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Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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): AIEF-America Israel Education Foundation

Travel date(s): September 3-11, 2022

Name of accompanying family member (if any): n/a

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)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	\$6,019.15	\$1,223.09	\$1,223.09	\$3,375.78
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

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

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate				
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 final itinerary "AIEF Congressional Staff Itinerary_September 2022_FINAL"

September 28, 2022

(Date)

Seth D. Gillespie

(Printed name of traveler)



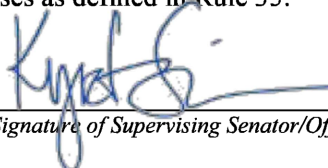
(Signature of traveler)

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.

September 28, 2022

(Date)



(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

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): _____
American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

 2. Description of the trip: _____
Please see addendum

 3. Dates of travel: September 3-11, 2022
 4. Place of travel: Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Tiberias, Israel
 5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Seth Gillespie, Foreign Policy & Trade LC, Sen. Kyrsten Sinema
 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:

AIEF is solely responsible for recruiting, coordinating, executing, and funding all aspects of this trip.

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

AIEF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the mission of providing educational programming about

the U.S.-Israel relationship. The delegation will have the opportunity to meet with a diverse group of

Israelis and see first-hand the outcome of U.S.-Israel strategic cooperation in the area.

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

Please see addendum

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

AIEF grants sponsor innovative programming to educate a wide audience, including college students,

members of Congress and their staff, and political professionals. In addition to educational seminars, AIEF

sponsors leadership training and briefings on the Middle-East and the U.S.-Israel relationship.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	\$5,940.65 breakdown: \$5,523 flight \$323.53 bus \$76.47 transport to Syrian border \$17.65 taxis			\$4,382.35 breakdown attached

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:

b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

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

The trip will take place in Israel in order to educate congressional staff about the U.S.-Israel relationship.

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

Mamilla Jerusalem, David Intercontinental Tel Aviv, Europa Tiberias

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

We chose these hotels due to their location and affordability.

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:

Please see addendum

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 business class on a commercial airline, chartered bus 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, alcohol, 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:

none

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you ~~must include~~ *must include* a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: Arne Christenson
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Name and Title: Arne Christenson, Managing Director

Name of Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

Address: 252 H Street NW, Washington DC, 20001

Telephone Number: (202) 639-5266

Fax Number: n/a

E-mail Address: achristenson@aiefdn.org

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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: Seth Deliverance Gillespie

Employing Office/Committee: Office of Senator Kyrsten Sinema

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): AIEF-America Israel Education Foundation

Travel date(s): September 3-11, 2022

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

Destination(s): TelAviv,Jerusalem,Tiberias,Israel

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

I am a foreign policy, defense, and Trade LC. This trip will specifically focus on the defense issues that Israel is facing, and our bilateral relationship with them. Defense and Israel issues are especially important to the State of Arizona.

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:

Aug 3, 2022
(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 Kyrsten Sinema hereby authorize Seth Gillespie
(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)

08/03/2022
(Date)


(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)



July 14, 2022

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The Office of the Honorable Kyrsten Sinema
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Dear Seth,

On behalf of the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF), we would like to invite you to participate in a bipartisan AIEF Israel Seminar for congressional staff. The trip will depart on Saturday night, September 3, 2022, and return to the United States on Sunday morning, September 11, 2022.

This seminar will delve into the most exciting and vexing issues facing Israel and the region, among them: the security threats confronting Israel on its Northern and Southern borders; the threat posed by a nuclear Iran; the opportunities presented by recent peace agreements between Israel and a number of Arab states; and the current prospects for peace between Israel and the Palestinians.

Participants will hear a wide array of viewpoints, including discussions with members of the Israeli Knesset and the Palestinian Authority; U.S. government officials; military leaders; heads of non-governmental organizations; and prominent academics and journalists. The program will also include visits to historic and religious sites in Jerusalem and the Galilee.

All trip-related expenses will be paid for by AIEF, and all aspects of the trip will be in full conformity with Senate and House ethics rules. AIEF will provide the forms required to assure your compliance with ethics requirements.

