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**AAmerican Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)**
**Educational Seminar in Israel**
**Senator Tina Smith (D-MN)**
**March 15-23, 2019**

**Itinerary**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019**

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| 7:20 PM | Depart Dulles |

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019**

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| 8:05 AM | Arrive Frankfurt |
| 10:10 AM | Depart Frankfurt |
| 3:15 PM | Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport<br>Transfer to Jerusalem |
| 4:30-5:30 PM | *En route:*<br>*Shalom Jerusalem*<br>Visit to Mt. Scopus |

**Jerusalem**
Throughout its 4,000-year history, the city of Jerusalem has changed hands many times. As home to the world's three great monotheistic religions — Judaism, Christianity and Islam — Jerusalem is probably the most disputed city in history. Today, the status of Jerusalem remains the most contentious issue in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Jerusalem has been at the heart of all Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. To understand the current political issues, it is critical to understand Jerusalem's history and the role it has played in shaping the Middle East. This seminar will include site visits to various locations in and around Jerusalem to give participants a first-hand look at the historic significance of the city, as well as its geographic layout.

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| 5:30 PM | Check-in to the Orient Hotel |
| 6:30-7:30 PM | *Welcome and Orientation*<br>Hilary Smith Kapner, Board of Directors, Washington, D.C., and<br>▪ Tom Sawicki, Director of Programming, Jerusalem<br>-at the Orient Hotel |
| 7:30-9:00 PM | *The Pulse of Israel Today*<br>Dinner with David Horovitz<br>Editor, *The Times of Israel*<br>-at the Orient Hotel |

**David Horovitz**
David Horovitz is the founding editor of *Times of Israel*, the leading current affairs website in Israel. Mr. Horovitz is will provide staff with a synthesis of domestic political trends, current international affairs and the general state of mind of the Israeli voters.

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| 9:00-10:00 PM | A brief walking survey of the Yemin Moshe neighborhood |
| 10:00 PM | Overnight at the Orient Hotel |

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019**

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| 7:45 AM | Breakfast is served |
| 8:00-9:00 AM | Breakfast with Mike Hankey<br>Head, Palestinian Affairs Unit<br>U.S. Embassy in Israel<br>-at the hotel |

**Breakfast with Mike Hankey**
Mike Hankey is the head of the Palestinian Affairs Unit at the United States Embassy in Jerusalem. He previously served as Deputy Consul General in Jerusalem from July 2017-March 2019. A career member of the Senior Foreign Service, he was previously Consul General at the U.S. Consulate General in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, where he led an interagency team promoting economic, commercial, and security ties in the heart of the Saudi oil and petrochemical industry.

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| 9:15 AM | Depart |
| 9:30 AM-12:30 PM | *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part I:*<br>*The Historic and Holy Basin*<br>Guided survey of:<br>▪ City of David and Southern Wall Excavations<br>▪ Western Wall<br>▪ Church of the Holy Sepulchre |

**Old City of Jerusalem & the Holy Basin**
The Old City of Jerusalem is home to the holiest shrines of the three monotheistic religions, including the Temple Mount, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and the Al-Aqsa Mosque. During the Camp David II talks, the Palestinians and Israelis differed on the Jerusalem question, namely the Old City, the status of Arab neighborhoods just outside the Old City, and religious sites such as the Temple Mount.

The Holy Basin is the historic location of Jerusalem and refers to the land surrounding the Old City, including the Mount of Olives, which is believed to be the departure point for Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem and where Jews have been burying their dead for 2,500 years. The Holy Basin also includes the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site, and the Temple Mount (Haram al-

Sharif), sacred ground for Jews, Muslims, and Christians. Control over these sensitive areas remains among the largest disputes in the Middle East.

The professionally guided survey will walk through all of these sites and others, educating trip participants on their historical impact and their role in today's political discussions.

**The City of David**
The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has consumed an enormous amount of time and manpower of members of consecutive American Administrations as well as members of Congress. One of the most intractable issues in the conflict has been the question of the future of Jerusalem. Jerusalem's City of David, more than any other site, represents the complexity of this conflict.

The City of David is the site most archeologists agree to be the ancient city of Jerusalem that later became the capital of the united Israelite tribes under King David. This area is one of the most intensively excavated sides in the wider region. To Jewish Israelis, the site represents the beginning of their physical and emotional attachment to Jerusalem that has continued for over three thousand years.

