

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: Jacqueline Russell
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: August 1, 2025 Return: NA (returned on a separate trip)
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Tel Aviv, Israel Return City: NA
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: U.S. Israel Education Association
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: see itinerary

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

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

Signature of Traveler:  Date: 9/9/25

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: Speaker Johnson Date: 9/9/25

Signature of Supervising Member: 

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original Amendment

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

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: U.S. Israel Education Association (USIEA)

2. Travel Destination(s): Israel

3. Date of Departure: August 1, 2025 Date of Return: N/A

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Jacqueline Russell

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

5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$3,930.10	\$1,460.00	\$875.00	\$2,991.41
Accompanying Family Member				

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: Heather Johnston Date: August 20, 2025

Name: Heather Johnston Title: Founder & CEO

Organization: U.S. Israel Education Association (USIEA)

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

Address: 402 Office Park Drive, Suite 215, Birmingham, AL 35223

Telephone: 205-907-2756 Email: heather@usieducation.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.



U.S. ISRAEL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Sponsor Post-Travel Form Addendum

#3b- Speaker Johnson, Kelly Johnson, Jacqueline Russell and William Johnson departed from our group the morning of August 6th.

#5- Total Other Expenses

- Security= \$2,640.44
 - Group Entrance Fee Costs= \$81.85
 - Meeting/Briefing Rooms= \$42.85
 - Programming Costs= \$29.14
 - Site Visits= \$32.14
 - Individual Miscellaneous= \$36.42
 - Tips= \$128.57
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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Jacqueline Russell
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: U.S. Israel Education Association
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Israel
4. a. Date of Departure: 8/1/25 Date of Return: 8/6/25
b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: Note: Traveler only accepting one way transportation
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 was invited on the trip because I am the National Security Advisor for Speaker Mike Johnson who is attending the trip. The trip will enable fact-finding on a variety of Israel-related topics related to my work.
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: _____

July 28, 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:

U.S. Israel Education Association (USIEA)

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 list and reason for invite.

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

6. Date of Departure: August 1, 2025 Date of Return: August 10, 2025

7. a. City of departure: Washington DC or Home District

b. Destination(s): Israel

c. City of return: Washington DC or Home District

8. **Check only one.** I represent that

- a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**
- b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**
- c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. **Check only one of the following.**
- a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. _____
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10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. **Check only one of the following.**

- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box; OR*
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For *each* sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

USIEA leads advanced educational trips for members of Congress to provide a fact-finding mission relevant to the committee agendas that each are associated with concerning the U.S.-Israel relationship. USIEA is the sole entity responsible for planning all aspects of the trip.

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

- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (specify: Boat and Helicopter)
- 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:

Business class is selected for the international flights due to the length of the flights, and the tour begins immediately upon arrival in Israel.

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): \$201.43

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: See addendum.

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

Hotel Name: The David Citadel City: Jerusalem Cost Per Night: \$500

Reason(s) for Selecting: Selected for high level of security, availability, and central location.

Hotel Name: The Scots Hotel City: Tiberius Cost Per Night: \$530

Reason(s) for Selecting: Selected for high level of security, availability, and central location.

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	\$13,562.09 *see addendum <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$3,560.00	\$1,410.00
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$13,562.09 *see addendum <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$0.00	\$1,410.00

	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	\$5,696.00	Security, entrance fees, meeting rooms, portorage, etc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$5,696.00	Security, entrance fees, meeting rooms, portorage, etc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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: Heather Johnston Date: 7/25/2025
 Name: Heather Johnston Title: Founder & CEO
 Organization: U.S. Israel Education Association
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 Email: heather@usieducation.org Telephone: 205-907-2756

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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Addendum

#4 *The following House Members and Employees were invited and are confirmed to attend our trip:*

- Rep. Mike Johnson: Invited due to his position as Speaker of the House
- Rep. Mike McCaul: Invited due to his position as Chairman Emeritus on the House Committee of Foreign Affairs and the House Committee on Homeland Security
- Rep. Claudia Tenney: Invited due to her position on the Ways and Means Committee and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
- Rep. Michael Cloud: Invited due to his position on the House Appropriations Committee
- Rep. Nathaniel Moran: Invited due to his position on the Ways and Means Committee
- Mr. Mark Longoria: Invited due to his position as Chief of Staff to Rep. Michael Cloud
- Ms. Jacqueline Russell: Invited due to her position as National Security Advisor to the Speaker of the House, Mike Johnson
- Mr. William Johnson: Invited due to his position as Special Assistant to the Speaker of the House, Mike Johnson

