

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.

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

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

2. Travel Destination(s): Israel

3. Date of Departure: August 1, 2026 Date of Return: August 9, 2026

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rafi Silberberg

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	\$13,383.69	\$2,630.54	\$1,613.62	\$10,038.20
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: 8/20/2026 | 13:13 EDT

Name: Rachel Hirsch Title: Chief Legal Counsel

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

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

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

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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.

**American Israel Education Foundation
Educational Seminar in Israel
Senior Congressional Staff
August 1-9, 2026**

Itinerary

Saturday, August 1, 2026

3:17 PM	Amtrak #168 departs Union Station for Metz
3:59 PM	Delta #866 departs Detroit for Barry
4:56 PM	Delta #5713 departs DCA for Jones
6:21 PM	Amtrak #168 arrives Newark for Metz
6:30 PM	Delta #5713 arrives JFK for Jones
7:18 PM	Delta #866 arrives Miami for Barry
11:50 PM	El Al #26 departs Newark for Metz
11:50 PM	El Al #8 departs JFK for Jones, Kaiman, Silberberg
11:55 PM	El Al #118 departs Miami for Lastre, Barry

Sunday, August 2, 2026

5:10 PM	El Al #8 arrives Tel Aviv for Jones, Kaiman, Silberberg
5:15 PM	El Al #26 arrives Tel Aviv for Metz
6:55 PM	El Al #118 arrives Tel Aviv for Lastre, Barry
	Transfer to Jerusalem
8:15 – 9:30 PM	Welcome Dinner and Discussion Dinner and Discussion with: ▪ Gabi Duec, Educational Seminar Leader, American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF) ▪ Ian Stern, Licensed Tour Guide -at Zahara restaurant, Jerusalem
9:30 PM	Depart

- 9:45 – 11:00 PM **Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part I: The City of David**
with Ian Stern, Licensed Tour Guide
-at the City of David, Jerusalem
- 11:15 PM Check-in to the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
- 11:30 PM Overnight at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

Monday, August 3, 2026

- 7:45 – 8:30 AM **Introductions and Orientation Breakfast**
With Gabi Duec
Educational Seminar Leader,
American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
-at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
- 8:45 – 10:00 AM **State of the Nation: Israel in Transition**
With Yaakov Katz
Author and Journalist, Former Editor,
The Jerusalem Post
-at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
- 10:00 AM Depart
- 10:15 AM – 12:00 PM **Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part II: The Holy Basin**
Guided survey with Ian Stern, Licensed Tour Guide
-at the Old City, Jerusalem
- 12:15 – 1:00 PM Lunch
-at Luciana restaurant, Jerusalem
- 1:15 PM Depart
- 2:00 – 3:15 PM **Israel's National Security: Challenges and Strategies**
Meeting with Dr. Uri Resnick
Deputy Director of Foreign Policy,
Israel's National Security Council (NSC)
-at the National Security Council, Jerusalem
- 3:30 PM Depart
- 3:45 – 5:00 PM Break
-at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

5:00 – 6:00 PM	Israeli Politics – Israel Goes to the Polls Briefing with Amit Segal Journalist and Chief Political Analyst, Channel 12 News -at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
6:15 – 7:30 PM	The Changing Middle East: Regional Strategic Overview Briefing by Brig. Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel Former Director, Counter-Terrorism Bureau at Prime Minister's Office -at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
7:30 PM	Depart
7:45 – 9:30 PM	Dinner -at Jacos, Shuk Mahane Yehuda
9:45 PM	Return to the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
10:00 PM	Overnight at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

7:15 – 8:15 AM	Breakfast on own -at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
8:30 – 9:45 AM	Israel's Standing in the International Arena Meeting with Dr. Tal Becker Vice President, Shalom Hartman Institute -at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
10:00 AM	Depart
10:00 – 10:30 AM	En-route Briefing: Israel's Mount of Remembrance With Ian Stern, Licensed Tour Guide
10:30 AM – 12:30 PM	The Israeli Psyche: The Significance of the Holocaust Guided visit -at Yad Vashem: The World Holocaust Remembrance Center
12:45 PM	Depart
1:00 – 1:45 PM	Lunch -at the Vert Hotel, Jerusalem

