

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: Darian Harbeck
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: May 23, 2025 Return: June 2, 2025
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Jordan, Israel, West Bank Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Rebuilding Alliance
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Met with human rights organizations across Amman, Israel, and West Bank
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: Darian Harbeck Digitally signed by Darian Harbeck Date: 2025.06.17 15:37:57 -04'00' Date: 06/17/2025

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: Paul D. Tonko Date: 6/17/25

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: Rebuilding Alliance

2. Travel Destination(s): Jordan, Israel, West Bank

3. Date of Departure: May 23, 2025 Date of Return: June 2, 2025

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Darian Harbeck

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	\$4,550	980	486	\$2,634
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: June 17, 2025

Name: Donna Baranski-Walker Title: Founder and 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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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: Darian Harbeck

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

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Rep. Paul D. Tonko

Office Address: 2269 Rayburn HOB, Washington, DC 20515

Telephone Number: 202-225-5076

Email Address of Contact Person: darian.harbeck@mail.house.gov

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

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

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

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

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Darian Harbeck
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, Israel; West Bank
4. a. Date of Departure: May 23, 2025 Date of Return: June 2, 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.**

I am a Senior Policy Advisor that handles Foreign Affairs for Rep. Tonko. This trip will give me greater understanding of the issues facing this region so that I may best advise my boss.

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: 05/15/25

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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: _____

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): _____

Please see attached

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

6. Date of Departure: May 23, 2025 Date of Return: June 1, 2025

7. a. City of departure: June 2, 2025

b. Destination(s): Israel, Jerusalem, West Bank

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. _____
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10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. **Check only one of the following.**
- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box; OR*
 - b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For *each* sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
Please see attached
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13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (specify: minibus)
 - b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (specify: _____)
 - c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

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

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
 - b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:
 - 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \$60 per person, per day
\$10 for breakfasts, \$20 for lunches, \$30 for dinners
 - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: While always prioritizing safety, this leadership learning mission will focus on the urgent public health crises in the region, particularly polio, and the implications of U.S. policy

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

Hotel Name: Saint George Cathedral Guesthouse City: Jerusalem Cost Per Night: \$120
 Reason(s) for Selecting: Good location, safe and secure

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
 Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
 Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input 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	\$2,800	\$720	\$340
For each Accompanying Family Member			

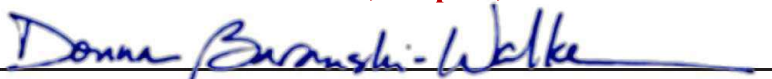
	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	Please see attached	Water, tips for drivers, Holy Land Trust admin fee, speaker honorariums, tour guides
For each Accompanying Family Member		

19. **Check only one:**

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

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

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

Signature:  Date: June 17, 2025
 Name: Donna Baranski-Walker Title: Founder and Executive Director
 Organization: Rebuilding Alliance
 Address: 50 Woodside Plaza Suite 627, Redwood City, CA 94061
 Email: dbw@RebuildingAlliance.org Telephone: (650) 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.

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May 21, 2025

Ms. Darian Harbeck
Office of the Honorable Paul Tonko
2269 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Harbeck:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel and Jordan,¹ scheduled for May 23 to June 2, 2025, sponsored by Rebuilding Alliance.

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
Chairman



Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

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Other Expenses: \$2,634

Guides: \$1,350

Holy Land Trust Admin/Coordination: \$460

Guest Speaker honorarium fees: \$375

Water: \$84

Tips for Driver: \$120

Israel Exit Tax: \$76

Jordan Departure Tax: \$15

Jordan Expedited Border Crossing (VIP Service) \$85

Visas: \$69

Primary Trip Sponsor Form

Rebuilding Alliance's Leadership Learning Mission 12.0 to Israel, Jerusalem, and the West Bank

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.

This trip is focused on the consequences of the delay in polio vaccinations in Gaza and the West Bank. Rebuilding Alliance has been deeply involved in health access issues in the region.

Darian Harbeck, Staff to Congressman Paul Tonko

When Rebuilding Alliance was gauging interest in a member level trip, Darian was mentioned as a staff member that would have accompanied the member had he been available to travel. Darian has been involved in past Rebuilding Alliance briefings on these issue areas.

*Note: Senate Staff were also invited and are joining this delegation



Rebuilding Alliance

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www.RebuildingAlliance.org

Leadership Learning Mission 12.0 to Israel, the West Bank, and Amman

May 23-June 2nd, 2025

With financial sponsorship by Rebuilding Alliance, an American 501(c)3 nonprofit organization

MISSION GOALS: The overall goal of this Leadership Learning Mission was 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, and consider the implications of American policies in the region. This delegation focused on the region-wide public health consequences of a delay in polio vaccinations in Gaza and the West Bank.

