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Educational Seminar in Israel
United States Congressional Staff
July 27 – August 4, 2019

Final Itinerary

Saturday, July 27, 2019

5:20 PM	Depart Union Station Amtrak #192
8:25 PM	Arrive at Newark International Airport
10:50 PM	Depart Newark International Airport United Flight #90

Sunday, July 28, 2019

4:20 PM	Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport Transfer to Jerusalem
6:00 PM	Check-in to the Inbal Hotel
7:00 PM	Depart for dinner
7:15-8:00 PM	*Setting the Stage* Welcome and Orientation - at Touro Restaurant
8:00-10:00 PM	*Pulse of The Nation* Dinner with Yossi Klein Halevi Senior Fellow, Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem - at Touro Restaurant

Pulse of the Nation

Yossi Klein Halevi is a senior fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. Together with Imam Abdullah Antepli of Duke University, he co-directs the Institute's Muslim Leadership Initiative (MLI), which teaches emerging young Muslim American leaders about Judaism, Israel and Zionism. A renowned author and thought leader, his latest book, the New York Times bestseller, *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor*, was published by Harper Collins in June 2018 to wide acclaim. Halevi writes for leading op-ed pages in the U.S. and is a former contributing editor to The New Republic. During this session, Halevi will provide members with a synthesis of

domestic political trends, current international affairs, and the general state of mind of the Israeli people at the point in time that the group arrives in Israel.

10:00-10:30 PM *Shalom Jerusalem*
Introduction to the history of the city
Brief walking survey

Shalom 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.

10:30 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

Monday, July 29, 2019

7:45 AM Breakfast is served
-at the hotel

8:00-9:00 AM *Israel in The Media*
Matti Friedman

9:15 AM Depart for Strategic Survey of Jerusalem

9:45 AM-12:30 PM *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part I:*
The Historic and Holy Basin and City of David
Guided Survey of the Old City of Jerusalem

The Historic and Holy Basin and City of David
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.

12:30 PM	Depart for lunch
1:00-2:00 PM	*Israel's Political Map* Lunch with Tal Shalev Political Correspondent, *Walla!* News -at Olive and Fish

Israel's Political Map
It is critical for trip participants to have an understanding of the parliamentary system in Israel. Tal Shalev 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.

2:15-3:15 PM	*The Palestinian Street* Meeting with Shimrit Meir Founding Editor, Al-Masdar -at Notre Dame Hotel

The Palestinian Street
Shimrit Meir is a leading Middle East analyst and journalist and a global expert in Palestinian affairs with over 15 years of experience in researching and reporting on the Arab world. She is a veteran of the Israeli Defense Forces Intelligence corps elite unit "8200." Fluent in Hebrew, Arabic, English and French, Meir is a regular contributor to the leading Israeli daily Yedioth Ahronoth and often writes and is quoted in global publications such as the Washington Post, Globe and Mail and New York Times. She started her professional career as the Arab affairs correspondent and commentator for Galei Zahal, Israel's top radio station, and worked for both Israeli public television and Channel 2 News, the country's largest commercial broadcaster. Meir served as the Founder and CEO of Link–the Center for Strategic Communication in the Middle East, a non-profit organization with a mission to create a better understanding of Israel in the Arab world through the use of digital media. She is also the founding editor of Israel's largest Arabic digital media outlet Al-Masdar, where she headed a diversified Jewish-Arab team of young journalists that delivered stories from Israel to readers in the region. The team at Link created a Facebook community of more than 2.2 million followers from Egypt, KSA, the PA, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and more. In 2015 Meir was named one of most influential women in Israel by Forbes Magazine. During this session, she will provide an overview of the Palestinian

street, in both Israel, the West Bank, Gaza, and the region. As a journalist involved in online media, Meir has her pulse on the discussions taking place in the Arab and Muslim world, and can provide an insider's briefing on how Palestinians are thinking and talking about events in the region.

3:30 PM Depart

3:45-5:15 PM *Start-Up Nation*
Meeting with:
- Miriam Ballin, United Hatzalah
- Aryeh Katz, 6 Degrees
- Cathy Sebag, MobileODT
- Ofer Tzadik, Tyoto Care

- at the hotel

Start-Up Nation
Israel is a giant when it comes to innovation: a global leader in R&D spending and Venture Capital investment, and home to global R&D centers for the likes of Google, Apple and IBM. This evening's Start-Up Nation program will include a discussion with entrepreneurs representing Israeli innovation and ingenuity that has had enormous impact both in Israel and abroad.

7:00 PM Depart for dinner

7:45-9:30 PM Dinner
-at Tali's Atelier, Mahane Yehuda Market

Dinner at Tali's Atelier
This dinner will just be the participants, in order to allow the group to process what they've experienced thus far.
9:45 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel.

