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: Sharon Nichols

2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ ***OR*** ☐ None

   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____

3. a. Dates: Departure: 10/18/2024 Return: 10/24/2024

   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: 10/23/2024 ***OR*** ☐ None

4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Amman, Jordan Return City: Amman, Jordan

5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Rebuilding Alliance

6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: We met with the US Embassy in Amman and with staff from the Royal Jordanian Court to discuss Jordan's diplomatic relationship with Israel and the current conflict in Gaza.

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 withdrew from the trip before the group crossed into the West Bank due to concerns over professionalism and safety. It became apparent that Rebuilding Alliance had falsified the majority of the itinerary and hadn't made appropriate security arrangements.

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

Signature of Traveler: [signature] **Date:** 11/13/2024

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: Eleanor H. Norton **Date:** 11/13/24

Signature of Supervising Member: Eleanor H. Norton

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

☒ *Original* ☐ *Amendment*

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip *within 10 days of their return.*** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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

1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: Rebuilding Alliance
   Rotary Club of Woodside/Portola Valley Foundation
2. Travel Destination(s): Jordan, Israel, Jerusalem, West Bank
3. Date of Departure: October 18, 2024 Date of Return: October 23, 2024
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Sharon Nichols
   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	$3,816	$1,394	$770	$2,466 See Attached Itemized List
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: Donna Baranski-Walker **Date:** November 11, 2024

Name: Donna Baranski-Walker **Title:** Executive Director

Organization: Rebuilding Alliance

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

Address: 50 Woodside Plaza Suite 627 Redwood City, CA 94061

Telephone: 650-440-9667 **Email:** dbw@RebuildingAlliance.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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LLM 9.0 Itemized "Other Expenses	
Israel Departure Tax	$54
Roman Amphitheater Entrance Fee in Amman	$3
Israeli and Palestinian Guide Services	$1,100
Speaker Honorarium Fees	$600
Holy Land Trust 15% Administrative Fee for Tour Arrangement	$460
Bottled Water for duration of trip	$34
Tips for bus driver	$60
Jordan Exit Tax	$18
Jordan VIP Border Service	$137
Total	**$2,466**

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Sharon Elizabeth Nichols
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Rebuilding Alliance
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Amman, Jordan; Jerusalem and Ramallah, Israel
4. a. Date of Departure: 10/18/2024 Date of Return: 10/29/2024

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

   If yes, list dates at personal expense: 10/28/2024-10/29/2024
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.**

   In my job as Director of Communications for Congresswoman Norton I'm responsible for drafting materials on the current conflict in Israel and Gaza. The activities on this trip will provide educational benefits, allowing me to write higher-quality materials that prepare my boss more accurately and completely for interviews that touch on the issues in the region.
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: Eleanor H. Norton **Date:** 10/14/2024

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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:

   Rebuilding Alliance

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: Rotary Club of Woodside-Portola Valley Foundation

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): Attached

5. Yes ☐ No ☒ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of Departure: October 18, 2024 Date of Return: October 28, 2024
7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C.
   b. Destination(s): Jordan, Israel, Jerusalem, the West Bank
   c. City of return: Washngton, D.C.
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:
   See Attached

13. ***Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary***:
   a. Mode of travel: Air ☐ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☐ Other ☐ (specify: Taxi, minivan)
   b. Class of travel: Coach ☐ Business ☐ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (specify: _____)
   c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. ☐ I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. ***Check only one.*** I represent that either:
   a. ☐ The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
   b. ☐ The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:
      1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): Breakfast approx $10 pp Lunch approx $20-25pp, Dinner approx $45 in Amman, $25 otherwise
      2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Prioritizing safety, travelers will visit sites and cities of cultural, social, historical significance, & hold meetings with leaders, human rights experts, embassy staff, and decision makers

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
   Hotel Name: Landmark Hotel City: Amman Cost Per Night: $200
   Reason(s) for Selecting: Safe and excellent location
   Hotel Name: Saint George Cathedral Guesthouse City: Jerusalem Cost Per Night: $140
   Reason(s) for Selecting: Good location, safe and secure
   Hotel Name: St. Elias Hotel City: Beit Sahour Cost Per Night: $70
   Reason(s) for Selecting: New hotel, good location in quiet area of Beit Sahour

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:**

☐ Actual Amounts ☒ Good Faith Estimates	Total **Transportation** Expenses per Participant	Total **Lodging** Expenses per Participant	Total **Meal** Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	$2300	$1,170	$550
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	$750	Guides, speakers, VIP service at border
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: Donna Baranski-Walker Date: 10/11/2024

Name: Donna Baranski-Walker Title: Executive Director

Organization: Rebuilding Alliance

Address: 50 Woodside Plaza Suite 627 Redwood City, CA 94061

Email: dbw@rebuildingalliance.org Telephone: (640) 440-9667

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

List of Confirmed Participants

Sharon Nichols, Staff to Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton
Jason Bercovitch, Staff to Congressman Scott Peters
Vianna Vo, Staff to Congressman Gregori Kilili Camacho Sablan
Christoper Koya, Staff to Congresswoman Summer Lee

Primary Trip Sponsor Form
Rebuilding Alliance's Leadership Learning Mission 9.0 to Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Amman

Additional Information

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:

Rebuilding Alliance seeks to advance peace and is working to assure the safety of all children and families in Gaza, W. Bank, Israel, & Jordan. RA organized this trip to show how peaceful aspirations of all can be achieved when Palestinians and Israelis both enjoy equal rights and how U.S. policy can support those aspirations. RA staff planned & organized all the items on the agenda, contacted and arranged for various speakers, and worked with our local travel guides to arrange lodging and transportation.

Rotary Club of Woodside-Portola Valley Foundation assures Rotary's commitment to peace in the agenda. Rotarians believe that when people work together to create peace in their communities that change can have a global effect. Rotary's mission relates to the goals of this trip as Rotary provides service to others, promotes integrity, and advances world understanding, goodwill, and peace, through fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders. Rotary of Woodside/PV has sponsored other RA Congressional staff delegations, sponsored RA's 'I Care About Peace' youth delegations to Congress, and donated a birthing center in the West Bank. Rebuilding Alliance's Executive Director is a member of the Rotary Club of Woodside Portola Valley and as E.D. of R.A. is directly involved in organizing the trip. The Rotary Club Foundation receives a copy of the LLM 9.0 Detailed Agenda but is not involved in planning this trip.

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ADDITIONAL TRIP SPONSOR FORM

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

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor for this trip: Rebuilding Alliance
2. Name of your organization: Rotary Club of Woodside-Portola Valley Foundation
3. Yes ☒ No ☐ Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?
4. Yes ☐ No ☒ Does your organization receive funding from any foreign government or multinational organization?
5. *Check one.* I certify that my organization:
   a. ☒ Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. **OR**
   b. ☐ Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to
   Destination: _____ on Date: _____
   that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. **OR**
   c. ☐ Has provided in-kind support to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor (*e.g.*, meeting planning assistance, meeting space and set-up, and paying for expenses related to this trip directly to the service provider).
6. *Check only one:*
   a. ☒ My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent **OR**
   b. ☐ My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
7. **I certify by my signature that**
   a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
   b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent;
   c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and
   d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: 10/14/2024

Name: Ken Hayes Title: President

Organization: Rotary Club of Woodside-Portola Valley Foundation

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House and Senate StaffDel Leadership Learning Mission 9.0 to Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Amman
October 18th-28th, 2024

A constituent accompanied trip
with financial sponsorship by Rebuilding Alliance, an American 501(c)3 nonprofit organization
and Rotary Club of Woodside Portola Valley Foundation as an additional trip sponsor

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 health and safety of children and families. 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 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, Gaza, and Jordan
- 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 maker, as well as doctors, medical groups, and front-line personnel at aid agencies to understand the challenges of assuring emergency relief especially in Gaza
- 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, the West Bank, and Amman is to give senior House and Senate 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: Both a Palestinian and an Israeli join as tour guides for the trip for the West Bank and Israeli portions of the trip. In Jordan, a Jordanian tour guide joined the trip.