At the same time, much of the site is located in the predominantly Arab neighborhood of Silwan. The residents of Silwan, and the Palestinian Authority leadership are opposed to the archeological efforts being carried out in the City of David. In several instances, homes in Silwan were purchased and then destroyed to open up more areas for excavations. Additionally, Palestinian leadership has denied in their official statements the existence of any Jewish connection to Jerusalem.

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| 12:30 PM | Lunch<br>at Golden Panorama in the Old City |
| 1:15 PM | Depart for Ramallah |
| 2:30 PM | *A View from the Palestinian Authority*<br>Meeting with Dr. Saeb Erekat<br>Chief Palestinian Authority Negotiator<br>-at his office |
| 3:30 PM | Return to Jerusalem |
| 4:30-5:30 PM | *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part II:*<br>*Post-1967 Neighborhoods and the Security Barrier* |

**Post-1967 Neighborhoods**
When Jerusalem was reunified in 1967, following 19 years of division, the State of Israel extended the city's boundaries to include the strategic hills surrounding Jerusalem. These hills served as launching pads between 1948 and 1967 for sniper and mortar attacks on Israeli parts of the city by the Jordanian Army. Since 1967, these hills have become vibrant neighborhoods, fully integrated into the fabric of Jerusalem. It is vital for those discussing the issue of Jerusalem

to understand these neighborhoods' strategic importance and their relationship to the areas in the immediate vicinity.

**Security Barrier**
After scores of suicide bombings and daily terrorist attacks against its civilians launched following the breakdown of the Camp David II talks, Israel began construction of a security barrier near the pre-1967 "Green Line" between Israel and the West Bank to prevent Palestinian terrorists from infiltrating into Israeli population centers. Since its construction began, the number of attacks declined by more than 90% and the number of Israelis murdered and wounded decreased by more than 70% and 85%, respectively. The barrier is approximately 455 miles long. To Israel, the security barrier serves as a necessary obstacle to protect its people. To the Palestinians and others in the world, the barrier represents a physical and symbolic divide.

This seminar will survey the security barrier at different points along its route to see first-hand the barrier's construction, the operation of crossing points in and out of Palestinian areas, and the technology that facilitates its operation. Both en route to the barrier and at the barrier itself, the group will explore the competing arguments raised by the Israelis, Palestinians and the international community.

5:30 PM Return to hotel

7:30-9:30 PM *The Peace Process*
Dinner with Dr: Tal Becker
Legal Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
-at Touro

**Tal Becker**
Since Israel's founding, the Jewish state has sought to reach a just and lasting solution to the Israeli Palestinian conflict. The United States has been closely involved in negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. Dr. Tal Becker is a senior member of the Israeli peace negotiation team. In this position, he is on the front lines of many of Israel's most pressing diplomatic, legal and policy challenges. He is a veteran negotiator, and key behind the scenes representative, for Israel in a wide variety of contexts. During this session, he will address the prospects for peace in the current political climate. He will also discuss the complex challenges that have prevented a final status agreement thus far.

9:30 PM Overnight at the Orient Hotel

**MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019**
7:45 AM Breakfast is served

8:00-9:00 AM Israeli Political Primer
Breakfast with Professor Reuven Hazan
Political Science Professor, Hebrew University
-at the hotel

**Professor Reuven Hazan**
With Israel less than a month from new elections, it is critical for trip participants to have an understanding of the country's unique parliamentary system. Professor Hazan explains how the parliamentary party system works, how coalitions rise and fall, and how Israeli politics differ from American politics. Since the group will be visiting with government officials throughout the week, we believe it's important to provide this overview early in the seminar.

9:15 AM Depart for Yad Vashem

9:45-11:30 AM *The Significance of the Holocaust in Israeli Society*
Guided survey of Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum

**Yad Vashem**
One cannot understand Israel's position on Iran's nuclear program without understanding the trauma of the Holocaust. Israelis view threats to its destruction in light of the events of the 1930s and 1940s, when the German government's threats to exterminate the Jewish people were not taken seriously by the international community. This museum provides an important reference point as to how Israelis interpret the threat of an Iranian nuclear program and Iranian leaders committed to Israel's destruction.

Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, was established in 1953 by an act of the Israeli Knesset. Since its inception, Yad Vashem has been entrusted with documenting the history of the Jewish people during the Holocaust period, preserving the memory and story of each of the six million victims, and imparting the legacy of the Holocaust for generations to come through its archives, library, school, museums and recognition of the Righteous Among the Nations. Located on Har Hazikaron (the Mount of Remembrance) in Jerusalem, Yad Vashem is a sprawling complex of museums, exhibits, archives, monuments, sculptures, and memorials.

