Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the **Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.**

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

☒ The **original** *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), **AND**
☒ A **copy** of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): The Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA)

Travel date(s): August 12-20, 2022

Name of accompanying family member (if any): _____
Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING **DID NOT INCREASE** DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
☐ Good Faith Estimate ☒ Actual Amount	$1,800 ($1,100 for round trip coach air travel, $700 for bus transportation to and from the airport and between sites in Israel)	$2,670 ($1,900 in Herzliya, $770 in Jerusalem)	$1,228 ($918 in Herzliya, $310 in Jerusalem)	$700 (guides, entrance fees)

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
☐ Good Faith Estimate ☐ Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. *See* Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): See attached Tab A

9/1/22 (Date) | Jonathan Foltz (Printed name of traveler) | (Signature of traveler)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

9/1/22 (Date) | (Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

(Revised 1/3/11) **Form RE-2**

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JINSA

The Jewish Institute for National Security of America
2022 Congressional National Security Program to Israel
August 12–20, 2022

TRAVEL: Friday, August 12th

22:45 Departure from Dulles International Airport, Washington, D.C., USA.

TRAVEL: Saturday, August 13th

17:40 Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv, Israel.

18:20-19:00 Transfer to the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, 4 Hashunit Street, Herzliya, 4655504, Israel.

19:00-20:00 Dinner at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya (no speakers).

Overnight: Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya

Day 1: Sunday, August 14th

Grand Strategy and Regional Perspective, Israel's Policy and Defense Strategy Day

06:30 Breakfast Available

0800-12:30 Executive Time

12:30-13:30 Lunch at Meat and Eat, Herzliya, 2 HaShunit Street, Herzliya (no speakers).

13:30-14:50 Briefing by **MG Amidror**, former National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of Israel at the Ritz-Carlton complex, 4 HaShunit Street, Herzliya. Topic: "Israel - 2,000 Years of Dreams," an overview of the history of Israel touching on the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 CE, the rise of Zionism in the 19th century, the Balfour Declaration issued by Great Britain during WWI to establish a Jewish homeland, and the declaration of Israeli independence in 1948 in the aftermath of WWII, followed by a broad strategic overview of the U.S. / Israel defense cooperation relationship from 1948 through the present.

14:50-15:20 Depart to **Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) Innovation Center** at Ramat Gan, Tel Aviv.

15:20-17:00 Tour and briefing by IAI officials at the **Israel Aerospace Industries Innovation Center**, Zabotinsky 2 Ramat Gan, Tel Aviv.

Topic: Overview of the startup high-tech ecosystem of Israel, how it acts as an accelerator speeding up the development of advanced technologies, and how this strengthens Israel's defense industrial base.

17:00-17:30 Drive back to the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya.

17:30-17:45 Executive Time

17:45-19:00 Briefing by **MG Yaacov Ayish**, Former Israel Defense Forces (IDF) Defense Attaché to the U.S. and Canada and JINSA's Senior Vice President for Israeli Affairs at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya.
Topic: "The State of Israel," a strategic overview of Israel including a discussion of population concentrations, key strategic infrastructure, and current security threats. Discussion of how the mil-to-mil partnership between the Unites States and Israel strengthens the ability of both nations to address shared security concerns.

19:00-20:00 Briefing by **MG Yaakov Banjo**, IDF Planning Directorate.
Topic: "The World in Motion," an in-depth discussion of Israel's view of the global strategic competition between the U.S., China, and Russia and how this impacts the strategic environment in the Middle East, particularly with respect to Iran.

20:00-20:15 Executive Time

20:15-21:30 **JINSA Delegation Welcome Dinner with MG Ayish** at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya.
Topic: Review and summary of key points from the day's briefings; open conversation, debate, and dialogue on issues like China's role in the Middle East and an update on the impact of the Abraham Accords on regional security developments; and previewed upcoming events later in the week.

Overnight: Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya *Total Hours of Programming: 6.5*

Day 2: Monday, August 15th
Northern Command Day- Syria-Lebanon-Hezbollah

06:30 Breakfast Available

07:30-09:00 Depart Hotel for War Reserves Stockpile Allies-Israel (WRSA-I). Brief by **MG Ayish** on bus.
Topic: Israel's lack of strategic depth in the north, highlighting economically important strategic sites including Haifa Port and off-shore natural gas platforms.

09:00-09:30 Briefing by **MG Ayish** on the War Reserves Stockpile Allies-Israel (WRSA-I), one of the United States' largest collections of warfighting material pre-positioned to be used in wartime at a WRSA-I observation point.
Topic: How WRSA-I functions and serves as an example of U.S. / Israel security cooperation.

09:30-09:45 Travel to Israel's Northern Command in Safed.

09:45-10:30 Briefing by **Israel Defense Forces (IDF) 91st Division at Northern Command** in Safed.
Topic: The strategic threat Israel faces on its northern border facing Lebanon from Hezbollah (and Iran).

10:30-11:00 Drive to Hezbollah Terror Tunnel near Metula. Briefing by **MG Ayish** on bus.
Topic: How Hezbollah planned to use the tunnels from Lebanon to invade Israel and conduct raids against Israeli civilians and infrastructure.

11:00-12:00 **IDF 91st Division briefing and tour of the Remia Hezbollah Terror Tunnel** near Metula.
Topic: Discussion of how Hezbollah spent years carving tunnels out of hard rock, at a cost of millions of dollars, designed to enable them to launch surprise attacks against Israel and how these efforts were thwarted. Tour of physical tunnel to enable participants to see first-hand the extent of the tunnels and the level of effort employed to develop them.

12:45-13:15 Drive to lunch in Ramot, Golan Heights.

13:15-14:00 Lunch at The Cabin, Nof Kinneret St, Ramot (no speakers).

14:00-15:00 Drive to IDF 210th Division Base Isaac (along the Syrian border). Briefing by **MG Ayish** on the bus.
Topic: Overview of the contentious history between Israel and Syria, who have technically been at war since 1948, and have fought each other in three major wars: the 1948 Arab Israeli War, the 1967 Six-Day War, and the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

15:00-16:00 Briefing by **IDF 210th Division on the Syrian Border** at an observation point overlooking the border.
Topic: Briefing on the tank battles between Israel and Syrian forces during the Six-Day War in 1967 and Yom Kippur War in 1973 on the Golan Heights. Further discussion of the evolving threat Israel faces from Syria today, particularly in light of the Syrian Civil War that began in 2011, and violent incidents in recent years that have strained relations between the two nations. Discussion of Israeli humanitarian aid to Syrians during the civil war.

16:00-16:30 Drive to Kibbutz Ortal, Northern Golan Heights.

16:30-17:00 Briefing by MG Ayish at Kibbutz Ortal on the history and continuing use of Israel's Kibbutz economic system, the role it played in the history of Zionism and helping Israel to settle and secure its northern border region.