RELEVANCE TO OFFICIAL DUTIES: While always prioritizing safety, the Leadership Learning Mission offered Congressional staff the opportunity to learn the implications of American policies in the region, to better support constituents, and to address the urgent public health crises that threaten communities not only in the region, but in the U.S. and globally.

This fact-finding trip:

- Provided participants with an understanding of the history of Jerusalem and Israel, the West Bank, Gaza, and Jordan
- Developed 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 Israeli officials and decision maker, as well as front-line personnel at aid agencies including doctors to understand the challenges of assuring vaccines and emergency relief, especially in Gaza and the West Bank
- Visited 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
- Showed how U.S. aid and intervention can benefit the health and safety of children and families in the region.

Detailed Agenda LLM 12.0 May 23-June 2, 2025

Overview

Friday, May 23: Departure to Jordan

Saturday, May 24: Travel day

Sunday, May 25: Arrivals to Jordan, Jordan Hashemite Charities Organization (JHCO), Royal Jordanian Air Force (RJAF), Zoom Teleconference with Rebuilding Alliance's Gaza staff and NGO partners

Monday, May 26: Royal Court, Border crossing to West Bank, Lunch in Bethlehem, Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, Orientation at Holy Land Trust Office, Overview of the Wall and Rachel's Tomb Area in Bethlehem/Gilo

Tuesday, May 27th: Augusta Victoria Hospital, World Health Organization, Chancellor of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, Church of the Holy Sepulchre

Wednesday, May 28th: UNRWA, PA Minister of Health, Transit to Tel Aviv, Physicians for Human Rights Israel, Dinner with staff from Israeli NGO Gisha

Thursday, May 29th: Hebron Old City, H1/H2, South Hebron Hills Villages of Susiya and Um al Kheir, Debrief and discussion

Friday, May 30th: The Office of the Security Coordinator (OSC), U.S. Embassy to Israel, UNOCHA, visiting the village of Khan Al Ahmar and settlement of Kfar Adumim

Saturday, May 31st: Jerusalem history and Old City tour, Meeting with Chancellor of Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, village of Al Walajeh

Sunday, June 1st: Border crossing back to Jordan, UNICEF, closing lunch, flights back to United States

Monday, June 2nd: Early morning arrivals back in the United States

Detailed Agenda:

Friday, May 23: Departure

<p>21:40 Flight departs from IAD</p>	<p>Turkish Airlines Flight 08 Departure 21:40 Washington, D.C. Dulles International Airport (IAD) Arrival 14:50 Istanbul Airport (IST)</p> <p>Turkish Airlines Flight 812 Departure 21:20 Istanbul Airport (IST) Arrival: 00:05 (May 25) Amman, Queen Alia International Airport (AMM)</p>
<p>Saturday, May 24th: Flight from Istanbul to Amman</p>	
<p>Sunday, May 25th: Arrivals, Jordan Hashemite Charity Organization, Royal Jordanian Air Force, Amman City Center and Amphitheater</p>	
<p>00:05 Arrivals in Amman, Jordan</p>	
<p>00:05-01:30 Transfer delegation members from Airport to Grand Hyatt Hotel, Amman</p>	
<p>01:30-09:00 Overnight</p>	
<p>08:45-09:30 Breakfast</p>	
<p>09:30-10:05 Transit to Jordan Hashemite Charity Organization</p>	
<p>10:05-12:05 Meeting with Jordan Hashemite Charity Organization (JHCO)</p>	<p>What: Meeting with staff and a tour of the JHCO warehouses. The Jordanian Hashemite Charity Organization is pivotal in providing humanitarian aid to vulnerable populations including Palestinian refugees and is playing a significant role during emergencies in the region especially through the humanitarian corridor to Gaza.</p> <p>Why: Because JHCO manages all of Jordan’s international humanitarian efforts in collaboration with UN agencies, international NGOs, donor governments, and other stakeholders, they are particularly well positioned to understand and respond to the needs of vulnerable populations and arrange truck convoys and/or airdrops to provide aid.</p> <p>Presenter: Wisam Al Saqa, Director of Warehouses and Procurement; Shahed Anani, Communications Director, JHCO</p>

