Agenda LLM 8.0 Feb. 16-26 House StaffDel

Overview

Friday, February 16th: Departures

Lufthansa LH9253 *Operated by United Airlines

IAD-FRA 10:05pm - 11:50am

Lufthansa LH0692

FRA-AMM 3:05pm-9:40pm

Saturday, February 17th: Arrival to Jordan (Overnight at Amman Marriott Hotel)

Arrival at 9:40pm at Queen Alia Airport

Sunday, February 18th: Transit to Jerusalem (Overnight at St. George's Cathedral Guesthouse in Jerusalem for all five nights)

- Transit through King Hussein/Allenby Bridge Border Crossing
- Tour of Mount of Temptations, Jericho
- Orientation Lunch
- Hisham's Palace, Jericho
- Optional walk in the Old City

Monday, February 19: Bethlehem, UNRWA's AIDA camp, Church of the Nativity, Al Walajah

- Rachel's Tomb and the Wall
- UNRWA Meeting and Tour of the AIDA Refugee Camp
- Church of Nativity and the Old City of Bethlehem
- Visit to Al Walajah where a home was demolished the day before
- Debrief at Holy Land Trust Office

Tuesday, February 20: Jerusalem

- Haas Promenade overlook of Jerusalem
- Meeting with Lt. General Fenzel, US Security Coordinator for Israel and the Palestinian Authority
- Zoom call with RA NGO partners, who are providing 40,000 hot meals per day in Gaza
- Meeting with Chancellor of the Latin Patriarchate
- Jerusalem Old City tour including religious sites: Holy Sepulcher Church
- Visit with UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA-oPt)
- Dinner with Bassim Khoury, aid provider to Gaza

Wednesday, February 21: Hebron History and South Hebron Hills

- Hebron tour including Tomb of Patriarchs and Ibrahim Mosque, H1
- H2 and Shuhada street, Jewish settlements
- Visit Susiya
- Meeting with CJNV in Susiya's playground
- Evening Debrief and Discussion

Thursday, February 22: Military Court Watch, Historic Jaffa, US Embassy Annex Team, Israeli NGOs

- Military Court Watch
- Tour of historical Jaffa
- Meeting with Mark Rosenshield, Deputy Political Counselor and Scott Turner, Special Assistant to Ambassador Satterfield, Special Envoy for Middle East Humanitarian Issues
- Meeting with Gisha- Legal Center for Freedom of Movement
- Meeting with B'Tselem: the Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories

Friday, February 23: US Embassy Meeting, transit to Jordan

- Meeting with George Noll, Director of the Office of Palestinian Affairs
- Long Transit through King Hussein/Allenby Bridge Border Crossing to Jordan
- Rotary roundtable discussion about Jordan, the region, and how to help Gaza

Saturday, February 24th: Personal time

Sunday, February 25: UNRWA Jordan, JHCO, Historical sites, Closing Debrief, Travel

- Meeting with UNRWA Jordan
- Meeting with the Jordan Hashemite Charities Organizations
- Historical sites in Amman: Amman Citadel and ancient Roman amphitheater
- In-person and Zoom Debrief and Discussion
- Departure to airport

Monday, February 26: Departures

United Airlines UA0526

AMM-IAD

Depart 1:45am

Arrive: 6:15am

**Note: Though Rebuilding Alliance's Leadership Learning Missions usually travel through TLV, at this time, Rebuilding Alliance chose to fly to Amman and cross at the King Hussein / Allenby Bridge Border Crossing. Although the TLV airport remains open, many airlines have halted their service to Tel Aviv. To assure the safety and security of our travelers, Rebuilding Alliance opted to fly round trip via Amman.*