Detailed Agenda LLM 9.0 Oct 18-27 StaffDel

Overview

Friday, October 18th: Departures
Afternoon Departure from DCA (17:52)

Saturday, October 19th: Arrival to Amman, Jordan
Afternoon Arrival at Queen Alia Airport
- Orientation Dinner

Sunday, October 20th: U.S. Embassy in Jordan, Meeting with Royal Court of the Hashemite Kingdom, Cultural and Historical Sites of Amman
- US Embassy Staff
- Meeting with senior staff at the Royal Court of the Hashemite Kingdom
- Visiting Amman's Historical and Cultural Sites

Monday, October 21st: Detailed review of itinerary at Travelers' Request, overnight Amman

Tuesday, October 22nd: US Embassy Annex Team, PHRI, B'Tselem, USSC
- Meeting with Political Affairs Counselor at the U.S. Embassy
- Meeting with Physicians for Human Rights Israel
- Meeting with B'Tselem – The Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories
- Meeting with the Office of United States Security Coordinator (USSC) for Israel and the Palestinian Authority

Wednesday, October 23rd: Hebron History and Palestinian villages in the South Hebron Hills
- Hebron tour including Tomb of Patriarchs and Ibrahimi Mosque, H1
- H2 and Shuhada street, Jewish settlements
- Visit Susiya
- Meeting with Achvat Amim
- Meeting with members of Um Al Kheir community following recent home demolitions
- Evening: Debrief and Discussion

Thursday, October 24th: Zoom Meeting with UNRWA, Jerusalem and Old City, Latin Patriarchate, UNOCHA
- Zoom with UNRWA Jordan
- Haas Promenade overlook of Jerusalem
- Meeting with the Chancellor of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem
- Jerusalem Old City tour including religious sites: Holy Sepulcher Church, Haram al-Sharif, Western Wall
- Visit with the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA-oPt)

- Zoom call with American and Palestinian doctors

Friday, October 25th: Meeting with U.S. Office of Palestinian Affairs, World Health Organization, Khan al Ahmar, Kfar Adumim, Shabbat services and shabbat dinner

- Breakfast meeting with U.S. Office of Palestinian Affairs
- Meeting with W.H.O.
- Khan al Ahmar Village and tour of kindergarten
- Visit to the Settlement of Kfar Adumim
- Shabbat Service
- Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, October 26th: Bethlehem, Church of the Nativity, Battir, Gaza NGOS

- Church of Nativity and the Old City of Bethlehem
- Visit to Battir to discuss settlement outposts taking over land of this UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Zoom with Gaza NGOs

Sunday, October 27th: Long Transit to Amman, UNRWA Jordan, World Food Programme, Royal Jordanian Air Force meeting and dinner, Departures

- Early morning transit to Amman at the King Hussein (Allenby) Bridge
- Meeting with UNRWA Jordan
- Meeting with the World Food Programme, Jordan
- RJAF meeting and dinner
- Departures

Monday, October 28th : Travel

- Arrivals back in United States

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*Note: *Though Rebuilding Alliance's Leadership Learning Missions usually travel through TLV airport in the past, to assure the safety and security of our travelers, Rebuilding Alliance opted to fly round trip via AMM.*

10/18/24 Friday Departures

For Vianna, Sharon, Christopher, Brooke 16:19 Flight departs from DCA to Amman	Royal Jordanian Flight 7180 DCA-ORD 16:19 Departure Royal Jordanian Flight 0264 ORD-AMM Depart 20:10
For Jason	Royal Jordanian Flight 7137

09:51 Flight departs from LAX to Amman	LAX-ORD 09:51 Departure Royal Jordanian Flight 0264 ORD-AMM Depart 20:10
10/19/24 Saturday: Arrival in Amman, Jordan	
15:50 Arrivals in Amman, Jordan	Queen Alia International Airport
15:50-17:00 Transfer delegation members from Airport to Hotel	Via minibus
17:00-18:30 Check in to hotel, settle in to rooms	
18:30-20:00 Dinner	
Overnight at Landmark Hotel in Amman	
10/20/24 Sunday: U.S. Embassy and staff in Jordan, Royal Court, Historical and Cultural Sites of Amman	
07:00-07:30 Breakfast at Hotel	
07:30-08:00 Transit to U.S. Embassy, Amman	Via minibus
08:00-08:30 Security Check, U.S. Embassy, Amman	
08:30-09:30 U.S. Embassy, Amman	**What:** Meeting with US Embassy Staff **Why:** Discussion of U.S. relationship with Jordan and Jordan's role in the region with a focus on aid to Gaza. **Location:** U.S. Embassy, Amman **Presenters:** Rohit Nepal, Deputy Chief of Mission and Aaron Hall Regional Refugee Coordinator, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, U.S. Embassy, Amman **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.
09:30-10:30 Meeting at coffee house next to Embassy	**What:** Coffee meeting to discuss the function of the Royal Court of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan **Why:** To give staffers context and an understanding of the structure of the Jordanian Government and Royal Court before meeting with officials from the Royal Court

	Location: Marouf Coffeehouse, Amman **Presenters:** Guide Mohammad Abudullah al-Falahat and Donna Baranski-Walker **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.
10:30 - 11:00 Transit to meeting with Royal Court	Transit via minibus
11:00-13:00 Meeting with Royal Court	**What:** Meeting with representatives from the Royal Court of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan **Why:** The Jordanian Government is responsible for the administration of Islamic Holy Sites in Jerusalem, and also operates two field hospitals in Gaza. Royal Court staff will introduce the Jordanian Humanitarian Corridor to Gazaand discuss the challenges and successes in delivering aid to families in need in Gaza. **Presenter:** Ghaith Amaireh, Staff to the Royal Court and other staff **Where:** Royal Court Compound, Amman **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.
13:00-13:30 Transit to Tawaheen al Hawa restaurant for lunch	Via minibus
13:30-14:30 Lunch at Tawaheen al Hawa	
14:30-14:45 Transit to Roman Amphitheater and Souk	Via minibus
14:45- 17:15 Visiting the Roman Amphitheater and the Old Souk	**What:** Guided tour through the ancient Roman Amphitheater and Old Souk of Amman **Why**: Amman is by far the largest city in the Kingdom of Jordan, with over 9.5 million inhabitants, or about 42% of the entire population of Jordan. Understanding the history and culture of Jordan by visiting these sites is an important component of understanding Jordan's current role in the region. **Presenter:** Mohammad Abdullah al-Falahat, Jordanian guide **Location:** Amman, Jordan **Assurance**: The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.

17:45-18:00 Transit to the Landmark Hotel	Via minibus
18:00-20:30 Free Time	Free time
20:30-21:30 Dinner at Landmark Hotel	
Overnight at Landmark Hotel, Amman	
10/21/24 Monday:	
07:00-08:00 Breakfast at Hotel	
08:00-19:45 Agenda review with the Rebuilding Alliance Team	Early in the day, the travelers decided not to transit to the West Bank/Israel and they requested a detailed review of the itinerary. Prior to departure, the group had received a briefing from the U.S. State Department that raised safety questions about some of the visits that Rebuilding Alliance planned in the West Bank. The unstable security situation in Israel and the West Bank, the wars in Lebanon and Gaza sending missiles into Israel, and the threat of Iranian retaliation added to everyone's anxiety. Also the travelers were concerned by the Jordanian Government's postponement of two Government meetings planned for Sunday. The Rebuilding Alliance team provided the group with a detailed review of the agenda and explained exactly how our team works to adjust the trip as needed to assure safety, including a review of bomb shelters inside Israel. As a result, the group felt their concerns had been addressed and agreed to cross into the West Bank and travel on to Tel Aviv on 10/22. Later that evening, the U.S. State Department informed RA that they needed to move-up our meeting time due to the Secretary of State's visit to Tel Aviv the next day. To make the earlier meeting, our group would have to leave our hotel at 6:30am instead of 7:00 and use the special VIP transit service when crossing the Jordan-Israel border. That morning, rockets targeted Tel Aviv — all were intercepted without incident. Four of the five travelers decided to continue on the LLM 9.0 and we reached Tel Aviv only a bit late for our first meeting.
19:45-20:00 walk to dinner at Jubran Restaurant	

20:00-21:00 Dinner at Jubran	Jubran Restaurant, Rafik al Hariri Street, Amman
21:00-21:15 walk back to Landmark Hotel	
Overnight at Landmark Hotel, Amman	
10/22/24 Tuesday: Border Crossing, US Embassy Annex, PHRI, USSC, B'Tselem	
06:00-06:30 Checkout and Departure, taking breakfast to go on the minibus	
06:30-07:30 Transit to Allenby border crossing	Via minibus
07:30-08:45 VIP service for crossing border to Israeli side	Via bus
08:20-10:30- Transit to U.S. Embassy Annex, Tel Aviv	Via minibus
10:30-10:40 Walk through Embassy security screening	
10:45-11:30 U.S. Embassy meeting	**What:** Meeting with a senior Political Counselor, U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv Branch **Why:** Discussing the structure of the U.S. Embassy and State Dept. presence in the region and U.S. policy challenges. . The group asked questions and discussed official U.S. policy. **Presenter:** Leslie Hayden, Political Counselor **Location:** U.S. Embassy Annex, 71 Ha-Yarkon Street, Tel Aviv **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity
11:30-12:00 Transit to Jaffa for lunch	Via minibus, then walked to restaurant
12:00-13:00 Lunch at Shaffa Cafe, Nakhman St. 3 Tel Aviv-Yafo, Israel	