The following House Members and Employees were invited and declined our invitation:

- Rep. Rick Crawford: Invited due to his position as a senior member and subcommittee chair on the Intelligence committee.
 - Rep. Jarden Moskowitz: Invited due to his position on Homeland Security committee.
 - Rep. Frank Mrvan: Invited due to his position on Homeland Security committee.
 - Rep. Steve Cohen: Invited due to his position on Judiciary committee and position as Co-Chair on the U.S.-Helsinki Commission.
 - Rep. Brad Schneider:
 - Rep. Ronny Jackson: Invited due to his position on the Armed Services and Foreign Affairs Committees.
 - Rep. Brett Guthrie: Invited due to his position as Chairman on the Energy and Commerce Committee.
 - Rep. Mario Diaz Balart: Invited due to his position on the House Appropriations Committee.
 - Rep. Mike Rogers: Invited due to his position as Chairman of House Armed Services Committee.
 - Rep. Tom Cole: Invited due to his position as Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.
 - Rep. Luis Correa: Invited due to his position on the Homeland Security Committee.
 - Rep. John Moolenaar: Invited due to his position on the House Appropriations Committee.
 - Rep. Beth Van Duyne: Invited due to her position on the Ways and Means Committee.
 - Rep. Tim Walberg: Invited due to his position on the Energy and Commerce Committee.
 - Rep. French Hill: Invited due to his position as chair of the Financial Services Committee.
 - Rep. Greg Murphy: Invited due to his position on the Ways and Means Committee.
 - Rep. Bill Huizenga: Invited due to his position on the Financial Services Committee.
 - Rep. Ben Cline: Invited due to his position on the House Appropriations Committee.
 - Rep. Michael Lawler: Invited due to his position on the House Foreign Affairs Committee.
 - Rep. Vincent Gonzalez: Invited due to his position on the House Foreign Affairs Committee.
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#5 Representatives Tenney, Cloud, McCaul, Moran and Speaker Johnson are all being offered to bring an accompanying family member on the trip. David Longoria, William Johnson, and Jacqueline Russell are not being offered to bring an accompanying family member.

#6 Speaker Johnson, Kelly Johnson, Jacqueline Russell and William Johnson will be departing from our group the morning of August 6th.

#15(b)(2) The fact finding mission to Israel will evaluate proposed and applied peace initiatives and their effects on the people groups in the region.

#18 (a) Transportation costs differ per person due to different flight costs in different cities.

Rep. Cloud & Guest: \$12,306.19 per person

Rep. Moran & Guest: \$13,562.09 per person

Rep. Tenney: \$13,372.09

Rep. McCaul: \$7,691.10

**Rep. McCaul's total transportation cost is different because he will not be flying back to the US with us.*

Speaker Johnson & Guest: \$5,008.10 per person

**Speaker Johnson & Guest's total transportation costs are cheaper because they are not flying back to the US with us and they will not be participating in our helicopter tour in Israel.*

Mark Longoria: \$8,301.59

William Johnson: \$3,432.10

**William Johnson's total transportation cost cheaper because he is not flying back to the US with us and will not be participating in our helicopter tour in Israel.*

Jacqueline Russell: \$3,432.10

**Jacqueline Russell's total transportation cost cheaper because she is not flying back to the US with us and will not be participating in our helicopter tour in Israel.*



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#18 (b) Lodging costs differ per person due to different rates in single vs. double rooms.

Single Room Rates/Night (Rep. McCaul, Rep. Tenney, Mark Longoria, Jacqueline Russell, and William Johnson)

\$500/night in Jerusalem, The David Citadel Hotel

\$530/night in Tiberius, The Scots Hotel

Double Room Rates/Night (Speaker Johnson, Rep. Cloud, Rep. Moran)