02/16/24 Friday Departures	
10:05pm Flight departs from IAD to Amman	Lufthansa LH9253 *Operated by United Airlines IAD-FRA 10:05pm - 11:50am Lufthansa LH0692 FRA-AMM 3:05pm-9:40pm
02/17/24 Saturday: Arrival in Amman, Jordan	
9:40pm Arrivals in Amman, Jordan	
22:30-23:30 Transfer delegation members from Airport to Hotel	Via Minibus
Overnight at Marriott Hotel in Amman	
02/18/24 Sunday: Travel to Israel from Allenby Border Crossing, Historic Jericho	
08:15-08:30 Checkout of Hotel	Amman Marriott Hotel
08:30-09:30 Breakfast	At Amman Marriott Hotel
09:30 - 11:00 Transit to Border Crossing	Via minibus
11:00 - 13:30 Border Crossing from Jordan to Israel Note: time zone change between Jordan and Israel	Assisted by the VIP service, staff will head to the Tourist Terminal at King Hussein Bridge, pay the exit tax, and get their passports checked, before boarding the shuttle bus to the Israeli Terminal, about 5 km away. Upon arrival, luggage will be dropped off for security checks and passports will go through initial assessments. Staff will head to immigration kiosks, collect their visas, go through final passport checks, and collect their luggage. Location: King Hussein Bridge, near Jericho
12:30 - 13:45 Transit to Mount of Temptations in Jericho	Via minibus
13:45-14:00 Cable car ride	Transit up to Mount of Temptation Restaurant via cablecar

	<p>Provides views of Jericho, The Dead Sea, and Jordan in addition to the historical and archeological sites of Elisha's Spring, Ancient Jericho, and The Sugar Mills.</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</p>
<p>14:00- 16:00 Orientation Lunch and visit of Mount of Temptations Monastery</p>	<p>What: Lunch at Mount of Temptation Restaurant, followed by visit to Mount of Temptations Monastery. This is the time for staff and the Travelers to meet, share our schedule, and review the safety protocols.</p> <p>Why: This visit is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Congressional staff's official duties because it meets one major goal of this trip: to provide participants with an understanding of the history of the region which must include religious sites.</p> <p>Location: Mount of Temptations Monastery Tour Guide: RA Staff, Elias D'eis who is the Executive Director of HLT, and Itamar Shappira, Israeli tour guide Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</p>
<p>16:00- 17:00 Transit from Jericho to Jerusalem Via minibus</p>	
<p>17:00-17:30 Check in, rest and settle in to room</p>	<p>Arrival at St. George's Cathedral Guesthouse in Jerusalem</p>
<p>17:30-18:30 Dinner at hotel</p>	
<p>18:30 - 19:00 Rest</p>	
<p>19:00 - 21:00 Informal walk in the Old City with RA's Interim Director</p>	<p>What: Walking tour of Jerusalem's Old City Why: This visit is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Congressional staff's official duties because they experienced this historic and religiously significant site that is in the news so often.</p> <p>Location: Old city of Jerusalem via Damascus Gate Guide: Rebuilding Alliance's Interim Director Assurance: All House Staff chose to join this informal tour which covered officially-connected activity.</p>
<p>Overnight at the St. George's Cathedral Guesthouse in Jerusalem</p>	

02/19/24 Bethlehem, UNRWA's AIDA camp, Church of the Nativity, Al Walajah, Debrief	
08:00-08:45 Breakfast at Hotel	
08:45-09:15 Transit to Bethlehem	Via minibus
09:15- 10:15 Visit to Rachel Tomb Area on the Bethlehem side of the Wall, tour the Wall area	<p>What: A look at the wall and the area around Rachel's Tomb (inaccessible from the Bethlehem side), a site that is important for both Palestinians and Israelis but that is now almost entirely encircled by the wall- and accessible only to Israelis. This visit includes a walk along the separation wall and an introduction to the geo-politics of the Bethlehem area. Why: The separation wall has been called a security measure by some and a land grab by others. It has long been controversial due to its route- which cuts deep into Palestinian territory and separates Palestinian communities.</p> <p>Why: One of the missions of this trip is to discuss barriers to peace and the separation wall has long been considered by the Palestinians to be an Israeli attempt to create more facts on the ground, and to include as much Palestinian land on the Israeli side as possible.</p> <p>Presenter: Said Zarzar, HLT Tour Guide Location: Bethlehem Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity</p>
10:15-10:30 Transit to Aida Camp, UNRWA Meeting	Via minibus
10:30-13:00 Meeting with UNRWA Director, Walking tour of Aida Camp	<p>What: Tour of camp will introduce staff to realities of life in a refugee camp. Meeting with UNRWA will describe the scope and scale of UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugee (UNRWA)'s food, education, housing, medical care, and emergency response in the West Bank, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Israel, and now in Gaza, the use of UNRWA schools to provide refuge for tens of thousands of families. House staff will learn about the refugee crisis, building on the overview of the history of refugees and the U.N. that will be part of the Tuesday discussion with UNOCHA. There will be time for questions and answers.</p> <p>Why: Palestinian refugees in the West Bank number close to 1 million and in Gaza they are 80% of the total population. UNRWA's services provide a lifeline. Understanding the situation that Palestinian refugees</p>

