

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: _____
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: _____ Return: _____
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: _____ Destination: _____ Return City: _____
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: _____
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: _____

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: Mehgan Perez-Acosta Date: _____

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

Name of Supervising Member: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Supervising Member: Byron Donalds

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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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: American Israel Education Foundation, Inc (AIEF)

2. Travel Destination(s): Israel

3. Date of Departure: September 1, 2024 Date of Return: September 9, 2024

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Mehgan Perez-Acosta

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	\$10,240.77	\$2,588.72	\$1,421.35	\$4,716.26
Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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:  Signed by: _____ Date: 9/17/2024 | 12:16 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.

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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: Mehgan Perez-Acosta

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: Mehgan Perez-Acosta

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Rep Byron Donalds

Office Address: 1719 LHOB

Telephone Number: 202-225-2536

Email Address of Contact Person: mpa@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.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Mehgan Perez-Acosta
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: AIEF
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Israel
4. a. Date of Departure: 8/31/24 Date of Return: 9/8/24
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 Chief of Staff it is within my duties to advise the Congressman on international issues and relations as well as cultural and educational items when determining, directing, and advising on legislative issues for both our constituents and Americans as a whole.~~

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: Byron Donalds Date: 7/26/24

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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 see attached.
5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of Departure: August 31, 2024 Date of Return: September 8, 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. _____
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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:
 AIEF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a charitable and educational mission which includes, among other 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. _____
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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:

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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): \$170.57
 - 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>Orient Hotel</u>	City: <u>Jerusalem</u>	Cost Per Night: <u>\$300</u>
Reason(s) for Selecting: <u>Location & Affordability</u>		
Hotel Name: <u>David Intercontinental Hotel</u>	City: <u>Tel Aviv</u>	Cost Per Night: <u>\$396</u>
Reason(s) for Selecting: <u>Location & Affordability</u>		
Hotel Name: <u>The Magdala Hotel</u>	City: <u>Tiberias</u>	Cost Per Night: <u>\$336</u>
Reason(s) for Selecting: <u>Location & 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	\$8,028.05	\$2499.00	\$1,194.00
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	see 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:  Date: 7/30/2024 | 14:15 EDT
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 Name: Rachel Hirsch Title: Chief Legal Counsel
 Organization: American Israel Education Foundation, Inc. (AIEF)
 Address: 251 H Street NW, Washington D.C. 20001
 Email: rhirsch@aiefdn.org Telephone: (202) 246-0519

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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August 28, 2024

Ms. Meghan Perez-Acosta
Office of the Honorable Byron Donalds
1719 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Perez-Acosta:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel,¹ scheduled for September 1 to 9, 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 first letter "M" is large and loops around the start of the name.

Michael Guest
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Wild". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the "S" and "W" being prominent.

Susan Wild
Ranking Member

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**American Israel Education Foundation
Educational Seminar in Israel
Senior Congressional Staff
September 1-9, 2024**

Itinerary

Sunday, September 1, 2024

Afternoon Domestic flights / train depart

5:30 PM EL AL 2 departs JFK

9:00 PM EL AL 26 departs Newark

Monday, September 2, 2024

11:00 AM EL AL 2 arrives at Ben Gurion Airport

2:25 PM EL AL 26 arrives at Ben Gurion Airport

Transfer to Jerusalem
Check-in to the Orient Hotel

6:30 – 7:45 PM **Welcome and Orientation Dinner**
-at the hotel, Patterson Hall

8:00 – 9:00 PM **Pulse of the Nation**
With Efrat Rosenberg Shapira
Media Figure, Content Director, Beit Avi Chai Foundation
-at the hotel, Wingate Hall

9:00 PM Overnight at the Orient Hotel, Jerusalem

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

8:15 – 9:00 AM Breakfast on own
- at the hotel dining hall

9:00 – 10:00 AM **The Significance of the U.S.-Israel Relationship**
Meeting with Stephanie Hallett
Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy in Israel
-at the hotel, Wingate Hall

10:15 AM	Depart
10:30 AM– 1:30 PM	Strategic Survey of Jerusalem - Part I: The Origin Stories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of David ▪ Western Wall ▪ Church of the Holy Sepulchre
1:30 – 2:30 PM	Lunch -at Abu Kamal
2:30 PM	Depart for hotel
3:30 -4:30 PM	Israeli Politics 101 Session with Reuven Hazan, Professor of Political Science Hebrew University of Jerusalem -at the hotel, Wingate Hall
4:45-5:45 PM	Regional Strategic Overview Briefing by Brig. Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel Former Director, Counter-Terrorism Bureau at Prime Minister's Office -at the hotel, Wingate Hall
5:45 PM	Depart
6:00- 7:00 PM	Paying Tribute to Israel's Fallen Soldiers A visit to Har Herzl military cemetery
7:00 PM	Depart for dinner
7:30 – 10:00 PM	Dinner -at Tali's, Shuk Mahane Yehuda
10:00 PM	Overnight at the Orient Hotel, Jerusalem