	<p>Location: Jordan Hashemite Charity Organization Warehouse, Zarqa</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time was filled with officially-connected activity</p>
12:05-13:00 Transit to the Royal Jordanian Air Force, stop for light snack enroute	Via minibus
13:00-14:30 Meeting with Royal Jordanian Air Force	<p>What: Visited with the Royal Jordanian Air Force</p> <p>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 program underway providing an Aid Bridge via helicopters to increase medical and aid deliveries to Gaza and evacuate medical cases.</p> <p>Presenter: Col. Osama Abu Hani, Chief of Air Operations, RJAF</p> <p>Location: King Abdullah I Street, Al Matar, Amman, Jordan</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time was filled with officially-connected activity</p>
14:30-15:00 Transit to restaurant for lunch	Via minibus
15:00-16:00 Lunch	Location: Tawaheen al-Hawa, Wasfi At-Tall Street, Amman
16:00-16:15 Transit to Roman Amphitheater	Via minibus
16:15-17:15 Tour of Amman City Center	<p>What: Drove tour through Old City and downtown area of Amman, including area of the Roman Amphitheater of Amman</p> <p>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 historical sites is an important component of understanding Jordan's current role in the region.</p> <p>Presenter: Abdallah Ali Abdallah, Jordanian guide</p> <p>Location: Amman, Jordan</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time was filled with officially-connected activity</p>
17:15-17:25 Transit to Hotel	
17:25-19:00 Free time	

<p>19:00-21:00 Zoom with RA's Gaza staff and NGO Partners</p>	<p>What: Rebuilding Alliance has worked with Palestinian Non-Governmental Organizations in Gaza since 2003. Through April of 2025, Rebuilding Alliance is serving 40,000 hot meals each day at our 9 Gaza kitchens. This meeting provided Congressional staff the opportunity to speak directly with RA's Gaza Program Manager and our NGO partners who live in Gaza to hear about the challenges they are facing and what they see as possibilities for their future.</p> <p>Why: The delegation heard directly from NGOs in Gaza to understand their work and the challenges they are facing, earn what they are seeing around them, and explore tangible actions that can be taken to ameliorate famine, malnutrition, and disease and provide housing and recovery.</p> <p>Presenters: Rebuilding Alliance staff in Gaza, led by RA's Gaza Programs Manager, Rafeek Almadhoun</p> <p>Location: Holy Land Trust Office, Bethlehem</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time was filled with officially-connected activity</p>
<p>21:00-23:00 Dinner</p>	
<p>Overnight at the Grand Hyatt Hotel</p>	
<p>Monday, May 26th: The Royal Court, Border crossing to West Bank, Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, Orientation at Holy Land Trust Office, Overview of the Wall and Rachel's Tomb Area in Bethlehem/Gilo</p>	
<p>07:20-08:00 Breakfast and check out of hotel</p>	
<p>08:00-08:45 Transit to Royal Court</p>	
<p>08:45-10:10 Meeting with the Royal Court</p>	<p>What: Meeting with representatives from the Royal Court of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan</p> <p>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 introduced the Jordanian Humanitarian Corridor to Gaza and discussed the challenges and successes in delivering aid to families in need in Gaza.</p>

	<p>Presenter: Mr. Mo'ath Al-Zoubi, Director of Political Affairs at His Majesty's Office; Ms. Diana Sabha, Senior Policy Analyst</p> <p>Where: Royal Hashemite Court, Istiklal Street, Amman</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity</p>
10:10-11:00 Transit to border crossing	Via minibus
11:00-13:00 Border Crossing from Jordan into Israel/West Bank	
13:00-14:30 Transit to Bethlehem for lunch, with an explanation and introduction to Israel and the West Bank	<p>Via minibus</p> <p>What: Transited from the border to Bethlehem, with the guide offering an explanation of the geography and history of the area, with an introduction of key issues, including settlements, the administrative areas of the West Bank, and the infrastructure of the military occupation.</p> <p>Why: This introduction is key because this is the first experience staff will have in the West Bank, and including visuals in the introduction by driving through key areas is critical.</p> <p>Presenter: Itamar Shapira</p> <p>Where: Bethlehem Road</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity</p>
14:30-15:30 Lunch	
15:30-16:00 Free time for shopping	
16:00-16:05 Transit to Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem	Short walk across Manger Square
16:05-17:15 Tour of Church of the Nativity, walk up Star Street to Holy Land Trust Office	<p>What: 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 is the oldest major church in the Holy Land.</p> <p>Why: This presentation was relevant to the mission of the trip and the Congressional staff's official duties because it met one major goal of</p>