\$455/night in Jerusalem, The David Citadel Hotel

\$500/night in Tiberius, The Scots Hotel

Rep. Cloud Total Lodging Cost: \$3,275.00

Mrs. Cloud Total Lodging Cost: \$0.00

Rep. Moran Total Lodging Cost: \$3,275.00

Mrs. Moran Total Lodging Cost: \$0.00

Rep. Tenney Total Lodging Cost: \$3,560.00

Rep. McCaul Total Lodging Cost: \$3,560.00

Speaker Johnson Total Lodging Cost: \$1,820.00

Mrs. Johnson Total Lodging Cost: \$0.00

**Rep. Johnson & Mrs. Johnson's total lodging is less expensive due to their early departure from the trip.*

Mark Longoria Total Lodging Cost: \$3,560.00

Jacqueline Russell Total Lodging Cost: \$2,000.00

**Jacqueline Russell's total lodging is less expensive due to her early departure from the trip.*

William Armstrong Total Lodging Cost: \$2,000.00

**William Johnson's total lodging is less expensive due to her early departure from the trip.*

Departure Flights

- Rep. Cloud & Guest, and Mark Longoria will be flying from the district to meet up with the rest of the group at JFK. (See individual flights below)
- Rep. Moran & Guest will be flying from the district to meet up with the rest of the group at JFK. (See individual flights below)
- Rep. Tenney will be flying from the district to meet up with the rest of the group at JFK. (See individual flights below)
- Speaker Johnson, Rep. McCaul, William Johnson, and Jacqueline Russell will be flying from DC to meet up with the rest of the group at JFK. (See individual flights below)

Rep. Cloud Flights

7:38 AM CST Austin – JFK (DL1411)

Rep. Johnson Flights

11:00 AM EST DCA – JFK (DL5792)

Rep. McCaul Flights

11:00 AM EST DCA – JFK (DL5792)

Rep. Moran Flights

7:15 AM CST Dallas-Fort Worth – JFK (DL454)

Rep. Tenney Flights

11:27 AM EST Syracuse – JFK (DL5436)

Mark Longoria Flights

7:38 AM CST Austin – JFK (DL1411)

Jaqueline Russell Flights

11:00 AM EST DCA – JFK (DL5792)

William Johnson Flights

11:00 AM EST DCA – JFK (DL5792)

4:30 PM EST Group Flight Depart JFK – CDG (DL8740); CDG – TLV (DL8457)

Return Flights

- Rep. Cloud & Guest, and Mark Longoria will be flying from the Israel back to the district. (See individual flights below)
- Rep. Moran & Guest will be flying from the Israel back to the district. (See individual flights below)
- Rep. Tenney will be flying from the Israel back to the district. (See individual flights below)
- Speaker Johnson, Rep. McCaul, William Johnson, and Jacqueline Russell will not be returning with our trip back to the U.S.

12:05 AM IST Group Flight Depart TLV – JFK (DL7426)

4:55 AM EST Group Flight Arrives at JFK

Rep. Cloud Flights

7:00 AM EST JFK – ATL (DL522)

11:05 AM EST ATL – Austin (DL2011)

Rep. Moran Flights

8:30 AM EST JFK – Dallas-Fort Worth (DL356)

Rep. Tenney Flights

9:15 AM EST JFK – Syracuse (DL436)

Mark Longoria Flights

7:00 AM EST JFK – ATL (DL522)

11:05 AM EST ATL – Austin (DL2011)



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Congressional Tour Israel Itinerary

UPDATED: 8/25/25

***Friday, August 1 – Sunday, August 10
2025***

** all times are local **

() denotes education hours

Departure – Friday, August 1, 2025: Travel

Rep. Cloud Flights

7:38 AM CST- 12:30 PM EST Austin – JFK (DL1411)
4:30 PM EST- 5:55 AM CEST JFK – CDG (DL8740)
9:30 AM CEST- 2:45 PM IST CDG – TLV (DL8457)

Rep. Johnson Flights

11:00 AM EST- 12:20 PM EST DCA – JFK (DL5792)
4:30 PM EST- 5:55 AM CEST JFK – CDG (DL8740)
9:30 AM CEST- 2:45 PM IST CDG – TLV (DL8457)

Rep. McCaul Flights

11:00 AM EST- 12:20 PM EST DCA – JFK (DL5792)
4:30 PM EST- 5:55 AM CEST JFK – CDG (DL8740)
9:30 AM CEST- 2:45 PM IST CDG – TLV (DL8457)

Rep. Moran Flights

7:15 AM CST- 12:04 PM EST Dallas-Fort Worth – JFK (DL454)
4:30 PM EST- 5:55 AM CEST JFK – CDG (DL8740)
9:30 AM CEST- 2:45 PM IST CDG – TLV (DL8457)

