

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: Kirby Tidmore
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: July 13, 2024 Return: July 21, 2024
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Israel Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: American Israel Education Foundation
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Met with various political leaders and experts to learn about current events in Israel as well as the religious and historical context of the region which are contributing to the current conflict
7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
 - a. a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
 - b. the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
 - c. page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; **and**
 - d. the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. *Signify statement is true by checking the box.*
b. If not, explain: _____

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

Signature of Traveler:  Date: 9/5/24

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: Rep. Kevin Hern Date: 9/5/24

Signature of Supervising Member: 

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

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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- Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: American Israel Education Foundation, Inc. (AIEF)
- Travel Destination(s): Israel
- Date of Departure: July 13, 2024 Date of Return: July 21, 2024
- Name(s) of Traveler(s): Kirby Tidmore
Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.
- Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$5,202.64	\$2,222.96	\$1,358.21	\$3,929.89
Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

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

Signed by:  Date: 8/13/2024 | 16:07 EDT

Name: Rachel Hirsch Title: Chief Legal Counsel

Organization: American Israel Education Foundation, Inc. (AIEF)

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

Address: 251 H Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001

Telephone: (202) 246-0519 Email: rhirsch@aiefdn.org

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

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

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
Congressional Staff
July 13 – July 21, 2024**

Addendum

4. Names of Travelers

1. Dana Hanson, District Director, The Office of the Honorable Jake Auchincloss (D-MA)
2. Matthew Duglin, Legislative Director, The Office of the Honorable Don Bacon (R-NE)
3. Aliza Oppenheim, Senior Legislative Assistant, The Office of the Honorable Matthew Cartwright (D-PA)
4. Caroline Bender, Legislative Director, The Office of the Honorable Juan Ciscomani (R-AZ)
5. Jocelyne Barajas, Legislative Director, The Office of the Honorable Vicente Gonzalez (D-TX)
6. Ethan Sorcher, Legislative Assistant, The Office of the Honorable Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ)
7. Kirby Tidmore, Senior Legislative Assistant, The Office of the Honorable Kevin Hern (R-OK)
8. Max Harris, Foreign Policy Legislative Assistant, The Office of the Honorable Grace Meng (D-NY)
9. Ed Kim, Legislative Director, The Office of the Honorable John Moolenaar (R-MI)
10. Bridget Visconti, Legislative Assistant, The Office of the Honorable Rudy Yakym (R-IN)

5. Breakdown of Other Expenses

Breakdown of other costs	Cost per person
Security	\$1,186.65
Speaker Fees	\$919.28
Room Rentals and Setup	\$510.65
Hotels for contract staff	\$353.96
Tour Guide/Yad Vashem Guide	\$323.19
Meals for contract staff & speakers	\$197.97
Misc.	\$129.09
Airport Assistance	\$114.34
Tips	\$87.57
Entrance Fees	\$62.21
Photography	\$33.81
Transportation for contract staff & speakers	\$11.13
Total	\$3,929.89

**American Israel Education Foundation
Educational Seminar in Israel
Congressional Staff
July 13 – 21, 2024**

Saturday, July 13th

3:00 PM UA 3528 Departs BOS – Dana Hanson

3:21 PM Amtrak 168 Departs WAS – Caroline Bender, Max Harris, Edward Kim, Ethan Sorcher, Kirby Tidmore, Bridget Visconti

4:29 PM UA 3528 Arrives EWR – Dana Hanson

5:06 PM DL 5713 Departs DCA – Jocelyne Barajas, Matthew Duglin

6:21 PM Amtrak 168 Arrives EWR – Caroline Bender, Max Harris, Edward Kim, Ethan Sorcher, Kirby Tidmore, Bridget Visconti

6:45 PM DL 5713 Arrives JFK – Jocelyne Barajas, Matthew Duglin

11:50 PM LY 26 Departs EWR – Caroline Bender, Dana Hanson, Max Harris, Edward Kim, Aliza Oppenheim, Ethan Sorcher, Kirby Tidmore, Bridget Visconti

11:50 PM LY 8 Departs JFK – Jocelyne Barajas, Matthew Duglin

Sunday, July 14th

5:15 PM LY 26 Arrives TLV – Caroline Bender, Dana Hanson, Max Harris, Edward Kim, Aliza Oppenheim, Ethan Sorcher, Kirby Tidmore, Bridget Visconti
Transfer to Jerusalem
Check in to Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

5:20 PM LY 8 Arrives TLV – Jocelyne Barajas, Matthew Duglin
Transfer to Jerusalem
Check in to Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