13:00-13:05 Transit to Physicians for Human Rights Israel	Walked to Physicians for Human Rights Israel office
13:05-14:30 Meeting with Physicians for Human Rights Israel (PHRI)	**What:** Meeting with Physicians for Human Rights Israel (PHRI) to discuss their history, their role in medical evacuations from Gaza during crisis, and status of their High Court cases **Why:** Over 14,000 people in Gaza are in critical need of medical evacuations, including children. PHRI is involved in getting children out of Gaza for care. **Presenter:** Mays Medleg, International Advocacy Coordinator and colleague **Location:** 9 Dror Street, Tel Aviv-Jaffa **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
14:30-15:00 Transit to Maxim Hotel for meeting with B'Tselem	Via minibus
15:00-16:30 Meeting with Sarit Michaeli, B'Tselem	**What:** Meeting with Sarit Michaeli from the Israeli human rights group, B'Tselem, for a discussion of Israeli policies, what that means for Israelis and Palestinians, and what avenues are available to assure human rights. Sarit discussed their human rights work, as well as presented an overview of history, policies, and what has led to the current crisis in the region. **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. **Presenter:** Sarit Michaeli, International Advocacy Lead at B'Tselem the International Advocacy Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories **Location:** Maxim Hotel, 86 Ha-Yarkon Street, Tel Aviv-Yafo, Israel **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity
16:30-17:00 Moved to the upstairs meeting room of Maxim Hotel to prepare for next meeting	

17:00-18:30 Meeting with Lt. General Michael Fenzsel, USSC	**What:** A thoughtful discussion about the aftermath of the October 7th attacks **Why:** As the United States Security Coordinator for Israel and the Palestinian Authority, LTG Michael Fenzel is tasked with strategizing with and intervening with the Israeli Army and the Palestinian police to assure the safety and security of Israelis and Palestinians in the West Bank. **Presenter:** Lieutenant General (LTG) Michael R. Fenzel, United States Security Coordinator for Israel and the Palestinian Authority **Location:** Maxim Hotel, 86 Ha-Yarkon St. Tel Aviv-Yafo, Israel **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity
18:30-18:45 Transit to dinner at Old Man of the Sea	Via minibus
18:45-20:00 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 seafood, a table filled with salads, a captivating sea view, and a warm, friendly atmosphere where families, friends, and dignitaries come together to enjoy dinner
20:00-21:30 Transportation by minibus to Jerusalem	Via minibus
Check in and overnight at the St. George's Cathedral Guesthouse in Jerusalem	Jerusalem
10/23/24 Wednesday: Hebron History and South Hebron Hills	
07:00-07:30	Breakfast at hotel
07:30-08:45 Transit to Hebron	Via minibus
08:45-11:45 Tour of Hebron, H1 and H2 areas including Shuhada street and Jewish settlements	**What:** Hebron is a city divided between Palestinians and Israeli settlers, with a heavy Israeli military presence. Palestinian homes and buildings were and 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. **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 religious and historical sites including current conditions in Hebron, as well as the history of the city. **Presenters:** Tariq Tamimi, Hebron Chamber of Commerce and co-founder of Visit Hebron Palestine, and guide Itamar Shappira. A local guide who was himself a child survivor of the 1994 massacre joined us. **Location:** Hebron **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.
11:45-12:30 Transit to village of Susiya	Via minibus
12:30-13:15 Lunch in Susiya	
13:15-14:00 Overview of the history of the Palestinian village of Susiya, meeting local leaders	**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. **Why:** Two things all towns do is issue building permits and control their police forces, neither of which is permitted in Area C of the West Bank. This trip will consider the psycho-social ramifications of home demolitions and settler violence. We will explore ways to prevent the demolition of Palestinian homes, schools, barns, and neighborhoods, and explore how to prevent settler attacks. **Presenters:** Fatma Nawaja - head of Susiya Rural Women's Association and Social Worker with Rebuilding Alliance, Naser Nawaja, B'Tselem, Ahmad Nawaja (his son and member of 2024 youth delegation to Congress) **Location:** Rural Women's Center, Susiya

	Assurance: The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.
14:00-14:30: Meeting with the young Jewish activists from Achvat Amim	**What:** Meeting with Elly Olsterdorf and Meir Gorodsky of Achvat Amim. The 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. Young American Jews are living in some of these villages to provide a protective presence. **Why:** A core goal is to encourage peacemakers. Achvat Amim brings Jewish activists from around the world, many of whom are Americans, to live in Susiya and other Palestinian villages to join in Palestinian-led nonviolent civil resistance to occupation, displacement. **Presenters:** Elly Olsterdorf and Meir Gorodsky, Achvat Amim **Location:** Susiya **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.
14:30-15:00 Transit to village of Umm al Kheir	Via minibus
15:00-16:00 Meeting with members of the Um Al Kheir Community	**What:** The village of Umm al Kheir sits very close to the Israeli settlement of Carmel. Delegation will meet members of the community following a recent string of homes demolition by the Government of Israel. Delegation will learn about the issue of home demolitions and settler violence in the South Hebron Hills area. **Why:** The issue of home demolitions and settlements/settler violence are on the rise in the West Bank, and two of the biggest obstacles to peace. **Presenter:** Eid Suleiman, Rebuilding Alliance Staff **Location:** Umm Al Kheir **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.
16:00-17:45 Transit back to Jerusalem	Via minibus
17:45-18:30 Free time	
18:30-19:30 Dinner at Hotel	

19:30-21:00 Discussion and debrief of activities	**What:** Based on previous delegations, this day spent in Hebron and the South Hebron Hills is typically the most difficult day, emotionally and intellectually, for staffers. This will be an opportunity to ask questions, raise concerns, and check-in with both RA and tour provider staff at the midpoint of the trip. **Why:** We have found that a midpoint of the trip check in is extremely important to staffers. This is a chance to see how everyone is dealing with all of the things that they have seen and experienced, to take suggestions and comments, and to ensure that the experience is going well overall. **Presenter:** Rebuilding Alliance staff and Itamar Shapirra **Location:** Saint George Cathedral GuestHouse, Jerusalem **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.
Overnight at Saint George Cathedral Guesthouse, Jerusalem	
*Note: 23:45 Sharon Nichols Return Flight to U.S.	EY5304 Depart 23:45 AMM-AUH, arrival 03:45 EY0005 Depart 10:10 (10/24) AUH-IAD, arrival 16:35 to Washington D.C.
10/24/24 Thursday: Virtual Meeting with UNRWA Jordan, Jerusalem and Old City, Meeting with Latin Patriarch, UNOCHA	
08:00-08:30 MS Teams call with UNRWA Jordan	**What:** Microsoft Teams call with the UNRWA Jordan team to discuss upcoming visit to UNRWA facilities in Amman, Jordan **Why:** To discuss safety and security in light of developments in the region, ahead of Sunday's visit with UNRWA in Amman, Jordan. The UNRWA team wanted to share their proposed agenda with the staff travelers and adjust accordingly. **Presenter:** Olaf Becker, Director of UNRWA Jordan **Location:** Virtual; staff took the call from their rooms at the St. George Cathedral Guesthouse. **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.
08:30-09:45 Breakfast at hotel	
09:45-10:15 Transit to Haas Promenade	Via minibus

10:15-11:45 Haas Promenade, view over Jerusalem	**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. **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. **Presenter:** Itamar Shapira, LLM tour leader **Location:** Jerusalem's Haas Promenade, Daniel Yanofsky Street, Jerusalem, Israel **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.
11:45-12:15 Transit to the Old City for tour and lunch at local restaurant	Via minibus
12:15-13:00 Lunch at the Austrian Hospice Cafe	37 Via Dolorosa Street, Jerusalem
13:00-15:15 Guided Walking tour of Old City of Jerusalem	**What:** 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 begin to understand the varied aspirations of Palestinians and Israelis. Tour through the Muslim Quarter of the City will highlight the recent expansion of Israeli settlements in the Quarter, and how this issue has increased tensions between residents. The tour will visit the Jewish Quarter as well as the Western Wall, to discuss Jewish history and presence in the Old City. Tour will visit the Armenian Quarter and discuss the ancient Armenian presence in the city, as well as the more recent takeover and sale of Armenian property to Israelis, which has proved to be a legal and political issue. **Why:** A major objective is to provide the Congressional staff with an understanding of the history of the city of Jerusalem, from ancient to modern times, leading up to the current conditions. Any discussion of

	that history must include the historical and religious sites in the Old City of Jerusalem. **Tour Guide:** Itamar Shapira, LLM tour guide **Location:** Old City of Jerusalem **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.
15:15-15:30 Transit to Office of the Latin Patriarchate	Short walk
15:30-16:30 Meeting with Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem	**What**: The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem is the archbishop of Latin Church Catholics of the Archdiocese of Jerusalem with jurisdiction for all Latin Catholics in Israel, Palestine, Jordan and Cyprus. Meeting with one of Patriarch Pizzaballa's closest advisors, the Rev. Davide Meli, Chancellor of the Latin Patriarchate. **Why:** The Latin Patriarch's Office worked with the Jordanian Air Force and Rebuilding Alliance to deliver emergency aid on Christmas Eve 2023 to the families taking refuge in the Holy Family Church in Gaza City. This meeting will outline how airdrops may be the only way to alleviate suffering for families in the North, especially as of Sunday, October 6th when the Israeli Army issued forced displacement orders to all of the 300,000 people living in the north of the Gaza strip. **Presenter:** Father Davide Melli , Chancellor of the Latin Patriarchate; **Location:** Meeting Room at the office of the Latin Patriarchate **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.
16:30-17:00 Transit to UNOCHA office	Via minibus
17:00-18:45: UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) Meeting	**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. UNOCHA staff will discuss, in particular, how their operations have changed since the war in Gaza began, and what they are seeing on the ground in Gaza. Discussion will also discuss settler violence in the West Bank, and the role this and settlement expansion has played in the security situation there.