We hope you will be able to join us on what promises to be a rich, insightful, and educational trip. To RSVP, please fill out the [Participant Confirmation Form](#). If you have any questions, please contact Julie Peretz at (202) 639-5192 or jperetz@aiefdn.org.

Sincerely,

Richard Fishman
Executive Director, AIEF

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
U.S. Congressional Staff
September 3 - 11, 2022**

Final Itinerary

Saturday, September 3, 2022

5:00 PM Depart Washington, DC

6:32 PM Arrive Newark

10:55 PM Depart Newark

Sunday, September 4, 2022

4:20 PM Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport
Transfer to Jerusalem

7:00 PM Check-in to the Mamilla Hotel

7:30 PM Depart for dinner

8:00 – 9:30 PM **Setting the Stage**
Welcome and Orientation with:

- Julie Peretz, Israel Seminars Director, AIEF Washington, DC
- Yossi Garr, Educational Seminar Leader, AIEF Israel

-at Touro

During the welcome and orientation, staff will lead a discussion about the objectives for the week ahead.

9:30 PM Overnight at the Mamilla Hotel

Monday, September 5, 2022

7:30 AM Breakfast on own
- at the hotel, main dining hall

8:15 – 9:15 AM **Pulse of the Nation**
Coffee with David Horovitz, Editor, The Times of Israel

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

9:30 AM Depart for Strategic Survey of Jerusalem

- 10:00 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:
- City of David
 - Robinson’s Arch

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. The Holy Basin is the historic location of Jerusalem and refers to the land surrounding the Old City, including the Mount of Olives, believed to be the departure point for Jesus’ final entry into Jerusalem and the cemetery 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 – 1:45 PM Lunch
 -at Luciana

- 1:45 – 2:30 PM Depart for hotel, break

- 2:30 – 3:30 PM **Israeli Political Primer**
 Meeting with Professor Reuven Hazan
 Professor of Political Science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
 -at hotel

It is critical for trip participants to understand the parliamentary system in Israel. Professor Reuven Hazan will explain 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.

- 3:45 PM Depart for Foreign Ministry, security

- 4:30 – 5:15 PM **The U.S.-Israel Diplomatic Relationship**
 Meeting with Ambassador David Roet, Head of North America Bureau,
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 -at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

During this discussion Ambassador Roet will provide an overview of the historic relationship between the U.S. and Israel, and discuss cooperation between the U.S. and Israel, and the potential for broadening and deepening Arab-Israeli cooperation through the Abraham Accords.

- 5:15 – 6:30 PM **The Future of the Peace Process**
 Meeting with Dr. Tal Becker, Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 -at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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.

6:30 PM Depart for dinner

7:30 – 8:00 PM Dinner
-at Hatzot

8:30 PM Depart for City of David

9:00 – 10:15 PM **The City of David**
Site visit and briefing
with Ze'ev Orenstein, City of David

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has consumed an enormous amount of time and manpower of members of consecutive American Administrations as well as members of Congress. One of the most intractable issues in the conflict has been the question of the future of Jerusalem. Jerusalem's City of David, more than any other site, represents the complexity of this conflict. The City of David is the site most archeologists agree to be the ancient city of Jerusalem that later became the capital of the united Israelite tribes under King David. This area is one of the most intensively excavated sides in the wider region. To Jewish Israelis, the site represents the beginning of their physical and emotional attachment to Jerusalem that has continued for over three thousand years. At the same time, much of the site is located in the predominantly Arab neighborhood of Silwan. The residents of Silwan, and the Palestinian Authority leadership are opposed to the archeological efforts being carried out in the City of David. In several instances, homes in Silwan were purchased and then destroyed to open up more areas for excavations. Palestinian leadership has denied the existence of any Jewish connection to Jerusalem.

10:15 PM Overnight at the Mamilla Hotel
Prepare for checkout

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

7:45 AM Breakfast on own
- at the hotel

8:30 AM Depart for Yad Vashem

9:00 – 10:45 AM **Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust**
Visit to Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum

One cannot understand Israel's worldview 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 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 delegation through the main exhibit hall and the children's memorial.