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

7:00 – 8:15 AM	Breakfast on own -at the hotel dining hall
8:30 AM	Depart for Yad Vashem
9:00 – 11:15 AM	The Significance of the Holocaust in Israeli Society Guided visit to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum

11:30 – 11:45 AM	Depart
12:00-1:00 PM	Israel’s Changing Borders Briefing with Mike Hollander, Tour Guide -at the Theatre Hotel, Symphony Hall
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Lunch -at the Theatre Hotel, The Opera Hall
2:00 – 3:00 PM	Israel’s Battle for Legitimacy in the International Arena Meeting with Dr. Tal Becker Former Senior Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs -at the Theatre Hotel, Symphony Hall
3:15 PM	Depart for Tel Aviv
4:45 PM	Check-in to the David Intercontinental Hotel, Tel Aviv
6:30 – 7:30 PM	Israel’s Quest for Peace: From Oslo to October 7 Meeting with Dr. Shany Mor Political theorist, lecturer and writer -at the hotel, The Gallery, lobby level, 3rd floor
7:45 PM	Depart for dinner
8:00 – 10:30 PM	Israeli Politics and Policy Dinner with Chiefs of Staff and Foreign Policy Advisors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gili Hausner, Chief of Staff to Yair Lapid ▪ Betty Ilovici, Media and Foreign Affairs Advisor, Defense Minister Yoav Gallant -at Darya
10:45 PM	Overnight at the David Intercontinental Hotel, Tel Aviv

Thursday, September 5, 2024

7:00 – 8:15 AM	Breakfast on own -at the hotel dining hall
8:30 – 9:00 AM	The Story of October 7: Overview Briefing with Tova Serkin, Missions Director - at the hotel, The Gallery, lobby level, 3rd floor (AV)

9:00 – 10:00 AM	<p>Gaza: A Situational Analysis Briefing with Miri Eisin, Senior Fellow, International Institute for Counter Terrorism, Reichman University -at the hotel, The Gallery, lobby level, 3rd floor</p>
10:30 AM	<p>Depart for Re'im</p>
12:00 – 12:45 PM	<p>The Story of October 7: Part I Visit to the site of the Nova party Meeting with Din Tesler, survivor -at Re'im</p>
1:00 PM	<p>Depart for Netivot</p>
1:15 – 2:00 PM	<p>Lunch Pinah shel Ilan -at Netivot</p>
2:15 PM	<p>Depart for Beeri</p>
2:30- 3:45 PM	<p>The Story of October 7: Part II Visit to Kibbutz Beeri with Eliam Maor, local resident</p>
4:00 PM	<p>Depart</p>
4:45– 5:30 PM	<p>Missile Defense Cooperation: U.S.- Israel Strategic Cooperation Visit to an Iron Dome Battery -at Ad Halom</p>
5:45 PM	<p>Depart for hotel</p>
8:00 – 10:00 PM	<p>Israeli Resiliency: Rebuilding After Destruction Dinner with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Danielle Abraham, CEO, Regrow Israel ▪ Miriam Ballin, Founder of Psychotrauma and Crisis Response Unit, United Hatzalah ▪ Ephy Shapiro, HaGal Sheli <p>-at Hotel, Executive lounge, 3rd floor</p>
10:00 PM	<p>Overnight at the David Intercontinental Hotel</p>

Friday, September 6, 2024

8:00 – 9:00 AM	Breakfast on own -hotel dining hall
9:00 AM	Depart
9:15 – 10:30 AM	Coexistence in the Heart of Israel Guided Survey of Jaffa
10:45 AM–12:00 PM	Understanding the Roots of the Israeli Ethos Guided Survey of Independence Trail
12:00 PM	Depart
12:15 – 1:45 PM	The IDF in Israel Life: Meeting with Reservists Lunch and discussion with: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Naama Agmon Licht▪ Raffi Baron▪ Sharon Stern▪ Nina Voss -at Florentina
2:00 PM	Depart
2:30 – 4:00 PM	The Challenges of the Day After Meeting with Haviv Rettig Gur Journalist, <i>The Times of Israel</i> -at the hotel, The Gallery, lobby level, 3rd floor
4:15- 5:15 PM	A Palestinian Voice, Post October 7 Meeting with Samer Sinijlawi Fatah Activist, Founding Chairman, Jerusalem Development Fund -at the hotel, The Gallery, lobby level, 3rd floor
7:45 PM	Depart for dinner
8:00– 10:30 PM	Reflections on the Sabbath Traditional Sabbath Eve dinner hosted by Aviad and Chana Friedman -at their home
10:45 PM	Overnight at the David Intercontinental Hotel, Tel Aviv

