

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual *Financial Disclosure Statements* of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House by email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

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

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

7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
 - a. a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
 - b. the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
 - c. page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; **and**
 - d. the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. *Signify statement is true by checking the box.*
b. If not, explain: _____

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

Signature of Traveler: laura m engquist Date: _____

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

Name of Supervising Member: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Supervising Member: 

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original Amendment

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

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

2. Travel Destination(s): Israel

3. Date of Departure: May 24, 2025 Date of Return: June 1, 2025

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Laura Engquist

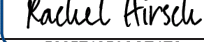
Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if **all** information is **identical** for each person listed.

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	\$9,435.87	\$2,347.03	\$1,447.25	\$4,461.09
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:  Date: 6/12/2025 | 10:27 EDT

Name: Rachel Hirsch Title: Chief Legal Counsel

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

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

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

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

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

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

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TRAVELER FORM

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

This form and any attachments may be submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

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

Name of Traveler: Laura Engquist

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

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

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): Laura Engquist

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Troy Balderson

Office Address: 2429 Rayburn

Telephone Number: 5-5355

Email Address of Contact Person: Laura.engquist@mail.house.gov

Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

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

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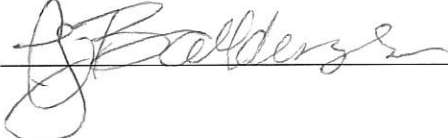
TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Laura Engquist
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: American Israel Education Foundation Inc. (AIEF)
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Israel
4. a. Date of Departure: May 24, 2025 Date of Return: June 1, 2025
b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Yes No Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**
 - (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____
 - (2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
 - (3) Yes No Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?
6. a. Yes No Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?
b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

7. Yes No *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**
As Rep. Balderson's DC Chief of Staff, AIEF will provide me with invaluable information and experiences crucial to advising Rep. Balderson on the US-Israel relationship and wider dynamics in the Middle East
9. **Yes No Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member:  Date: 04/23/2025

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee’s website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

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

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:
American Israel Education Foundation, Inc.
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*
3. **Check only one.** I represent that:
 - a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**
 - b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**
 - c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.
 If “c” is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): _____
 Please find attached _____
5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of Departure: May 24, 2025 Date of Return: June 1, 2025
7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C.
 b. Destination(s): Israel
 c. City of return: Washington, 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:

AIEF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a charitable and educational mission which includes, among other things, educating policy makers and opinion leaders about the U.S.-Israel relationship. AIEF is solely responsible for recruiting, coordinating, executing, and funding all aspects of this trip.

13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**

- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (specify: _____)
- b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (specify: Charter bus in Israel)
- 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): \$176.00

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

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

Hotel Name: King David Hotel City: Jerusalem Cost Per Night: \$369.00
 Reason(s) for Selecting: location and affordability

Hotel Name: Sheraton Hotel City: Tel Aviv Cost Per Night: \$439.00
 Reason(s) for Selecting: location and affordability

Hotel Name: Magdala Hotel City: Tiberias Cost Per Night: \$356.00
 Reason(s) for Selecting: location and affordability

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$10,533.33	\$2,640.00	\$1,232.00
For each Accompanying Family Member	n/a	n/a	n/a

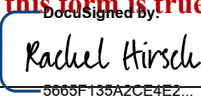
	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$3,919.33	Breakdown attached
For each Accompanying Family Member	n/a	n/a

19. **Check only one:**

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. **I certify by my signature that**

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

Signature:  Date: 4/21/2025 | 11:37 EDT
DocuSigned by: Rachel Hirsch 3663F135A2CE4E2...
 Name: Rachel Hirsch Title: Chief Legal Counsel
 Organization: American Israel Education Foundation, Inc. (AIEF)
 Address: 251 H Street, NW, Washington D.C. 20001
 Email: rhirsch@aiefdn.org Telephone: (202) 246-0519

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**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
Senior Congressional Staff
May 24-June 1, 2025**