	<p>face is crucial for House staffers because of the sheer numbers of refugees, the depth of displacement in Gaza, and also the crisis in the West Bank. The future of Palestinian refugees is to be decided in the final status negotiations of a peace agreement. This visit is critical for understanding how U.S. aid to UNRWA is used to provide services for Palestinian refugees.</p> <p>Presenter: Adam Bouloukos, Ph.D., Director of UNRWA Affairs, West Bank</p> <p>Location: Aida Refugee Camp, Bethlehem</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</p>
<p>13:00-13:15 Transit to Afteem Restaurant, Manger Square, Bethlehem</p>	<p>Via minibus</p>
<p>13:15-14:15 Lunch at Afteem Restaurant</p>	
<p>14:15-14:30 Walk across the street to the Church of the Nativity</p>	
<p>14:30-16:15 Walking tour of the Church of the Nativity and Bethlehem's Old City</p>	<p>What: Walking tour of the Old City area of Bethlehem- to include Manger Square and the Church of the Nativity. The Church of the Nativity is the oldest site continuously used as a place of worship in Christianity, and the basilica, dating back to 325/26 is the oldest major church in the Holy Land.</p> <p>Why: "This presentation is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Congressional staff's official duties because it meets one major goal of this trip: to provide participants with an understanding of the history of the region which must include religious sites.</p> <p>Location: Manger Square, Bethlehem</p> <p>Tour Guide: Sana Sansour, HLT Tour Guide</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity</p>
<p>16:15-16:30 Transit to Al Walajeh</p>	<p>Via minibus</p>

<p>16:30-17:30 Tour of Al Walajeh Village, and meeting with Abu Khayra Family</p>	<p>What: The Palestinian village of Al-Walajeh is located in Areas B, and C of the West Bank in the Bethlehem Governorate, near Jerusalem. The village's entire area, 18 km², is beyond the Green Line, but one third of its land on the northern side was annexed to Israel along with the rest of East Jerusalem and included in Jerusalem's municipal boundaries. As opposed to the rest of the Palestinian neighborhoods and villages that were annexed, Israel did not recognize the residents of Walajeh -- not even those who lived in the annexed part -- as residents of Jerusalem, and therefore almost all of the 2,500 residents of the village carry the orange identity cards of West Bank residents. The village also is an example of the impact of vast settlement blocs on Palestinian villages in the area. Because the village is located between Jerusalem and the Gush Etzion Settlement block, large swaths of the village are facing demolition orders. During our visit, we were introduced to a single mother whose home was demolished just a few days earlier.</p> <p>Entire neighborhoods of the village of Al Walajeh received demolition orders from the Government of Israel. The Abu Khyara family's home was demolished several years ago. Our partner in the planning of this delegation, the Holy Land Trust, funded and assisted in the rebuilding of the family's home.</p> <p>Why: On the night before our visit, the Israeli Army demolished the home next door. This presentation is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Congressional staff's official duties because it addresses many of the issues that are seen to impact peace in the region: Jerusalem and settlement takeover of Palestinian village lands, home demolitions, and discriminatory planning policies. This visit will give staff insight into the challenges faced by Palestinian communities on multiple fronts and explain why House intervention is needed to keep their town standing.</p> <p>One of the goals of this delegation is to discuss ways to stop demolitions and assure the future of this village. The village and the human rights groups that are rebuilding homes are working towards this goal.</p> <p>Location: Al-Walajeh Village Presenter: The Abu Khayra family Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</p>
<p>17:30-17:45 Minibus transit back to hotel</p>	<p>Via minibus</p>