Rep. Tenney Flights

11:27 AM EST- 12:50 PM EST Syracuse – JFK (DL5436)
4:30 PM EST- 5:55 AM CEST JFK – CDG (DL8740)
9:30 AM CEST- 2:45 PM IST CDG – TLV (DL8457)

Mark Longoria Flights

7:38 AM CST- 12:30 PM EST Austin – JFK (DL1411)
4:30 PM EST- 5:55 AM CEST JFK – CDG (DL8740)
9:30 AM CEST- 2:45 PM IST CDG – TLV (DL8457)

Jaqueline Russell Flights

11:00 AM EST- 12:20 PM EST DCA – JFK (DL5792)
4:30 PM EST- 5:55 AM CEST JFK – CDG (DL8740)
9:30 AM CEST- 2:45 PM IST CDG – TLV (DL8457)

William Johnson Flights

11:00 AM EST- 12:20 PM EST DCA – JFK (DL5792)
4:30 PM EST- 5:55 AM CEST JFK – CDG (DL8740)
9:30 AM CEST- 2:45 PM IST CDG – TLV (DL8457)
4:30 PM EST Group Flight Depart JFK – CDG (DL8740); CDG – TLV (DL8457)

Arrival – Saturday, August 2, 2025: Tel Aviv / Jerusalem (1.5 hrs.)

2:45 PM	Group Flights Arrives at TLV (DL8457)
4:15 PM-6:00 PM	Depart for Jerusalem
6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Check into Hotel
7:00 PM-9:00 PM	Welcome Dinner & Orientation – Notre Dame Hotel Restaurant (1.5)

Speaker: Heather Johnston, Executive Director, U.S. Israel Education Association
Description: Explanation of the background and importance of the trip, specifically as it relates to each member’s committee assignments, and overview to prepare for the important upcoming meetings.

Overnight- David Citadel Hotel

Day 1 – Sunday, August 3, 2025: Jerusalem (9 hrs.)

8:00 AM-9:30 AM Breakfast Meeting, David Citadel (1)

Speaker: Heather Johnston, Executive Director, U.S. Israel Education Association
Topic: *Overview and Timeline of Israel's History*
Description: Presentation on history of Israel to set the foundation of the trip and give an understanding of the past cultures, religions, and history, as well as the role the U.S. plays today inside the nation.

9:30 AM-10:00 AM Depart for City of David

10:00 AM-12:00 PM City of David Walking Tour – Jerusalem's Newest Archaeological Site (2)

Speaker: Ze'ev Orenstein, Director of International Affairs, City of David Foundation
Topic: *The Founding of Ancient Jerusalem & The Restoration of Modern Jerusalem*
Description: A description of the neighborhoods and boundaries today and the strategic locations of landmarks inside each neighborhood. Discussion of military strategy including the many tunnels still located under the modern city and understanding who controls each section.

12:00 PM-12:30 PM Depart for the King David Hotel

12:30 PM-3:00 PM Lunch and Private Briefings at the King David Hotel (2.5)

Speaker: IDF Branch Leaders
Topic: *Israel's Multifront War*
Description: A briefing on recent military operations including from pilots who participated in the Iranian strikes, naval officers stationed in the Red Sea, and ground special forces in Gaza.

Speaker: Israel Katz, Minister of Defense
Topic: *Understanding the Current Dynamics of Middle East Security*
Description: A briefing on recent developments inside Israel's defense on all military fronts.

3:00 PM-3:30 PM Depart for Davidson Center

3:30 PM-4:30 PM Davidson Center (1)

Speaker: Heather Johnston, Executive Director, U.S. Israel Education Association
Topic: *Discovering Ancient Jerusalem & Its Significance Today*
Description: Educational tour of recent developments in the archaeological center and how each period has affected the nation's disputes still going on today. Also provides a strategic view of the Dome of the Rock with an overview of the violence and conflict erupting there today.

4:30 PM-4:45 PM Walk to the Western Wall

4:45 PM-5:45 PM The Western Wall – History & Overview (1)

Speaker: Chief Rabbi Shmuel Rabinovitch, Chief Rabbi of the Western Wall

Topic: *Historical Perspectives & Modern Controversies*

Description: An understanding of the connection to Temple Mount, entry restrictions from the western side, and what lies behind the Wall today. Discuss the impact of these restrictions, land disputes, and strategic consequences behind each military defending their locations.