Addendum

4. Name of Travelers

1. Jeff Bishop, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Jefferson Shreve (R-IN)
2. Reid Dagul, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Ben Cline (R-VA)
3. Andrew David, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Clay Higgins (R-LA)
4. Laura Engquist, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Troy Balderson (R-OH)
5. Jason Fischer, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Randy Fine (R-FL)
6. Alice Johnson, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Austin Scott (R-GA)
7. Karen Kelly, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Harold Rogers (R-KY)
8. Lauren Muglia, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Scott Perry (R-PA)
9. Andrew Renteria, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Dave Valadao (R-CA)
10. Ella Sullins, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Dale Strong (R-AL)
11. Charlie Truxal, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Kat Cammack (R-FL)
12. Nikki Wallace, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Michael Simpson (R-ID)
13. Bryan Wheat, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Celeste Maloy (R-UT)

5. Breakdown of other expenses

Other Cost	Cost per participant
Security	\$1,563.39
Speaker Fees	\$860.78
Room Rentals and Setup	\$526.21
Hotels for contract staff	\$468.83
Tour Guide/Yad Vashem Guide	\$364.33
Meals for contract staff and guests	\$326.24
Airport Assistance	\$148.06
Miscellaneous	\$93.09
Entrance Fees	\$39.05
Photography	\$36.96
Transportation for contract staff and speakers	\$34.15
Total per participant	\$4,461.09

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
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Addendum

4. List of Invitees

As senior congressional staff to member of Congress, these invitees are consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran’s affairs. These issues—along with issues more broadly related to the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel—will be explored during the AIEF Israel Seminar, which is focused on educating congressional on events throughout the region by providing on-the-ground context.

1. Jeff Bishop, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Jefferson Shreve (R-IN)
2. Reid Dagul, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Ben Cline (R-VA)
3. Andrew David, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Clay Higgins (R-LA)
4. Laura Engquist, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Troy Balderson (R-OH)
5. Jason Fischer, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Randy Fine (R-FL)
6. Alice Johnson, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Austin Scott (R-GA)
7. Karen Kelly, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Harold Rogers (R-KY)
8. Mike Martin, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Mark Alford (R-MO)
9. Lauren Muglia, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Scott Perry (R-PA)
10. Andrew Renteria, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Dave Valadao (R-CA)
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18. Breakdown of other expenses

Other Cost	Cost per participant
Security	\$1,333.33
Speaker Fees	\$1,000.00
Hotels for contract staff	\$400.00
Tour Guide/Yad Vashem Guide	\$320.00
Meals for contract staff and guests	\$300.00
Room Rentals and Setup	\$266.67
Airport Assistance	\$133.33
Miscellaneous	\$66.67
Photography	\$33.33
Transportation for contract staff and speakers	\$26.67
Entrance Fees	\$26.00
Tips	\$13.33
Total per participant=	\$3,919.33

**American Israel Education Foundation
Educational Seminar in Israel
Senior Congressional Staff
May 24 – June 1, 2025**

Saturday, May 24, 2025

8:10 AM	United Airlines #5386 departs Boise for Wallace
11:52 AM	American Airlines #5800 departs Harrisburg for Muglia
12:47 PM	American Airlines #5800 arrives Philadelphia for Muglia
12:50 PM	United Airlines #5386 arrives Chicago for Wallace
2:25 PM	United Airlines #580 departs Chicago for Wallace
3:20 PM	Amtrak #168 departs Washington, D.C. for Truxal
3:30 PM	Delta Airlines #2595 departs Atlanta for Johnson
3:50 PM	American Airlines #1421 departs DCA for David, Engquist, Kelly, Renteria, Sullins, Wheat
4:05 PM	American Airlines #2255 departs Philadelphia for Muglia
5:00 PM	Delta Airlines #5713 departs DCA for Dagul
5:25 PM	American Airlines #1421 arrives Boston for David, Engquist, Kelly, Renteria, Sullins, Wheat
5:30 PM	Delta Airlines #1035 departs Jacksonville for Fischer
5:32 PM	American Airlines #2255 arrives Boston for Muglia
6:00 PM	American Airlines #4389 departs Philadelphia for Bishop
6:03 PM	United Airlines #1421 arrives Boston for Wallace
6:14 PM	Delta Airlines #2595 arrives Boston for Johnson
6:21 PM	Amtrak #168 arrives Newark for Truxal
6:39 PM	Delta Airlines #5713 arrives JFK for Dagul