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<u>Tuesday, July 30, 2019</u>
8:15 AM Breakfast is served
-at the hotel

8:30-9:30 AM *Navigating Obstacles to Peace*
Breakfast with Dr. Tal Becker
Senior Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- at the hotel

Navigating Obstacles to Peace
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.

9:45 AM Depart for Yad Vashem

10:15 AM -12:15 PM *Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust*
Visit to 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.

12:30 PM Depart

1:00-2:00 PM *A View from the Palestinian Authority*
Lunch with Dr. Saeb Erekat
Chief Negotiator, Palestinian Authority
- at the American Colony Hotel

A View from the Palestinian Authority
During each seminar, we invite a representative of the Palestinian Authority to address the group. Dr. Erekat will present the current state of Palestinian Authority Affairs, including the Palestinian perspective on the issues of the day, as well as relations with Israel and prospects for peace.

2:15 PM	Depart
2:45 PM	Security Check
3:00-3:45 PM	*A View from the Prime Minister's Office* Meeting with Yuval Gerbi Deputy Head of Foreign Policy, Office of the Prime Minister - at The National Security Council Office

A View from the Prime Minister's Office
During each seminar, we invite a representative of the Prime Minister's office to address the group. Mr. Gerbi will present the official Israel perspective on the issues of the day, as well as relations with the Palestinian Authority and prospects for peace.

4:00 PM	Depart
4:30-5:30 PM	*Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part II:* *Post-1967 Neighborhoods & the Security Barrier*

Post-1967 Neighborhoods and the Security Barrier
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.

5:30 PM	Depart for Tel Aviv
7:00 PM	Check-in to the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv
8:00 PM	Depart for dinner

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8:15-9:45 PM *Dinner Meetings with Members of Knesset*

- The Honorable Sharren Haskel, Member of Knesset, Likud Party
- The Honorable Ksenia Svetlova, Immediate Past Member of Knesset, Zionist Union Party

-at Deca

Dinner Meetings with Members of Knesset
During this dinner the participants will have the opportunity to hear from two members of the Israeli Knesset. The discussion will explore the difference between the American and Israeli political systems; and the views of the various Knesset members they serve on current issues affecting the region.

9:45 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

7:45 AM Breakfast served
-at the hotel

8:00-9:00 AM *Regional Threats Assessment Post-JCPOA*
Breakfast with Brig. Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel
Former Director, Counter Terrorism Bureau, Prime Minister's Office
-at the hotel

Regional Threat Assessment
Brig.-Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel is the immediate past director of the Counter-Terrorism Bureau at the Office of the Prime Minister, where he served until 2012. His duties included developing a national policy for border protection, cargo and aviation security, and advanced technology for public security. He is a veteran of the "Golani" Infantry Corp; he held command positions in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and South Lebanon. Today he is a research associate at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism at IDC Herzliya. With experience on all of Israel's borders, he will provide a broad overview of Israel's neighbors, and the unique challenges each poses to the Jewish state.

9:15 AM Depart

10:45 AM -12:45 PM *Israel's Southern Front*
Living in the Shadow of Rocket Fire

- Overlook into Gaza at Nir Am
- Visit Kibbutz Kfar Aza and meet with local residents

-at Kibbutz Kfar Aza

1:00-1:30 PM Lunch with residents
-at Kfar Aza

1:30-2:15 PM *Bridging Gaps: People to People Peace Initiatives*

- Dr. Akram Amro, Green Land Society for Health Development
- Roni Keidar, Road to Recovery

- at Kfar Aza

Israel's Southern Front – Programming at Kibbutz Kfar Aza

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 Kibbutz Nir Am, 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 Aza 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.

2:30 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

4:00-4:30 PM *360° Bird's Eye View*
Briefing from the Azrieli Tower Rooftop

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.

4:30 PM Depart

5:00 PM Arrive at the hotel

6:30 PM Depart for dinner

7:00-8:45 PM *The Israeli Mosaic*

- Ofer Erez, Jerusalem Open House
- Galit Sasson, Mekorot: Israel's National Water Company
- Racheli Yaso-Ngatuo, Yemin Orde Youth Village

- at Eat With

The Israeli Mosaic

"The Israeli Mosaic" will be a dinner discussion with Israelis representing some of the various societal sectors – all integral parts of the fabric of Israeli society and broader identity. The evening will be an opportunity to gain insight into the Israeli population as a whole, what governs the perspective and decisions of various sectors and to explore how each of the sectors represented fits into Israeli society and informs the collective national narrative.