Saturday, September 7, 2024

8:00 AM	Breakfast on own
8:30 AM	Depart
8:45 – 9:45 AM	Briefing en route: Israel's Diverse Society
10:00 – 11:30 AM	Shared Society During Crisis Meeting with Ibrahim Abu Ahmed Community activist and writer -at Golden Steak, Restaurant, Tur'an
11:30 AM	Depart for lunch
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch -at On the River
1:15 PM	Depart
2:00 – 4:00 PM	Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee Guided Survey of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mt. of Beatitudes▪ Capernaum
4:00 PM	Depart for hotel
4:30 PM	Check-in to Magdala Hotel
6:00 – 7:00 PM	Life on the Northern Border Coffee with Nisan Zeevi Vice President, Margalit Startup City Galil and Impact Director, Jerusalem Venture Partners -at the hotel, Magdalena Hall (AV)
7:15 PM	Depart for dinner
7:30 – 9:30 PM	Dinner and Reflections from the Week -at Magdalena
9:30 PM	Overnight at The Magdala Hotel, Migdal

Sunday, September 8, 2024

7:15AM	Breakfast on own
8:15 AM	Depart
8:30 – 9:30AM	Briefing en route: History of Hezbollah
9:45 – 10:45 AM	Israel's Northern Front: Lebanon and Hezbollah Strategic briefing with Lt. Col. (ret.) Sarit Zehavi Founder and Director, Alma Research Center -at Alma Research and Education Center, Tefen
10:45 AM	Depart
10:45 AM–11:45 PM	Briefing en route: Jordanian-Israeli Relations
12:30 – 1:15 PM	Lunch -at Yulek Cafe
1:30 – 2:30 PM	Israel's Narrow Waistline Strategic briefing -at Alfei Menashe overlook
2:30 PM	Depart for Tel Aviv
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Bring Them Home: The Hostages Visit Hostage Square
4:15 PM	Depart for Hotel
6:00 PM	Prepare for departure, check out
6:15– 7:15 PM	Humanitarian Aid Update Briefing by Lt. Col. Yotam Shefer Head of Foreign Relations Department, COGAT - at the hotel, The Gallery, lobby level, 3rd floor (AV)
7:30 PM	Depart for dinner
8:15 – 9:30 PM	Bringing it All Together: Closing Dinner and Reflections -at Pizza Porto
9:45 PM	Depart for airport

Monday, September 9, 2024

1:00 AM	EL AL 25 departs Ben Gurion Airport
1:00 AM	EL AL 1 departs Ben Gurion Airport
5:45 AM	EL AL 25 arrives at Newark
5:50 AM	EL AL 1 arrives at JFK
7:55 AM	EL AL 7 departs Ben Gurion Airport
12:45 PM	EL AL 7 arrives at JFK

American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
U.S. Senior Congressional Staff
September 1-9, 2024

Addendum

4. List of Travelers

1. Delia Kashat, Deputy Chief of Staff & Legislative Director, Office of the Honorable Don Davis (D-NC)
2. Mehgan Perez-Acosta, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Byron Donalds (R-FL)
3. Deena Tauster, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Andrew Garbarino (R-NY)
4. Robert Edmonson, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Robert Garcia (D-CA)
5. Chris McCarthy, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Sylvia Garcia (D-TX)
6. Timothy Svoboda, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Glenn Grothman (R-WI)
7. Matthew Hutson, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Andy Harris (R-MD)
8. Leslie Grubb, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Greg Landsman (D-OH)
9. Andrea Grace, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Mike Lawler(R-NY)
10. Chrissi Lee, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Morgan Luttrell (R-TX)

5. Breakdown of Other Costs

BREAKDOWN OF OTHER COSTS:	
SECURITY	\$ 1,452.55
SPEAKER FEES	\$ 1,383.33
MEALS - GUESTS AND CONTRACT STAFF	\$ 437.19
ROOM RENTAL	\$ 453.42
TOUR GUIDE	\$ 342.33
HOTEL – CONTRACT STAFF	\$ 339.28
AIRPORT ASSISTANCE	\$ 120.40
TIPS	\$ 107.92
PHOTOGRAPHY	\$ 38.74
TRANSPORTATION GUESTS	\$ 19.19
MISC	\$ 7.85
TOTALS	\$ 4,716.26