1:45 – 3:00 PM	Palestinian Society: Trends and Public Sentiment Meeting with Samer Sinijlawi Fatah Activist and Chairman, the Jerusalem Development Fund -at the Vert Hotel, Jerusalem
3:00 PM	Depart
3:15 – 4:00 PM	En-route Briefing: Tel Aviv – Ancient Roots, Modern Metropolis With Ian Stern, Licensed Tour Guide
4:45 PM	Check-in to the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv
6:00 – 7:30 PM	The Iran War: Lessons from Operation Roaring Lion With Col. (ret.) Udi Eventhal Senior Advisor, Mind Israel -at the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv
7:30 PM	Depart
7:45 – 9:15 PM	Dinner -at Goshen restaurant, Tel Aviv
9:15 PM	Return to the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv
9:30 PM	Overnight at the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

7:30 – 8:30 AM	Breakfast on own -at the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv
8:30 – 9:15 AM	October 7th Part I: How It Unfolded in Israeli Society With Gabi Duec Educational Seminar Leader, American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF) -at the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv
9:30 AM	Depart
9:45 – 10:30 AM	Enroute Briefing: The History of Gaza, 1948-October 6 With Ian Stern, Licensed Tour Guide
11:15 AM – 12:00 PM	October 7th Part II: Bearing Witness Experience October 7 through the eyes of Israeli survivors -at Israel-is Media Center, Sderot
12:15 PM	Depart

12:45 – 1:45 PM	October 7th Part III: The Nova Music Festival Visit the site of the Nova Music Festival Massacre With Ohad Seelenfreund, Nova Massacre Survivor -at Reim Forest
1:45 PM	Depart
2:15 – 3:00 PM	Lunch -at Garbuli, Sderot
3:00 PM	Depart
5:00 – 6:15 PM	Break at the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv
6:15 – 7:30 PM	Israel's Multilayer Missile Defense: Evolution and U.S. Cooperation With Brig. Gen. (ret.) Doron Gavish Former Director, Israel Aerial Defense Array -at the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv
7:45 – 9:45 PM	Service and Innovation: Responding to Unique Challenges Dinner with Danielle Abraham Director, Regrow/Volcani International Partnerships -at the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv
10:00 PM	Overnight at the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv

Thursday, August 6, 2026

7:15 – 8:15 AM	Breakfast on own -at the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv
8:30 – 9:30 AM	The Opposition's Path Forward: Policy and Governance Meeting with Yair Zivan Senior Advisor, The Honorable Yair Lapid, Yesh Atid Party -at the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv
9:30 AM	Depart
10:00 – 11:00 AM	Israel's Commitment to Wounded Veterans Guided visit with Ora Schneider Director, Beit Halochem -at Beit Halochem, Tel Aviv
11:15 AM	Depart
11:15 – 11:45 AM	En-route Briefing: The Settlement Movement in the West Bank Ian Stern, Licensed Tour Guide

11:45 – 12:30 PM	Israel's Narrow Waistline Briefing and overlook with Gabi Duec Educational Seminar Leader, American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF) -at the Alfei Menashe overlook
12:30 PM	Depart
1:15 – 1:45 PM	En-Route Briefing: The Druze Religion in the Middle East with Ian Stern, Licensed Tour Guide
2:15 – 3:45 PM	Statehood and Loyalty: The Druze in Israel Lunch and Discussion with: ▪ Nadim Amar, Political Activist and Former Mayor of Julis ▪ Basma Hino, Owner and Founder, Noor Restaurant -at Noor Restaurant, Julis
3:45 PM	Depart
4:30 – 6:30 PM	From Military Aid to Battlefield Innovation Briefing with: ▪ Yuval Steinitz, Chairman of the Board, Rafael Advanced Defense Systems ▪ Gidi Weiss, Vice President of International Business Development, Rafael Advanced Defense Systems -at Rafael Advanced Defense Systems, Leshem
6:45 PM	Depart
7:30 PM	Check-in to the Magdala Hotel, Migdal
7:45 PM	Depart
8:00 – 9:30 PM	Dinner and Discussion With ▪ Gabi Duec, Educational Seminar Leader, American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF) ▪ Ian Stern, Licensed Tour Guide -at the Galei Kinneret Hotel, Tiberias
9:30 PM	Depart
9:45 PM	Overnight at the Magdala Hotel, Migdal