Every foreign leader that travels to Israel visits Yad Vashem. Yad Vashem has become a symbol of the Jewish people and its transformation from total helplessness to self-reliance and strength. Thus, a visit to Yad Vashem provides a historical context for the Jewish state. The museum's professional docent will guide the group through the main exhibit hall and the children's memorial.

11:30 AM Depart

12:00-2:00 PM *Healthcare for All – The Israeli Healthcare System*
Lunch and meetings at Hadassah hospital
-at Hadassah Ein Karem

**Healthcare for All**
Senator Tina Smith is a member of the Senate Health Committee. This in-depth visit to Hadassah hospital will provide the Senator with an understanding of the Israeli healthcare system in one of Israel's oldest, and most renowned hospitals. Israel has a universal health care system, where

every resident is entitled to fundamental healthcare by one of four official healthcare organizations.

**Hadassah Ein Kerem**
Founded by Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, the Hadassah Medical Organization pioneered the development of standards and practices of health care in Israel. Its main focus and its health care activities are in Jerusalem, and its heritage and emotional links are deeply rooted in the land of Israel and its people. Hadassah Medical Organization is also a bridge to peace. It forges links between patients of all nationalities, races and religion who come to its doors for healing.

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| 2:30 PM | Depart for the Office of the Prime Minister |
| 3:00 PM | Security check |
| 3:15-4:00 PM | Meeting with the Honorable Benjamin Netanyahu<br>Prime Minister of the State of Israel |
| 4:00 PM | Depart, return to Jerusalem |
| 6:15-7:15 PM | *Sanctions and Terror Financing*<br>Coffee with Paul Landes<br>Head, National Bureau for Counter Terror Financing<br>-at the hotel |

**Adv. Paul Landes**
Senator Tina Smith is a member of the Senate Banking Committee, which oversees issues related to sanctions and terror finance. As such, she will be briefed by Adv. Paul Landes, the Head of the National Bureau for Counter Terror Financing (NBCTF) of Israel, reporting directly to the Minister of Defense. The NBCTF is responsible for coordinating and synchronizing the struggle against financing of terrorism and its proliferation, by law enforcement agencies, security agencies, regulators and government ministries. Adv. Paul Landes also serves as the Nominated Officer for Designations on behalf of the Minister of Defense, with regard to Designations according to the new terror combating law and regulations.

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| 7:15 PM | Depart |
| 7:30-9:30 PM | *Tikkun Olam – "Healing the World"*<br>Dinner with:<br>Naty Barak, Netafim Solutions (drip irrigation pioneers)<br>▪ Yotam Polizer, IsraAID (global disaster response)<br>Cathy Sebag, MobileODT (global mobile medical care)<br>-at Le Regence, King David Hotel |

**Tikkun Olam**
One of the major tenets of Judaism is "Tikkun Olam", to "repair the world". This dinner will focus on representatives from organizations seeking to make the world a better place in various sectors. This evening will be a dinner discussion with entrepreneurs representing Israeli innovation and ingenuity that has had enormous impact both in Israel and abroad. The group will be meeting with innovators that are global leaders in water conservation, disaster response, and bringing Israeli technology and medicine to third world countries.

9:30 PM Overnight at the Orient Hotel

PLEASE PACK FOR THE NEXT DAY'S DEPARTURE

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019**

7:45 AM Breakfast is served
Luggage on the bus

8:30 PM Depart for Gaza Border

10:00-11:30 AM *Life in the Shadow of Rocket Fire*
- Strategic briefing at the Gaza border
- Meeting with a local resident

-Moshav Netiv Ha'Asara

**Israel's Southern Front**
Since 2001, Israeli communities bordering the Gaza Strip have been living under the threat of rocket fire. Since the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip in 2005 and the Hamas takeover of the Gaza Strip in 2007, the volume, range and accuracy of the rockets has only increased. The summer of 2014 witnessed Operation Protective Edge, which returned the issue of rocket fire from Gaza to international headlines. At Moshav Netiv Ha'Asara, participants will be able to see the border between Israel and the Gaza Strip, to better comprehend the landscape of the region, as well as the unique challenges faced by this area. The visit to Kibbutz Kfar Azza and meeting with a local resident will be an opportunity to better understand the reality of living just kilometers from Israel's border with Gaza, to learn how almost 15 years of rocket fire has shaped those living in the communities most affected, to discuss the advent of Hamas "terror tunnels" into Israel's border towns and how communities have sought to cope with the threat on their doorstep, both physically and psychologically.