7:45 – 9:30 PM **Welcome Dinner and Orientation**
-at Galil Hall, Inbal Hotel

9:45 PM Depart for the City of David

10:00 – 11:00 PM **Strategic Survey of Jerusalem pt. I: King David's Jerusalem**
Late-night visit at the City of David

11:15 PM Depart for the Inbal Hotel

11:30 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Monday, July 15th

- 6:30 – 7:30 AM Optional: Run Jerusalem Tour
- 8:00 AM **Breakfast on Own**
-at Main Dining Hall, Inbal Hotel
- 9:00 – 10:15 AM **Pulse of the Nation**
With Matti Friedman
Author and Journalist
-at Galil Hall, Inbal Hotel
- 10:30 AM Depart for the Old City
- 10:45 AM–12:45 PM **Strategic Survey of Jerusalem pt. II: The Old City of Jerusalem**
- Southern Wall Excavations
 - Western Wall
 - Church of the Holy Sepulchre
- 12:45 PM Depart for Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:00 PM **Lunch**
-at Happy Fish, Mamilla Hotel
- 2:15 – 3:15 PM **Introduction to Israeli Politics**
Briefing with Reuven Hazan
Professor of Political Science, Hebrew University
-at L1 Business Lounge, Mamilla Hotel
- 3:30 PM Depart for the Inbal Hotel
- 4:45 PM Depart for the Knesset
- 5:45 – 6:15 PM **A View from the Coalition**
Meeting with the Honorable Ohad Tal
Member of Knesset, Religious Zionist Party
-at Jerusalem Hall, the Knesset
- 6:15 – 6:30 PM Meet and Greet with Speaker of the Knesset, Amir Ohana
- 6:30 – 7:00 PM **A View from the Opposition**
Meeting with the Honorable Moshe Tur Paz
Member of Knesset, Yesh Atid Party
-at Jerusalem Hall, the Knesset
- 7:00 – 7:30 PM **Israeli Democracy in Action**
Guided visit of Israel's Parliament

7:45 PM Depart for Dinner

8:00 – 10:00 PM **Dinner and Reflections**
-at Hatzot

10:00 PM Depart for the Inbal Hotel

10:15 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Tuesday, July 16th

7:30 AM **Breakfast on Own**
-at Main Dining Hall, Inbal Hotel

8:30 – 9:45 AM **Regional Strategic Overview**
Briefing by Brig. Gen. (res.) Nitzan Nuriel
Former Director, Counter-Terrorism Bureau at Prime Minister's Office
-at Galil Hall, Inbal hotel

9:45 AM Depart for Mount of Remembrance

10:15 AM–12:15 PM **Role of the Holocaust in Israeli Society**
Guided visit of Yad Vashem's Holocaust History Museum

12:30 PM Depart for Lunch

12:45 – 1:30 PM **Lunch**
-at Vert Hotel

1:45 – 2:45 PM **A Palestinian Voice Post October 7th**
Meeting with Meeting with Bashar Azzeh
Member of the PLO Palestine National Council
PLO Center Council
-at Gefen Hall, Vert Hotel

3:00 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

3:30 – 4:30 PM **Briefing En Route: Israel's Diverse Population**

4:45 PM Check in to Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv

6:15 – 7:15 PM **Israel's Quest for Peace: From Oslo to October 7th**
Meeting with Dr. Shany Mor
Political theorist, Lecturer and Writer
-at Studio 5, Sheraton Hotel

7:15 PM Depart for Dinner

- 7:45 – 10:00 PM **The Israeli Mosaic: Minority Experiences in Israel**
 Dinner with:
- Ibrahim Abu-Ahmed, Political and Regional Analyst
 - Ashager Araro, Founder, Battae Israeli Ethiopian Heritage Center
 - Moshe Isaak, Lawyer and Community Activist
- at 2C
- 10:15 PM Depart for the Sheraton Hotel
- 10:30 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv

Wednesday, July 17th

- 7:30 AM **Breakfast on Own**
 -at Main Dining Hall, Sheraton Hotel
- 8:30 – 9:15 AM **October 7th Invasion Overview**
 Presentation by Gabi Duec
 -at Studio 5, Sheraton Hotel
- 9:15 – 10:15 AM **Humanitarian Aid Update**
 Briefing by Maj. Yotam Shefer
 Head of Foreign Relations Department,
 Coordination of Government Activities in the Territories
 -at Studio 5, Sheraton Hotel
- 10:30 AM Depart for the South
- 10:45 – 11:45 AM **En Route Briefing: Historical Survey – Israel and the Gaza Strip**
- 11:45 AM–12:15 PM **Understanding Hamas' Goals: The Nova Music Festival**
 Visit the memorial site of the Nova Festival
 -at Re'im
- 12:15 – 12:45 PM **October 7th Ground Zero**
 Story of US Hostages
 -at Highway Bomb Shelter, Reim
- 12:45 PM Depart for Lunch
- 1:15 - 2:15 PM **Lunch**
 -at Alumim
- 2:30 PM Depart for Kfar Aza