<p>17:45-19:15 Debrief at the Holy Land Trust Community Room</p>	<p>What: The group just met with a family that was in shock following the destruction of their home — a quiet time for discussion was deeply appreciated.</p> <p>Why: This presentation is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Congressional staff's official duties because it discussed key issues facing Palestinians and Israelis in the region.</p> <p>Location: Holy Land Trust Center, Star Street, Bethlehem</p> <p>Presenters: Elias D'eis, Executive Director of HLT, Itamar Shappira, Israeli Tour Guide Donna Baranski-Walker, Founder, Rebuilding Alliance</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</p>
<p>19:15-19:30 Transit back to Hotel</p>	<p>Via minibus</p>
<p>19:30-20:30 Dinner at Hotel</p>	
<p>Overnight at the St. George's Cathedral Guesthouse in Jerusalem</p>	
<p>02/20/24 Tuesday: Jerusalem and Old City, LTG Fenzel, Gaza Aid Teleconference, Chancellor to Latin Patriarchate, Jerusalem tour, UNOCHA, Rotary speaker</p>	
<p>07:00-08:00 Breakfast at hotel</p>	
<p>08:00-08:15 Transit to Haas Promenade</p>	<p>Via minibus</p>
<p>8:15-10:00 Haas Promenade, view over Jerusalem</p>	<p>What: Overview of Jerusalem's evolution as a center point in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, including the 1948 Green Line, the 1967 conquests, East Jerusalem and West Bank annexations, Jewish neighborhoods/settlements, Palestinian neighborhoods, and discussion of civil status in the city of Jerusalem. Speaker will use maps of the Old City and Jerusalem area to explain historical and geopolitical reality and changes in the city.</p> <p>Why: This presentation is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Congressional Staff's official duties because it is providing the Staff with the base of information that they will need and draw upon throughout the remainder of the trip.</p>

	<p>Presenter: Itamar Shapira, LLM tour leader Location: Jerusalem’s Haas Promenade, Daniel Yanofsky Street, Jerusalem, Israel Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</p>
10:00-10:15 Transit to back to hotel	Via minibus
10:30-11:50 Meeting with LTG Fenzel	<p>What: A thoughtful discussion about the aftermath of the October 7th attacks</p> <p>Why: As the United States Security Coordinator for Israel and the Palestinian Authority, LTG Michael Fenzel has the unique ability to strategize with and intervene with the Israeli Army and the Palestinian police to assure the safety and security of Israelis and Palestinians in the West Bank.</p> <p>Presenter: Lieutenant General (LTG) Michael R. Fenzel, United States Security Coordinator for Israel and the Palestinian Authority Location: St. George Cathedral Guest House in Jerusalem Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</p>
12:00 - 13:30 Teleconference call with Rebuilding Alliances NGO partners in Gaza at St. George Cathedral Guesthouse meeting room	<p>What: Rebuilding Alliance has worked with NGOs’ in Gaza since 2003, many of which are affiliated with the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees and Palestinian Non-Governmental Organizations. Rebuilding Alliance is currently working with the World Food Program to serve 32,000 daily hot meals in Gaza. This meeting will provide congressional staff the opportunity to speak directly with the Non-Governmental Org program managers who live in Gaza to hear about the challenges they are facing and what they see as possibilities for their future</p> <p>Why: These meetings will focus on how peaceful aspirations of all can be furthered when Palestinians and Israelis both enjoy the benefits of basic human rights. Given that prior to Oct 7th the World Bank was reporting that the Gaza economy was close to collapse, we want our delegates to hear directly from NGOs in Gaza and the UN to learn what they are seeing around them and to explore tangible actions that can be taken to ameliorate famine, malnutrition, and disease.</p>

	<p>Presenters: Rebuilding Alliance’s long-term Palestinian NGO partners. The World Food Programme selected Rebuilding Alliance as their first-ever partners for the production of hot meals in Gaza</p> <p>Location: Meeting Room at the St. George Cathedral Guesthouse, Jerusalem</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</p>
<p>13:30-13:45 Transit to Jaffa Gate of the Old City of Jerusalem</p>	<p>Via minibus</p>
<p>14:00-15:30 Meeting with the Chancellor of the Latin Patriarchate</p>	<p>What: The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem is now the archbishop of Latin Church Catholics of the Archdiocese of Jerusalem with jurisdiction for all Latin Catholics in Israel, Palestine, Jordan and Cyprus. One of Patriarch Pizzaballa’s closest associates is the Rev. Davide Meli, chancellor of the Latin Patriarchate.</p> <p>Why: The Latin Patriarch’s Office worked with Rebuilding Alliance and the Jordanian Air Force to deliver emergency aid to the families taking refuge in the Holy Family Church in Gaza City. This meeting will outline how airdrops could alleviate suffering for isolated enclaves in the Gaza strip.</p> <p>Presenter: Father Davide Melli , Chancellor of the Latin Patriarchate</p> <p>Location: Meeting Room at the office of the Latin Patriarchate</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</p>
<p>15:30-16:45 Guided walking tour of Old City, Jerusalem</p>	<p>What: Continuing from Latin Patriarch street, this walk around the Old City of Jerusalem will include a visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and other significant religious, historical, and cultural sites and neighborhoods to help Congressional staffers and constituents begin to understand the varied aspirations of Palestinians and Israelis.</p> <p>Why: A major objective is to provide the Congressional staff with an understanding of the history of the area leading up to the current conditions. Any discussion of that history must include the historical sites in the Old City of Jerusalem.</p> <p>Tour Guide: Itamar Shapira, LLM tour guide</p> <p>Location: Old City of Jerusalem</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</p>