11:00 AM Depart for Ramallah

12:15 – 1:30 PM **A View from the Palestinian Authority**
Meeting with Osama Qawasma
Member of National Council of PLO, Official Spokesman of Fatah
- at the PLO Headquarters

During each seminar, we invite a representative of the Palestinian Authority to address the group. Osama Qawasma 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.

1:30 PM Depart for lunch

2:00 – 2:45 PM Lunch
-at Hummus Yali

2:45 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

4:30 – 5:30 PM **A View from the Prime Minister's Office**
Meeting with Yair Zivan
Foreign Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister
-at the David Intercontinental Hotel

Yair Zivan is Director of Policy and Senior Advisor to the Prime Minister Yair Lapid. He has served as foreign policy advisor to Mr. Lapid since 2014 and before that spent two years as International Media Advisor for President Shimon Peres. Prior to that, Zivan served in the IDF Spokesperson's Unit International Press Division where he still does reserve duty. Zivan will present Israel's foreign policy objectives, Israel's efforts to promote economic and cultural relations with other countries, and Israel's efforts with developing nations.

5:30 PM Check in to the David Intercontinental Hotel

6:15– 7:15 PM **The Regional Threats from Iran**
Briefing with Sima Shine
Head of Iran program, Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)
-at the David Intercontinental Hotel

Throughout the week, participants will visit Israel's borders with the Gaza Strip, Lebanon, and Syria, and learn about the strategic threats facing Israel from Iranian proxies in those areas. Participants will also hear about the Iranian nuclear program, and the existential threat it poses to the Jewish State. This session will provide an in-depth briefing on Iranian influence in the Middle East from Sima Shine, an Iran expert who served in the Israeli Intelligence Community, most recently as the Head of the Research & Evaluation Division of the Mossad. She will provide some historical context for the relationship between Iran

and Israel, as well as discuss recent developments. She will also explain how Iranian influence extends throughout the Middle East region, specifically focusing on their activity on Israel's borders.

7:45 PM Depart for Dinner

8:00 – 9:30 PM **Israel's Humanitarian Efforts Around the World**

Dinner with

- Tal Levy Diamnshten, Organizational Consultant and Business Leader
 - Itamar Glazer, Volcani Institute
 - Jacob Sztokman, Founding Director, Gabriel Project Mumbai
- at Darya

One of the major tenet's of Judaism is "Tikkun Olam", to "repair the world". This dinner will focus on representatives from organizations seeking to make the world a better place in various sectors. This evening will be a dinner discussion with entrepreneurs representing Israeli innovation and ingenuity that has had enormous impact both in Israel and abroad. The delegation will be meeting with innovators that are global leaders in search and rescue technology, agricultural innovation, and humanitarian assistance.

9:30 PM Overnight at the David Intercontinental Hotel

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

7:30 – 8:00 AM Breakfast on your own
-at the hotel, main dining hall

8:00 AM Depart for Ashkelon

9:15 – 10:30 AM **Operation Guardian of the Walls and the Role of the Iron Dome**

Meeting with Lt. Col. Jonathan Conricus

IDF International Spokesperson

-at Workplace Ashkelon

In May 2021 Israel responded to a barrage of rocket fire from Hamas in Gaza with Operation Guardian of the Walls. Over 11 days, thousands of rockets were fired from Gaza at innocent civilians in Israel; and Israel responded by targeting strategic Hamas positions within the Gaza Strip. During this debrief, Lt. Col. Jonathan Conricus will provide an overview of the operation and the Israel Defense Force's strategy to combat Hamas terrorism.

9:45 AM Depart for Netiv HaAsara

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM **Israel's Southern Front: Living in the Shadow of Rockets**

Visit to the Gaza Strip border

Meeting with local resident Roni Keidar

-at Moshav Netiv HaAsara

Participants will visit the border between Israel and the Gaza Strip, and learn about the unique challenges faced by this area. 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. More recently, Hamas has built dozens of terror tunnels to attack Israeli civilians. The delegation will meet with local residents to better understand the reality of living kilometers from Israel's border with Gaza, and how communities have sought to cope, both physically and psychologically.