- 2:45 - 4:15 PM **October 7th from Civilian Eyes: Remnant of a Massacre**
 Tour of Kfar Aza with Chen Abrahams
 Resident of Kibbutz Kfar Aza
 -at Kfar Aza
- 4:15 PM Depart for Ad Halom
- 5:00 – 5:30 PM **U.S.-Israel Missile Defense Cooperation**
 Visit and briefing at an Iron Dome Battery
 -at Ad Halom
- 5:45 PM Depart for Tel Aviv
- 6:00 – 7:00 PM **En Route Briefing: Israeli Approaches to Social Issues**
- 8:00 – 10:00 PM **Dinner and Group Processing**
 -at Manara
- 10:00 PM Overnight at Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv
- Thursday, July 18th**
- 7:45 AM **Breakfast on Own**
 -at Main Dining Hall, Sheraton Hotel
- 9:15 – 10:15 AM **Israel, the IDF, and International Law**
 With Col. Dr. Eran Shamir Borer
 Director, Center for National Security and Democracy, Israel Democracy
 Institute
 -at Studio 5, Sheraton Hotel
- 10:30 AM Depart for Hostage Square
- 11:00 – 11:30 AM **The Hostage Crisis Continues: Ongoing Trauma in Israeli Society**
 -at Hostage Square, Tel Aviv Museum of Art
- 11:30 AM Depart for Link Hotel
- 11:45 AM–12:45 PM **Start Up Nation: Israeli Rebuilding After Crisis**
 Coffee with:
 - Danielle Abraham, Executive Director, Volcani International Partnerships ReGrow
 - Boaz Hochstein, COO at Restart International
 -at Halls 1&2, Link Hotel, Tel Aviv
- 1:00 PM – 2:15 PM **Lunch with Soldiers**
 -at Malka

2:15 PM	Depart for Northern Israel
3:15 – 4:15 PM	En Route Briefing: The History of Hezbollah
5:15 – 5:45 PM	Israel's Northern Border Concerns pt. I: Displaced in our Own Country Briefing with Avi Jacobs Local Resident, Kiryat Shemona, Lobby 1701 -at Alma Research and Education Center, Tefen
5:50 – 7:00 PM	Israel's Northern Border Concerns pt. II: Hezbollah Next Door Strategic briefing by Lt. Col. (ret.) Sarit Zehavi Founder and Director, Alma Research Center -at Alma Research and Education Center, Tefen
7:00 PM	Depart for Magdala Hotel, Tiberias
7:45 PM	Check in to Magdala Hotel
8:15 PM	Depart for Dinner
8:30 – 10:30 PM	Dinner and Reflections -at Pagoda Restaurant, Tiberias
10:30 PM	Depart for Magdala Hotel
10:45 PM	Overnight at Magdala Hotel, Tiberias
<u>Friday, July 19th</u>	
7:30 AM	Breakfast on Own -at Main Dining Hall, Magdala Hotel
8:30 – 9:00 AM	Visit Ancient Magdala -at Magdala Hotel
9:00 AM	Depart for the Sea of Galilee
9:15 – 10:30 AM	Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee Visit to Holy Christian Sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capernaum • Mount of Beatitudes
10:30 AM	Depart for Givat Haviva

11:30 AM–12:30 PM **Framework for Coexistence: The Imperative for Creating a Shared Society**
With Mohammed Darawshe
Director of Strategy, Givat Haviva Educational Institute
-at Givat Haviva

12:45 PM Depart for Alfei Menashe
Lunch on the bus

2:00 – 2:30 PM **Israel's Narrow Waistline**
Strategic briefing at Alfei Menashe Overlook
-at Alfei Menashe

2:45 PM Depart for Jerusalem

3:00 – 4:00 PM **En-Route Briefing: Bridging the Political Divide**

4:15 – 5:15 PM **Price of Independence: Israeli Nation and Individual Sacrifice**
Tour of Har Herzl
-at Har Herzl, Mount of Remembrance

5:15 PM Depart for the Inbal Hotel

5:30 PM Check in to Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

7:30 PM Depart for Sabbath Dinner

7:45 – 9:45 PM **Traditional Sabbath Dinner**
Learn about and experience the Sabbath
Hosted by Steven and Judy Klitsner
-at their home in Jerusalem