17:00-19:00 Drive to Caesarea.

19:00-21:00 Dinner at Hazalbanim Restaurant (or Crusaders Restaurant), Caesarea Port Caesarea. **MG Ayish** led roundtable discussion.
Topic: Summary of the key points from the day's briefings and site visits in the north, open conversation and dialogue on topics including the Hezbollah terror tunnel system and the role of Caesarea as the principal port in the Roman-era and how this compares to the Haifa Port complex of today. Guidance and preview the next day's events provided.

21:00 Return to hotel

Overnight: *Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya* *Total Hours of Programming: 8.5*

Day 3 Tuesday, August 16th
Israel's Parliament and Innovation Ecosystem

08:00-09:30 Depart to the **Israeli Knesset** (Parliament), Kiryat Ben-Gurion, Jerusalem.

09:30-10:30 Tour of the Knesset (Parliament)
Topic: The role of the Knesset in the Israeli system of government and the role it plays in the development and execution of Israeli national security policy.

10:30-11:30 Briefing by **Asaf Friedman**, Director for the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee at the Knesset in Jerusalem.
Topic: Brief on how the 120 members are elected, and the role the Knesset plays in developing and executing Israeli national security policy. Similarities and differences with the U.S. Congress were discussed and highlighted.

11:30-12:30 Briefing by **Asaf Wiss**, Chief of Staff to the House Speaker at the Knesset in Jerusalem.
Topic: Discussion of how the legislative process operates in Israel, challenges in designing and executing policy within the Israel system of government, and discussion of similarities and differences to how the U.S. Congress operates. Further discussion regarding the composition of the current governing coalition and potential impact of the upcoming elections later this year on national security policy.

12:30-13:00 Depart for lunch in Jerusalem.

13:00-14:00 Lunch in Jerusalem at Abu Gosh Restaurant, 11 Hagoren Abu Ghosh (no speakers).

14:00-15:00 Depart to Sheba Hospital, Tel Aviv, established in 1948 as Israel's first military hospital, and now a leading medical center in the Middle East and an internationally recognized healthcare facility. Brief by **MG Ayish** on the bus.
Topic: Israeli-American medical innovation partnership and its relation to supporting each nations respective war-fighters and veterans.

15:00-16:00 Tour of **Sheba Hospital** in Derech Sheba, Ramat Gan, Tel Aviv. Demonstration of Israeli-American revolutionary innovation that can destroy deep tissue in the body without the need for incisions at Insight-Tech, of direct relevance to caring for warfighters and veterans.

16:00-17:00 Drive to the Peres Innovation Center in Tel Aviv.

17:00-18:30 Tour of the **Peres Innovation Center**, 132 Kedem St., Tel Aviv-Jaffa.
Topic: Explore how Israeli non-governmental organizations share Israeli knowledge and best practices with their Palestinian neighbors via medical training programs and utilize social networking platforms to bring together young men and women from across the Middle East and North Africa region, as examples of ongoing efforts to decrease support for radical groups in the Middle East.

18:30-19:30 Departure back to the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya.

19:30-21:00 Briefing and dinner with **Dr. Eyal Hulata,** the National Security Advisor and the Head of the Israeli National Security Council at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya.
Topic: In-depth discussion of topics such as the U.S. / Israel security relationship, the aftermath of President Biden's recent trip to the Middle East, emergent opportunities to improve regional air defense systems and expand the Abraham Accords, and how best to respond to Iranian malign activity in the region.

Overnight: Ritz -Carlton Hotel, Herzliya *Total Hours of Programming: 7*

Day 4: Wednesday, August 17th

Intelligence Day & U.S.-Israel cooperation

06:30 Breakfast Available

07:30-08:30 Depart to Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) in International Airport Ben Gurion.

08:30-09:30 Visit to IAI and brief by **IAI senior executive** in Lod.

Topic: History of Israel Aerospace Industries and background of collaboration with the U.S. defense industrial base.

09:30-10:15 Briefing by **IAI project manager** on the F35 wing production line at IAI, Lod.
Topic: Gain insight into how collaboration between U.S. and Israeli defense industries contribute to the defense of both nations in the air domain.

10:15-11:00 Briefing by **IAI project manager** on the drone laboratory weapons line at IAI, Lod.
Topic: Gain insight into how collaboration between U.S. and Israeli industry contributes to Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities of both nations.

11:00-11:45 Briefing by **IAI project manager** on the loitering weapons line at IAI, Lod.
Topic: Gain insight into how collaboration between U.S. and Israeli industry contributes to the defense capabilities of both nations.

11:45-12:30 Briefing by **IAI project manager** on the Israeli satellite industry at IAI, Lod.
Topic: Gain insight into how collaboration between U.S. and Israeli industry contributes to space capabilities of both nations.

12:30-13:45 Lunch at Airport Café, Ben Gurion Airport City in Tel Aviv.

13:45-15:30 Drive to Israeli Air-Force (IAF) Base Ramon, southwest of Beersheba. Brief by **Yaniv Menachim,** JINSA Middle East Operations Manager on the bus.
Topic: Overview of the Israeli Air-Force and base structure.

15:30-16:00 F16 training demonstration by 201 Squadron at Ramon Air Force Base.

16:00-16:30 Briefing by **IAF 201 Squadron** at Ramon Air Force Base.
Topic: Discussion of day-to-day base operations and the squadron's role in operations like Operation Guardian of the Walls in 2021 and Operation Breaking Dawn in 2022.

16:30-17:30 Base tour of Ramon Air Force Base.

17:30-19:30 Drive to Dinner, Concierge, Dizengoff 95, Tel Aviv.

19:30-21:00 Dinner at Concierge, Tel Aviv (no speakers).

21:00 Return to Ritz-Carlton

Overnight: Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya *Total Hours of Programming: 6+*

Day 5: Thursday, August 18th

Southern Command and the Gaza Strip + Middle East Policy and Israel's National Security Day

06:30 Breakfast Available

08:00-9:30 Depart to the Gaza border. Brief by **MG Ayish** on bus.
Topic: Israel's lack of strategic depth in the south and discussion of economically important strategic sites such as the Ashkelon Desalination Plant in this region.

09:30-10:30 IDF briefing at the Kerem Shalom crossing into the Gaza Strip at the end of Road 232.
Topic: Israeli Humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip and how it operates on a day-to-day basis.

10:30-10:40 Depart to the IDF experimental Terror Tunnel at the IDF Gaza Division by bus.

10:40-12:20 Briefing by the **IDF Head of the Subterranean Warfare branch** at the Gaza Division near Kibbutz Kissufim, under the jurisdiction of Eshkol Regional Council.
Topic: How Hamas and Hezbollah employ subterranean warfare capabilities, how the IDF trains to counter these capabilities, and examples of the sorts of technological solutions employed to do so.