11:30 AM-12:00 PM Depart for the Agricultural Research Organization, Volcani Center
Lunch en route

12:00-1:30 PM Visit to the Agricultural Research Organization, Volcani Center
Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
-Rishon LeTzion

**Agricultural Research Organization**
Volcani, or the Agricultural Research Center (ARO) is the Israeli Ministry of Agriculture's research center. The Israeli government has undertaken an effort to become one of the world leaders in agricultural innovation. The objective of the delegation's visit is to learn about Israeli innovation in Agriculture, and to explore potential future U.S.-Israel collaborations and partnerships in this field.

1:30 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

3:00-4:00 PM *A 360° Bird's Eye View of Israel*
A briefing at the helipad of the Azrieli Tower

**Azrieli Center Rooftop**
From the rooftop of the Azrieli center, participants will be standing at the highest observatory in the Middle East. The panoramic view stretches from Ashkelon in the south to Hadera in the north. On a clear day one see almost 70 percent of the country, as far as Jerusalem to the East. The importance of this visit is to provide participants a geostrategic viewpoint from which to understand the narrow waistline of Israel, which at its narrowest spans 9 miles from the Mediterranean to the West Bank. Additionally, the area visible from this vantage point – referred to as the Gedera-Hadera corridor – comprises a small rectangle of land that can be covered lengthwise in under an hour. This section of Israel includes over 50% of Israel's population, economic infrastructure, as well as its only International Airport.

4:00 PM Depart, check-in to the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

5:15-6:15 PM Meeting with Ambassador David Friedman
U.S. Ambassador to Israel
-at the hotel

**Meeting with Ambassador David Friedman**
Every member delegation has the opportunity to meet with the U.S. Ambassador to Israel. Ambassador David Friedman was the first bilateral ambassador to be confirmed in the Trump Administration. Prior to his appointment as ambassador, Mr. Friedman was a nationally top-ranked attorney, and a founding partner of Kasowitz, Benson, Torres &Friedman of New York, New York. He frequently represented high-profile clients in large and significant cases and has published articles and lectured on novel and complex areas of law. Ambassador Friedman has played a lead role in negotiating multilateral disputes in some of the nation's most complex business and financial restructurings. Well known for his excellent public speaking, negotiating and interpersonal skills, he has been active for decades in U.S. policy as it relates to Israel and the Middle East. He speaks and reads Hebrew and has traveled to Israel extensively. Ambassador Friedman earned a J.D. from New York University School of Law.

6:15-7:15 PM Coffee with Lt. Gen. (Res.) Benny Gantz
Chair, Blue and White Party
-at the hotel

**Lt. Gen. (Res.) Benny Gantz**
Lt. Gen. (Res.) Benny Gantz is an Israeli politician and General, who served as the 20th Chief of General Staff of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). In December 2018, he established a political party called "Israeli Resilience", as a counter to Likud in the upcoming elections. Currently polling in second place, Gantz will lay out his party's platform and his own personal vision for Israel.

7:15 PM Depart for dinner

7:30-9:30 PM *The Israel-Minnesota Connection*
Dinner and discussion
-at Deca

**The Israel-Minnesota Connection**
In addition to being trade partners, Israel and Minnesota participate in joint ventures, license agreements, sourcing & supply agreements (both exports and imports), and collaborative R & D agreements between companies and organizations based in Israel and Minnesota. The bulk of binational foundation grants shared by Minnesota and Israel center around Agricultural Research and Development, Science and Technology, and Industrial Research and Development. This dinner will explore those connections, as well as provide an opportunity for Senator Smith to meet with Minnesotans living in Israel.

9:30 PM Overnight at Sheraton Tel Aviv

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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019**
7:45 AM Breakfast served

8:00-9:00 AM *Strategic Threats Overview*
Breakfast with Brig. Gen. Assaf Orion
Senior Research Fellow, Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)
-at the hotel, Topaz hall

**Strategic Threats Overview**
As the delegation leaves the Gaza border, and heads north to the borders with Lebanon and Syria, it is critical to understand the threats faced by Israel from these three areas, all Iranian proxies. The briefing will cover the unique situation at each border, as well as the malign activity from Iran contributing to unrest in the region.