Friday, August 7, 2026

From 7:00 AM	Breakfast on own -at the Magdala Hotel, Migdal
7:45 – 8:15 AM	Religious Significance of the Galilee Guided Survey of the Ancient Town of Mary Magdalene With Dr. Ian Stern, Licensed Tour Guide -at the Magdala Hotel Archeological Site, Migdal
8:15 AM	Depart
8:30 – 9:45 AM	Historic Significance of the Sea of Galilee Guided Survey with Ian Stern, Licensed Tour Guide -at the Mt. of Beatitudes and Capernaum, Sea of Galilee
9:45 AM	Depart
10:00 –10:30 AM	Enroute Briefing: The History of Hezbollah With Ian Stern, Licensed Tour Guide
10:30 AM –12:15 PM	Israel's Northern Border: Lebanon and Hezbollah Guided visit and briefing with Brig. Gen. (ret) Kobi Merom -at Aryeh Sha'ag, Upper Galilee
12:15 PM	Depart
1:00 –1:30 PM	En-Route Briefing: Israel, Syria, and the Golan Heights With Ian Stern, Licensed Tour Guide
1:30 – 2:30 PM	Regional Update: Alliances and Security in Al-Shaara's Syria Briefing by Major (res.) Ilan Schulman Intelligence and Northern Security Expert, Israel Defense Forces (IDF) -at Tel Saki, Golan Heights
2:45 PM	Depart
5:30 PM	Check-in to the King David Hotel, Jerusalem
7:15 PM	Depart
7:30 – 9:45 PM	Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem With the Mercer-Wood Family -at their home, Jerusalem
9:45 PM	Depart

10:00 PM Overnight at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

Saturday, August 8, 2026

From 7:00 AM Breakfast on own
-at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

9:00 AM Depart

9:00 – 9:15 AM **En-Route Briefing: Israel’s Journey from Remembrance to Independence**
With Ian Stern, Licensed Tour Guide

9:15 – 10:15 AM **Service and Sacrifice: The Price of Statehood**
Guided visit to Mount Herzl Military Cemetery
With Ian Stern, Licensed Tour Guide
-at the Mount Herzl Military Cemetery, Jerusalem

10:15 AM Depart

10:30 – 12:00 PM **Artifacts, Antiquity, and Modernity in Israel**
Guided visit to the Israel Museum
-at the Israel Museum, Jerusalem

12:15 PM Depart

12:30 – 1:15 PM Lunch
-at City View Restaurant, Jerusalem

1:15 – 1:45 PM **Jerusalem in Biblical Prophecy: Mount Scopus and the Mount of Olives**
With Ian Stern, Licensed Tour Guide
-at City View Mount Scopus Overlook, Jerusalem

2:00 PM Depart

2:15 PM Check-in and break at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

3:45 – 5:30 PM **Inside the U.S.-Israel Relationship**
Meeting with the Honorable Mike Huckabee
United State Ambassador to the State of Israel
-at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

7:00 – 8:30 PM **Closing Dinner: Reflections on the Week**
-at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

8:30 PM Depart

9:30 PM Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv

Sunday, August 9, 2026

12:05 AM El Al #3 departs Tel Aviv for Jones, Kaiman

12:30 AM El Al #27 departs Tel Aviv for Metz

1:00 AM El Al #25 departs Tel Aviv for Barry

1:00 AM El Al #1 departs Tel Aviv for Silberberg

4:55 AM El Al #3 arrives JFK for Jones, Kaiman

5:00 AM El Al #117 departs Tel Aviv for Lastre

5:15 AM El Al #27 arrives Newark for Metz

5:45 AM El Al #25 arrives Newark for Barry

5:50 AM El Al #1 arrives JFK for Silberberg

8:45 AM Delta #5750 departs JFK for Jones

9:39 AM Delta #2566 departs Newark for Barry

10:09 AM Delta #5750 arrives DCA for Jones

11:15 AM El Al #117 arrives Miami for Lastre

11:27 AM Delta #2566 arrives Detroit for Barry

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July 27, 2026

Mr. Rafael Silberberg
Office of the Honorable Michael Lawler
324 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Silberberg:

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 9, 2026, sponsored by American Israel Education Foundation.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$525 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 \$525] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Guest". The first letter "M" is large and stylized, with a loop that extends upwards and to the left.

Michael Guest
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark DeSaulnier". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

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

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

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

American Israel Education Foundation, Inc.