5:45 PM-6:00 PM Depart for Hotel

6:00 PM-7:30 PM Dinner Debrief, The David Citadel Hotel (.5)

Speaker: Joan Leslie McGill, Chief of Staff, U.S. Israel Education Association

Topic: *Daily Debrief*

Description: Discussion and overview of the day's education and topics.

7:30 PM-8:30 PM Private Briefing with Israel's Foreign Minister, David Citadel Hotel (1)

Speaker: Gideon Saar, Foreign Minister

Topic: *Understanding the Current Foreign Policy Landscape*

Description: A briefing on Israel's current challenges and opportunities inside global foreign policy.

Overnight- David Citadel Hotel

Day 2 – Monday, August 4, 2025: Samaria (9.5 hrs.)

Breakfast on Own

8:30 AM-10:00 AM Depart for Ariel – Regional Hub, Samaria (1)

Speaker: Heather Johnston, Executive Director, U.S. Israel Education Association
Topic: *Survey of Demographic Realities, Samaria (Inside the Green Line)*
Description: An understanding of BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions), the divided land, and co-existence inside the green line.

10:00 AM-11:30 AM Ron Nachman Pioneer Museum at the National Leadership Center (1.5)

Speaker: Avi Zimmerman, Co-Founder of the Judea & Samaria Chamber of Commerce
Topic: *West Bank History*
Description: A historical and geopolitical overview of the West Bank since Israel's establishment in 1948. Discussion on the impact of the Oslo Accords in the 1990s and the current division of the region between areas A, B, and C. What does this mean for future governance of the region and is a two-state solution possible given the demographics?

Speaker: Governor Yisrael Ganz
Topic: *A Future Peace Plan*
Description: Presentation of a possible future plan to solve the land disputes between Israelis and Palestinians living inside of the West Bank.

11:30 AM-12:30 PM Tour the National Leadership Center (1)

Speaker: Eran Glazer, Executive Director, Israel's National Leadership Center
Topic: *A New Generation of Leaders for Israel: Arabs & Jews Training Together*
Description: The role of the National Leadership Center and their key relationship with the Ministry of Education, the IDF, and the Arabs. A hands-on look at a unique program developing Israel's future leaders and rehabilitation efforts post-October 7th.

12:30 PM-2:30 PM Luncheon at the National Leadership Center (2)

Speakers: U.S. Ambassador Mike Huckabee, Mayor Yair Chetboun, Governor Israel Gantz
Topic: *Briefing on Ariel as the Capital & Regional Hub of Samaria*
Description: A history of the modern city of Ariel and its role as the capital of Samaria. The future of the U.S. Israel collaboration in Samaria and its strategic vantage point for Israeli security.

2:30 PM-3:00 PM Depart for Shiloh (.5)

Speaker: Ari Sacher, Senior Policy Advisor, U.S. Israel Education Association
Topic: *Binational Foundations*

Description: Discuss the collaborative research success occurring at Ariel University and briefing on ways the U.S. government can work with Israelis under the BIRD, BARD, and BSF foundations, specifically geared toward life sciences.

3:00 PM-5:00 PM Ancient Shiloh Archaeological Site (1.5)

Speaker: Roni Stern, Professional Guide

Topic: *Guided walking tour through ancient ruins of Shiloh*

Description: A look at the city of Shiloh and its recent historical findings through excavation. A look back over history in this region and why the years of hostility remains today. Can lessons be learned, and changes be implemented with the involvement of U.S. leaders?

5:00 PM-5:30 PM Depart for Dinner with the Prime Minister

5:30 PM-6:00 PM Security Brief & Check In

6:00 PM-8:30 PM Private Dinner Meeting with Prime Minister—Shiloh Winery (2)

Speaker: Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister

Topic: *Briefing on the U.S.-Israel Relationship*

Description: A time for the members to ask pertinent questions of the Prime Minister on Israel's internal affairs, status in the region, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and major points of interest in the U.S.-Israel relationship.

8:30 PM-9:30 PM Depart for The David Citadel Hotel

Overnight- David Citadel Hotel

Day 3 – Tuesday, August 5, 2025: Judea (6.5 hrs.)

Breakfast on Own

10:30 AM-11:00 AM Depart for Gethsemane / Old City

11:00 AM-12:00 PM Garden of Gethsemane and Guided Walking Tour Through Old City (1)

Speaker: Roni Stern, Professional Guide

Topic: *Understanding the Many Religious Sides of Jerusalem*

Description: Presentation on the intersection of three major world religions in Jerusalem and how this not only affects the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, but also is a special point of interest for the rest of the world. Understanding the different arguments for land rights in Jerusalem based on religion.