9:15 AM Luggage on the bus, Depart

10:00-10:45 AM *Israel's Narrow Waistline – Strategic Concerns*
Briefing at the Alfei Menashe overlook

**Alfei Menashe**
Alfei Menashe is a Jewish community located on the western edge of the West Bank. Less than 10 miles from the Mediterranean Sea, Alfei Menashe provides a unique vantage point to discuss Israeli settlement policy, the routing of the security barrier, as well as Israel's narrow waistline.

The sliver of Israeli land west of the West Bank is often referred to as the Hadera-Gadera rectangle, with the city of Hadera denoting the northern point, and the city of Hadera the southern point. The Hadera-Gadera rectangle is home to over 50 percent of Israel's population, as well as civilian infrastructure. The area is also home to Israel's "Silicon Valley," as well as Ben Gurion international airport.

The discussion at Alfei Menashe will allow participants to see firsthand the proximity of Jewish and Arab neighborhoods in both Israel and the West Bank; as well as the strategic threats faced by the Israeli population living in Israel's narrow waistline.

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| 10:45 AM | Travel north |
| 10:45 AM-1:30 PM | En route briefings:<br>*The Jezreel Valley*<br>▪ *The Galilee*<br>Lunch en route |

**The Jezreel Valley**
Our tour guide will spend an hour during the drive from Israel's center to the north to provide the delegation a briefing on the Jezreel Valley and the Upper Galilee and the challenges facing these regions of the country.

For thousands of years, the Jezreel Valley served as a land bridge linking Africa, Asia and Europe, and serving as a thoroughfare for ancient caravans and, more frequently, armies. In modern times, during World War I, for example, the British and Turkish forces fought a number of pitched battles in the valley. In 1948, following Israel's establishment, the combined forces of Iraq and Jordan attempted unsuccessfully to capture the valley in order to split the just-born Israel into two parts. In the early 20th century, after decades of neglect, Jewish pioneers drained the swamps in the valley, transforming this region into Israel's "breadbasket" known for wheat, cotton, sunflowers and fish ponds. The Jezreel Valley is also home to historical and biblical sites including Tel Megiddo and Nazareth.

Today it is an important symbol of Israel's complex and diverse political reality. The Jezreel Valley, together with the areas of the Lower and Upper Galilee, is home to the majority of Israel's Arab citizens. A survey of this area provides an opportunity to discuss and learn about Israel's Arab citizens – 20 percent of the population – each of which has full democratic, social and welfare rights, the right to vote and serve in the Knesset, and the opportunity to serve on Israel's Supreme Court. These issues are not widely known and this segment gives trip participants the opportunity to understand Israel's relationship with its largest minority group.

**Upper Galilee**
The Upper Galilee is home to the largest variety of ethnic communities in Israel including Druze, Circassian, Arab Muslim and Arab Christian villages. The Galilee is also home to ancient Jewish and Christian holy sites that provide additional historical and political context to regional tensions. Just as in the case of the Jezreel Valley, the area illustrates the role of minorities in Israel.

At the same time, the Upper Galilee is home to some of the most prominent industrial hubs. Best known among them is the Tefen Industrial area, home to numerous enterprises established by the region's residents – Jewish and Arab. In 2006, Upper Galilee's ISCAR Metal Working Company was purchased for $5 billion by Warren Buffet's conglomerate holding company. Since then, a number of American investors have become partners in some of the region's hi-tech and bio-tech companies.

While time does not permit for sites visits, a drive through the region allows for expanding on the importance of the area in the context of the U.S.–Israel relationship.

1:45-2:30 PM *Hizballah and Iran Next Door*
Briefing on Israel's border with Lebanon
With Lt. Col. Sarit Zehavi (Res.)
Director, Alma Research Center
-at Moshav Dovev

**Lt. Col. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi**
Lt. Col. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi served 15 years in the IDF in Military Intelligence –first in the Research and Analysis Branch, and later in the Northern Command. During her military service she briefed hundreds of delegations, ranging from U.S. Senators, Congressmen and politicians to global military commanders, senior journalists and visiting VIP delegations. She is the founder/director of Alma, an educational research center focusing on the security issues of Israel's northern border. Zehavi has authored many position papers focusing on Lebanon, Syria and Israel's national security challenges, and continues to brief delegations on these topics. She holds an MA in Middle East Studies from Ben Gurion University and is a resident of the northern Galilee region.