10:00 PM Depart for the Inbal Hotel

10:15 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Saturday, July 20th

7:00 AM **Breakfast on Own**
-at Main Dining Hall, Inbal Hotel

7:30 AM Depart for the Dead Sea Region

8:15 – 9:00 AM **En Route Briefing: Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor**

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM **History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire**
Guided visit of Masada National Archeological Park

11:45 AM–12:30 PM **Exploration of the Dead Sea Region**
-at Kalia Beach

12:30 PM Depart for Jerusalem

1:30 – 2:30 PM Lunch
at Abu Kamal, Old City

2:45 PM Depart for the Inbal Hotel

6:30 – 8:30 PM **Bringing It All Together: Closing Dinner**
-at Arbel Hall, Inbal Hotel

8:45 PM Depart for Ben Gurion Airport

Sunday, July 21st

12:30 AM LY 27 Departs TLV – Jocelyne Barajas, Matthew Duglin, Ethan Sorcher

1:00 AM LY 25 Departs TLV – Caroline Bender, Dana Hanson, Max Harris, Edward Kim, Aliza Oppenheim, Kirby Tidmore, Bridget Visconti

5:15 AM LY 27 Arrives EWR – Jocelyne Barajas, Matthew Duglin, Ethan Sorcher

5:45 AM LY 25 Arrives EWR – Caroline Bender, Dana Hanson, Max Harris, Edward Kim, Aliza Oppenheim, Kirby Tidmore, Bridget Visconti

8:25 AM UA 2274 Departs EWR – Dana Hanson

9:11 AM Amtrak 103 Departs EWR – Jocelyne Barajas, Caroline Bender, Matthew Duglin, Max Harris, Edward Kim, Aliza Oppenheim, Ethan Sorcher, Kirby Tidmore, Bridget Visconti

9:44 AM UA 2274 Arrives BOS – Dana Hanson

12:21 PM Amtrak 103 Arrives WAS – Jocelyne Barajas, Caroline Bender, Matthew Duglin, Max Harris, Edward Kim, Aliza Oppenheim, Ethan Sorcher, Kirby Tidmore, Bridget Visconti

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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:

American Israel Education Foundation, Inc. (AIEF)

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): _____

Please find attached

5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

6. Date of Departure: July 13, 2024 Date of Return: July 21, 2024

7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C. or home district

b. Destination(s): Israel

c. City of return: Washington, D.C. or home district

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 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:

AIEF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a charitable and educational mission which includes, among others things, educating policy makers and opinion leaders about the U.S.-Israel relationship. AIEF is solely responsible for recruiting, coordinating, executing, and funding all aspects of this 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: Charter Bus)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
N/A

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): \$175.71

- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____
The trip is in Israel to educate Congressional staff about the U.S.-Israel relationship.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name:	<u>Inbal Hotel</u>	City:	<u>Jerusalem</u>	Cost Per Night:	<u>\$364</u>
Reason(s) for Selecting:	<u>location and affordability</u>				
Hotel Name:	<u>Magdala Hotel</u>	City:	<u>Tiberias</u>	Cost Per Night:	<u>\$232</u>
Reason(s) for Selecting:	<u>location and affordability</u>				
Hotel Name:	<u>Sheraton Hotel</u>	City:	<u>Tel Aviv</u>	Cost Per Night:	<u>\$418</u>
Reason(s) for Selecting:	<u>location and affordability</u>				

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$5,452.05	\$2160.00	\$1230.00
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$3,630.00	breakdown attached
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A

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: *Arne Christenson* Date: 6/12/2024 | 15:17 EDT
82F5587FEA5048F...
 Name: Arne Christenson Title: Executive Director
 Organization: American Israel Education Foundation, Inc. (AIEF)
 Address: 251 H Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001
 Email: achristenson@aiefdn.org Telephone: (202) 639-5266

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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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Kirby Tidmore
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: American Israel Education Foundation Inc (AIEF)
3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel: Israel
4. a. Date of Departure: July 13, 2024 Date of Return: July 21, 2024
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, 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 the Senior Legislative Assistant for Congressman Kevin Hern, I handle the Foreign Affairs and Defense portfolio. This trip will give me valuable insights into the US-Israel relationship.
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: 6/13/2024

Michael Guest, Mississippi
Chairman
Susan Wild, Pennsylvania
Ranking Member

David P. Joyce, Ohio
John H. Rutherford, Florida
Andrew R. Garbarino, New York
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July 8, 2024

Mr. Kirby Tidmore
Office of the Honorable Kevin Hern
1019 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Tidmore:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel,¹ scheduled for July 13 to 21, 2024, sponsored by American Israel Education Foundation.

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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