7:24 PM American Airlines #4389 arrives Boston for Bishop

8:04 PM Delta Airlines #1035 arrives JFK for Fischer

11:50 PM El Al Airlines #116 departs Boston for Bishop, David, Engquist, Johnson, Kelly, Muglia, Renteria, Sullins, Wallace, Wheat

11:50 PM El Al Airlines #8 departs JFK for Dagul, Fischer

11:50 PM El Al Airlines #26 departs Newark for Truxal

Sunday, May 25, 2025

4:50 PM El Al Airlines #116 arrives Tel Aviv for Bishop, David, Engquist, Johnson, Kelly, Muglia, Renteria, Sullins, Wallace, Wheat

5:10 PM El Al Airlines #8 arrives Tel Aviv for Dagul, Fischer

5:15 PM El Al Airlines #26 arrives Tel Aviv for Truxal

5:30 PM Transfer to Jerusalem
Check-in to the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

7:00 – 8:30 PM **Welcome and Orientation Dinner**
-at Kedma Bakikar

8:45 PM Depart

9:00 –10:00 PM **Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part I: The City of David**
Visit to archeological excavation site
-at the City of David, Jerusalem

10:15 PM Depart for the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

10:30 PM Overnight at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

Monday, May 26

7:00 – 8:15 AM Breakfast on own
-at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

- 8:30 – 9:30 AM **Pulse of the Nation**
with Efrat Shapira Rosenberg
Media Figure, Content Director, Beit Avi Chai Foundation
-at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
- 9:45 AM Depart
- 10:15 AM –12:30 PM **Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part II: The Holy Basin**
Guided visit through the Old City of Jerusalem
- 12:45 –1:45 PM Lunch
-at Luciana
- 1:45 PM Depart for Yad Vashem
- 2:30 – 4:30 PM **The Israeli Psyche, Part I: The Significance of the Holocaust**
Guided visit at Yad Vashem,
The World Holocaust Remembrance Center
- 4:45 PM Depart for the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
- 5:30-6:45 PM **Navigating the Middle East: Regional Strategic Overview**
Briefing by Brig. Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel
Former Director, Counter-Terrorism Bureau at Prime Minister's Office
-at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
- 7:15 PM Depart for Dinner
- 7:30 – 9:30 PM **The Israeli Mosaic**
-at Te'amim, Shuk Mahane Yehuda
- 9:45 PM Depart for the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
- 10:00 PM Overnight at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

Tuesday, May 27

- 7:00 – 8:00 AM Breakfast on own
-at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
- 8:30 – 9:30 AM **Israel's Quest for Peace**
Meeting with Dr. Tal Becker
Former Senior Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
-at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

10:00 –11:00 AM	Israeli Politics 101 With Prof. Netta Barak Corren Legal Scholar, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem -at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
11:00 AM	Depart for the Knesset
11:30 –12:30 PM	Israeli Democracy in Action, Part I: The Coalition Meeting with The Honorable Amir Ohana Speaker of the Knesset, Likud Party -at the Knesset
12:30 –1:15 PM	Israeli Democracy in Action, Part II: The Opposition Meeting with The Honorable Yorai Lahav-Hertzanu Member of Knesset, Yesh Atid Party -at the Knesset
1:15 – 2:15 PM	Lunch at the Knesset
2:30 PM	Visit the Plenary
3:00 PM	Depart for Mount Herzl Military Cemetery
3:15 – 4:30 PM	The Israeli Psyche, Part II: The Price of War Learn about the role of fallen soldiers in Israeli society -at Mount Herzl Military Cemetery
5:00 PM	Depart for hotel
5:30 – 6:30 PM	The Significance of the US-Israel Relationship With the Honorable Stephanie Hallett Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy in Israel -at the Vert Hotel, Jerusalem
7:00 PM	Depart for dinner