12:15 PM Depart for Lunch

12:30 – 1:30 PM **Ethics in the IDF**
Lunch with Soldiers
-at Moshav Netiv HaAsara

In Israel, military service is mandatory for everyone over the age of 18, with several exceptions. Most Israelis join the army right after high school, and serve for three years. As such, the Israel Defense Force (IDF) is an integral part of the fabric of Israeli society. During this lunch, participants will have the chance to meet with several soldiers serving in the southern region, and hear about their experiences in the army. They will discuss the values of the Israel Defense Forces – known as *Ruach Tzahal* (literally “The Spirit of the IDF”). This overarching ethical code, and the guidelines and operation resulting from it, shape the mode of action applied by all IDF soldiers and units, both in peace and at war. During basic training, every IDF soldier studies and analyzes the code of ethics together with their commanders. It is customary for a framed copy of the code to be hung in every commanders office as a constant reminder of the IDF's values and guidelines.

1:30 PM Depart

2:00 – 2:30 PM **Missile Defense: US-Israel Strategic Cooperation**
Visit Iron Dome battery
-at Ibim

More than a decade ago, Israel developed Iron Dome to protect its citizens from persistent and increasingly dangerous rockets fired by Iranian-backed terrorists. Since being deployed, Iron Dome has intercepted more than 90 percent of the rockets it has targeted—preventing war, saving countless lives, and reducing physical and psychological damage. Leaders in Congress have recognized the importance of Israel's missile defense system and have allocated more than \$1.6 billion for this technology. Participants will have the opportunity to visit an Iron Dome site and speak with the soldiers responsible for its operation.

2:30 PM Depart for Jaffa

3:45 – 4:30 PM **The Power of Water: Israel and Clean Energy**
Visit to EcoWave site with Jane Raisin, Executive Corporate Affairs Manager
EcoWave, Jaffa Port

Continuing our discussion of Israel innovation, the delegation will visit the EcoWave site at Jaffa Port. EcoWave Power has developed innovative technology to produce clean electricity from ocean and sea waves. The delegation will visit the EcoWave site to learn about the technology and see it in action.

4:45 PM Depart for hotel, break

7:00 PM Depart for dinner

7:15- 10:00 PM

Creating Israeli Policy

Dinner with

- The Honorable Amir Ohana, Member of Knesset, Likud Party
 - Netanel Hersh, Chief Advisor to the Honorable Pnina Tamano Shata, Minister of Israel Absorption
- at Fish Kitchen

During this dinner the participants will have the opportunity to hear from a member of Knesset, as well as a Knesset staffer serving a key Minister. The discussion will explore the priorities of the parties represented at the dinner by MK Ohana and Mr. Hersh.

10:00 PM

Overnight at the David Intercontinental Hotel
Prepare for checkout

Thursday, September 8, 2022

7:30 – 8:00 AM

Breakfast on own
- at the hotel

8:00 – 9:15 AM

Regional Strategic Threats

Briefing with Brig.-Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel
Former Director of the Counter Terrorism Bureau, Prime Minister's Office
-at hotel

In order to understand the strategic threats facing Israel, participants must understand the unique situation facing Israel at the borders with the Gaza Strip, Lebanon, and Syria, all Iranian proxies. As the delegation leaves the border with Gaza, and prepares to head north to the borders with Lebanon and Syria, this briefing will provide an overview of each border, as well as the malign activity from Iran contributing to unrest in the region.

9:30 AM

Depart

10:30- 11:00 AM

Israel's Narrow Waistline – Strategic Concerns

Briefing at Alfei Menashe

Alfei Menashe is a Jewish community located on the western edge of the West Bank. Less than 10 miles from the Mediterranean Sea, Alfei Menashe provides a unique vantage point to discuss Israeli settlement policy, the routing of the security barrier, as well as Israel's narrow waistline. The sliver of Israeli land west of the West Bank is often referred to as the Hadera-Gadera rectangle, with the city of Hadera denoting the northern point, and the city of Gadera 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.