12:20-12:40 Drive to the Bells Hills Observation Point.

12:40-13:00 **IDF briefing at Bells Hills Observation Point** overlooking Gaza from Israel.
Topic: Overview of the strategic landscape faced by Israel during the 11-day Gaza conflict in 2021, where Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad fired more than 4,455 total munitions at Israel. Roughly 90 percent of projectiles targeting civilian populated areas were intercepted by Iron Dome, while over 600 rockets fired from Gaza landed in Gaza itself. Discussion of what a future conflict with Hamas might look like.

13:00-14:00 Lunch at food truck at Black Arrow Monument near Bells Hills (no speakers).

14:00-14:20 Depart to Kibbutz Eivim. Brief by **MG Ayish**
Topic: The role played by Iron Dome missile defense system in the 2021 Gaza conflict in protecting Israeli and Arab civilians.

14:20-15:00 Briefing at the **Iron Dome** missile defense battery site by **Major Amoz Man**, the Defense Ministry's Administration for the Development of Weapons and Technological Infrastructure (MAFAT), near Kibbutz Eivim.
Topic: The value of this critically important joint-U.S. / Israeli produced system in protecting civilian life and infrastructure.

15:00-16:30 Depart to Jerusalem, the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Yitzhak Rabin Boulevard, Kiryat HaLeom, Jerusalem.

16:30-17:30 Meeting with **Mr. David Roth**, Deputy North America branch at the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Kiryat HaLeom, Jerusalem.
Topic: Briefing on U.S. / Israel foreign relations in the aftermath of President Biden's recent visit to the region.

17:30-18:00 Depart Ministry of Foreign Affairs

18:00-18:30 Check-in to the David Citadel Hotel, King David St 7, Jerusalem

18:30-21:00 Executive Time

Overnight: David Citadel, Jerusalem *Total Hours of Programming: 6.5*

Day 6: Friday, August 19th

Israel's Roots, Heritage, and the Impact on National Security

06:30 Breakfast Available

08:30-09:00 Depart Hotel for Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Memorial Museum

09:00-11:00 Visit to **Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Memorial Museum, Jerusalem**
Background: By 1945, the Nazi's Third Reich had killed the majority of Europe's Jewish population, destroying a civilization that had flourished for centuries. Yad Vashem encapsulates and memorializes this tragic history. The visit will provide participants with an unparalleled opportunity to learn about the Holocaust, how it is perceived and understood through the eyes of Israelis, and how it significantly impacts Israel's national defense posture and diplomatic relationships today.

11:00-11:30 Depart for the City of David, Jerusalem

11:30-14:00 Tour of the **City of David, Jerusalem**
Background: The United States Embassy in Jerusalem, together with the United States Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, have recognized the City of David as a testament to America's Judeo-Christian heritage and founding principles. The archeological discoveries at the City of David bring Biblical Jerusalem back to life and reaffirm the prophetic messages of freedom, justice and peace that inspired America's founders. The City of David is an archaeological excavation of the city of ancient Jerusalem, prior to the Jewish–Roman wars and the destruction and the Second Temple in 70 CE. Participants will learn how Israelis, from diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds, perceive their history and connection to the land of Israel. A key

focus will be how this history and the interpretation of it strongly manifests itself in the political and religious challenges that Israeli experiences today in the modern world and how this impacts Israel's national defense posture.

14:00-15:00 Lunch at Panoramic Golden City, Old City, Jerusalem. Briefing by **Khaled Abu Toameh**, Israeli-Arab Journalist for the Washington Post and Jerusalem Post.
Topic: Perspective on how the Arab world, (including Palestinian Arabs, Jordanians, Egyptians and others), understands and perceives Israel, how perceptions and misperceptions impact public opinion and government decision-making, and how this in turn impacts the regional security environment.

15:00-17:00 Visit to the Old City, Jerusalem
Background: Participants will be exposed to Jerusalem as city of continuing vital importance to three of the world's great faiths. The walk through of the Old City will include an overview of government administration of the West Bank and a discussion of the current political dynamics in the West Bank, specifically the relationship between the Israeli Government and the Palestinian Authority and the ongoing security challenges that affect Israelis and Palestinians, and how this impacts the broader security environment in the Middle East.

They will start with a visit to the **Jewish Quarter** of the Old City and learn about the layers of Judaism from the time of the First Temple until the present day, including the **Cardo,** the main thoroughfare of Roman Jerusalem. Participants will then continue to the traditional **Via Dolorosa**, the Way of the Cross, to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre,** to gain a greater appreciation of the importance of Jerusalem to the Christian world.

17:00-18:00 Return to David Citadel Hotel, King David St 7, Jerusalem.

18:00-19:30 Voluntary review of trip by participants at the David Citadel Hotel.

19:30-23:00 Shabbat Dinner at the Scala Restaurant, David Citadel Hotel, King David St 7, Jerusalem
Background: Shabbat is a day of rest that lasts from sundown on Friday evening through nightfall on Saturday night. Friday night dinner consists of a traditional meal and guests are considered an integral part of the weekly ritual. The Shabbat ceremony will consist of hymns, recitations, blessings, and eating, and provide participants with a unique window into modern Israeli cultural practices. Participation is an opportunity to strengthen ties with American foreign policy partners in Israel on a personal basis and gain a deeper understanding of each nation's rich heritage through participation in a shared communal experience.

Overnight: David Citadel, Jerusalem *Total Hours of Programming: 7+*

Day 7: Saturday, August 20th
Day of Departure / Israel's Roots & Heritage, the Impact on National Security

06:30 Breakfast Available

08:00-10:30 Drive to the city **Tiberias**, founded in the year 20 CE and named after the Roman Emperor Tiberius.
Topics: Briefing on the importance Christians have placed on the Holy Land over the centuries and how this has impacted military and political decision making from diverse groups including Jewish revolutionaries in the Roman Era, Crusaders in the Middle Ages, and Great Britain in World War I.

10:30-12:30 Exploration of the Sea of Galilee region by visiting Christian holy sites including the **Tabgha,** site of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fish, and **Capernaum,** one of the first villages where Jesus taught to gain a fuller understanding of the importance of the Holy Land to the Christian world, the security implications of the religious importance of the region, and how this impacts the global political landscape.

12:30-13:30 Participants will gain a fuller understanding of the importance of the Holy Land to Christians and Jews today and how this impacts the global political landscape, by visiting the **Magdala Home** of Mary Magdalen and recently uncovered 2,000 year-old city which provides a window into the world of Jesus and his disciples in Magdala, Galilee. Magdala is a unique Holy Land site with a first century city where the Jewish residents gathered in a synagogue where Jesus visited and taught. Discussion will also provide an overview of the vibrant Christian community in Israel, the only place in the Middle East with a growing Christian population.