	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 **Presenter:** Ofir Feuerstein, UNOCHA Communications Lead **Location:** UNOCHA Office, East Jerusalem **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.
18:45-19:00 Transit to St. George Cathedral Guest House in Jerusalem	8 min walk
19:00-19:45 Dinner at hotel	
19:45-20:00 free time before evening meeting	
20:00-21:30 Zoom meeting with American doctors	**What:** Zoom meeting with Dr. Josh Feder and Dr. Ali al-Shaar, conversation about Israeli and Palestinian trauma experienced especially by children. They explored pathways for trauma recovery. **Why:** This conversation about health in Palestine and the topic of shared trauma between Israelis and Palestinians fits with the medical focus of this trip. **Presenters:** Dr. Josh Feder an experienced and compassionate psychiatrist serving children, adults, and families who is a constituent of Rep. Scott Peters, and Dr. Ali al-Shaar, a Harvard educated public health and health systems specialist. The two doctors have been working together for many years. This presentation was facilitated by House staff traveler, Jason Bercovitch. **Where:** Saint George Cathedral Guesthouse, Jerusalem **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.
Overnight at Saint George Cathedral Guesthouse, Jerusalem	

10/25/24 Friday: Meeting with U.S. Office of Palestinian Affairs, World Health Organization, Khan al Ahmar, Kfar Adumim, Shabbat Service with Rabbi Moshe Silver	
08:00-08:45 Breakfast at hotel	
08:45-10:30 Meeting with Chief of the Office of Palestinian Affairs, Hans Weschel	**What:** Meeting with the Chief of the Office of Palestinian Affairs. This meeting will include a discussion about the State Department's role in Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza. Congressional staff and guests had the opportunity to ask questions about the "on the ground" operating environment. **Why:** This discussion is relevant to the House staff's official duties because as the Chief of the U.S. of Palestinian Affairs, Mr. Weschel holds leadership for U.S. relations with the Palestinian Authority and the Palestinian people in the West Bank, Jerusalem, and Gaza. This meeting gave our Travelers the opportunity to better understand U.S. policy. **Presenter:** OPA Chief Hans Weschel **Location:** St. George Cathedral Guesthouse, in Jerusalem **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.
10:30-11:00 Transit to Office of the World Health Organization	Via minibus
11:00-12:45 Meeting with W.H.O. Team	**What:** Meeting with World Health Organization team to discuss the health crisis in Gaza, the status of the 'Polio Pause' medical truce, the issues facing medical access, medical missions to Gaza, and medical evacuations especially of children **Why:** One of the goals of this trip is to focus on what can be done to extend the polio pause in duration and to provide soap, hygiene kits, food, medical supplies, and provide medical access in Gaza and throughout the region. W.H.O. works extensively in the region and can give insight into the challenges they face operating in Gaza and the West Bank. **Presenter:** Dr. Rik Peeperkorn, WHO Representative in the oPt; Dr. Ayadil Saparbekov, WHO Health Emergencies Team Lead **Location:** Othman Ibn Affan Street, 24 Sheikh Jarrah, Jerusalem **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activities.

12:45-13:30 Transit to Khan Al Ahmar	Via minibus
13:30-14:15: Lunch and introductions	
14:15-15:00 Tour of village and kindergarten	**What**: Khan Al Ahmar, a Bedouin community standing between Jerusalem and the E1 corridor/Maale Adumim settlement bloc, has long been threatened with forced displacement. This village, which predates the settlements around it, is one of the last Palestinian villages standing in the way of connecting the massive Maale Adumim settlement bloc to Jerusalem. Our meetings are with local leaders and residents to discuss the history of the area, the current legal standing of the court case filed against the community pressing for relocation, the recurring attacks by some of the settlers who live in the neighboring Kfar Adumim, and the efforts by other Kfar Adumim settlers to keep them safe. **Why**: E1 refers to the area between Jerusalem and the Maale Adumim- a massive bloc of settlements outside Jerusalem and in the West Bank. The small Bedouin community of Khan Al Ahmar has been at the center of court cases in Israel for years, with the State wanting the community evacuated, and moved elsewhere. They say it is for the community's own good, but the skeptics say it is to remove the final barrier to making Maale Adumim part of the Greater Jerusalem area and Israel proper. This area has received much international support from Europe and the U.S., which has helped keep it standing for now. **Presenter**: Eid Abu Khamees Jahalin **Location**: Khan Al Ahmar **Assurance**: The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activities.
15:00-15:30 Transit to Kfar Adumim	Via minibus
15:30-16:30 Meeting with community leaders from Kfar Adumim	**What**: Meeting with local leaders from the Kfar Adumim settlement near Khan Al Ahmar who seek to be good neighbors. **Why**: This is relevant to the mission of the trip because our program explores ways that various groups, from both sides, are able to come together to work towards peace. Contrary to the overriding narrative, there are some Israelis living in Israeli settlements who are working to

	help ensure that their Palestinian neighbors are able to stay on their land. Khan Al Ahmar's lawyers joined Khan Al Ahmar in their High Court Case to overcome potential forced displacement. **Presenter**: Community leaders Eitan Lehman , Wayne Horowitz, Yonatan Bing **Location**: Metek ha-Kharuv Street 10, Kfar Adumim **Assurance**: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity
16:30-17:30 Transit to meeting/Shabbat Dinner with Rabbi Moshe Silver	Via minibus
17:30-18:30 Meeting/ Shabbat services with Rabbi Moshe Silver of Seek the Peace of Jerusalem	**What:** Meeting with Rabbi Silver and his wife, Reva, who are founding members of Seek the Peace of Jerusalem, and part of the Sumareen coalition with Rebuilding Alliance. Rabbi Silver and his group work with Palestinian and international NGOs to keep Jerusalem neighborhoods standing. We attended their Shabbat service. **Why:** The coalition and Rabbi Moshe's organization exemplifies the success of groups coming together to save a home from demolition. We attended their Shabbat service to learn more about their Jerusalem community and the challenges they face. **Presenter:** Rabbi Moshe Silver **Location:** 22 Emek Refaim Street, Jerusalem **Assurance**: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity
18:30-18:45 Transit to home for Shabbat dinner	10 minute walk
18:30-21:00 Shabbat Dinner, home of Liat, a friend of Rabbi Moshe's	15 Gideon Street, Jerusalem
21:00-21:30 Transit to Hotel	Via minibus
Overnight at Saint George Cathedral Guesthouse, Jerusalem	

10/26/24 Saturday: Bethlehem, Old City and Church of the Nativity, Al Walajah, Gaza NGOs	
08:30-09:30 Breakfast at Hotel and checkout	
09:30-10:15 Transit to Bethlehem	
10:15-12:15 Bethlehem Church of Nativity and Old City Tour	**What:** Walking tour of the Old City area of Bethlehem. This includes the Old City, a look at Palestinian Christian emigration from the area, visiting shops with a look into the impact of tourism on the economy. The tour included Manger Square, Saint Catherine's Church and the Church of the Nativity, with a focus on Christian history in the Palestinian Territories. 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. **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. Additionally, the tour of the Old City will discuss the issue of much of the Palestinian Christian population emigrating out of what was previously a Christian majority city, as well as the impact that tourism in Bethlehem, particularly the Old City, has on the economy of Palestine. **Location:** Manger Square, Bethlehem **Tour Guide:** Sana Sansour, HLT Tour Guide **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity
12:15-12:30 Walk across Manger Square to Afteem Restaurant for lunch	
12:30-13:30 Lunch	
13:30-14:00 Transit to Battir	
14:00-16:00 Tour of Battir Village	**What:** The Palestinian village of Battir, much of which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site ("The Cultural Landscape of Southern Jerusalem, the Land of Olives and Vines"). Staff visited the heritage site and toured the village to learn about its history and the current issues

	facing the community. **Why:** Battir has come under particular threat within the last 6 months. Over the summer, the government of Israel announced a new settlement to be built in the area, on Battir lands, called "Nahal Heletz". This in addition to several new settler outposts and agricultural outposts in the area. This presentation is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Congressional staff's official duties because it addresses one of the key issues that is seen to impact peace in the region: settlement takeover of Palestinian village lands. 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. **Location:** Battir Village **Presenter:** Said Sansour and Elias D'eis, Holy Land Trust **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.
17:30-17:45 Transit to Holy Land Trust Office, Bethlehem	Via minibus
17:45-19:15 Teleconference Meeting with Rebuilding Alliance's Gaza NGO Partners	**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 60,000 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. **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. **Presenters:** Rebuilding Alliance staff in Gaza, led by RA's Gaza Programs Manager, Rafeek al Madhoun **Location:** Holy Land Trust Office, Bethlehem

	Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity
19:15-20:00 Transit to Saint Elias Hotel, Beit Sahour	Via minibus
20:00-20:30 Check in and take a short break	
20:30-20:40 Transit to the Tent Restaurant for dinner	Via minibus
20:40-22:00 Dinner at Tent Restaurant, Beit Sahour	
Overnight at Saint Elias Hotel, Beit Sahour	
10/27/24 Sunday: Border Crossing, UNRWA Jordan,World Food Programme, Royal Jordanian Air Force and Farewell Dinner	
06:00-06:30 Breakfast and Checkout of Hotel	Breakfast and Checkout
06:30-8:00Transit to border for crossing	Via minibus
08:00-10:00 Crossing back to Jordan	
*NOTE time change; Israel turned back their clocks the previous night, but Jordan did not, so schedule skips ahead by 1 hour.	
11:00-11:30 Transit to UNRWA Offices, Amman	Via minibus
11:30-13:00 Meeting with head of UNRWA Jordan	**What**: With Congress defunding UNRWA, it is important to understand the scope and scale of the work that they do **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. Instead of a cut in funding, if anything, the health centers need 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. 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. **Speaker**: Olaf Becker, Director of UNRWA-Jordan, Meeting with students who were elected into UNRWA's youth parliaments **Location**: UNRWA Amman Training Center, Jabar Ben Hayyan Street **Assurance**: The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.
13:00- 13:15 Transit to grab quick Shawarma for lunch	Via minibus
13:15-14:15 Lunch on road	
14:15-14:45 Transit to World Food Programme Office, Amman	Via minibus
14:45-16:00 Meeting with World Food Programme Staff	**What:** Meeting with World Food Programme staff to discuss the aid situation in Gaza. **Why:** Rebuilding Alliance partners with WFP to provide hot meals in Gaza; WFP will discuss aid challenges in Gaza and how U.S. could better support aid there **Presenter:** Alberto Mendes, Head of WFP Jordan **Location:** Wifak Street 79, Amman **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.
16:00-16:30 Transit to Royal Jordanian Air Force for meeting	Via minibus
16:30- 19:15 Meeting and Closing Dinner with RJAF	**What:** Visit and dinner with the Royal Jordanian Air Force

	Why: One of the focuses of this trip is medical and aid access for Gaza. The Commander of the Royal Jordanian Air Force described the role of the RJAF in providing aid via air drops from planes, and the new plan to establish an Aid Bridge via helicopters to increase aid deliveries to Gaza. **Presenter:** Br. General Mohammad Hiyasat (RJAF), Col. Faisal Nuseirat (RJAF), Lt. Col. Ryan Bamford (USAF) **Location:** King Abdullah I Street, Al Matar, Amman, Jordan **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.
19:15-20:15 Transit to Queen Alia International Airport for Departures	Via minibus
23:10 Flights Depart back to the U.S. (Vianna, Christopher)	Etihad Airways 5304 23:10 Departure AMM-AUH Etihad Flight 0005 Departure 10:30 10/28, AUH-IAD Arrives 10/28 at 17:25
10/28/24 Monday - Return Flights (Vianna Vo, Christopher Koya, Jason Bercovitch)	
01:00 Flight departs back to the U.S. (Jason)	Qatar Airways 6101 01:00 Departure AMM-DOH Qatar Airways Flight 0739 Departure 07:35 DOH-LAX arrives 13:50
Arriving in the U.S.	Vianna Vo, Christopher Koya: Arrival 17:25 IAD Jason Bercovitch: Arrival 13:50 LAX

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StaffDel Leadership Learning Mission 9.0 to Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Amman
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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 health and safety of children and families. 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 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, Gaza, and Jordan
- 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 maker, as well as doctors, medical groups, and front-line personnel at aid agencies to understand the challenges of assuring emergency relief especially in Gaza
- 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, the West Bank, and Amman is to give Senior 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: In the West Bank and Jerusalem, Holy Land Trust is the tour operator selected by Rebuilding Alliance to implement this fact-finding mission. Elias D'eis and Itamar Shappira are the Tour Guides. In Jordan, RA is working with Apollo Travel.

Detailed Agenda LLM 9.0 Oct 18-27 StaffDel

Overview

Friday, October 18th: Departures
Afternoon Departure from DCA (17:52)

Saturday, October 19th: Arrival to Amman, Jordan
Afternoon Arrival at Queen Alia Airport
- Orientation Dinner

Sunday, October 20th: U.S. Embassy in Jordan, Meeting with Royal Court of the Hashemite Kingdom, JHCO, RJAF
- US Embassy Staff: Kevin Skillin- Acting Deputy Chief of Mission, Chris Steel- USAID
- Meeting with senior staff at the Royal Court of the Hashemite Kingdom
- Meeting with the Director of the Jordanian Hashemite Charity Organization, the group that implements the Jordanian Humanitarian Corridor
- Visit with the Royal Jordanian Air Force, tour of airdrop operations

Monday, October 21st: Border Crossing, Jericho, Ministry of Health in Ramallah, American Doctors on Medical Missions
- Early morning border crossing
- Jericho and lunch with Parents Circle
- Palestinian Ministry of Health, Ramallah
- Visiting hospital in Ramallah that has hosted American doctors on medical missions

Tuesday, October 22nd: Military Court Watch, PHRI, US Embassy Annex Team, Israeli NGOs
- Military Court Watch
- Meeting with Physicians for Human Rights Israel
- Tour of Historic Jaffa
- Meeting with Leslie Hayden, Political Affairs Counselor at the U.S. Embassy
- Meeting with B'Tselem: the Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories, Gisha

Wednesday, October 23rd: Hebron History and South Hebron Hills
- Hebron tour including Tomb of Patriarchs and Ibrahimi Mosque, H1
- H2 and Shuhada street, Jewish settlements
- Visit Susiya
- Meeting with Center for Jewish Nonviolence
- Meeting with members of Um Al Kheir community following recent home demolitions
- Evening Debrief and Discussion

Thursday, October 24th: Lt. General Fenzel: US Security Coordinator for Israel and the Palestinian Authority, Jerusalem, UNOCHA, Israeli-American Hostage's Family

- Lt. General Fenzel, USSC
- Haas Promenade overlook of Jerusalem
- Meeting with the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem
- Jerusalem Old City tour including religious sites: Holy Sepulcher Church, Haram al-Sharif, Western Wall
- Visit with UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA-oPt)
- Meeting with family of Israeli-American hostage

Friday, October 25th: Meeting with U.S. Office of Palestinian Affairs, World Health Organization, Khan al Ahmar, Kfar Adumim, Rabbi Moshe Silver

- Breakfast meeting with U.S. Office of Palestinian Affairs
- Meeting with W.H.O.
- Khan al Ahmar Village and tour of kindergarten
- Visit to the Settlement of Kfar Adumim
- Shabbat Service with Rabbi Moshe Silver

Saturday, October 26th: Bethlehem, Church of the Nativity, Al Walajah, Gaza NGOS

- Church of Nativity and the Old City of Bethlehem
- Visit to Al Walajah and Battir to discuss home demolitions, visit USAID funded clinic under threat of demolition
- Zoom with Gaza NGOs

Sunday, October 27th: Long Transit to Amman, UNRWA Jordan, World Food Programme, Dinner with Rotary

- Early morning transit to Amman at the King Hussein (Allenby) Bridge
- Meeting with UNRWA Jordan
- Meeting with the World Food Programme, Jordan
- Farewell Dinner with Amman Rotarians
- Departures

Monday, October 28th : Travel

- Arrivals back in United States

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*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. To assure the safety and security of our travelers, Rebuilding Alliance opted to fly round trip via Amman.*

10/18/24 Friday Departures	
For Vianna, Sharon, Kevin, Christopher 16:19 Flight departs from DCA to Amman For Jason 09:51 Flight departs from LAX to Amman	Royal Jordanian Flight 7180 DCA-ORD 16:19 Departure Royal Jordanian Flight 0264 ORD-AMM Depart 20:10 Royal Jordanian Flight 7137 LAX-ORD 09:51 Departure Royal Jordanian Flight 0264 ORD-AMM Depart 20:10
10/19/24 Saturday: Arrival in Amman, Jordan	
15:50 Arrivals in Amman, Jordan	Queen Alia International Airport
15:50-17:00 Transfer delegation members from Airport to Hotel	Via Minibus
17:00-18:30 Check in to hotel, settle in to rooms	
18:30-20:00 Dinner	
Overnight at Landmark Hotel in Amman	
10/20/24 Sunday: U.S. Embassy and USAID staff in Jordan, Royal Court, Jordan Hashemite Charities, Royal Jordanian Air Force	
08:30-09:30 Breakfast at Hotel	
09:30-10:00 Transit to U.S. Embassy, Amman	Via minibus
10:00-11:30 U.S. Embassy, Amman	**What:** Meeting with US Embassy Staff, and USAID Staff **Why:** Discussion of U.S. relationship with Jordan and Jordan's role in the region with the USAID staff to focus on aid to Gaza. **Location:** U.S. Embassy, Amman **Presenters:** Kevin Skillin, Acting Deputy Chief of Mission; Chris Steel, USAID **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.