12:00 PM-1:30 PM Depart for Hebron – Picnic Lunch on Bus (1)

Speaker: Roni Stern, Professional Guide

Topic: *History of Judea & Modern Geopolitical Dynamics*

Description: Understanding the difference in the security threat to the southern region of the West Bank inside the green line.

Speaker: Heather Johnston, Executive Director, U.S. Israel Education Association

Topic: *Israeli-Palestinian Integrated Business & The Role of the U.S. Government*

Description: Debrief of meeting and presentation on the formation of legitimized integrated business inside of the West Bank and how the U.S. government is already involved in this peace process.

1:30 PM-3:00 PM Private Meeting with Ashraf Jabari and Palestinian Business Leaders (1.5 hrs.)

Speaker: Avi Zimmerman and Ashraf Jabari, Co-Founders of the Judea & Samaria Chamber of Commerce, and other Palestinian Business Leaders

Topic: *Integrated Business Inside the West Bank*

Description: Providing first-hand accounts of integrated business inside the West Bank and its future, specifically as it relates to the Palestinian population and their government.

3:00 PM-3:30 PM Depart for Hebron Regional Center

3:30 PM-4:30 PM Hebron Regional Center (1)

Speaker: Rabbi Simcha Hochbaum, Hebron Director of Tourism

Topic: *Hebron as the Home of the Patriarchs & its Role in the U.S.-Israel Relationship*

Description: An up-close look at the changes this city is undergoing due to the current disputes, violence, and claims to control over Hebron and the location of the nation's patriarchs.

4:30 PM-5:00 PM Depart for Dinner

5:00 PM-7:00 PM Dinner Briefing — Gush Etzion Winery (2)

Speaker: Nir Barkat, Minister of Economy

Topic: *Palestinian Emirates Plan Pt. 1*

Description: Presentation on the possible plan for Palestinian hubs to defect from the Palestinian Authority and join the Abraham Accords.

7:00 PM-8:00 PM Depart for Jerusalem

Overnight- David Citadel Hotel

Day 4 – Wednesday, August 6, 2025: Jerusalem & The South of Israel (7.5 hrs.)

**Speaker Johnson, Mrs. Johnson, Jacqueline Russell, and William Johnson Depart the Trip*

Breakfast on Own

10:30 AM-12:00 PM Depart for the South (1.5)

Speaker: Roni Stern, Professional Guide
Topic: *October 7, 2023*
Description: A history of Israel's relationship with the Gaza strip and the events that led to the massacre on October 7th. Also includes a briefing on the activity since the war started and the politicization facing Israeli society today.

12:00 PM-1:30 PM Lunch at Gaza Border (1.5)

Speaker: Brig. General Elad Goren, COGAT
Topic: *Gazan Humanitarian Foundation*
Description: Presentation on the IDF's work to supply aid to the Gaza strip amidst the ongoing war. This includes the joint U.S.-Israel Gaza Humanitarian Foundation that is currently operating in the warzone.

1:30 PM-1:45 PM Depart for Kibbutz Nir Oz

1:45 PM-3:00 PM Tour Kibbutz Nir Oz (1)

Speaker: Official IDF Briefing
Topic: *October 7th, 2023*
Description: Beginning at the point of breach on the Israel-Gaza border, a presentation on the timeline of events leading up to October 7th and what transpired on that day.

3:00-3:15 PM Depart for Nova Festival Site

3:15 PM-4:15 PM Nova Festival Site (1)

Speaker: Nova Survivor
Topic: *Survivor Stories*
Description: Firsthand accounts from those that survived the brutality of the October 7th attacks and what occurred specifically at the Nova Festival site. Unique insight into what it was like to be there on that day.

4:15 PM-6:15 PM Depart for the David Citadel Hotel in Jerusalem (1)

Speaker: Joan Leslie McGill, Chief of Staff, U.S. Israel Education Association
Topic: *Alternate Gazan Education System (AGES)*
Description: Present the new Alternate Gazan Education System (AGES) concept for establishing temporary schools in Gaza while the war continues. Discuss new curriculum that can deradicalize the Gaza population and teach toward peaceful coexistence.