	<p>this trip: to provide participants with an understanding of the history of the region which must include religious sites. Discussion also included the impact that tourism in Bethlehem, particularly the Old City, has on the economy of Palestine.</p> <p>Location: Manger Square, Bethlehem Tour Guide: Sana Zarzar Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially connected activity</p>
<p>17:15-18:45 Orientation</p>	<p>What: An orientation at Holy Land Trust’s Office in the Old City of Bethlehem was an opportunity for the delegation to meet the team that guided them on their Israel/West Bank portion of the trip.</p> <p>Why: This was the group’s first day in the West Bank, and an orientation that prepared them for what they saw the rest of the week and a chance to meet their guides.</p> <p>Presenters: Itamar Shappira, Elias D’Eis, Saed Zarzar Location: Holy Land Trust Office, Bethlehem Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity</p>
<p>18:45-20:00 Tour of Rachel’s Tomb/Wall, overview near Gilo</p>	<p>What: A look at the wall and the area around Rachel’s Tomb (inaccessible from the Bethlehem side), a site that is important for both Palestinians and Israelis but that is now almost entirely encircled by the wall- and accessible only to Israelis. This visit included a walk along the separation wall and an introduction to the geo-politics of the Bethlehem area.</p> <p>Why: One of the missions of this trip was to discuss barriers to peace, and the separation wall has long been considered by the Palestinians to be an Israeli attempt to create more facts on the ground, and to include as much Palestinian land on the Israeli side as possible.</p> <p>Presenter: Saed Zarzar, HLT Tour Guide Location: Bethlehem Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity</p>
<p>20:00-20:15 Transit to Tent Restaurant for dinner</p>	<p>Via minibus</p>

20:15-21:45 Dinner	
21:45-22:10 Transit to hotel	Walk
Overnight at the Saint Elias Hotel	
Tuesday, May 27th: Mount of Olives, Augusta Victoria Hospital, World Health Organization, Chancellor of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, Church of the Holy Sepulchre	
06:45-07:15 Breakfast and check out of hotel	
07:15-08:00 Transit to Mount of Olives	Via minibus
08:00-08:40 Overlook of the Old City of Jerusalem	<p>What: Overview of Jerusalem’s evolution as a center point in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, including the 1948 Green Line, the 1967 conquests, East Jerusalem and West Bank annexations, Jewish neighborhoods/settlements, Palestinian neighborhoods, and discussion of civil status in the city of Jerusalem. Speaker used maps of the Old City and Jerusalem area to explain historical and geopolitical reality and changes in the city.</p> <p>Why: This presentation is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Congressional Staff’s official duties because it provided the staff with the base of information that they will need and draw upon throughout the remainder of the trip.</p> <p>Presenter: Itamar Shapira, LLM tour leader Location: Mount of Olives, Jerusalem, Israel Assurance: The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.</p>
08:40-08:45 Transit to Augusta Victoria Hospital	Via Minibus
08:45-10:15 Meeting with staff of of Augusta Victoria Hospital	<p>What: Meeting with Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH) staff</p> <p>Why: 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. 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</p>

	<p>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, patients in Gaza cannot evacuate to receive life saving care here.</p> <p>Presenter: Managing Director oPt; Sieglinde Weinbrenner, Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Dr. Fadi Atrash, CEO Location: Augusta Victoria Hospital, Jerusalem Assurance: The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.</p>
10:15-10:35 Transit to Saint George Cathedral Guesthouse	Via minibus
10:35-11:00 Check into rooms	
11:00-11:25 Transit to World Health Organization	Walking
11:25-12:55 Meeting with World Health Organization	<p>What: Meeting with World Health Organization team to discuss the health crisis in Gaza, particularly the needed polio vaccination campaign, as well as the issues facing medical access, medical missions to Gaza, and medical evacuations</p> <p>Why: Because the major focus of this trip was to focus on what can be done to open the borders and get aid, particularly vaccines, into Gaza. The W.H.O. works extensively on this issue, and is one of the lead negotiators on getting vaccines into Gaza, along with UNICEF.</p> <p>Presenter: Dr. Egmond Evers, Health Emergency Team Lead; Dr. Shannon Barkley Location: W.H.O. Office, Jerusalem Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.</p>
12:55-13:15 Transit to restaurant for lunch	Walking
13:15-14:30 Lunch	Eskadunia Restaurant
14:30-14:40 Transit back to hotel	Walking