11:30 - 11:45 Transit to meeting with Royal Court	Transit via minibus
11:45-13:00 Meeting with Royal Court	**What:** Meeting with representatives from the Royal Court of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan **Why:** The Jordanian Government is responsible for the administration of Islamic Holy Sites in Jerusalem, and also operates two field hospitals in Gaza. Royal Court staff will introduce the Jordanian Humanitarian Corridor to Gaza, and discuss the challenges and successes in delivering aid to families in need in Gaza. **Presenter:** Representatives of the Royal Court **Where:** Amman **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
13:00-13:30 Transit to local restaurant for lunch	Via minibus
13:30-14:15 Lunch	
14:15-14:45 Transit to meeting with JHCO	
14:45- 16:15 Meeting with JHCO	**What:** The Jordanian Hashemite Charity Organization is pivotal in providing humanitarian aid to vulnerable populations including Palestinian refugees in Gaza and the West Bank and is playing a significant role during emergencies in the region, including the current humanitarian emergency in Gaza **Why**: Because JHCO manages all of Jordan's international humanitarian efforts and manages the humanitarian corridor and works 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. Their goal is to bring 50 trucks a day through Israel to the Zikim border crossing into Gaza. **Presenter:** Dr. 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.

16:15-17:00 Transit to meeting with Royal Jordanian Air Force (RJAF)	
17:00-19:00 Meeting with Royal Jordanian Air Force (RJAF)	**What:** Visit with the Royal Jordanian Air Force and tour of airdrop operations **Why:** One of the focuses of this trip is medical and aid access for Gaza. This meeting will be a way to understand the strategy of air drop aid, and what can be done to increase aid deliveries during the ongoing war in Gaza. **Presenter:** Jordanian Air Force personnel **Location:** Amman, Jordan **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
19:00-19:30 Transit back to Landmark Hotel	Via minibus
19:30-20:30 Dinner at Landmark Hotel	
Overnight at Landmark Hotel, Amman	
10/21/24 Monday: Travel to Israel via Allenby Border Crossing, Jericho and lunch with Parents Circle, Ministry of Health in Ramallah, American Doctors on Medical Missions	
07:00-08:00 Breakfast at Hotel and check out	
08:00-09:00 Transit to border crossing	Via minibus
09:00-11:30 Cross Border	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

11:30-12:00 Transit to Jericho for lunch	Via minibus
12:00-13:45 Lunch Orientation and meeting with Parents Circle	**What:** Lunch in Jericho and meeting the team who will be with us for the next week in Israel/West Bank; introductions with our tour guides from Holy Land Trust and our Israeli tour guide Itamar; This lunch will also serve as an orientation to the Israel/West Bank section of the trip, as this is our first day on the ground in the West Bank; Meeting with community leaders and members of the organization Parents Circle Families Forum, Bassem and one of his colleagues. "Parents Circle" is a group of bereaved families who have lost loved ones to the cycle of violence related to the Israeli Occupation and conflict. **Why:** Tour guides will introduce the situation on the ground and provide important and necessary context for many of the upcoming meetings and for the places that we will be going. Meeting with leaders in the Israeli and Palestinian Communities who are working towards a just and peaceful solution, building bridges and crossing cultural and societal boundaries, is essential. Rebuilding Alliance has brought Bassem to the U.S. for speaking tours in the past, and Baseem recently met with Pope Francis at the Vatican. **Presenters:** Elias D'eis (Holy Land Trust), and Itamar Shappira, our Israeli tour guide, Bassem Aramim from Parents Circle **Location:** Jericho, West Bank **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
13:30-14:30 Transit to Palestinian Ministry of Health	
14:30-15:45 Meeting with Palestinian Health Minister, Ramallah	**What:** Meeting with the new Palestinian Minister of Health in the West Bank, Majed Abu Ramadan. The delegation will be informed about the overall health situation in the Palestinian Territories, as well as what role the PA Ministry of Health is playing in addressing the current health crisis in Gaza. **Why:** One of the focuses of this trip is the health situation in the Palestinian Territories. Meeting with the Health Minister will be an opportunity to understand the challenges facing the healthcare sector in the West Bank, and of course in the ongoing war in Gaza, and what the plan is to address what will be a huge health crisis once the war ends.

	Presenter: Majed Abu Ramadan, Minister of Health **Location:** Ministry of Health, Ramallah **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
15:45-16:00 Transit to Ramallah Medical Complex	Via Minibus
16:00-19:00 Meeting with hospital staff, tour of hospital	**What:** American organizations send doctors to help alleviate strain on the West Bank and Gaza health care systems, especially the system in Gaza that has collapsed. This hospital recently hosted American doctors. Hospital staff will discuss health care challenges in the West Bank. Group will receive a tour of the hospital and meet with staff there. **Why:** The health system in the West Bank is under incredible strain; with settler and Israel military violence on the rise in the West Bank, hospitals are seeing more and more traumatic injuries. Understanding the challenges faced by the health care system, and what role the U.S. can play, is an important conversation. **Presenters:** Hospital staff **Location::** Ramallah Medical Complex **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
19:00-20:00 Transit to Jerusalem to check in at hotel	
20:00-20:45 Dinner at Hotel	
Overnight at Saint George Cathedral Guesthouse	
10/22/24 Tuesday: Military Court Watch, PHRI, Jaffa Tour,US Embassy Annex, Israeli NGOs	
07:00-08:00 Breakfast at hotel	
08:00-09:30 Military Court Watch	**What:** Military Court Watch will introduce their work to the delegation, provide background and context on the justice systems in Israel and the West Bank. **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. **Presenters:** Gerard Horton and Salwa Duiabis, Military Court Watch **Location:** Meeting room in the St. George Cathedral Guesthouse, Jerusalem **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering
09:30-11:30 Transit to Tel Aviv, Physicians for Human Rights Israel Office	Via Minibus
11:30-13:00 Meeting with Physicians for Human Rights Israel	**What:** Meeting with Physicians for Human Rights Israel (PHRI) to discuss their role in medical evacuations from Gaza during crisis, and status of their High Court cases **Why:** Over 14,000 people in Gaza are in critical need of medical evacuations, including children. PHRI is involved in getting children out of Gaza for care. **Presenter:** Mays Medleg, International Advocacy Coordinator **Location:** Tel Aviv **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
13:00-13:45 Lunch at local restaurant in Jaffa	Via minibus
13:45-14:45 Short walking tour of historical Jaffa	**What:** Walking tour of historic Jaffa. Tour will go through the historic neighborhoods of Jaffa, as well as the more modern and gentrified sections, visit the old Port and the famous Jaffa Clock tower. Will also visit the waterfront and historic Saint Peter's Church. Discussion of the 1948 displacement of many Palestinians from Jaffa, and how that still impacts the area today. **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. 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. 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. 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. **Tour Guides:** Jack Saba **Location:** Historic Jaffa **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
14:45-15:00Transit to U.S. Embassy meeting	Via minibus
15:00-16:30 U.S. Embassy Meeting	**What:** Meeting with a Political Counselor and a Special Assistant, U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv Branch **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 **Presenter:** Leslie Hayden, Political Counselor **Location:** Asimi Coffee House, Tel Aviv **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity
16:30-16:45 Transit to Gisha: Legal Center for Freedom of Movement	Via Minibus
16:45-18:30 Meeting with Israeli NGOs	**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. **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. **Presenters:** Rebecca Metzer, Director of International Relations 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 **Location:** Gisha Office, Harakevet St. 42, Tel Aviv **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity
18:30-18:45 Transit to dinner at Old Man of the Sea	Via minibus
18:45-20:00 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
20:00-21:30 Transportation by minibus to Jerusalem	Via minibus
Overnight at the St. George's Cathedral Guesthouse in Jerusalem	
10/23/24 Wednesday: Hebron History and South Hebron Hills	