13:30-15:00 Lunch, Magdalena Restaurant, Migdal Junction, Magala Center Migdal (no speakers).

15:00-16:00 Tour of the **Kinneret,** also known as the Sea of Galilee.
Topic: Briefing on the importance of the Sea of Galilee and the Jordan River as both a border and a key water source for Israel and Jordan and the impact this plays in Israeli national security strategy. Discussion of the sea's historic importance, including to Christians for its connection to Jesus, who spent much of his life on or near it, and to late 19th century Zionists, who's dream of settling the Land of Israel became reality as pioneers and their families returned to the land and created a new form of agricultural settlement, the kibbutz.

16:00 Return to David Citadel Hotel, King David St 7, Jerusalem.

END OF OFFICIAL PROGRAM

20:15 Depart to Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv.

No overnight *Total Hours of Programming: 6+*

TRAVEL: Sunday, August 21st

00:20 Departure from Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv, Israel.

05:30 Arrival at Dulles International Airport, Washington, D.C.

Date/Time Stamp:

EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics** in **SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved. This form **must** be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

Name of Traveler: Jonathan Foltz

Employing Office/Committee: U.S. Senator Rick Scott

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): The Jewish Institute for National Security of America

Travel date(s): 8/12/22 - 8/20/22

*Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.*

Destination(s): See attached.

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

As Senator Scott's Legislative Director, I frequently work on issues related to foreign relations. Strengthening America's relationship with Israel is one of Senator Scott's highest priorities. Visiting Israel will allow me to better understand the challenges faced by the country, including its security needs and relationships with other countries in the region.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): _____

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

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

8/9/22
(Date)

(Signature of Employee)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

I, Senator Rick Scott hereby authorize Jonathan Foltz
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) *(Print Traveler's Name)*

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (*signify "yes" by checking box)* ☐

8/9/22
(Date)

(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

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Destinations: Tel Aviv, Herzliya, Safed, Metula, Caesarea, Jerusalem, Rehovot, Lod, Kibbutz Eivim, Tiberias, Capernaum.

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Mr. Jon Foltz
United States Senate
Hart Senate Office Building, Room 502
Washington, D.C. 20510

June 14, 2022

Dear Mr. Foltz,

On behalf of the Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA), it is my pleasure to invite you to participate in our Congressional National Security Program to Israel, to be held **August 12-20, 2022.**

JINSA is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to working with congressional, military, and civilian decisionmakers to ensure American strategic interests, primarily in the Middle East, are defended. JINSA believes the cornerstone of this defense is a robust U.S.-Israeli security cooperation relationship. One of the ways JINSA executes its educational mission is through unique programs that promote dialogue between prominent U.S. military leaders and government officials and their Mideast counterparts. For example, for four decades JINSA has brought prominent retired military leaders to Israel to visit key security and historical sites and meet with senior Israeli generals and security officials; last year, that annual delegation included General Joseph F. Dunford, USMC (ret.), 19th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and CENTCOM Commander General Joseph L. Votel, USA (ret.). The Congressional National Security Program will follow a similar model in order to provide insight and understanding to Israel's security challenges, the shared threats facing Israel and the United States, the benefits of U.S.-Israel security cooperation, and ways to deepen that cooperation.

The program curriculum will feature visits to strategically important sites, such as Israel's borders with Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, and Egypt, where participants will be briefed by IDF commanders to better understand the security challenges Israel faces on each respective border, including its lack of strategic depth. Delegation participants will also visit key religious and historical sites throughout the country and will meet with senior Israeli security, military, and foreign affairs officials.

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The program will include briefings on topics such as:

- Middle East security challenges confronting the United States and Israel;
- U.S.-Israeli strategic cooperation with Abraham Accords countries;
- Linkages between Israel's "Silicon Wadi," IDF weapons technology, and the U.S. defense establishment; and
- Cyber threats and challenges for military intelligence.

Please RSVP as soon as possible to Morgan Viña at mvina@jinsa.org or (202) 262-9385 or Matt Kenney at mkenney@jinsa.org or (703) 946-8363 to let us know if you are able to attend. Please also reach out to either Morgan or Matt if you have any questions about this invitation or travel arrangements.

Finally, enclosed, please find the following information which participants will be required to submit to the Senate Ethics Committee no later than July 12, 2022:

- Senate Ethics Committee Primary Trip Sponsor Form
- Itineraries for participants
- List of invitees

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Makovsky, Ph.D.
President & CEO
Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA)

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

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1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): The Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA)

2. Description of the trip: Educational travel to deepen understanding of the U.S. - Israel bilateral defense relationship.

3. Dates of travel: Friday, August 12, 2022 to Sunday August 21, 2022

4. Place of travel: Tel Aviv, Herzliya, Safed, Metula, Caesarea, Jerusalem... (see Tab A for full list)

5. Name and title of Senate invitees: See Attached Tab B

6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:

   ☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

   – OR –

   ☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) *(see question 9)*.

7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.

   – AND –

   ☐ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

8. I *certify* that:

   ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.

   – AND –

   ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**
I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

– OR –

☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10).*

– OR –

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**
If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

JINSA is fully organizing and conducting the trip. JINSA is the sole funder for this trip.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

JINSA is dedicated to educating congressional, military and civilian national security decision-makers on U.S. defense and strategic interests, primarily in the Middle East, the cornerstone of which is a robust U.S.-Israeli security cooperation relationship. This trip furthers that core mission.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

This is JINSA's inaugural congressional trip.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

JINSA has executed its educational mission through unique programs that promote dialogue between prominent U.S. military leaders and government officials and their Mideast counterparts since 1981, such as regular webinars, monthly round table discussions and events, and annual trips to Israel.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
☒ Good Faith estimate ☐ Actual Amounts	$1,800 ($1,100 for round trip coach air travel, $700 for bus transportation to and from the airport and between sites in Israel)	$2,670 ($1,900 in Herzliya, $770 in Jerusalem)	$1,228 ($918 in Herzliya, $310 in Jerusalem)	$700 (guides, entrance fees)

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation **or** b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

Specifically with regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

The program curriculum will feature visits to strategically important sites, such as Israel's borders with Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, and Egypt to understand the security challenges Israel faces on each border.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Ritz Carlton, 4 Hashunit Street, Herzliya, 4655504 Israel

David Citadel Jerusalem, 7 King David Street, Jerusalem, 94101 Israel

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

Centrally located for meetings in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and meetings in north and south of country and in Jerusalem for each respective hotel.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

Daily expenses are equal to or less than maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel.

Lodging equal to government per diem rates in Herzliya, less than per diem rates in Jerusalem.