14:40-15:30 Rest, Free time	
15:30-16:00 Transit to the Latin Patriarchate Office	Walking
16:00-18:00 Meeting with the Chancellor of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem	<p>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.</p> <p>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 discussed the Church’s role in getting tons of fruit and vegetables into Gaza, how that stopped on March 2nd, and what more can be done to address the critical absence of aid in Gaza.</p> <p>Presenter: Father Davide Meli , Chancellor of the Latin Patriarchate; Location: Latin Patriarchate, Old City of Jerusalem Assurance: The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.</p>
18:00-18:15 Transit to Church of the Holy Sepulchre	Walking
18:15-19:00 Tour of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre	<p>What: Tour of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the holiest site in Christianity</p> <p>Why: This Church is one of the highlights of the Christian Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem, and learning about the historical, religious, and cultural significance of the sites in the Old City is a key component to understanding the geo-political realities of Jerusalem and the varied aspirations of its inhabitants.</p> <p>Presenter: Itamar Shapira Location: Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem Assurance: The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.</p>
19:00-19:45 Transit to hotel	Walking
19:45-21:00 Dinner at hotel	

Overnight at Saint George Cathedral Guesthouse	
Wednesday, May 28th: UNRWA, PA Minister of Health, Transit to Tel Aviv, Physicians for Human Rights Israel, Dinner with Israeli NGO Gisha	
07:20-08:20: Breakfast	
08:20-08:45 Transit to Shu'afat Camp for UNRWA visit	<p>What: Tour of the camp introduced staff to realities of life in a refugee camp. Meeting with UNRWA described the scope and scale of UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugee (UNRWA) food, education, and emergency operations in the West Bank, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Israel, and Gaza. Congressional staff learned about the refugee crisis and visited the health clinic and the empty school which was ordered closed a month before the end of the school year.</p> <p>Why: Palestinian refugees in the West Bank number close to 1 million. Many still live in very difficult conditions and are supported by UNRWA. Understanding the situation that Palestinian refugees face is crucial for Congressional staffers because of the sheer numbers of refugees and their involvement in the peace process as an issue left to final status negotiation. With Congress defunding UNRWA, and the Govt. of Israel moving to ban working with them, it is important to understand the scope and scale of the work that they do.</p> <p>Presenter: Thaer Jalloud, Chief of Jerusalem Area, UNRWA Location: Shu'afat Refugee Camp, Jerusalem Assurance: The entirety of allotted time was filled with officially-connected activity</p>
08:45-10:30 Tour of camp and facilities	
10:30-12:00 Transit to Ramallah	Via minibus
12:00-13:30 Meeting with Palestinian Minister of Health	<p>What: Meeting with the Palestinian Minister of Health</p> <p>Why: We discussed the state of health in the Palestinian Territory, particularly the lack of polio vaccinations in Gaza and critical lack of vaccinations overall in Palestine, as well as what the current priorities of the Ministry are.</p>

	<p>Presenter: Majed Abu Ramadan, Minister of Health; Maria Al Aqra, Head of International Cooperation</p> <p>Location: Palestinian Health Ministry, Ramallah</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.</p>
13:30-14:00 Transit to restaurant for lunch	Via minibus
14:00-15:30 Lunch	Darna Restaurant
15:30-17:30 Transit to Physicians for Human Rights Israel (PHRI) Office	Via minibus
17:30-19:15 Meeting with PHRI	<p>What: Meeting with PHRI Staff</p> <p>Why: Over 14,000 people in Gaza are in critical need of medical evacuations, including children. PHRI is involved in getting medical care for children and adults from Gaza. In addition, PHRI petitions the Supreme Court of Israel to press for the fair rule of law on behalf of children and medical personnel incarcerated without due process.</p> <p>Presenter: Mays Medleg and Sima Wattad, International Advocacy Coordinators, PHRI</p> <p>Location: PHRI Office, 9 Dror Street, Jaffa</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.</p>
19:15-19:30 Transit to Restaurant for dinner meeting	Old Man and the Sea
19:30-21:00 Dinner meeting with Director of Israeli NGO Gisha	<p>What: Dinner meeting with the International Relations Coordinator of Gisha</p> <p>Why: Israeli NGOs like Gisha are at the forefront of advocating for the entry of aid into Gaza. Our guest presented an overview of history, policies, and what has led to the current crisis. In addition, one of the overall goals of our trip is to meet groups working towards peace. Meeting Israelis who work and advocate on behalf of human rights is part of this. For peace and stability to be achieved, both Israeli and Palestinian civil society must be supported and strengthened.</p> <p>Presenter: Rebecca Metzger, International Relations Coordinator, Gisha</p>

