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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.)

Israel Policy Forum

Private Sponsor(s) (list all):

8/13-21/22

Travel date(s):

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	\$2,878.41	\$2,415	\$1,056.64	\$1,521.34 (details attached)
☒ Actual Amount				

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

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

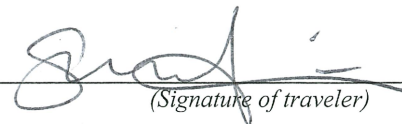
Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. *See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6).* (Attach additional pages if necessary.): Please see attached itinerary.

09/16/2022

(Date)

Samantha Schiffrin

(Printed name of traveler)

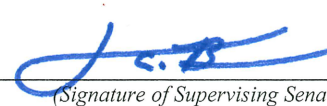

(Signature of traveler)

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.

09/16/2022

(Date)


(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Date/Time Stamp:

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: Samantha SchifrinEmploying Office/Committee: Senator Cory A. BookerPrivate Sponsor(s) (list all): Israel Policy ForumTravel date(s): August 13-21, 2022

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

Destination(s): Tel Aviv and Jerusalem

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

This is an educational trip to learn more about U.S.-Israel relations and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, which directly relates to Samantha Schifrin's work as the Senator's Foreign Affairs and Defense Advisor, which includes working on U.S. foreign policy related to the Middle East and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

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:

07/12/2022
(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 Cory A. Booker hereby authorize Samantha Schifrin
(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) ☐

07/12/2022
(Date)


(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

List of Other Costs

\$86.67- Airport Assistance
\$25.41- Security .
\$120.32- Meeting room rentals
\$1,134.97- Speaker Fees
\$13.40- Porterage
\$108.89- Tips
\$31.68- Miscellaneous (printing, water, etc)

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): Israel Policy Forum

 2. Description of the trip: This is an educational trip to Israel and the West Bank, providing an opportunity for participants to learn about the U.S.-Israel relationship and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

 3. Dates of travel: August 13-21, 2022

 4. Place of travel: Tel Aviv and Jerusalem

 5. Name and title of Senate invitees: See Attached

 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:

Israel Policy Forum alone is responsible for choosing attendees, planning, executing, and funding this

trip. Israel Policy Forum is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization focused on educating policy and Jewish

communal leaders on pragmatic policy ideas regarding the US-Israel relationship and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

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

As Israel Policy Forum is an organization dedicated to educating policy makers on the U.S.-Israel

relationship and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the trip will further serve that mission.

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

IPF has run dozens of trips for Jewish communal leaders. This is IPF's first trip for Senate employees,

but received pre-trip approval from the Committee for a trip in March of 2020 that was postponed due to

the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

IPF creates educational materials including research, graphics, podcasts, videos, internet publications,

op-eds, and public events.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
☒ Good Faith estimate	\$2,633.26 Train to EWR \$39 Airfare EWR-TLV-WAS \$2,295.93	\$2,415 Tel Aviv (\$405/night) \$1,215 total	\$1,132.72 Tel Aviv Meals: \$518 Jerusalem Meals: \$614.72	\$1,168.01 Speaker Fees, Security, Meeting Rooms, Airport Assistance, Tips, Printing
☐ Actual Amounts	Ground Transportation \$298.33	Jerusalem (\$400/night) \$1,200 total		

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:

The trip was organized with regard to congressional participation.

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

The trip will take place in Israel and the West Bank, as these are critical to understanding

the complex issues related to the US-Israel relationship and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

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

Carlton Hotel, Eliezer Peri St 10, Tel Aviv-Yafo, Israel

Inbal Jerusalem, Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3, Jerusalem, Israel

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

These hotels were chosen for their location, security, and comfort.

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:

Expenses in both cities are in accordance with per diem rates.

Tel Aviv hotel is \$405 (per diem is \$440), Meals are \$172.67 (per diem is \$174)

Jerusalem hotel is \$400 (per diem is \$400), Meals are \$153.68 (per diem is \$155)

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:

IPF provides airfare and train fare in coach class. Ground transportation will be chartered bus.