2. ☒ I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

3. **Check only one.** I represent that:

- a. ☒ The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**
- b. ☐ The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**
- c. ☐ The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____

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

Please see attached

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

6. Date of Departure: August 1, 2026 Date of Return: August 9, 2026

7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C. or home district

b. Destination(s): Israel

c. City of return: Washington, D.C. or home district

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

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

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

- a. ☒ I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
- b. ☐ I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
- c. ☐ I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
- d. ☐ I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

- a. Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☒ Bus ☒ Car ☐ Other ☐ (specify: _____)
- b. Class of travel: Coach ☐ Business ☒ First ☐ Charter ☒ Other ☐ (specify: Charter bus in Israel)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

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

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:

- a. ☐ The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
- b. ☒ The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:
- 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \$207.14

- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____

The trip is in Israel to educate congressional staff about the U.S.-Israel relationship.

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

Hotel Name: The King David Hotel City: Jerusalem Cost Per Night: \$449

Reason(s) for Selecting: Location and affordability

Hotel Name: The Sheraton Hotel City: Tel Aviv Cost Per Night: \$407

Reason(s) for Selecting: Location and affordability

Hotel Name: The Magdala Hotel City: Tiberias Cost Per Night: \$301

Reason(s) for Selecting: Location and affordability

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

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

☐ Actual Amounts ☒ Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$11,000	\$2,462	\$1,450
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of “Other” Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$5,208.30	Breakdown attached
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A

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

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

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Rachel Hirsch

Signature: _____

Date: 6/30/2026 | 10:56 EDT

Name: Rachel Hirsch

Title: Chief Legal Counsel

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

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

American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
U.S. Congressional Staff
August 1-9, 2026

Addendum

List of Participants

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

1. Mindy Barry, Policy Director/General Counsel, Office of the Honorable Virginia Foxx (R-NC)
2. Jonathan Jones, Chief of Staff, Office of Honorable Josh Brecheen (R-OK)
3. Jonathan Kaiman, Chief of Staff, Office of Honorable Tom Suozzi (D-NY)
4. Rey Anthony Lastre, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Carlos Gimenez (R-FL)
5. Craig Metz, Chief of Staff, Office of Honorable Joe Wilson (R-SC)
6. Rafi Silberberg, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Honorable Mike Lawler (R-NY)

Breakdown of other expenses

Other Cost	Cost per participant
Security	\$3,532.01
Speaker Fees	\$2,388.84
Room Rentals and Setup	\$1,044.64
Hotels for contract staff	\$916.91
Meals for contract staff and guests	\$906.47
Tour guide/Yad Vashem guide	\$823.96
Airport Assistance	\$260.19
Photography	\$60.62
Entrance Fees	\$32.24
Transportation for contract staff and speakers	\$28.32
Miscellaneous	\$25.32
Tips	\$18.69
Total per participant=	\$10,038.20

Cost Increase Explanation

During this seminar, standard meal allowances were exceeded due to specific dietary and logistical necessities. The variance was primarily driven by group dinners requiring strictly certified kosher venues to accommodate participants' religious observances, which significantly limited lower-cost dining options. Additionally, standard per-diem allowances have not kept pace with rising food costs and exchange rate fluctuations. Every effort was made to limit expenses while respecting mandatory dietary requirements, religious observances and fulfilling official programming needs.

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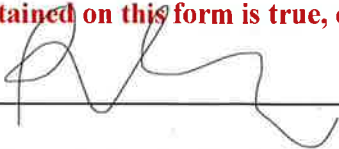
EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM ☐ Original ☐ Amendment

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.

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1. Name of Traveler: Rafael (Rafi) Silberberg
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** ☒ None
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: August 1 Return: August 9
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** ☒ None
4. Departure City: New York Destination: Tel Aviv Return City: New York
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Full itinerary attached
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: 8/20/2026

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: Mike Lawler Date: 8/24

Signature of Supervising Member: 

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

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: Rafael (Rafi) Silberberg

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

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

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Rep. Mike Lawler

Office Address: 324 Cannon House Office Building Washington DC 20515

Telephone Number: 202-225-6506

Email Address of Contact Person: Rafi.Silberberg@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: Rafael (Rafi) Silberberg
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: American Israel Education Foundation Inc. (AIEF)
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Israel
4. a. Date of Departure: August 1 2026 Date of Return: August 9 2026
b. Yes ☐ No ☒ Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Yes ☐ No ☒ Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**
(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____
(2) Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
(3) Yes ☐ No ☐ Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?
6. a. Yes ☐ No ☒ Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?
b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

7. Yes ☒ No ☐ *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**
As the congressman's Deputy Chief of Staff
As a member of Congressman Mike Lawler's staff, and given his role on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and as Chairman of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Subcommittee, I look forward to this AIEF educational trip and the opportunity to learn more about the U.S. Israel
Relationship

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: 7/1/26