	<p>Location: The Old Man and the Sea, Tel Aviv Jaffa</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.</p>
21:00-22:45 Transit back to hotel in Jerusalem	
Overnight at Saint George Cathedral Guesthouse	
<p>Thursday, May 29th: Hebron Old City, H1/H2, South Hebron Hills Villages of Susiya and Um al Kheir, Debrief and discussion</p>	
06:00-06:45 Breakfast	
06:55-08:25 Transit to Hebron	Via minibus
08:25-12:15 Tour of Hebron, H1 and H2 areas including Shuhada street and Jewish settlements, Tomb of the Patriarchs and the Ibrahimi Mosque / Avraham Avinu Synagogue	<p>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.</p> <p>Why: A major objective was 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.</p> <p>Presenters: Tariq Tamimi, Hebron Chamber of Commerce and co-founder of Visit Hebron Palestine, and guide Itamar Shappira.</p> <p>Location: Hebron</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.</p>
12:15-13:00 Transit to village of Susiya	Via minibus
13:00-13:45 Lunch	Susiya Village

<p>13:45-14:45 Overview of the history of the Palestinian village of Susiya, meeting local leaders</p>	<p>What: In 2013, the Sub-Committee for Planning and Licensing of the Civil Administration’s Supreme Planning Council rejected the village’s proposed master plan stating that the “women and children would be better off living somewhere else.” In 2015, Israel’s High Court decided that the Palestinian Village of Susiya can be demolished before its case is even heard, and the case is still pending. We’ll hear their story and learn of their aspirations to see the recognition of their master plan and live and build their future on their land without fear of demolition or settler violence.</p> <p>Why: 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 considered the psycho-social ramifications of home demolitions and settler violence. We explored ways to prevent the demolition of Palestinian homes, schools, barns, and neighborhoods, and explored how to prevent settler attacks.</p> <p>Presenters: Fatma Nawaja - head of Susiya Rural Women's Association and Social Worker with Rebuilding Alliance, Naser Nawaja, Field Researcher for B’Tselem – The Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories, Basel Adra and Hamdan Ballal who are two of the directors awarded the 2025 Oscar for Best Documentary Feature Film</p> <p>Location: Rural Women's Center, Susiya</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity</p>
<p>14:45-15:15 Transit to Khalet ad Dabeh</p>	<p>Via car</p>
<p>15:15-16:25 Tour and meeting with the community</p>	<p>What: Visit to the Masafer Yatta village of Khalet ad Dabeh</p> <p>Why: New settler outposts are being established on the hilltops throughout the Masafer Yatta area within Firing Zone 918 which is home to 13 Palestinian villages. The villagers of Khalet ad Dabeh own clear title to their land. Two weeks ago, many of the homes in Khalet ad Dabeh were demolished by the Israeli Army in violation of the villagers’ petition for a master plan which was under consideration by the High Court. Soon after, new settlers took over two cave homes belonging to villagers. Day after day, the settlers brought herds of nearly 100 sheep into the village, eating all the village’s gardens and vegetation— and surrounding the Khalet ad Dabeh school, forcing the school to close to assure the safety of the children.</p>

	<p>Presenter: Naser Nawaja, Field Researcher for B'Tselem – The Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories</p> <p>Location: Khalet Ad Dabeh, Masafer Yatta</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.</p>
16:25-16:40 Transit to village of Um al Kheir	Via minivan
16:40-17:45 Meeting with Um al Kheir Community leaders	<p>What: The village of Umm al Kheir sits very close to the Israeli settlement of Carmel. Delegation met 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.</p> <p>Why: The issue of home demolitions and settlements/settler violence are on the rise in the West Bank, and are two of the biggest obstacles to peace.</p> <p>Presenter: Eid Suleiman, Rebuilding Alliance Staff</p> <p>Location: Umm Al Kheir</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.</p>
17:45-18:45 Transit to Jerusalem	Via minibus
18:45-19:15 Free time	
19:15-19:20 Transit to American Colony Hotel for dinner	Walking
19:20-21:15 Dinner	
21:15-21:20 Transit back to hotel	Walking
Overnight at Saint George Cathedral Guesthouse	
<p>Friday, May 30th: U.S. Embassy to Israel, The Office of the Security Coordinator (OSC), UNOCHA, Khan al Ahmar/Kfar Adumim, Shabbat Dinner</p>	
07:50-08:00 Grabbing Breakfast, moving to patio for meeting	