9:00 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv

Thursday, August 1, 2019

7:45 AM Breakfast served
- at the hotel, Topaz hall

8:00-8:45 AM *Settlements in Focus, Part I:*
Lia Weiner, Research Associate, Washington Institute for Near East Policy
- at the hotel

9:00-10:00 AM *Settlements in Focus, Part II:*

- Yariv Oppenheimer, Former CEO, Peace Now
- Oded Revivi, Mayor, Efrat

- at the hotel

Settlements in Focus, Part I and II

Israeli settlement policy is one of the more complex issues in the ongoing negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians. Lia Weiner is a Research Associate at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. Mayor Revivi is the Mayor of a settlement in the West Bank; Yariv Oppenheimer is the former head of Peace now. These sessions provide an opportunity for participants to get an insider's perspective on Israeli settlement policy, the differing views among Israeli citizens, and the role settlements play in the current political climate.

10:15 AM Depart

11:30 AM-12:15 PM *Israel's Narrow Waistline*
Briefing at Alfei Menashe

Israel's Narrow Waistline – Strategic Concerns
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.

12:15 PM	Depart
1:00-2:00 PM	*Minority Rights in Israel* Lunch with Mohammad Darawshe Director of Planning Equality & Shared Society Givat Haviva Educational Center -At Ramada Hotel, Netanya

Minority Rights in Israel
As of the 2015 census, approximately 21% of Israeli residents are part of the non-Jewish minority, which includes, among others, Muslims, Christians, and Druze. As a liberal, democratic state, Israel is rooted in liberty, the rule of law, free and fair elections, and full civil rights for all citizens. Currently 14 Israeli Arabs and 2 Druze serve in the 120-member Israeli Knesset. Our speaker, Mohammad Darawshe is currently the director of planning, equality and shared living at Givat Haviva Educational Institute –a non-profit organization founded in 1949 as the national education center of the Kibbutz Federation in Israel. His focus throughout his career is promoting coexistence and quality among Israels' Jewish and Arab-Palestinians citizens. He will discuss the current challenges facing minority groups in Israel, as well as ways the government of Israel and NGOs seek to address these challenges.

2:15 PM	Depart
2:30-4:45 PM	En route briefings: • *The Jezreel Valley – Strategic Land Bridge Between Africa and Asia* • *Upper Galilee – Potential for Development*

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.

4:45-5:30 PM *Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Lebanon and Hizballah*
Strategic briefing on Israel's border with Lebanon
With Lt. Col. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi, IDF Northern Command
- at Zarit

Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Lebanon and Hizballah
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. She will brief the group on the current threats facing Israel by Iranian backed Hizballah in Lebanon.

5:45 PM	Depart
6:45 PM	Check-in to Europa Hotel
7:45 PM	Depart for Dinner
8:00-10:00 PM	*Reflections of the Week* - at Decks Restaurant

Reflections on the Week
We will use this dinner as an opportunity to discuss the speakers and topics we 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.

10:00PM	Overnight at Europa Hotel

<u>Friday, August 2, 2019</u>

7:30 AM	Breakfast at the hotel
8:00 AM	Depart
8:30-10:30 AM	*Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee* Survey of historical and religious sites around the Sea of Galilee • Mt. of Beatitudes – Sermon on the Mount • St. Peter's Church • Capernaum – Jesus's Village.

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.

10:30 AM	Depart for the Golan Heights
11:00 AM-1:00 PM	*Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Syria* Strategic survey of Israel's border with Syria With Maj. Ilan Shulman - at Mizpeh Gadot, Merom Golan

Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Syria
Captain (Res.) Ilan Shulman, a disabled IDF veteran, divides his time guiding geopolitical tours on the Galilee and Golan Heights, lecturing to students, giving geo-political briefings for delegations through various Israeli foreign ministry programs, and fulfilling his IDF reserve duties in the Northern Command's intelligence unit. Shulman was raised in Kibbutz Merom Golan near Israel's border with Syria, where one of his favorite jobs was herding the kibbutz cattle. Shulman served in theIDF's paratrooper's unit, rising to the position of company commander. He holds a BA in Israel and Middle East Studies. During this session he will take participants to the border between Israel and Syria and provide an overview of the Syrian civil war.

1:00 PM	Depart
1:30-2:30 PM	Lunch - at HaBokrim
2:45-5:45 PM	Travel back to Jerusalem via the Jordan Valley En route briefing: *Jordan: Relations with Israel, and the Growing Refugee Crisis*

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.

5:45 PM	Check-in to the Inbal Hotel
7:00 PM	Depart for dinner
7:30-9:30 PM	*Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem* Traditional Sabbath evening dinner With Professor Gil Troy and Linda Adams - at their home in Jerusalem

Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem
Israel, the only Jewish country in the world, boasts the unique tradition of honoring the Jewish Sabbath from Friday sundown until Saturday sundown. 80 percent of the Israeli population will commemorate the Sabbath, in various forms, which typically include a family dinner and special blessings. The Sabbath is especially significant in Jerusalem, home to the holiest site for Jews worldwide - the remains of the First and Second Temple.