16:45-17:00 Transit to UNOCHA office	Via minivan
16:30-18:15 UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) Meeting	<p>What: Discussion of the humanitarian need and relief required in the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza, and the challenges faced in providing that aid.</p> <p>Why: A major goal of our fact-finding tour is to show the House Staff how US aid benefits the health and safety of Palestinian children — to do this, they will need to understand the depth of the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, the West Bank, and East Jerusalem</p> <p>Presenter: Andrea DeDomenico, Head of Office and Special Assistant to the Humanitarian Coordinator (UNOCHA)</p> <p>Location: UNOCHA Office, East Jerusalem</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</p>
18:15-18:30 Transit to St. George Cathedral Guest House in Jerusalem	8 min walk
18:30-20:00 Dinner with Rotary Leader at St. George Cathedral Guesthouse, Jerusalem	<p>What: Bassim Khoury will describe his efforts to help provide hot meals to starving families in Gaza City</p> <p>Why: House staff will be able to see how Congressional intervention can save lives.</p> <p>Location: St. George Cathedral Guesthouse, Jerusalem</p> <p>Speaker: Basem Khoury, co-founder of the Rotary Club of Ramallah, currently a director at Pharmicare Ltd.</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</p>
Overnight at the St. George's Cathedral Guesthouse in Jerusalem	
02/21/24 Wednesday: Hebron, South Hebron Hills/Masafer Yatta	
06:45-07:30 Breakfast at hotel	
07:30-08:45 Transit to Hebron	Via minibus

<p>08:45-11:45 Tour of Hebron, H1 and H2 areas including Shuhada street and Jewish settlements</p>	<p>What: Hebron is a city divided between Palestinians and Israeli settlers, with a heavy military presence. Palestinian homes and buildings are being taken over by Israeli settlers in Hebron and the major business district of Shuhada Street is closed. The delegation will visit Tomb of the Patriarchs and the Ibrahimi Mosque, the site of the 1994 massacre which led to the partitioning of both the building and the city itself.</p> <p>Why: A major objective is to provide the House Staff with an understanding of the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict leading to the current conditions and any discussion of that history must include discussion of the religious and historical sites and current conditions in Hebron, as well as the history of settlements in the city.</p> <p>Presenters: Tariq Tamimi, Hebron Chamber of Commerce, Itamar Shappira, and an HLT guide who was himself a child survivor of the 1994 massacre</p> <p>Location: Hebron</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</p>
<p>11:45-12:30 Transit to village of Susiya</p>	<p>Via minibus</p>
<p>12:30-13:15 Lunch in Susiya</p>	
<p>13:15-14:00 Overview of the history of the Palestinian village of Susiya, meeting local leaders</p>	<p>What: In 2013, the Sub-Committee for Planning and Licensing of the Civil Administration’s Supreme Planning Council rejected the village’s proposed master plan stating that the “women and children would be better off living somewhere else.” In 2015, Israel’s High Court decided that the Palestinian Village of Susiya can be demolished before its case is even heard, and the case is still pending. We’ll hear their story and learn of their aspirations to see the recognition of their master plan and live and build their future on their land without fear of demolition or settler violence.</p> <p>Why: A key goal of this LLM is to consider the implications and impact of Israeli control of building and planning rights in Jerusalem and the West Bank and explore ways to prevent the demolition of Palestinian homes, schools, barns, and neighborhoods.</p> <p>Presenters: Fatma Nawaja - head of Susiya Rural Women’s Association and Social Worker with Rebuilding Alliance</p> <p>Location: Rural Women’s Center, Susiya</p>

	Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
14:00-14:30: Meeting with the youth of the Center for Jewish Nonviolence	<p>What: Masafer Yatta region is currently designated as Firing Zone 918. Despite having inhabited the area for generations, 12 villages are facing eviction and demolition in this area. These actions are widely perceived as a preliminary to Israeli seizure of the land. A pivotal court case holds their fate in the balance. Meanwhile, settlements are expanding and settler attacks are on the rise.</p> <p>Why: A core goal of the trip is to consider the implications and impact of Israeli control of building and planning rights in the West Bank and explore successful ways to prevent the demolition of Palestinian homes, schools, water systems, and neighborhoods. Another core goal is to encourage peacemakers. The Center for Jewish NonViolence brings Jewish activists from around the world to live in Susiya and other Palestinian villages to join in Palestinian-led nonviolent civil resistance to occupation, apartheid, and displacement.</p> <p>Presenters: Young people who are staying in Susiya and At-Tuwani villages as a protective presence, often accompanying shepherds to prevent attacks by settlers.</p> <p>Location: Susiya</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</p>
17:15-18:15: Transit back to hotel	Via minibus, with special care to get back before dark
19:15-20:00 Dinner at the hotel	
20:00-21:30 Discussion and Debrief on the day's agenda	
Overnight at the St. George's Cathedral Guesthouse in Jerusalem	
02/22/24 Thursday: Military Court Watch, Jaffa tour, US Embassy Annex, Israeli NGOs, Dinner	
07:00-07:30 Breakfast at hotel	
08:00-09:30 Presentation by Military Court Watch at St. George's Cathedral Guesthouse in Jerusalem	What: Military Court Watch will introduce their work to the delegation, and prepare them with context and background information to their visit to the Juvenile Court at Ofer Prison.

	<p>Why: Because the key goal of this LLM is to explore how the peaceful aspirations of all can be furthered when Palestinians and Israelis both enjoy equal rights, it is important for Congressional staff to observe this separate, unequal form of juvenile justice.</p> <p>Presenters: Gerard Horton and Salwa Duiabis, Military Court Watch</p> <p>Location: Meeting room in the St. George Cathedral Guesthouse, Jerusalem</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</p>
<p>10:00-11:30 Drive to Jaffa near Tel Aviv</p>	<p>Via minibus</p>
<p>11.30-12:30 Jack Saba's tour of historical Jaffa</p>	<p>What: Walking tour of historic Jaffa</p> <p>Why: Jaffa holds significant importance to Palestinians due to its rich history, cultural heritage, and economic significance. Historically, Jaffa was a vibrant Palestinian city with a diverse population and a thriving economy, particularly as a major port city on the Mediterranean coast. It was known for its oranges, hence its nickname "Jaffa oranges," which became symbolic of Palestinian agricultural prowess.</p> <p>Additionally, Jaffa has immense cultural and symbolic value as it is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world, with a history dating back thousands of years. Many Palestinians have deep familial ties to Jaffa, and it holds a special place in their collective memory and identity.</p> <p>However, during the 1948 Arab-Israeli War, Jaffa experienced significant upheaval, resulting in the displacement and expulsion of much of its Palestinian population. Today, Jaffa is part of the Tel Aviv-Yafo municipality within Israel, and its Palestinian heritage and population have been marginalized and often overlooked.</p> <p>Despite these challenges, Jaffa remains an integral part of Palestinian history and identity, and efforts to preserve its heritage and cultural significance continue among Palestinians both within Israel and in the diaspora.</p> <p>Tour Guides: Jack Saba</p> <p>Location: Historic Jaffa</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</p>

12:30-14:30 Lunch and free time	Small groups choosing among the many cafes & restaurants
14:30-14:45 Transit to U.S. embassy meeting at Tel Aviv coffeehouse	Via minibus
15:00- 16:15 Meeting with Mark Rosenshield, Deputy Political Counselor and Scott Turner, Special Assistant at United States State Department at Asimi coffeehouse	<p>What: Meeting with a Political Counselor and a Special Assistant near the U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv Branch</p> <p>Why: Discussing the structure of the U.S. Embassy and State Dept. presence in the region and why there are different entities to deal with the Israeli and Palestinian governments. The group will have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss official U.S. policy in the region</p> <p>Presenter: Mark Rosenshield, Deputy Political Counselor Scott Turner, Special Assistant to Ambassador Satterfield</p> <p>Location: U.S. Embassy Branch Office, Tel Aviv</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity</p>
16:30-16:45 Transit to Gisha: Legal Center for Freedom of Movement	Via Minibus
16:45-18:15 Meeting with Israeli human rights NGOs Gisha and B'Tselem	<p>What: Meeting with Israeli advocates for a discussion of Israeli policies, what that means for Israelis and Palestinians, and what avenues are available to assure human rights. Experts from Gisha, and B'Tselem will discuss their human rights work. Speakers will present an overview of history, policies, and what has led to the current crisis.</p> <p>Why: This is relevant to the mission of the trip and the House staff's official duties because one of the goals of our trip is to meet groups working towards peace. Meeting Israelis who work and advocate on behalf of human rights is part of this. For peace and stability to be achieved, both Israeli and Palestinian civil society must be supported and strengthened.</p> <p>Presenters: Miriam Marmur, Public Advocacy Director at Gisha: Legal Center for Freedom of Movement Sarit Michaeli, International Advocacy Lead at B'Tselem the International Advocacy Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories</p> <p>Location: Gisha Office, Harakevet St. 42, Tel Aviv</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity</p>