11:00 PM

Depart

12:00 – 2:00 PM **Minority Rights in Israel**
Lunch with with Mohammad Darawshe
Director of Planning, Equality and Shared Living
Givat Haviva Educational Institute
-at Tanduka

Approximately 22% 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. 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 Israel’s 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.

2:00 PM Depart for Zarit

2:30 – 3:30 PM **En route briefing: The Jezreel Valley and Upper Galilee**

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 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.

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.

4:15 – 4:45 PM **Visit to Hezbollah Terror Tunnel**
-at Zarit

Virtually all southern Lebanon is a maze of underground bunkers, rocket-launching sites, and interconnected tunnels built by the Iranian-backed Hezbollah terrorist organization. Hezbollah is the most powerful terrorist organization in the world, stronger than most national armies. They receive around

\$700 million annually from Iran, along with advanced weapons, training, and political support. During this visit, the delegation will have the opportunity to go into a Hezbollah tunnel discovered by the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), to see firsthand the threat this terrorist army poses to Israel and the region. Participants will hear from an IDF officer who will guide them through the opening of the tunnel, and share the anti-tunneling technology Israel is using to detect new tunnels.

4:15 PM Depart for Har Adir

5:30 – 6:15 PM **Israel's Northern Border Concerns I: Lebanon and Hezbollah**
Briefing Lt. Col. (res) Sarit Zehavi, Founder and President of Alma Research and Education Center
-at Har Adir

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. Lt. Col. Zehavi will brief the delegation on security threats coming from the Lebanese border, and the role Iran plays in supporting Hezbollah terrorism against Israel. As a lifelong resident of the North, she will also share her experiences living on the border with Lebanon.

6:15 PM Depart for Europa hotel

7:15 PM Check-in to Europa hotel, Tiberias

8:00 PM Depart for dinner

8:15 – 10:00 PM **Reflections on the Week**
Dinner and discussion
-at Decks

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 reflect on the topics and perspectives presented to them assists in their ability to understand Israel's complexities.

9:30 PM Overnight at Europa
Prepare for checkout

Friday, September 9, 2022

7:15 – 8:00 AM Breakfast on own
-at the hotel, main dining hall

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
- Mount of Beatitudes
 - Capernaum
 - Church of the Primacy of Peter

As part of the seminar's focus on the complex religious fabric of Israeli society, the delegation 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

11:15 AM – 1:15 PM **Israel's Northern Border Concerns II: Syria**
 Strategic survey of Israel's border with Syria
 With Capt. (Res.) Ilan Shulman
 - at Ein Zivan

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 the IDF'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.

1:15 PM Depart for lunch

1:30 – 2:00 PM Lunch
 -at Amiros

2:00 PM Depart for Jerusalem

2:00 – 3:00 PM **En route briefing: Relations with Israel, and the Syrian 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 hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugees. Following our briefing on Israel's border with Syria, our guide will address how threats in the region impact Jordan internally, as well as relations and further potential for strategic partnership between Jordan, the United States, and Israel.

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

Saturday, September 10, 2022

- 7:00 – 7:30 AM Breakfast on own
 - at the hotel, Main Dining Hall
- 7:30 AM Depart
- 7:30 – 8:30 AM **En route briefing: Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor**

Our tour guide will spend approximately one hour on the drive from Jerusalem to Masada – including the Jericho road – to discuss 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.

9:00 – 10:30 AM **History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire**
 Guided survey of the National Archeological Park at Masada

Masada, which was excavated in the 1960s, is considered one of the most important archeological sites in Israel, indeed in the whole world. 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.

The delegation will visit the magnificent ancient excavations; learn the narrative of Jewish resistance to the Romans backed by the archeological and historical evidence; and discuss the importance of the Masada story to the contemporary Middle East and the threats in the region.

10:30 AM Depart for Dead Sea

11:15 AM – 2:00 PM **Exploration of the Dead Sea Region**
 Lunch
 - at Hod hotel

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 this desert region, and relations with both the Palestinians and Jordanians. For decades, Israel has been developing the agricultural potential of the desert. 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.” 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 in danger. This issue has led to unprecedented cooperation between Israelis, Jordanians and Palestinians and serves as a model for regional cooperation.