<p>08:00-09:45 Meeting with staff at Office of the Security Coordinator</p>	<p>What: A discussion about settler violence in the West Bank, and the role of the OSC in addressing it while working with their Israeli and Palestinian counterparts</p> <p>Why: The Office of the Security Coordinator for Israel and the Palestinian Authority 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.</p> <p>Presenter: Staff to the Security Coordinator for Israel and the Palestinian Authority</p> <p>Location: Saint George Cathedral Guesthouse, Jerusalem</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.</p>
<p>09:45-10:00 Free time</p>	
<p>10:00-11:45 Meeting with U.S. Embassy Staff</p>	<p>What: Meeting with a senior U.S Counselor for Political Affairs</p> <p>Why: Discussing the structure of the U.S. Embassy to Israel, and the State Dept. presence in the region, given the recent changes and a new Ambassador. Discussion also covered U.S. policy challenges and the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and what role the US plays in resolving it.</p> <p>Presenter: Leslie Hayden, U.S Counselor for Political Affairs, US Embassy, Israel</p> <p>Location: Saint George Cathedral Guesthouse, Jerusalem</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.</p>
<p>11:45-12:00 Break</p>	
<p>12:00-12:15 Transit to UNOCHA</p>	<p>Walking</p>
<p>12:15-13:45 Meeting with UNOCHA</p>	<p>What: Discussion of the humanitarian need and relief required in the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza, and the challenges faced in providing that aid. UNOCHA staff discussed, in particular, how their operations have changed since the war in Gaza began, and what they are seeing on the ground in Gaza. Discussion also included settler violence in the West Bank, and the role this and settlement expansion has played in the security situation there.</p>

	<p>Why: A major goal of our fact-finding tour is to show the House Staff how US aid benefits the health and safety of Palestinian children — to do this, they need to understand the depth of the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, the West Bank, and East Jerusalem</p> <p>Presenter: Ofir Feuerstein, UNOCHA Communications Lead Location: UNOCHA Office, East Jerusalem Assurance: The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.</p>
13:45-14:15 Transit to Khan al Ahmar	Via minibus
14:15-15:00 Tour of school and village	<p>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 meeting was with a local leader 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 settlement outpost, and the efforts by other Kfar Adumim settlers to keep them safe.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Presenter: Eid Abu Khamees Jahalin Location: Khan Al Ahmar Assurance: The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activities.</p>
15:15-15:55 Lunch and discussion with community leader	<p>What: Continuing the conversation with Eid Abu Khamees Why: Discussion with Eid Abu Khamees focused on the status of his</p>

	<p>village of Khan al Ahmar, and efforts to keep them standing, some of which include their neighbors in the nearby settlement of Kfar Adumim.</p> <p>Presenter: Eid Abu Khamees Jahalin Location: Khan Al Ahmar Assurance: The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activities.</p>
15:55-16:10 Transit to Kfar Adumim	Via minibus
16:15-17:30 Meeting with local community members of the Good Neighbors Group	<p>What: Meeting with founding members of the Good Neighbors Group from the Kfar Adumim settlement near Khan Al Ahmar.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Presenter: Community leaders Location: Kfar Adumim Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially connected activity.</p>
17:30-18:00 Transit to Jerusalem	Via minibus
18:00-20:00 Free time	
20:15-20:25 Transit to dinner	Walking
20:25-22:15 Dinner at the Jerusalem Hotel	
22:15-22:30 Transit back to hotel	Via minibus

<p>Saturday, May 31st: Jerusalem history and Old City tour, Meeting with the Chancellor of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, visiting the village of al Walajeh</p>	
<p>08:15-09:00 Breakfast</p>	
<p>09:00-12:30 Walk to Old City, Jerusalem Old City Tour</p>	<p>What: This walk around the Old City of Jerusalem included 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 highlighted the recent expansion of Israeli settlements in the Quarter, and how this issue has increased tensions between residents. The tour visited the Jewish Quarter as well as the Western Wall, to discuss Jewish history and presence in the Old City.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Tour Guide: Itamar Shapira, LLM tour guide Location: Old City of Jerusalem Assurance: The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity</p>
<p>12:30-13:15 Coffee meeting with Father Davide Melli, Chancellor of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Why: This meeting was to follow up on our Tuesday meeting where we discussed the Church's role in getting aid into Gaza, and what more can be done to address the critical absence of aid in Gaza. Discussion centered on strategies to get fruits and vegetables and other food aid into Northern Gaza.</p> <p>Presenter: Father Davide Melli , Chancellor of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem Location: Oak Coffee Shop, Old City of Jerusalem</p>