6:30 PM-8:30 PM Dinner Briefing—The David Citadel Hotel (1.5)

Speaker: Nir Barkat, Minister of Economy and Palestinian Sheikhs

Topic: *Palestinian Emirates Plan Pt. 2*

Description: Presentation on the possible plan for Palestinian hubs to defect from the
Palestinian Authority and join the Abraham Accords.

Overnight - The David Citadel Hotel

Day 5 – Thursday, August 7, 2025: Travel to the Galilee Region (7 hrs.)

Baggage Pick Up / Check Out

8:30 AM-10:30 AM Breakfast Briefing, The David Citadel Hotel – Israeli Life Sciences Industry (2)

Speaker: Jon Medved, CEO of OurCrowd, and CEOs of Health Tech Startups
Topic: *Israel as a Staging Ground for U.S. Nearshoring*
Description: An interactive briefing on the desire coming out of the Israeli health industry to have access to an FDA bureau in Israel. This would in turn benefit the U.S. by expediting Israeli items to the U.S. market and therefore diversifying and fortifying American supply chains.

10:30 AM-11:15 AM Depart for Lunch in Ein Karem

11:15 AM-12:15 PM Lunch in Ein Karem, Karma Restaurant

12:15 PM-12:30 PM Depart for Helicopter Pad in Ein Karem

12:30 PM-5:30 PM Helicopter Rides to the North (4.5)

Speaker: Roni Stern, Professional Guide (2)
Topic: *Ariel Briefing on Israel's Borders*
Description: A briefing from the air to effectively view and assess all of Israel's strategic borders and the challenges faced on each front. This will include a briefing over the Golan, Syrian, Lebanese, and Jordanian borders as well as a sea vantage point from the Mediterranean.

Speaker: Ari Sacher, Senior Policy Advisor, U.S. Israel Education Association at Rafael Industries (1.5)
Topic: *Emerging Missile Defense and Military Technology*
Description: Presentation from one of Israel's top defense industry leaders on emerging military technology that could benefit the U.S. military.

Speaker: Ilan Shulman, IDF Intelligence Officer, at Mt. Bental (1)
Topic: *Israel's Syrian Border*
Description: Presentation on the security situation at Israel's Syrian border, including the implications of a Russian presence and how that affects current geopolitical dynamics.

5:30 PM-6:30 PM Bus Ride to Tiberius

6:30 PM-8:00 PM Dinner Debrief, Decks Restaurant (.5)

Speaker: Joan Leslie McGill, Chief of Staff, U.S. Israel Education Association
Topic: *Daily Debrief*
Description: Discussion and overview of the day's education and topics.

8:00 PM Check into The Scots Hotel

Overnight - The Scots Hotel

Day 6 – Friday, August 8, 2025: Galilee Region (8 hrs.)

Mark Longoria Early Departure

5:55 AM IST- 10:20 AM EST TLV – BOS (LY15)

1:35 PM EST- 4:54 PM CST BOS – IAH (UA1976)

8:30 AM-10:00 AM Breakfast Meeting, The Scots Hotel (1.5)

Speaker: Heather Johnston, Executive Director, U.S. Israel Education Association

Topic: *The History of the Galilee*

Description: Teaching on the historical, political, and spiritual background of the unique Galilee region and its importance in modern context.

10:00 AM-12:30 PM Bus Tour Around Galilee Region (2)

Speaker: Heather Johnston, Executive Director, U.S. Israel Education Association

Topic: *The Galilee Region in Contrast to the West Bank*

Discussion: Discussion on the difference between traveling and life in Israel proper from the situation inside of the West Bank. A look at how Israeli life differs significantly depending on geographic location.

Speaker: Roni Stern, Professional Guide

Topic: *Briefing on Agriculture in the North*

Description: Briefing on Israel's agricultural challenges that created agricultural breakthroughs, and how the nation has created a "startup" culture around agriculture technology.

12:30 PM-2:00 PM Lunch Briefing at Magdalena (1.5)

Speaker: Lt. Col. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi, CEO & Founder, ALMA

Topic: *The Hezbollah Threat & Israel's Lebanese Front*

Description: Briefing on the current state of Lebanese affairs and how this affects Israel and the world at large. What is the US government's role in these situations? Discussion of the northern border as a strategic security front.