Meals equal to government per diem rates in both locations.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Round trip coach air travel to and from Israel. Bus ground transportation to and from the airport and in between sites in Israel.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

See Attached Tab C

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor.):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: [signature]

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JINSA Congressional National Security Program to Israel - 2022
Tab A – Cities Visited

Cities visited in Israel: Tel Aviv, Herzliya, Safed, Metula, Caesarea, Jerusalem, Rehovot, Lod, Kibbutz Eivim, Tiberias, Capernaum

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JINSA Congressional National Security Program to Israel - 2022
Tab B – Senate Staff Invited

The Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA) is dedicated to educating Congressional, military and civilian national security decision-makers on American defense and strategic interests, primarily in the Middle East, the cornerstone of which is a robust U.S.-Israeli security cooperation relationship. To help fulfill this mission, JINSA is launching a Congressional National Security Program to Israel to provide legislative staff with greater insight and understanding of shared threats facing Israel and the United States, the benefits of U.S.-Israeli security cooperation, and ways to deepen that cooperation. Invitees are staff to Members of Congress with previous uniformed or civilian national security experience who currently serve on committees with responsibility for oversight and legislation related to national security developments affecting foreign and defense policy.

Senate Staff Invited

1. **Emily Manning,** National Security Advisor (NSA) to Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN)
2. **Will Green,** Legislative Assistant to Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL)
3. **Drew Hudson,** Chief Counsel to Sen. Tom Cotton (R-AR)
4. **Jon Foltz,** Legislative Director to Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL)
5. **Dan Adelstein,** NSA to Sen. Mike Rounds (R-SD)
6. **Sachin Mathur,** Military Legislative Assistant (MLA) to Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)
7. **Dan Bleiberg,** NSA to Sen. Jacky Rosen (D-NV)
8. **Faiq Raza,** MLA to Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI)
9. **Nolan Mayhew,** MLA to Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA)
10. **Robert Zarate,** NSA to Sen. Bill Haggerty (R-TN)
11. **Allie Davis,** Foreign Policy Advisor to Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE)
12. **Tom Melia,** Senior Foreign Policy Advisor to Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD)
13. **Omri Ceren,** NSA to Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX)
14. **Ryan Colvert,** Senior Defense Policy Advisor to Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA)
15. **Stephen Boyd,** Foreign Affairs Legislative Assistant to Sen. James Lankford (R-OK)

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Tab C - Entertainment Provided

August 16th
The Peres Innovation Center, 132 Kedem St., Tel Aviv-Jaffa

- Explanation: A trip to the Peres Innovation Center will explore how Israeli non-governmental organizations share Israeli knowledge and best practices with their Palestinian neighbors via medical training programs and utilize social networking platforms to bring together young men and women from across the Middle East and North Africa region, as examples of ongoing efforts to build bridges and decrease support for radical groups in the Middle East, which is of direct relevance to the trip's primary focus to deepen understanding of the U.S. - Israel bilateral defense relationship in all its complexity.

August 19th
Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Memorial Museum, Jerusalem

- Explanation: By 1945, the Nazi's Third Reich had killed the majority of Europe's Jewish population, destroying a civilization that had flourished for centuries. Yad Vashem encapsulates and memorializes this tragic history. The visit will provide participants with an unparalleled opportunity to learn about the Holocaust, how it is perceived and understood through the eyes of Israelis, and how it significantly impacts Israel's national defense posture and diplomatic relationships today, of direct relevance to the trip's primary focus to deepen understanding of the U.S. - Israel bilateral defense relationship.

City of David Tour, Jerusalem

- Explanation: The United States Embassy in Jerusalem, together with the United States Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, have recognized the City of David as a testament to America's Judeo-Christian heritage and founding principles. The archeological discoveries at the City of David bring Biblical Jerusalem back to life and reaffirm the prophetic messages of freedom, justice and peace that inspired America's founders. The City of David is an archaeological excavation of the city of ancient Jerusalem, prior to the Jewish–Roman wars and the destruction and the Second Temple in 70 CE. Participants will learn how Israelis, from diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds, perceive their history and connection to the land of Israel. A key focus will be how this history and the interpretation of it strongly manifests itself in the political and religious challenges that Israeli experiences today in the modern world and how this impacts Israel's national defense posture, which are of direct relevance to the trip's primary focus to deepen understanding of the U.S. - Israel bilateral defense relationship.

Historic City of Jerusalem Tour

- Explanation: The walk through of the Old City will include an overview of government administration of the West Bank and a discussion of the current political dynamics in the West Bank, specifically the relationship between the Israeli Government and the Palestinian Authority and the ongoing security challenges that affect Israelis and Palestinians, and how this impacts the broader security environment in the Middle East, which is of direct relevance to the primary purpose of the trip. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of Jerusalem as city of continuing vital importance to three of the world's great faiths, including a visit to

the Jewish Quarter of the Old City to learn about the layers of Judaism from the time of the First Temple until the present day and a visit to the traditional Via Dolorosa (the Way of the Cross) to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, to gain a greater appreciation of the importance of Jerusalem to the Christian world.

August 20th

City of Tiberias Tour

- Explanation: The city Tiberias, founded in the year 20CE and named after the Roman Emperor Tiberius, is a location where we will be discussing the importance Jews and Christians have placed on the Holy Land over the centuries and how this has impacted military and political decision making from diverse groups including Jewish revolutionaries in the Roman Era, Crusaders in the Middle Ages, and Great Britain in World War I. Gaining a deeper understanding of how and why the Holy Land has impacted decision-making across time will help participants gain a deeper understanding of the underpinnings of U.S. - Israel bilateral relationship today.

Tour of Magdala

- Explanation: Participants will gain a fuller understanding of the importance of the Holy Land to Christians and Jews and how this impacts the global political landscape today by visiting Magdala, a unique Holy Land site with a first century city where the Jewish residents gathered in a synagogue where Jesus visited and taught. Discussion will also provide an overview of the vibrant Christian community in Israel, the only place in the Middle East with a growing Christian population.

Tour of the Kinneret / Sea of Galilee and surrounding region

- Explanation: The Sea of Galilee and the Jordan River are of critical national security importance as both a shared border and a key water source for Israel and Jordan. Discussion of the sea's historic importance, including to Christians for its connection to Jesus, who spent much of his life on or near it, and to late 19th century Zionists, who's dream of settling the Land of Israel became reality as pioneers and their families returned to the land and created a new form of agricultural settlement, the kibbutz, are of direct relevance to the trip's primary focus to deepen understanding of the security situation in the Middle East. Participants will also visit Christian holy sites including the Mount of Beatitudes, the traditional site of Jesus's Sermon on the Mount; Tabgha, site of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fish, and Capernaum, one of the first villages where Jesus taught to gain a fuller understanding of the importance of the Holy Land to the Christian world.

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The Jewish Institute for National Security of America
2022 Congressional National Security Program to Israel
August 12–20, 2022

TRAVEL: Friday, August 12th

22:45 Departure from Dulles International Airport, Washington, D.C., USA.