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 a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: 

David A. Halperin, Chief Executive Officer

Name and Title:

Israel Policy Forum

Name of Organization:

355 Lexington Ave, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10017

Address:

212-315-1741

Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

aweinberg@ipforum.org

E-mail Address:

List of Senate Invitees

Name	Title	Office
Christopher Barr	Policy Analyst	Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
Brandon Ramsay	Legislative Correspondent	Sen. Chris Coons
Samantha Schiffrin	Foreign Policy and Defense Adviser	Sen. Cory Booker

List of Estimated Other Costs

\$63.33- Airport Assistance
\$51.67- Security
\$188- Meeting room rentals
\$759.17- Speaker Fees
\$45.84- Tips
\$60- Miscellaneous (printing, water, etc)

ISRAEL POLICY FORUM

IPF Congressional Staff Delegation August 13-21, 2022

Mission Goals: This delegation is intended to provide participants with an overview of the current contours of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict with a specific focus on the security issues that impact each side. We will speak with Israeli and Palestinian policymakers and security officials and see firsthand the situation on the ground to gain an understanding of the challenges that both sides face with regard to maintaining stability and affecting political change going forward.

Saturday, August 13: Departure

4:30pm	Arrive Washington Union Station
5:20pm	Depart Washington Union Station on Amtrak #192 to EWR
8:21pm	Arrive EWR
10:55pm	Depart EWR on United #90 to TLV

Sunday, August 14: Arrival and Welcome

4:20pm	Arrive TLV Ben Gurion Airport <i>We will meet at the end of the jet bridge and travel through passport control together as a group</i>
6:00pm-6:30pm	Transfer to Carlton Hotel, 10 Eliezer Peri St, Tel Aviv
6:30pm-7:30pm	Check in and freshen up
7:30pm-8:00pm	Welcome, Orientation, and the Outlook for Two States <i>This session will introduce and orient participants to the rest of the week, introduce participants to each other, and give a brief overview of the current state of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as we enter the program.</i>

Speakers:

Michael Koplow, Chief Policy Officer, IPF

Aaron Weinberg, Director of Government Relations, IPF

Location: Carlton Hotel, 10 Eliezer Peri St, Tel Aviv

8:00pm- 9:30pm	Dinner and discussion: Israel and the Palestinians in 2022 <i>This session will serve as an orientation to the current state of affairs in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza. Between changes in</i>
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government, political instability, security threats from borders, the normalization process with Arab states, the lack of an Israeli-Palestinian peace process, and domestic pressures leading up to an election, Israel has experienced dramatic change in recent years. The Palestinians continue to face a split between Fatah and Hamas, continued threats to undermine the Palestinian Authority's control, and a Hamas regime in Gaza that continues to commit acts of terror against Israel. This session will cover these topics and set the stage for the rest of the trip. Note: the entirety of this meal will be officially-connected programming.

Speaker:

Neri Zilber, Journalist, Adjunct Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, and Policy Advisor, Israel Policy Forum

Location: Carlton Hotel, 10 Eliezer Peri St, Tel Aviv

9:30pm

RON at Carlton Hotel, 10 Eliezer Peri St, Tel Aviv

Monday, August 15: Israel's Security Challenges

Breakfast served at hotel

9:30am-11:00am

Israel's Security and Military Challenges- A View from the Ministry of Defense

This session will be a high-level briefing on how Israel's current security officials view the country's security challenges, not only with regard to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict but around the wider region. We will hear the government's most current threat assessments along with avenues of current and potential strategic cooperation.

Speaker:

Yigal Ostrovsky Katz, Director, Strategic Planning Bureau, Israeli Ministry of Defense

Location: Carlton Hotel, 10 Eliezer Peri St, Tel Aviv

11:00am-12:00pm

Security and Diplomacy: Israel's Current Standing

This session will dive deeper into Israel's security posture, including the numerous challenges and opportunities. This session will focus on the implications of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict on Israel's short and long term security, the sustainability of the status quo, and the security needed to ensure Israeli security in any final status agreement.

Speaker:

Nimrod Novik, Adviser, IPF, Senior Associate and former Chairman of the Economic Cooperation Foundation (ECF), and former adviser to Prime Minister Shimon Peres

Location: Carlton Hotel, 10 Eliezer Peri St, Tel Aviv

12:00 pm-12:30pm Travel to Lunch at Goshen Restaurant, Nahalat Binyamin 30

12:30pm-2:15pm The Palestinian Arena: A Working Lunch
We will hear from one of Israel's leading experts on Palestinian politics and society about the current state of Palestinian leadership, recent developments between the Palestinian Authority and Hamas, and the challenges of crafting policies that take into account the disparate environments in which Israel must operate when addressing the West Bank and Gaza. We will also discuss trends in Palestinian society and public opinion, particularly among younger Palestinians, and shifting attitudes toward Israel and the Palestinians' preferred political solution. Note: the entirety of this meal will be officially-connected programming.