06:45-07:30	Breakfast at hotel
07:30-08:45 Transit to Hebron	Via minibus
08:45-11:45 Tour of Hebron, H1 and H2 areas including Shuhada street and Jewish settlements	**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. **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. **Presenters:** Tariq Tamimi, Hebron Chamber of Commerce, Itamar Shappira, and a local guide who was himself a child survivor of the 1994 massacre **Location:** Hebron **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
11:45-12:30 Transit to village of Susiya	Via minibus
12:30-13:15 Lunch in Susiya	
13:15-14:00 Overview of the history of the Palestinian village of Susiya, meeting local leaders	**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. **Why:** Two things all towns do is issue building permits and control their police forces, neither of which is permitted in Area C of the West Bank. This trip will consider the psycho-social ramifications of home demolitions and settler violence. We will explore ways to prevent the

	demolition of Palestinian homes, schools, barns, and neighborhoods, and explore how to prevent settler attacks. **Presenters:** Fatma Nawaja - head of Susiya Rural Women's Association and Social Worker with Rebuilding Alliance **Location:** Rural Women's Center, Susiya **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	**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. **Why:** A core goal is to encourage peacemakers. The Center for Jewish NonViolence brings Jewish activists from around the world, many of whom are Americans, to live in Susiya and other Palestinian villages to join in Palestinian-led nonviolent civil resistance to occupation, displacement. **Presenters:** Young people who are staying in Susiya and At-Tuwani villages as a protective presence, often accompanying shepherds to prevent attacks by settlers. **Location:** Susiya **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
14:30-15:00 Transit to village of Umm al Kheir	Via Minibus
15:00-16:00 Meeting with members of the Um Al Kheir Community	**What:** The village of Umm al Kheir sits very close to the Israeli settlement of Carmel. Delegation will meet members of the community following a recent string of homes demolition by the Government of Israel. Delegation will learn about the issue of home demolitions and settler violence in the South Hebron Hills area. **Why:** The issue of home demolitions and settlements/settler violence are on the rise in the West Bank, and two of the biggest obstacles to peace. **Presenter:** Eid Suleiman, Rebuilding Alliance Staff **Location:** Umm Al Kheir

	Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
16:00-17:45 Transit back to Jerusalem	Via minibus
17:45-18:30 Free time	
18:30-19:30 Dinner at Hotel	
19:30-21:00 Discussion and debrief of activities	**What:** Based on previous delegations, this day spent in Hebron and the South Hebron Hills is typically the most difficult day, emotionally and intellectually, for staffers. This will be an opportunity to ask questions, raise concerns, and check-in with both RA and tour provider staff at the midpoint of the trip. **Why:** We have found that a midpoint of the trip check in is extremely important to staffers. This is a chance to see how everyone is dealing with all of the things that they have seen and experienced, to take suggestions and comments, and to overall ensure that the experience is going well. **Presenter:** Rebuilding Alliance staff and Itamar Shapirra **Location:** Saint George Cathedral GuestHouse, Jerusalem **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
Overnight at Saint George Cathedral Guesthouse, Jerusalem	
10/24/24 Thursday: Military Court Watch, Jerusalem and Old City, Meeting with Latin Patriarch, UNOCHA, Israeli-American Hostage's Family	
07:15-08:00 Breakfast at hotel	
08:00-09:30 Meeting with Lt. Gen Fenzel of the USSC, St. George Cathedral Guest House in Jerusalem	**What:** A thoughtful discussion about the aftermath of the October 7th attacks **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. **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.
09:30-10:15 Transit to Haas Promenade	Via minibus
10:15-11:45 Haas Promenade, view over Jerusalem	**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. **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. **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.
11:45-12:00 Transit to local restaurant for lunch	Via minibus
12:00-12:45 Lunch	
12:45-13:00 Transit to Old City for Tour	Via minibus
13:00-15:15 Guided Walking tour of Old City of Jerusalem	**What:** 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 begin to understand the varied aspirations of Palestinians and Israelis. Tour through the Muslim Quarter of the City will highlight the recent expansion of Israeli settlements in the Quarter, and how this issue has increased tensions between residents. The tour will visit the Jewish Quarter as well as the Western Wall, to discuss Jewish history

	and presence in the Old City. Tour will visit the Armenian Quarter and discuss the ancient Armenian presence in the city, as well as the more recent takeover and sale of Armenian property to Israelis, which has proved to be a legal and political issue. **Why:** A major objective is to provide the Congressional staff with an understanding of the history of the city of Jerusalem, from ancient to modern times, leading up to the current conditions. Any discussion of that history must include the historical and religious sites in the Old City of Jerusalem. **Tour Guide:** Itamar Shapira, LLM tour guide **Location:** Old City of Jerusalem **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
15:15-15:30 Transit to Armenian Quarter	Via Minibus
15:30-16:30 Meeting with Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem	**What**: The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem is 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 advisors is the Rev. Davide Meli, Chancellor of the Latin Patriarchate. **Why:** The Latin Patriarch's Office worked with the Jordanian Air Force and Rebuilding Alliance to deliver emergency aid on Christmas Eve 2023 to the families taking refuge in the Holy Family Church in Gaza City. This meeting will outline how airdrops may be the only way to alleviate suffering for families in the North, especially as of Sunday, October 6th when the Israeli Army issued forced displacement orders to all of the 300,000 people living in the north of the Gaza strip. **Presenter:** Father Davide Melli , Chancellor of the Latin Patriarchate; Patriarch Pierbattista Pizzaballa **Location:** Meeting Room at the office of the Latin Patriarchate **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
16:30-17:00 Transit to UNOCHA office	Via Minibus

17:00-18:45: UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) Meeting	**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. UNOCHA staff will discuss, in particular, how their operations have changed since the war in Gaza began, and what they are seeing on the ground in Gaza. Discussion will also discuss settler violence in the West Bank, and the role this and settlement expansion has played in the security situation there. **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 **Presenter:** UNOCHA Humanitarian Coordinator **Location:** UNOCHA Office, East Jerusalem **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
18:45-19:00 Transit to St. George Cathedral Guest House in Jerusalem	8 min walk
19:00-19:45 Dinner at hotel	
19:45-20:00 free time before evening meeting	
20:00-21:30 Meeting with the family of Israeli-American hostage	**What:** Meeting with family members of American hostage, Hersh Goldberg-Polin, who was held hostage for almost 11 months until his body was recovered from a tunnel in Rafah in the Gaza Strip on 31 August 2024 along with 5 other hostages executed by Hamas. **Why:** Hearing from this Israeli American family directly impacted by the October 7th attacks is extremely important because they are honoring his memory with a revolution of compassion. **Presenter:** Family members of Hersh Goldberg- Polin: Jon and Rachel, his parents, and Eliot Polin, his cousin. **Where:** Saint George Cathedral Guesthouse, Jerusalem **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.

Overnight at Saint George Cathedral Guesthouse, Jerusalem	
10/25/24 Friday: Meeting with U.S. Office of Palestinian Affairs, World Health Organization, Khan al Ahmar, Kfar Adumim, Shabbat Service with Rabbi Moshe Silver	
08:00-08:45 Breakfast at hotel	
08:45-10:30 Meeting with Office of Palestinian Affairs, OPA Chief Political Counselor and Acting Chief, Lourdes Lamela	**What:** Meeting with the Acting Chief and Political Counselor from the Office of Palestinian Affairs. 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. **Why:** This 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. **Presenter:** OPA Chief Political Counselor and Acting Chief, Lourdes Lamela **Location:** St. George Cathedral Guesthouse, in Jerusalem **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
10:30-11:00 Transit to Augusta Victoria Hospital to meet W.H.O. team	Via minibus
11:00-12:45 Meeting with W.H.O. Team	**What:** Meeting with World Health Organization team to discuss the health crisis in Gaza, the status of the 'Polio Pause' medical truce, the issues facing medical access, medical missions to Gaza, and medical evacuations especially of children **Why:** One of the goals of this trip is to focus on what can be done to extend the polio pause in duration and to provide soap, hygiene kits, food, medical supplies, and provide medical access in Gaza and throughout the region. W.H.O. works extensively in the region and can give insight into the challenges they face operating in Gaza and the West Bank.