TRAVEL: Saturday, August 13th

17:40 Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv, Israel.

18:20-19:00 Transfer to the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, 4 Hashunit Street, Herzliya, 4655504, Israel.

19:00-20:00 Dinner at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya (no speakers).

Overnight: Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya

Day 1: Sunday, August 14th

Grand Strategy and Regional Perspective, Israel's Policy and Defense Strategy Day

06:30 Breakfast Available

0800-12:30 Executive Time

12:30-13:30 Lunch at Meat and Eat, Herzliya, 2 HaShunit Street, Herzliya (no speakers).

13:30-14:50 Briefing by **MG Amidror**, former National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of Israel at the Ritz-Carlton complex, 4 HaShunit Street, Herzliya. Topic: "Israel - 2,000 Years of Dreams," an overview of the history of Israel touching on the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 CE, the rise of Zionism in the 19th century, the Balfour Declaration issued by Great Britain during WWI to establish a Jewish homeland, and the declaration of Israeli independence in 1948 in the aftermath of WWII, followed by a broad strategic overview of the U.S. / Israel defense cooperation relationship from 1948 through the present.

14:50-15:20 Depart to **Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) Innovation Center** at Ramat Gan, Tel Aviv.

15:20-17:00 Tour and briefing by IAI officials at the **Israel Aerospace Industries Innovation Center**, Zabotinsky 2 Ramat Gan, Tel Aviv.

Topic: Overview of the startup high-tech ecosystem of Israel, how it acts as an accelerator speeding up the development of advanced technologies, and how this strengthens Israel's defense industrial base.

17:00-17:30 Drive back to the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya.

17:30-17:45 Executive Time

17:45-19:00 Briefing by **MG Yaacov Ayish**, Former Israel Defense Forces (IDF) Defense Attaché to the U.S. and Canada and JINSA's Senior Vice President for Israeli Affairs at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya.
Topic: "The State of Israel," a strategic overview of Israel including a discussion of population concentrations, key strategic infrastructure, and current security threats. Discussion of how the mil-to-mil partnership between the Unites States and Israel strengthens the ability of both nations to address shared security concerns.

19:00-20:00 Briefing by **MG Yaakov Banjo**, IDF Planning Directorate.
Topic: "The World in Motion," an in-depth discussion of Israel's view of the global strategic competition between the U.S., China, and Russia and how this impacts the strategic environment in the Middle East, particularly with respect to Iran.

20:00-20:15 Executive Time

20:15-21:30 **JINSA Delegation Welcome Dinner with MG Ayish** at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya.
Topic: Review and summary of key points from the day's briefings; open conversation, debate, and dialogue on issues like China's role in the Middle East and an update on the impact of the Abraham Accords on regional security developments; and previewed upcoming events later in the week.

Overnight: *Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya* *Total Hours of Programming: 6.5*

Day 2: Monday, August 15th
Northern Command Day- Syria-Lebanon-Hezbollah

06:30 Breakfast Available

07:30-09:00 Depart Hotel for War Reserves Stockpile Allies-Israel (WRSA-I). Brief by **MG Ayish** on bus.
Topic: Israel's lack of strategic depth in the north, highlighting economically important strategic sites including Haifa Port and off-shore natural gas platforms.

09:00-09:30 Briefing by **MG Ayish** on the War Reserves Stockpile Allies-Israel (WRSA-I), one of the United States' largest collections of warfighting material pre-positioned to be used in wartime at a WRSA-I observation point.
Topic: How WRSA-I functions and serves as an example of U.S. / Israel security cooperation.

09:30-09:45 Travel to Israel's Northern Command in Safed.

09:45-10:30 Briefing by **Israel Defense Forces (IDF) 91st Division at Northern Command** in Safed.
Topic: The strategic threat Israel faces on its northern border facing Lebanon from Hezbollah (and Iran).

10:30-11:00 Drive to Hezbollah Terror Tunnel near Metula. Briefing by **MG Ayish** on bus.
Topic: How Hezbollah planned to use the tunnels from Lebanon to invade Israel and conduct raids against Israeli civilians and infrastructure.

11:00-12:00 **IDF 91st Division briefing and tour of the Remia Hezbollah Terror Tunnel** near Metula.
Topic: Discussion of how Hezbollah spent years carving tunnels out of hard rock, at a cost of millions of dollars, designed to enable them to launch surprise attacks against Israel and how these efforts were thwarted. Tour of physical tunnel to enable participants to see first-hand the extent of the tunnels and the level of effort employed to develop them.

12:45-13:15 Drive to lunch in Ramot, Golan Heights.

13:15-14:00 Lunch at The Cabin, Nof Kinneret St, Ramot (no speakers).

14:00-15:00 Drive to IDF 210th Division Base Isaac (along the Syrian border). Briefing by **MG Ayish** on the bus.
Topic: Overview of the contentious history between Israel and Syria, who have technically been at war since 1948, and have fought each other in three major wars: the 1948 Arab Israeli War, the 1967 Six-Day War, and the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

15:00-16:00 Briefing by **IDF 210th Division on the Syrian Border** at an observation point overlooking the border.
Topic: Briefing on the tank battles between Israel and Syrian forces during the Six-Day War in 1967 and Yom Kippur War in 1973 on the Golan Heights. Further discussion of the evolving threat Israel faces from Syria today, particularly in light of the Syrian Civil War that began in 2011, and violent incidents in recent years that have strained relations between the two nations. Discussion of Israeli humanitarian aid to Syrians during the civil war.

16:00-16:30 Drive to Kibbutz Ortal, Northern Golan Heights.

16:30-17:00 Briefing by MG Ayish at Kibbutz Ortal on the history and continuing use of Israel's Kibbutz economic system, the role it played in the history of Zionism and helping Israel to settle and secure its northern border region.

17:00-19:00 Drive to Caesarea.

19:00-21:00 Dinner at Hazalbanim Restaurant (or Crusaders Restaurant), Caesarea Port Caesarea. **MG Ayish** led roundtable discussion.
Topic: Summary of the key points from the day's briefings and site visits in the north, open conversation and dialogue on topics including the Hezbollah terror tunnel system and the role of Caesarea as the principal port in the Roman-era and how this compares to the Haifa Port complex of today. Guidance and preview the next day's events provided.

21:00 Return to hotel

Overnight: *Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya* *Total Hours of Programming: 8.5*

Day 3 Tuesday, August 16th
Israel's Parliament and Innovation Ecosystem

08:00-09:30 Depart to the **Israeli Knesset** (Parliament), Kiryat Ben-Gurion, Jerusalem.

09:30-10:30 Tour of the Knesset (Parliament)
Topic: The role of the Knesset in the Israeli system of government and the role it plays in the development and execution of Israeli national security policy.