18:15-18:30 Transit to dinner at Old Man of the Sea	Via minibus
18:30-19:45 Dinner at Restaurant Old Man of the Sea	The Old Man and the Sea Restaurant in Jaffa, founded in 1999 by Younes Ali, is a well-known spot that offers fresh Mediterranean food, a captivating sea view, and a unique atmosphere where different cultures come together to enjoy food.
19:45-20:45 Transportation by minibus to Jerusalem	Via minibus
Overnight at the St. George's Cathedral Guesthouse in Jerusalem	
02/23/24 Friday: US Embassy, Travel to Jordan, Brainstorming meeting with Jordanian Rotarians	
07:00-07:45 Check out of hotel	
08:00 -09:00 Breakfast at hotel	
09:15- 10:45 Meeting with the U.S. Embassy	<p>What: Meeting with the Deputy Political Chief from the Office of Palestinian Affairs and the Chief of Staff and Senior Staff to the Office of United States Security Coordinator (USSC). This meeting will include a discussion about the State Department's role in Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza. Congressional staff and guests will have the opportunity to ask questions about the "on the ground" operating environment and the role of the USSC.</p> <p>Why: This 'off the record' discussion is relevant to the House staff's official duties because the U.S. Embassy will present the official U.S. policy on the many topics of special interest to the delegation including discussions we held earlier in the week: East Jerusalem and Palestinian Area C planning issues, human rights, child detentions, Gaza aid, Israel and Palestinian safety and security, settler violence, and hope for peace agreements.</p> <p>Presenter: OPA Chief Political Officer; Col. Stephen Gabavics, USSC Location: St. George Cathedral Guesthouse, in Jerusalem Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</p>
10:45-11:45 Transit to King Hussein/Allenby Border Bridge Crossing	Via minibus

<p>11:45 - 14:00 Border Crossing from Israel to Jordan</p>	<p>Staff will enter the Israeli Terminal, pay the exit tax, and present the invoice alongside passports to the immigration counter. After processing, staff will board a shuttle bus to the Jordanian Border Terminal.</p> <p>Location: King Hussein Allenby Bridge Border Crossing</p>
<p>14:00 - 16:30 Transit from Border Crossing to Amman</p> <hr/> <p>Note: time zone change between Jordan and Israel</p>	<p>Via minibus — long border crossing</p>
<p>15:30-16:30 Check in to hotel, Rest, Executive Time</p>	<p>Amman Marriott Hotel</p>
<p>16:30-17:00 Transit to Mijane Restaurant</p>	<p>2 taxis</p>
<p>17:00-18:10 Dinner at Mijane Restaurant</p>	<p>Dinner</p>
<p>18:10-18:30 Transit to the Daimah Building</p>	<p>2 taxis</p>
<p>18:30 - 20:30 Diameh Building</p>	<p>What: Brainstorming session with 20 hand-picked Rotary leaders from Rotary District 2452 dates back to 1929, established under the name of the “Eastern Mediterranean District”, which was changed several times. Being the second biggest Rotary International District in the world, consisting of nine countries from three different continents “Africa, Asia, and Europe” with six spoken languages: Arabic, French, English, Russian, Armenian, and Greek. District 2452 includes the countries of Armenia, Bahrain, Cyprus, Georgia, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Sudan, and UAE.</p> <p>Why: The Israel Hamas War has killed more than 30,000 people and over half are children. These Rotarians sought to raise their concerns and ask the Travelers to help them find a way to make this war stop.</p> <p>Jordan was the first to set up field hospitals in southern Gaza to help wounded and sick Palestinians injured by the war, or displaced from Gaza’s six hospitals given worsening conditions. Hospitals in Gaza are facing crisis level shortages in clinical, pharmaceutical, and fuel resources due to continuing bombardment.</p>