2:00 PM Depart for Jerusalem

3:30 PM Return to hotel
 Check out

6:00 – 7:30 PM **The U.S.-Israel Relationship: Bringing it All Together**
 Closing dinner
 -at the hotel

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 can share their takeaways and ask any lingering questions that weren't covered during the week.

7:30 PM Depart for Ben Gurion Airport

11:25 PM Depart Ben Gurion

Sunday, September 11, 2022

4:20 AM Arrive Newark

7:00 AM Depart Newark

8:19 AM Arrive Washington, DC

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
U.S. Congressional Staff
September 3-11, 2022**

Addendum

2. Description of the Trip

This seminar, which will be on the ground in Israel for seven days, is specifically designed to explore foreign policy and defense issues related to the U.S.-Israel relationship. Some of the key issues to be addressed include: the security threats confronting Israel on its Northern and Southern borders; the threat posed by a nuclear Iran; the opportunities presented by recent peace agreements between Israel and a number of Arab states; and the current prospects for peace between Israel and the Palestinians.

The seminar will consist of discussions with Israeli government officials, military officers, Members of the Knesset, Palestinian representatives and U.S. officials; as well as site surveys of the northern border with Lebanon and Syria, the southern border with the Gaza Strip, and the security fence. The seminar also aims to provide the political, historic, and religious context to the current conflicts and issues facing Israel and the region. It will explore the connection the three monotheistic religions have with the land and the influence this connection has on today's struggles. In addition to formal meetings and briefings, the trip provides experiential opportunities to help better understand the geographical complications, the security implications, and the historic root causes of the current conflicts.

14. Sponsoring Congressional Trips

Founded in 1988, the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF) funds Israel Seminars for members of Congress, Capitol Hill staffers, state and local officials, and other political influentials. These trips to Israel are among the most critical programs AIEF supports on behalf of the U.S.-Israel relationship. These educational seminars allow policy makers to understand the complex historical, religious and geographic context of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Participants meet with Israeli government officials, military officers, members of the Knesset, U.S. government officials, Palestinian Authority officials and leading academics and journalists. For many of the participants, who make important decisions impacting Israel and the Middle East, these trips are their first, and sometimes, only exposure to the country. The most recent Senate trip was for a Senate member, June 30-July 6, 2022.

16. Expenses**Lodging Expenses – Breakdown**

Sunday, September 4, 2022	Mamilla Jerusalem	\$412.00
Monday, September 5, 2022	Mamilla Jerusalem	\$412.00
Tuesday, September 6, 2022	David Intercontinental Tel Aviv	\$354.00
Wednesday, September 7, 2022	David Intercontinental Tel Aviv	\$354.00
Thursday, September 8, 2022	Europa Tiberias	\$284.00
Friday, September 9, 2022	Mamilla Jerusalem	\$412.00
Saturday, September 10, 2022	Mamilla Jerusalem - late check out no charge	\$0.00
	TOTAL =	\$2,228.00

Other Expenses – Breakdown

Expense	Cost per person
Security	\$1,352.94
Speaker Fees	\$882.35
Room Rentals and Setup (Mics)	\$588.24
Hotels for contract staff	\$411.76
Meals for contract staff and guests	\$352.94
Tour Guide/Yad Vashem Guide	\$264.71
Security for West Bank	\$205.88
Transportation for contract staff & speakers	\$117.65
Airport Assistance	\$70.59
Entrance Fees	\$52.94
Photography	\$41.18
Misc.	\$29.41
Tips	\$11.76
Total=	\$4,382.35

21. Per Diem

The room rate is below the foreign per diem in Tel Aviv and Tiberias. The room rate is \$12 over the per diem in Jerusalem. Hotels in Jerusalem are completely booked through the fall, and included approximately \$30 for breakfast. Meal expenses are equal to the foreign per diem rate for Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and Tiberias. Meal expenses include the cost for meals, snacks, and water on the bus. It does not include alcohol, as we do not pay for alcohol per Senate ethics rules.