10:30-11:30 Briefing by **Asaf Friedman**, Director for the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee at the Knesset in Jerusalem.
Topic: Brief on how the 120 members are elected, and the role the Knesset plays in developing and executing Israeli national security policy. Similarities and differences with the U.S. Congress were discussed and highlighted.

11:30-12:30 Briefing by **Asaf Wiss**, Chief of Staff to the House Speaker at the Knesset in Jerusalem.
Topic: Discussion of how the legislative process operates in Israel, challenges in designing and executing policy within the Israel system of government, and discussion of similarities and differences to how the U.S. Congress operates. Further discussion regarding the composition of the current governing coalition and potential impact of the upcoming elections later this year on national security policy.

12:30-13:00 Depart for lunch in Jerusalem.

13:00-14:00 Lunch in Jerusalem at Abu Gosh Restaurant, 11 Hagoren Abu Ghosh (no speakers).

14:00-15:00 Depart to Sheba Hospital, Tel Aviv, established in 1948 as Israel's first military hospital, and now a leading medical center in the Middle East and an internationally recognized healthcare facility. Brief by **MG Ayish** on the bus.
Topic: Israeli-American medical innovation partnership and its relation to supporting each nations respective war-fighters and veterans.

15:00-16:00 Tour of **Sheba Hospital** in Derech Sheba, Ramat Gan, Tel Aviv. Demonstration of Israeli-American revolutionary innovation that can destroy deep tissue in the body without the need for incisions at Insight-Tech, of direct relevance to caring for warfighters and veterans.

16:00-17:00 Drive to the Peres Innovation Center in Tel Aviv.

17:00-18:30 Tour of the **Peres Innovation Center**, 132 Kedem St., Tel Aviv-Jaffa.
Topic: Explore how Israeli non-governmental organizations share Israeli knowledge and best practices with their Palestinian neighbors via medical training programs and utilize social networking platforms to bring together young men and women from across the Middle East and North Africa region, as examples of ongoing efforts to decrease support for radical groups in the Middle East.

18:30-19:30 Departure back to the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya.

19:30-21:00 Briefing and dinner with **Dr. Eyal Hulata,** the National Security Advisor and the Head of the Israeli National Security Council at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya.
Topic: In-depth discussion of topics such as the U.S. / Israel security relationship, the aftermath of President Biden's recent trip to the Middle East, emergent opportunities to improve regional air defense systems and expand the Abraham Accords, and how best to respond to Iranian malign activity in the region.

Overnight: Ritz -Carlton Hotel, Herzliya *Total Hours of Programming: 7*

Day 4: Wednesday, August 17th

Intelligence Day & U.S.-Israel cooperation

06:30 Breakfast Available

07:30-08:30 Depart to Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) in International Airport Ben Gurion.

08:30-09:30 Visit to IAI and brief by **IAI senior executive** in Lod.

Topic: History of Israel Aerospace Industries and background of collaboration with the U.S. defense industrial base.

09:30-10:15 Briefing by **IAI project manager** on the F35 wing production line at IAI, Lod.
Topic: Gain insight into how collaboration between U.S. and Israeli defense industries contribute to the defense of both nations in the air domain.

10:15-11:00 Briefing by **IAI project manager** on the drone laboratory weapons line at IAI, Lod.
Topic: Gain insight into how collaboration between U.S. and Israeli industry contributes to Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities of both nations.

11:00-11:45 Briefing by **IAI project manager** on the loitering weapons line at IAI, Lod.
Topic: Gain insight into how collaboration between U.S. and Israeli industry contributes to the defense capabilities of both nations.

11:45-12:30 Briefing by **IAI project manager** on the Israeli satellite industry at IAI, Lod.
Topic: Gain insight into how collaboration between U.S. and Israeli industry contributes to space capabilities of both nations.

12:30-13:45 Lunch at Airport Café, Ben Gurion Airport City in Tel Aviv.

13:45-15:30 Drive to Israeli Air-Force (IAF) Base Ramon, southwest of Beersheba. Brief by **Yaniv Menachim,** JINSA Middle East Operations Manager on the bus.
Topic: Overview of the Israeli Air-Force and base structure.

15:30-16:00 F16 training demonstration by 201 Squadron at Ramon Air Force Base.

16:00-16:30 Briefing by **IAF 201 Squadron** at Ramon Air Force Base.
Topic: Discussion of day-to-day base operations and the squadron's role in operations like Operation Guardian of the Walls in 2021 and Operation Breaking Dawn in 2022.

16:30-17:30 Base tour of Ramon Air Force Base.

17:30-19:30 Drive to Dinner, Concierge, Dizengoff 95, Tel Aviv.

19:30-21:00 Dinner at Concierge, Tel Aviv (no speakers).

21:00 Return to Ritz-Carlton

Overnight: Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya *Total Hours of Programming: 6+*

Day 5: Thursday, August 18th

Southern Command and the Gaza Strip + Middle East Policy and Israel's National Security Day

06:30 Breakfast Available

08:00-9:30 Depart to the Gaza border. Brief by **MG Ayish** on bus.
Topic: Israel's lack of strategic depth in the south and discussion of economically important strategic sites such as the Ashkelon Desalination Plant in this region.

09:30-10:30 IDF briefing at the Kerem Shalom crossing into the Gaza Strip at the end of Road 232.
Topic: Israeli Humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip and how it operates on a day-to-day basis.

10:30-10:40 Depart to the IDF experimental Terror Tunnel at the IDF Gaza Division by bus.

10:40-12:20 Briefing by the **IDF Head of the Subterranean Warfare branch** at the Gaza Division near Kibbutz Kissufim, under the jurisdiction of Eshkol Regional Council.
Topic: How Hamas and Hezbollah employ subterranean warfare capabilities, how the IDF trains to counter these capabilities, and examples of the sorts of technological solutions employed to do so.

12:20-12:40 Drive to the Bells Hills Observation Point.

12:40-13:00 **IDF briefing at Bells Hills Observation Point** overlooking Gaza from Israel.
Topic: Overview of the strategic landscape faced by Israel during the 11-day Gaza conflict in 2021, where Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad fired more than 4,455 total munitions at Israel. Roughly 90 percent of projectiles targeting civilian populated areas were intercepted by Iron Dome, while over 600 rockets fired from Gaza landed in Gaza itself. Discussion of what a future conflict with Hamas might look like.

13:00-14:00 Lunch at food truck at Black Arrow Monument near Bells Hills (no speakers).

14:00-14:20 Depart to Kibbutz Eivim. Brief by **MG Ayish**
Topic: The role played by Iron Dome missile defense system in the 2021 Gaza conflict in protecting Israeli and Arab civilians.