The group will be hosted by Professor Gil Troy and his family. Professor Troy, a renowned educator and author, will lead a discussion on the importance of Jerusalem to the Jewish, Christian and Muslim populations; the potential for a final status agreement on Jerusalem (arguably the most sensitive final status issue); and the diplomatic challenges faced by Israel and the United States regarding Israeli urban development in the area.

9:30 PM	Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

Saturday, August 3, 2019

7:45 AM	Breakfast on own - at the hotel
8:00-9:45 AM	Depart En route briefing: *Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor*

Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor
On the drive from Jerusalem to Masada, the group will travel on the highway known as the "Jericho Road" is the strategic importance of the area east of Jerusalem. In 1948 and in 1967, the Jordanian army attacked Jerusalem from the east – the 1948 attack resulted in the city's division that lasted until 1967. Since then Israel has established the City of Ma'ale Adumim east of Jerusalem, today home to some 40,000 residents. To the Palestinians, however, Ma'ale Adumim is the largest settlement on the West Bank. When Israel attempted to expand Ma'ale Adumim's boundary, into an area known as "E-1", the U.S. State Department stepped in and asked that no construction take place there. The issue needs to be examined with those discussing the future of Jerusalem in the context of the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

9:45-11:45AM *History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire*
Guided survey of the National Archeological Park at Masada

Masada
Masada, which was excavated in the 1960s, is considered one of the most important archeological sites in Israel. Masada was the site of the last stand of the Jews in Israel after the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the Holy Temple in 70 A.D. A group of Jewish zealots fled to the Judean Desert and lived in the former mountaintop fortress of King Herod known as Masada for two years resisting the onslaught of the most powerful army in the world. Determined to break the resistance, the Romans finally scaled the mountain to capture and enslave the Jewish rebels. However, when they finally arrived, they found that all the men, women and children had killed themselves as a last act of defiance. They refused to give in to the Romans and become their slaves.

The ancient story of Masada has important contemporary relevance for the modern State of Israel. "Masada shall never fall again" has become the watchword of the country which has faced existential threats since its founding in 1948. Israel's elite military units, for example, are sworn in on top of Masada in a symbolic act of defiance against Israel's contemporary enemies. These soldiers along with the thousands of Israeli school children who visit Masada each year learn the lesson that Israel should never become so weak again that it would ever face national suicide as an option.

We will spend approximately two hours atop of Masada with a professional guide. The time at Masada with the guide is focused on three areas: 1. surveying the ancient excavations; 2. learning the narrative of Jewish resistance to the Romans backed by the archeological and historical evidence; 3. discussing the importance of the Masada story to the contemporary Middle East and the threats in the region.

12:00-1:00 PM Exploration of the Dead Sea Region
- at Herods Hotel

Dead Sea Region

During our drive to and from the Dead Sea area, as well as during our visit to the Dead Sea, our tour guide will discuss a variety of issues integral to understanding the region, the country, and relations with both the Palestinians and Jordanians.

It is important to note that the region is mostly desert. For decades, Israel has been challenging this arid area and developing its agricultural potential. While the Middle East is suffering from water shortages, Israel, through modern technology and water conservation policies, including the recycling of over 80 percent of water used for domestic purposes and transferring it to agriculture, has literally "made the desert bloom." Some of this technology is already being shared with Jordan and the Palestinian Authority. All sides realize that a comprehensive regional water policy will ensure food production necessary to satisfy the Middle East's growing population. For example, in late 2013, the three parties agreed to build a Red Sea-Dead Sea water project to address the shortage of fresh, clean water in the region and the rapid loss of water at the Dead Sea. This highlights the growing importance for Israel and her Arab neighbors to work together on joint environmental projects.

The key regional players also face serious environmental issues in the Dead Sea region. One of the major environmental concerns is the receding of the Dead Sea and the appearance of sinkholes, which cause the earth above to collapse. Roads, fields and buildings have collapsed due to this phenomenon, and experts are concerned the tourist infrastructure along the Jordanian and Israeli shores of the Dead Sea are also in danger. This issue has led to unprecedented cooperation between Israelis, Jordanians and Palestinians and serves as a model for regional cooperation.

1:00-2:15 PM	Lunch -at Herods Hotel
2:30 PM	Depart for Jerusalem
4:30 PM	Return to hotel
6:15 PM	Depart for dinner
6:30-8:30 PM	*The U.S.-Israel Relationship: Bringing it all Together* Closing dinner - at Dolphin Yam

Closing Dinner

The closing dinner 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.

8:45 PM	Depart for the airport

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12:20 AM	Depart Tel Aviv United Flight #73
5:50 AM	Arrive Dulles