2:00 PM-2:30 PM Depart for Sea of Galilee

2:30 PM-5:00 PM Explore the Sea of Galilee – Bus Tour & Boat Ride (2.5)

Speaker: Roni Stern, Professional Guide

Topic: *The Sea of Galilee*

Description: The bus will begin at the lunch restaurant near Capernaum and travel south to Tiberius. The members will receive a briefing on the ancient history of these towns and their current importance in the context of the conflict in the north of Israel with Hezbollah. Then the members will embark on a boat in Tiberius and ride the boat back to the hotel. They will be briefed on the importance of this ancient seaport and understand the history and the unique cross over of

religions between the Jewish and Christian holy sites. How religion in the Galilee plays a different role in Israeli society, versus Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. The bus and the boat provide the best vantage points of the Sea of Galilee and the geography and topography along the shoreline.

5:00 PM-5:30 PM Depart for Hotel

6:00 PM-8:00 PM Dinner Debrief, The Scots Hotel (.5)

Speaker: Joan Leslie McGill, Chief of Staff, U.S. Israel Education Association

Topic: *Daily Debrief*

Description: Discussion and overview of the day's education and topics.

Overnight - The Scots Hotel

Day 7 – Saturday, August 9, 2025: Galilee Region / Tel Aviv (7.5 hrs.)

Baggage Pick Up / Check Out / Breakfast on Own

9:30 AM-10:30 AM Meeting with Druze Leaders (1.5)

Speaker: Druze Sheikhs & Community Leaders
Topic: *Druze Genocide in Syria*
Description: Briefing on the mass killings of the Druze community in Syria and how it has impacted the Israeli Druze community. Broader impacts of new Syrian regime and U.S. foreign policy.

10:30 AM-12:00 PM Business Meeting (1.5)

Speaker: Joan Leslie McGill, Chief of Staff, U.S. Israel Education Association
Topic: *Debrief of the Congressional Tour with a Look to the Future*
Description: Discussion on major points of education on the tour, how these points specifically pertain to the members' role in the U.S. government, and how this information will impact the future of the U.S.-Israel relationship.

12:00 PM-1:00 PM Depart for Mt Carmel – Picnic Lunch on Bus

1:00 PM-2:00 PM Mt. Carmel (1)

Speaker: Heather Johnston, Executive Director, U.S. Israel Education Association
Topic: *Strategic Vantage Point & Final Overlook of the Northern Region*
Discussion: Presentation on the historical viewpoints on this location and how it serves as another strategic security point for Israel in its northern regional dynamics.

2:00 PM-4:00 PM Depart for Caesarea

4:00 PM-6:00 PM Ancient Archeological Park Caesarea, Walking Tour (2)

Speaker: Roni Stern, Professional Guide
Topic: *Ancient Caesarea & Israel's Sea Border*
Description: Presentation on the history of ancient Caesarea and the importance of Israel's ports and waterfront for trade and security.

6:00 PM-8:00 PM Farewell Dinner - Helena Restaurant, Private Room (1.5)

Topic: *Final Debrief*
Description: Final discussion and overview of trip. Members highlight major focus points for U.S. government interests and actionable outcomes moving forward.

8:00 PM-9:30 PM Depart for Tel Aviv, Ben Gurion Airport

9:30 PM Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport, Flight Check-In

Arrive Home – Sunday, August 10, 2025: Travel

12:05 AM IST- 4:55 AM EST Group Flight TLV – JFK(DL7426)

Rep. Cloud Flights

12:05 AM IST- 4:55 AM EST Group Flight TLV- JFK(DL7426)

7:00 AM EST- 9:30 AM EST JFK – ATL (DL522)

11:05 AM EST- 12:23 PM CST ATL – Austin (DL2011)

Rep. Moran Flights

12:05 AM IST- 4:55 AM EST Group Flight TLV – JFK(DL7426)

8:30 AM EST- 11:27 AM CST JFK – Dallas-Fort Worth (DL356)

Rep. Tenney Flights

12:05 AM IST- 4:55 AM EST Group Flight TLV – JFK(DL7426)

9:15 AM EST- 10:47 AM EST JFK – Syracuse (DL436)

*Rep. McCaul Flying Separately

1:50 PM IST- 4:00 PM EEST TLV- ATH (A3925, Operated by Aegean Airlines)

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July 30, 2025

Ms. Jacqueline Russell
1 Office of the Speaker
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Dear Ms. Russell:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel,¹ scheduled for August 1 to 6, 2025, sponsored by the U.S. Israel Education Association (USIEA). We note that you are not accepting return transportation from the trip sponsor.

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
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