	The Augusta Victoria Hospital is owned and operated by the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), located on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem, and receives critical funding from the United States, including over $100,000 presented by President Biden in his 2022 visit. It is a center of medical excellence in East Jerusalem, serving the five million Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza. As one of the six hospitals in the East Jerusalem Hospitals Network (EJHN), AVH offers specialized care not available in other hospitals in the West Bank and Gaza, including radiation therapy for cancer patients and pediatric hemodialysis. Now, medical evacuation patients from Gaza are barred from receiving life saving care here.
12:45-13:30 Transit to Khan Al Ahmar	Via minibus
13:30-14:15: Lunch and introductions	
14:15-15:00 Tour of village and kindergarten	**What**: Khan Al Ahmar, a Bedouin community standing between Jerusalem and the E1 corridor/Maale Adumim settlement bloc, has long been threatened with forced displacement. This village, which predates the settlements around it, is one of the last Palestinian villages standing in the way of connecting the massive Maale Adumim settlement bloc to Jerusalem. Our meetings are with local leaders and residents to discuss the history of the area, the current legal standing of the court case filed against the community pressing for relocation, the recurring attacks by some of the settlers who live in the neighboring Kfar Adumim, and the efforts by other Kfar Adumim settlers to keep them safe. **Why**: E1 refers to the area between Jerusalem and the Maale Adumim- a massive bloc of settlements outside Jerusalem and in the West Bank. The small Bedouin community of Khan Al Ahmar has been at the center of court cases in Israel for years, with the State wanting the community evacuated, and moved elsewhere. They say it is for the community's own good, but the skeptics say it is to remove the final barrier to making Maale Adumim part of the Greater Jerusalem area and Israel proper. This area has received much international support from Europe and the U.S., which has helped keep it standing for now. **Presenter**: Eid Abu Khamees Jahalin **Location**: Khan Al Ahmar

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15:00-15:30 Transit to Kfar Adumim	Via minibus
15:30-16:130 Meeting with community leaders from Kfar Adumim	**What**: Meeting with a local leader from the settlement nearby to Khan Al Ahmar, Kfar Adumim **Why**: This is relevant to the mission of the trip because one of the things that our program is exploring is ways that various groups, from both sides, are able to come together to work towards peace. Contrary to the overriding narrative, there are some Israelis living in Israeli settlements who are working to help ensure that their Palestinian neighbors are able to stay on their land. Khan Al Ahmar, long a community facing court cases and potential displacement, is one such community. Some of the Israelis in Kfar Adumim speak out to keep Khan Al Ahmar standing. **Presenter**: Ezra Korman **Location**: Khan Al Ahmar **Assurance**: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity
16:30-17:30 Transit to meeting/Shabbat Dinner with Rabbi Moshe Silver	Via Minibus
17:30-18:30 Meeting with Rabbi Moshe Silver of Seek the Peace of Jerusalem	**What:** Meeting with Rabbi Silver, who is a founding member of Seek the Peace of Jerusalem, and part of the Sumareen coalition with Rebuilding Alliance. Rabbi Silver and his group work with Palestinian and international NGOs to keep Jerusalem neighborhoods standing. **Why:** The coalition and Rabbi Moshe's organization exemplifies various groups coming together and working to save a home- starting small, with one home, but that home being very important to that family. This will also discuss some of the advocacy work RA has undertaken. **Presenter:** Rabbi Moshe Silver **Location:** Jerusalem

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18:30-21:00 Shabbat Dinner, Home of Rabbi Moshe Silver, and the homes of other members of his community in Jerusalem	
21:00-21:30 Transit to Hotel	Via minibus
Overnight at Saint George Cathedral Guesthouse, Jerusalem	
10/26/24 Saturday: Bethlehem, Old City and Church of the Nativity, Al Walajah, Gaza NGOs	
08:30-09:30 Breakfast at Hotel and checkout	
09:30-10:15 Transit to Bethlehem	
10:15-12:30 Bethlehem Church of Nativity and Old City Tour	**What:** Walking tour of the Old City area of Bethlehem. This includes the Old City, a look at Palestinian Christian emigration from the area, visiting shops with a look into the impact of tourism on the economy. Will also include Manger Square, Milk Grotto Church, Saint Catherine's Church and the Church of the Nativity, with a focus on Christian history in the Palestinian Territories. 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. **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. Additionally, the tour of the Old City will discuss the issue of much of the Palestinian Christian population emigrating out of what was previously a Christian majority city, as well as the impact that tourism in Bethlehem, particularly the Old City, has on the economy of Palestine. **Location:** Manger Square, Bethlehem **Tour Guide:** Sana Sansour, HLT Tour Guide

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12:30-12:45 Walk across Manger Square to Afteem Restaurant for lunch	
12:45-13:45 Lunch	
13:45-14:15 Transit to Al Walajah	
14:15-16:30 Visit to Al Walajah, meeting with Abu Khayra Family	**What:** The Palestinian village of Al-Walajeh, a 150 year old village, is located in Areas B, and C of the West Bank in the Bethlehem Governorate, near Jerusalem. The village's entire area, 18 km^2, 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. 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. Recent demolitions took place in mid-July, targeting the Al-Araj family. Delegation will meet with these families as well. Delegation will also visit a USAID funded clinic. **Why:** 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. 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. **Location:** Al-Walajah Village **Presenter:** Lulu Abu Khayra **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
16:30-17:00 Transit to Saint Elias Hotel, Beit Sahour	Via Minibus
17:00-17:30 Check in and settle into rooms/or free time	
17:30-17:45 Transit to Holy Land Trust Office	Via Minibus
17:45-19:15 Teleconference Meeting with Rebuilding Alliance's Gaza NGO Partners	**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 60,000 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. **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. **Presenters:** Rebuilding Alliance staff in Gaza; If possible we will also be joined by American doctors serving on a medical mission in Gaza **Location:** Holy Land Trust Office, Bethlehem **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity
19:15-19:30 Transit to Hotel	Via Minibus
19:30-20:15 Dinner at Hotel	

Overnight at Saint Elias Hotel, Beit Sahour	
10/27/24 Sunday: Meeting with UNRWA Jordan, Meeting with World Food Programme, Debrief and Farewell Dinner	
07:00-08:00 Breakfast and Checkout of Hotel	Breakfast and Checkout
08:00-9:00Transit to border for crossing	Via minibus
09:00-11:00 Crossing back to Jordan	
11:00-11:30 Transit to UNRWA Offices, Amman	Via Minibus
11:30-13:00 Meeting with head of UNRWA Jordan	**What**: With Congress defunding UNRWA, it is important to understand the scope and scale of the work that they do **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. Instead of a cut in funding, if anything, the health centers need 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. 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. **Speaker**: Olaf Becker, Director of UNRWA-Jordan **Location**: UNRWA Jordan Headquarters **Assurance**: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.

13:00- 13:15 Transit to restaurant for lunch	Via minibus
13:15-14:15 Lunch	
14:15-14:45 Transit to World Food Programme Office, Amman	Via minibus
14:45-16:30 Meeting with World Food Programme Staff	**What:** Meeting with World Food Programme staff to discuss the aid situation in Gaza. **Why:** Rebuilding Alliance partners with WFP to provide hot meals in Gaza; WFP will discuss aid challenges in Gaza and how U.S. could better support aid there **Presenter:** WFP Staff **Location:** Landmark Hotel, Amman **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
16:30-17:00 Transit to local restaurant for meeting and closing dinner with Rotary	Via minibus
17:00-19:15 Closing Dinner and Discussion with Rotary Amman	**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. **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. Jordan was the first to set up field hospitals in southern Gaza to help wounded and sick Palestinins 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. 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. **Presenters:** Marah al-Khayyat, Bashar SH. Haddad **Location:** Mijana Restaurant, Rainbow Street, Amman **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
19:15-20:15 Transit to Queen Alia International Airport for Departures	Via Minibus
23:05 Flight Depart back to the U.S. (Jason) 23:10 Flights Depart back to the U.S. (Vianna, Christopher)	Emirates Airlines Flight 2057 23:05 Departure AMM-DUB Emirates Airlines Flight 0215 Departure 08:30 10/28, DUB-LAX arrives 10/28 at 13:50 Etihad Airways 5304 23:10 Departure AMM-AUH Etihad Flight 0005 Departure 10:30 10/28, AUH-IAD Arrives 10/28 at 17:25
10/28/24 Monday - Return Flights (Vianna Vo, Christopher Koya, Jason Bercovitch)	
Arriving in the U.S.	Vianna Vo, Christopher Koya: Arrival 17:25 IAD Jason Bercovitch: Arrival 13:50 LAX

10/29/24 Tuesday- Return Flights (Kevin Griffen, Sharon Nichols)

11:20 Flight RJO2061 AMM-JFK 01:20 AA 4546 JFK-DCA Arrival DCA 22:54	Arrival IAD 09:20 on 10/30

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October 18, 2024

Ms. Sharon Nichols
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Dear Ms. Nichols:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Jordan and Israel,[1] scheduled for October 18 to 29, 2024, sponsored by Rebuilding Alliance and Rotary Club Woodside Portola Valley Foundation. We note that this trip includes two 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.

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[1] Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Office of House Security (OHS) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. OHS may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or ohsstaff@mail.house.gov. House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at https://step.state.gov.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

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