2:30 PM Depart

3:30-5:30 PM *Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee*
Historical and Holy Sites Around the Sea of Galilee
- Mount of Beatitudes
- St. Peter's Church
- Capernaum

**Christian Sites at the Sea of Galilee**
As part of the seminar's focus on the complex religious fabric of Israeli society, the group will be visiting several of the most sacred sites for Christians in the Holy Land. Included is a guided survey and discussion of some of the most important events in the life of Jesus by the Sea of Galilee. Just as strategic surveys in Jerusalem focused on Jewish, Muslim, and Christian history

and claims to the land, the site visits to the Christian sites help provide context for the competing religious narratives for the land of Israel. For example, we will be visiting the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount, the most studied and read speech of any religion in history. Our guide will also lead discussions through Capernaum and St. Peter's Church.

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| 5:30 PM | Depart |
| 6:00 PM | Check in to the Scots Hotel |
| 7:45-10:00 PM | Dinner and Discussion with Tom Sawicki, Director of Programming<br>-at Decks |

**Dinner and Discussion**
This dinner is an opportunity for the delegation to discuss the speakers and topics they have been exposed to thus far. We have found giving our participants an opportunity to discuss the topics and perspectives presented to them assists them in their ability to more fully understand the complexities Israel faces.

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| 9:30 PM | Overnight at the Scots Hotel |
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**THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019**

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| 7:30 AM | Breakfast on own<br>-at the hotel main restaurant |
| 8:30 AM | Depart for the Golan Heights |
| 9:45-11:00 AM | *Iran and Syria Next Door*<br>Strategic Survey of Israel's Border with Syria<br>With Col. (Res.) Miri Eisin<br>-at Kibbutz Ein Zivan |

**Miri Eisen**
Col. (Res.) Miri Eisin is one of Israel's main presenters, speaking on regional geo-politics and security related issues in the media worldwide. Col. Eisin served in the Israeli intelligence community and retired from active duty at the rank of full colonel in 2004. Over her twenty year career in the military she served as the deputy head of the combat intelligence corps, the personal assistant to the Director of Military intelligence and as the intelligence officer in combat units and research departments.

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| 11:00 AM | Depart for Jerusalem |

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| 12:30 PM | Lunch<br>-at Hummus Eliyahu, Ashdot Ya'akov |
| 1:15-4:30 PM | En route:<br>*Israel's Relations with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan*<br>▪ *Bringing It All Together* (Closing discussion) |

**Jordan: Relations with Israel, and the Growing Refugee Crisis**
The tour guide will spend approximately an hour during the drive through the Jordan Valley to explore several topics related to Israel's eastern neighbor: specifically, Israeli-Jordanian strategic cooperation, as well as the implications of the Syrian civil war on the Kingdom.

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan became the second Arab country after Egypt to recognize Israel when it signed a comprehensive peace agreement that ended nearly five decades of warfare. Shepherded by United States President Bill Clinton, the accord signed on Oct. 6, 1994, marked the onset of a new era of economic, cultural, and political dialogue and cooperation between the two countries.

In recent years, the two countries have worked together to combat the increased threat from terrorism by coordinating their security efforts and preventing infiltrations across their shared border. Today, Jordan hosts over 1.4 million Syrian refugees fleeing civil war. Following our discussion with Israeli soldiers patrolling the Syrian border, our guide will address how the influx of Syrian refugees and the threats in the region impact Jordan internally; as well as relations and further potential for strategic partnership between Jordan, the United States, and Israel.

**Bringing it all Together**
The closing discussion provides an opportunity for participants to process the scope of the week, from the religious center of the Judeo-Christian world in Jerusalem, to the bustling economic powerhouse of Tel Aviv; from the conflict plagued northern borders with Syria and Lebanon, to the environmental and geographical wonders of the Negev desert and the Dead Sea. We will process the range of topics explored, including the U.S.-Israel strategic partnership, prospects for Arab-Israeli peace, the experience of minorities in Israel, as well as greater existential threats throughout the region. Participants will also have the opportunity to share their takeaways, and ask any lingering questions that weren't covered during the week.

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| 4:30 PM | Check into the Orient Hotel |
| 6:30 PM | Depart |
| 7:00-10:00 PM | *The Jerusalem Mosaic*<br>Dinner at Machane Yehuda<br>Open Air Market, and meeting place of many cultures<br>-at Jacko Street |
| 9:00 PM | Overnight at the Orient Hotel |