- 7:30 – 9:00 PM **Politics and Policy in Israel**
Dinner with Political advisors
- Maayan Samun
Advisor, The Honorable Yuli Edelstein, Member of the Knesset,
Likud Party
 - Ariel Segal
Advisor, The Honorable Yair Lapid, Head of the opposition and
Chair, Yesh Atid Party
 - Sharon Weinstein
Advisor, The Honorable Sharren Haskel, Member of the Knesset,
New Hope Party
- at 1868 restaurant
- 9:00 PM Overnight at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

Wednesday, May 28

- 7:00 AM Breakfast on own
-at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
- 8:00 – 8:45 AM **October 7: How It Happened**
-at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
- 9:00 AM Depart for Gaza Envelope
- 9:30 –10:00 AM **Enroute Briefing: The History of Gaza, 1948-October 6**
- 11:00 AM –12:45 PM **October 7, Part I: The Kibbutzim**
Visit and briefing at Kibbutz Nir Oz
With Nir Metzger, Kibbutz Nir Oz resident
-at Kibbutz Nir Oz
- 12:45 PM Depart
- 1:00 –1:30 PM **October 7, Part II: The Nova Party**
Visit the site of the music festival massacre
-at Reim Forest
- 1:30 PM Depart
- 2:00 – 3:00 PM Lunch
-at Haimos
- 3:00 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

5:30 – 6:00 PM **Bring Them Home**
Visit to Hostage Square

6:00 PM Depart for hotel

6:30 PM Check in to the Sheraton hotel, Tel Aviv

7:30 – 9:30 PM **Citizen-Soldiers: The IDF's Impact on Israeli Society**
Dinner with IDF Reservists
-at the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv

10:00 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv

Thursday, May 29

7:00 – 8:15 AM Breakfast on own
-at the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv

8:30 – 9:30 AM **The West Bank: A Situational Assessment**
Briefing by Dr. Michael Milshtein
Head of the Palestinian Studies Forum, Tel Aviv University
-at Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv

9:45 – 10:45 AM **Shared Society in Times of Crisis**
Meeting with Ibrahim Abu Ahmed
Arab Israeli Activist and Writer
-at the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv

11:00 AM **Depart**

11:00 – 11:30 PM **Enroute Briefing: The Jezreel Valley and Upper Galilee**

11:45 AM – 12:30 PM **Israel's Narrow Waistline**
Strategic briefing
-at Alfei Menashe overlook

12:30 PM Depart for Lunch

12:45-1:30 PM Lunch
-at Yulek Café

1:45 PM Depart for Kibbutz Malkia

1:45 – 2:45 PM **Enroute briefing: History of Hezbollah**

4:30 – 5:30 PM **Israel’s Northern Front: Lebanon and Hezbollah**
Citizens in the line of Fire, The Northern displaced communities
Briefing with Lt. Col (Res.) Sarit Zehavi
-at Kibbutz Malkia

5:30 – 6:30 PM **The Civilian Impact of Hezbollah’s War on Israel**
Briefing and overlook with Boaz Perri, Kibbutz Malkia resident
-at Kibbutz Malkia

6:30 PM Depart

7:30 PM Check-in to the Magdala Hotel, Migdal

8:00 PM Depart for Dinner

8:15 – 9:45 PM Dinner
-at Decks restaurant

9:45 PM Overnight at Magdala Hotel, Migdal

Friday, May 30, 2025

7:00 – 8:00 AM Breakfast on own
-at the Magdala Hotel, Migdal

8:15 AM Depart

8:30 – 10:30 AM **Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee**
Guided Survey of:

- Mt. of Beatitudes
- Capernaum

10:30 AM Depart for Merom Golan

11:15 – 12:15 PM **Israel’s Northern Front: The New Syria**
Strategic briefing with Maj. Ilan Shulman
Northern border expert and resident
-at the Merom Golan Hotel, Golan Heights