14:20-15:00 Briefing at the **Iron Dome** missile defense battery site by **Major Amoz Man**, the Defense Ministry's Administration for the Development of Weapons and Technological Infrastructure (MAFAT), near Kibbutz Eivim.
Topic: The value of this critically important joint-U.S. / Israeli produced system in protecting civilian life and infrastructure.

15:00-16:30 Depart to Jerusalem, the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Yitzhak Rabin Boulevard, Kiryat HaLeom, Jerusalem.

16:30-17:30 Meeting with **Mr. David Roth**, Deputy North America branch at the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Kiryat HaLeom, Jerusalem.
Topic: Briefing on U.S. / Israel foreign relations in the aftermath of President Biden's recent visit to the region.

17:30-18:00 Depart Ministry of Foreign Affairs

18:00-18:30 Check-in to the David Citadel Hotel, King David St 7, Jerusalem

18:30-21:00 Executive Time

Overnight: David Citadel, Jerusalem *Total Hours of Programming: 6.5*

Day 6: Friday, August 19th

Israel's Roots, Heritage, and the Impact on National Security

06:30 Breakfast Available

08:30-09:00 Depart Hotel for Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Memorial Museum

09:00-11:00 Visit to **Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Memorial Museum, Jerusalem**
Background: By 1945, the Nazi's Third Reich had killed the majority of Europe's Jewish population, destroying a civilization that had flourished for centuries. Yad Vashem encapsulates and memorializes this tragic history. The visit will provide participants with an unparalleled opportunity to learn about the Holocaust, how it is perceived and understood through the eyes of Israelis, and how it significantly impacts Israel's national defense posture and diplomatic relationships today.

11:00-11:30 Depart for the City of David, Jerusalem

11:30-14:00 Tour of the **City of David, Jerusalem**
Background: The United States Embassy in Jerusalem, together with the United States Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, have recognized the City of David as a testament to America's Judeo-Christian heritage and founding principles. The archeological discoveries at the City of David bring Biblical Jerusalem back to life and reaffirm the prophetic messages of freedom, justice and peace that inspired America's founders. The City of David is an archaeological excavation of the city of ancient Jerusalem, prior to the Jewish–Roman wars and the destruction and the Second Temple in 70 CE. Participants will learn how Israelis, from diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds, perceive their history and connection to the land of Israel. A key

focus will be how this history and the interpretation of it strongly manifests itself in the political and religious challenges that Israeli experiences today in the modern world and how this impacts Israel's national defense posture.

14:00-15:00 Lunch at Panoramic Golden City, Old City, Jerusalem. Briefing by **Khaled Abu Toameh**, Israeli-Arab Journalist for the Washington Post and Jerusalem Post.
Topic: Perspective on how the Arab world, (including Palestinian Arabs, Jordanians, Egyptians and others), understands and perceives Israel, how perceptions and misperceptions impact public opinion and government decision-making, and how this in turn impacts the regional security environment.

15:00-17:00 Visit to the Old City, Jerusalem
Background: Participants will be exposed to Jerusalem as city of continuing vital importance to three of the world's great faiths. The walk through of the Old City will include an overview of government administration of the West Bank and a discussion of the current political dynamics in the West Bank, specifically the relationship between the Israeli Government and the Palestinian Authority and the ongoing security challenges that affect Israelis and Palestinians, and how this impacts the broader security environment in the Middle East.

They will start with a visit to the **Jewish Quarter** of the Old City and learn about the layers of Judaism from the time of the First Temple until the present day, including the **Cardo,** the main thoroughfare of Roman Jerusalem. Participants will then continue to the traditional **Via Dolorosa**, the Way of the Cross, to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre,** to gain a greater appreciation of the importance of Jerusalem to the Christian world.

17:00-18:00 Return to David Citadel Hotel, King David St 7, Jerusalem.

18:00-19:30 Voluntary review of trip by participants at the David Citadel Hotel.

19:30-23:00 Shabbat Dinner at the Scala Restaurant, David Citadel Hotel, King David St 7, Jerusalem
Background: Shabbat is a day of rest that lasts from sundown on Friday evening through nightfall on Saturday night. Friday night dinner consists of a traditional meal and guests are considered an integral part of the weekly ritual. The Shabbat ceremony will consist of hymns, recitations, blessings, and eating, and provide participants with a unique window into modern Israeli cultural practices. Participation is an opportunity to strengthen ties with American foreign policy partners in Israel on a personal basis and gain a deeper understanding of each nation's rich heritage through participation in a shared communal experience.

Overnight: David Citadel, Jerusalem *Total Hours of Programming: 7+*

Day 7: Saturday, August 20th
Day of Departure / Israel's Roots & Heritage, the Impact on National Security

06:30 Breakfast Available

08:00-10:30 Drive to the city **Tiberias**, founded in the year 20 CE and named after the Roman Emperor Tiberius.
Topics: Briefing on the importance Christians have placed on the Holy Land over the centuries and how this has impacted military and political decision making from diverse groups including Jewish revolutionaries in the Roman Era, Crusaders in the Middle Ages, and Great Britain in World War I.

10:30-12:30 Exploration of the Sea of Galilee region by visiting Christian holy sites including the **Tabgha,** site of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fish, and **Capernaum,** one of the first villages where Jesus taught to gain a fuller understanding of the importance of the Holy Land to the Christian world, the security implications of the religious importance of the region, and how this impacts the global political landscape.

12:30-13:30 Participants will gain a fuller understanding of the importance of the Holy Land to Christians and Jews today and how this impacts the global political landscape, by visiting the **Magdala Home** of Mary Magdalen and recently uncovered 2,000 year-old city which provides a window into the world of Jesus and his disciples in Magdala, Galilee. Magdala is a unique Holy Land site with a first century city where the Jewish residents gathered in a synagogue where Jesus visited and taught. Discussion will also provide an overview of the vibrant Christian community in Israel, the only place in the Middle East with a growing Christian population.

13:30-15:00 Lunch, Magdalena Restaurant, Migdal Junction, Magala Center Migdal (no speakers).

15:00-16:00 Tour of the **Kinneret,** also known as the Sea of Galilee.
Topic: Briefing on the importance of the Sea of Galilee and the Jordan River as both a border and a key water source for Israel and Jordan and the impact this plays in Israeli national security strategy. Discussion of the sea's historic importance, including to Christians for its connection to Jesus, who spent much of his life on or near it, and to late 19th century Zionists, who's dream of settling the Land of Israel became reality as pioneers and their families returned to the land and created a new form of agricultural settlement, the kibbutz.

16:00 Return to David Citadel Hotel, King David St 7, Jerusalem.

END OF OFFICIAL PROGRAM

20:15 Depart to Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv.

No overnight *Total Hours of Programming: 6+*

TRAVEL: Sunday, August 21st

00:20 Departure from Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv, Israel.

05:30 Arrival at Dulles International Airport, Washington, D.C.