	<p>The mission of Rotary is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through their fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders. This visit advances the House staffs' understanding of this region. Rotary will be sharing tangible ways to build peace while encouraging those who are working for the safety of children and families, equal rights, fairness, justice, and peace.</p> <p>Presenters: 20 Rotarians and Friends of Rotary Location: Diameh Building, Amman Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</p>
20:30 - 20:50 Transit to hotel	Via taxis
Overnight at Marriott Hotel Amman	
02/24/24 Saturday: Personal Day	
08:00-09:00 Breakfast at hotel	
Overnight at Amman Marriott Hotel	
2/25/24 Sunday: Meeting with UNRWA Jordan, Historical sites, Dinner, Reflection	
09:00-09:45 Breakfast	Breakfast and Checkout
10:00 - 10:30 Transit to Offices of UNRWA Jordan	Via minibus, then walking
10:30-11:30 Meeting with head of UNRWA Jordan	<p>What: With Congress set to defund UNRWA, it is important to understand the scope and scale</p> <p>Why: Jordan is the largest of the five fields in which UNRWA works, supporting more than one million Palestinian refugees across the kingdom. It has 25 health centers in Jordan, doing 1.6 million annual medical consultations. Because UNRWA Jordan serves about 43,000 patients, a cut in funding could have a serious effect, not just on ongoing treatment but also on the prevention of health issues, especially among young mothers and babies.</p>

	<p>Instead of a cut in funding, if anything, the health centers needs more money to deal with increased demand after the COVID-19 pandemic. In the 10 official camps across Jordan, UNRWA also provides waste management services for more than 400,000 refugees, which is essential in preventing disease.</p> <p>The UNRWA operates 161 schools, serving more than 100,000 students in Jordan. UNRWA also provides vocational training to nearly 4,000 students who cannot afford university.</p> <p>Speaker: Olaf Becker, Director of UNRWA-Jordan Location: UNRWA Jordan Headquarters Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</p>
11:30- 12:45 Transit to Shopping Center and personal time	
12:45-13:00 Transit to JHCO	Via minibus
13:00-14:00 Discussion at JHCO	<p>What: The Jordanian Hashemite Charity Organization is pivotal in providing humanitarian aid to vulnerable populations including Palestinian refugees, and is playing a significant role during emergencies in the region, including the current humanitarian emergency in Gaza</p> <p>Why: Because JHCO manages all of Jordan’s international humanitarian efforts in collaboration with UN agencies, international NGOs, donor governments, and other stakeholders, they are particularly well positioned to understand and respond to the needs of vulnerable populations and arrange truck convoys and/or airdrops to provide aid.</p> <p>Presenter: Marwan I. Al-Hennawy, Head of the Division of Coordination, Communication, and Programs Location: Jordan Hashemite Charities Organizations Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</p>
14:00 - 14:15 Transit to Lunch	Via minibus
14:15- 15:45 Lunch at Shams El Balad Restaurants, Amman	Debrief and discussion

15:45-16:00 Transit to Citadel	Via minibus
16:00-17:45 Tour of Ancient Roman Ruins in Amman	<p>What: Guided tour and exploration of the Amman Citadel and ancient Roman amphitheater</p> <p>Why: This visit is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Congressional staff's official duties because it meets one major goal of this trip by providing participants with an understanding of the history of the region which must include historical and religious sites.</p> <p>Location: Amman Citadel and the Amman Roman Amphitheater</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</p>
17:45-18:00 Transit back to Hotel	Via Minibus
18:30-19:30 Debrief and Discussion	<p>What: Discussion in large and small groups to provide context</p> <p>Why: This is an opportunity to answer questions</p> <p>Presenters: Facilitated by RA's staff and including one teleconference participant who was self-isolating for health reasons</p> <p>Location: Amman Marriott Hotel</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</p>
19:30- 21:00 Executive Time	
21:00-22:00 Transit to Queen Alia Airport	Via minibus
2/26/24 Monday - Return Flights	
01:45 Departure from Amman	<p>United Airlines UA0526</p> <p>AMM-IAD</p> <p>Depart 1:45am</p> <p>Arrive: 6:15am</p>