	<p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.</p>
<p>13:15-14:15 Lunch at Tala Hummus and Falafel, Old City of Jerusalem</p>	
<p>14:15-14:45 Transit to Al Walajeh</p>	<p>Via minibus</p>
<p>14:45-16:45 Visiting with local community leaders and families, tour of village</p>	<p>What: The Palestinian village of Al-Walajeh is located in Areas B, and C of the West Bank in the Bethlehem Governorate, near Jerusalem. The village's entire area, 18 km², is beyond the Green Line, but one third of its land on the northern side was annexed to Israel along with the rest of East Jerusalem and included in Jerusalem's municipal boundaries. As opposed to the rest of the Palestinian neighborhoods and villages that were annexed, Israel did not recognize the residents of Walajeh -- not even those who lived in the annexed part -- as residents of Jerusalem, and therefore almost all of the 2,500 residents of the village carry the orange identity cards of West Bank residents. The village also is an example of the impact of vast settlement blocs on Palestinian villages in the area. Because the village is located between Jerusalem and the Gush Etzion Settlement bloc, large swaths of the village are facing demolition orders.</p> <p>Entire neighborhoods of the village of Al Walajeh received demolition orders from the Government of Israel. The Abu Khyara family's home was demolished several years ago. Our partner in the planning of this delegation, the Holy Land Trust, funded and assisted in the rebuilding of the family's home.</p> <p>Why: This presentation is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Congressional staff's official duties because it addresses many of the issues that are seen to impact peace in the region: Jerusalem and settlement takeover of Palestinian village lands, home demolitions, and discriminatory planning policies. This visit will give staff insight into the challenges faced by Palestinian communities on multiple fronts and explain why House intervention is needed to keep their town standing.</p> <p>One of the goals of this delegation is to discuss ways to stop demolitions and assure the future of this village. The village and the</p>

	<p>human rights groups that are rebuilding homes are working towards this goal.</p> <p>Location: Al-Walajeh Village Presenter: Ibrahim al Araj, attorney and village leader Assurance: The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity.</p>
16:45-17:30 Transit back to Jerusalem	Via minibus
17:30-19:15 Free time	
19:15-19:20 Transit to Educational Bookshop	Walking
19:20-20:15 Free time for shopping	
20:15-20:25 Transit to American Colony Hotel for Dinner	Walking
20:25-23:00 Dinner	
23:00-23:05 Transit back to hotel	Walking
Overnight at Saint George Cathedral Guesthouse	
Sunday, June 1st: Border crossing back to Jordan, closing lunch, departures back to U.S.	
06:30-07:00 Breakfast and check out of hotel	
07:00-07:45 Transit to Allenby Border Crossing	Via minibus

07:45-10:50 Border Crossing	
10:50-11:55 Transit to UNICEF Office, Amman	
11:55-13:15 Meeting with UNICEF	<p>What: Meeting with UNICEF</p> <p>Why: This meeting focused on the polio vaccination campaign in Gaza, with a focus on the consequences of the current delay in getting 600,000 children under the age of 10 their vaccinations. We also discussed the overall state of child health and welfare in Gaza and the West Bank. Discussion covered what more is needed to protect children and families in Gaza from disease, malnutrition, and famine and to restore mental health</p> <p>Presenter: Salim Oweis, Communications and Advocacy Officer, UNICEF; Tess Ingram, Communications Manager, UNICEF; Oday Abdul Rahman, Nutrition Specialist, UNICEF</p> <p>Location: UNICEF Office, Abdul Qader alAbed Street, Amman, Jordan</p> <p>Assurance: The entirety of allotted time covered officially-connected activity</p>
13:15-13:30 Transit to Al Sarawat Restaurant for closing lunch	
13:30-14:45 Closing Lunch	
14:45-15:15 Transit to Queen Alia International Airport	
Departures at 18:10 from Queen Alia International Airport	<p>Emirates Flight 904 Departure 18:10 Queen Alia International Airport (AMM) Arrival 20:10 Dubai International Airport (DXB)</p> <p>Emirates Flight 231 Departure 02:20 Dubai International Airport (DXB) Arrival: 08:40 Washington, D.C. Dulles International Airport (IAD)</p>
Monday, June 2nd: Arrivals back in the U.S.	
08:40 Arrival in Washington, D.C.	Arrival: 08:40 Washington, D.C. Dulles International Airport (IAD)