12:15 – 1:15 PM	Lunch -at the Merom Golan Hotel, Golan Heights
1:15 PM	Depart
1:30 – 2:15 PM	Overlook of Syria With Maj. Ilan Shulman -Quneitra overlook
2:15 PM	Depart for Jerusalem
5:30 – 6:30 PM	A Palestinian Voice Post-October 7 Meeting with Bashar Azzeh Member of the Palestinian National Council -at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
6:30 PM	Check-in to the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
7:45 PM	Depart for dinner
8:00 – 10:00 PM	Reflections on the Sabbath Traditional Sabbath Eve dinner hosted by Ambassador Daniel Taub and his family -at his home in Jerusalem
10:00 PM	Overnight at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
<u>Saturday, May 31</u>	
7:00 – 8:00 AM	Breakfast on own -at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
8:00 AM	Depart for Qumran and Dead Sea
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Enroute Briefing: The Strategic Importance of Jordan-Israel Relations
9:00 – 10:15 AM	The Dead Sea Scrolls -at Qumran
10:15 AM	Depart
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Exploration of the Dead Sea Region -at Kalia Beach

12:00 PM	Depart for Jerusalem
1:00 – 1:45 PM	Lunch -at City View
1:45 – 2:30 PM	The View from Mt. Scopus -Jerusalem
4:15 PM	Return to the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
4:45 – 6:45 PM	Prepare for departure, check out
7:00 – 8:30 PM	Closing Dinner and Reflections -at the King David hotel, Jerusalem
8:45 PM	Depart for airport
9:45 PM	Meet VIP

Sunday, June 1, 2025

12:05 AM	El Al Airlines #3 departs Tel Aviv for Muglia, David
12:15 AM	El Al Airlines #17 departs Tel Aviv for Johnson
12:30 AM	El Al Airlines #27 departs Tel Aviv for Engquist, Renteria, Truxal, Wheat, Sullins
1:00 AM	El Al Airlines #1 departs Tel Aviv for Bishop, Dagul, Fischer, Kelly, Wallace
4:55 AM	El Al Airlines #3 arrives JFK for Muglia, David
5:15 AM	El Al Airlines #27 arrives Newark for Engquist, Renteria, Truxal, Wheat, Sullins
5:50 AM	El Al Airlines #1 arrives JFK for Bishop, Dagul, Fischer, Kelly, Wallace
6:30 AM	El Al Airlines #17 arrives Miami for Johnson
7:52 AM	American Airlines #4538 departs JFK for Dagul, David, Kelly
7:59 AM	American Airlines #1444 departs JFK for Muglia

8:00 AM Delta Airlines #5014 departs JFK for Fischer

8:31 AM American Airlines #1046 departs Miami for Johnson

8:40 AM Delta Airlines #5750 departs JFK for Bishop

9:00 AM United Airlines #3500 departs Newark for Engquist, Renteria, Sullins, Truxal, Wheat

9:29 AM American Airlines #4538 arrives DCA for Dagul, David, Kelly

10:00 AM Delta Airlines #917 departs JFK for Wallace

10:04 AM American Airlines #1444 arrives Charlotte for Muglia

10:15 AM Delta Airlines #5750 arrives DCA for Bishop

10:27 AM United Airlines #3500 arrives DCA for Engquist, Renteria, Sullins, Truxal, Wheat

10:39 AM American Airlines #1046 arrives Atlanta for Johnson

10:46 AM Delta Airlines #5014 arrives Jacksonville for Fischer

11:03 AM American Airlines #1409 departs Charlotte for Muglia

12:35 PM American Airlines #1409 arrives Harrisburg for Muglia

1:10 PM Delta Airlines #917 arrives Salt Lake City for Wallace

3:30 PM Delta Airlines #2005 departs Salt Lake City for Wallace

4:42 PM Delta Airlines #2005 arrives Boise for Wallace

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May 20, 2025

Ms. Laura Engquist
Office of the Honorable Troy Balderson
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Engquist:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel,¹ scheduled for May 24 to June 1, 2025, sponsored by American Israel Education Foundation.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$480 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$480] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

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

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

Sincerely,



Michael Guest
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