Speaker:

Colonel (Rt.) Michael Milshtein, Head of the Palestinian Studies Forum at the Moshe Dayan Center, Tel Aviv University

Location: Goshen Restaurant, Nahalat Binyamin 30, Tel Aviv-Jaffa

2:15pm-2:45pm Travel to Institute for National Security Studies

2:45pm- 4:00pm Israeli Security Challenges in the Region
A briefing from Israel's preeminent expert on Iran, laying out Israeli challenges in countering Iranian regional designs and mitigating its growing presence in Syria, and analyzing Israel's position with regard to Iran's nuclear program and any diplomatic efforts meant to arrest it.

Speaker:

Sima Shine, Senior Research Fellow, INSS

Location: Institute for National Security Studies, Chaim Levanon St 40, Tel Aviv

4:00pm-4:30pm Return to Carlton Hotel

4:30pm-5:30pm Prepare for Dinner

5:30pm-6:00pm Travel to Thai House Restaurant, Bograshov St 8, Tel Aviv

6:00pm-8:30pm The State of the U.S.-Israel Relationship and the Abraham Accords: A Working Dinner
This session is an opportunity to hear from a former American Ambassador, National Security Council senior director for the Middle East, and current think tank analyst focusing on regional normalization about the major issues that impact the U.S.-Israel relationship, including how the U.S. balances its security relationship with Israel and its diplomatic relationship with Israel, and the current state of the Abraham Accords and how they may be expanded. Note: the entirety of this meal will be officially-connected programming.

Speaker:

Amb. Dan Shapiro, Former U.S. Ambassador to Israel

Location: Thai House Restaurant, Bograshov St 8, Tel Aviv-Yafo

8:30pm-9:00pm Return to Carlton Hotel

9:00pm RON at Carlton Hotel, 10 Eliezer Peri St, Tel Aviv

Tuesday, August 16: The Challenges of Gaza and the Gaza Envelope

Breakfast served at hotel

8:30am-9:45am The Drive Down: A Briefing on the Challenges of Gaza
This drive will consist of a briefing on the history and current situation in Gaza, and the challenges for Israeli citizens who live in proximity to the Strip. The briefing will include the security challenges for Israel in defending from rockets and tunnels, the humanitarian disasters afflicting residents of Gaza, and current blockade policies. Note: the entirety of this drive will be officially-connected programming.

Guide:

Colonel (Rt.) Dr. Shaul Arieli, Former Northern District of Gaza Brigade Commander, Deputy Military Secretary, and Head of the Peace Administration

9:45am-11:45am The Israel-Gaza Border Tour
This tour will include several lookouts into Gaza, including a stop at the Erez Crossing— the only crossing for people between Israel and Gaza. The tour will discuss several issues. At Erez we will discuss how the crossing has changed over time with the advent of the blockade, and the challenges of moving people back and forth between hostile parties. At the Nativ Ha'asara outlook and Assaf

Siboni lookout near Kibbutz Nir Am participants will get a view of both Gaza and the region in Israel surrounding Gaza, including the location of the March of Return protests that have been ongoing for nearly two years, which will help better understand the dynamics at play and the security challenges facing the area. The briefing will continue during the drive to Black Arrow.

Guide:

Col. (Rt.) Dr. Shaul Arieli, Former Northern District of Gaza Brigade Commander, Deputy Military Secretary, and Head of the Peace Administration

11:45am-12:45pm Living in the Gaza Envelope: A Briefing With a Resident
During this session we will hear the perspective of a journalist and member of a community in the Gaza envelope region that lives under difficult conditions, including intermittent barrages of rockets. We will hear how such conditions have impacted quality of life in the region and impacted residents' outlook on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Speaker:

Amir Tibon, Deputy Editor, Haaretz International

Location: Black Arrow

12:45pm-1:00pm Drive to Kibbutz Nachal Oz

1:00pm-2:00pm Working Across Borders: The Sha'ar HaNegev Industrial Zone
This working lunch will delve into a new joint Gaza/Shar HaNegev industrial zone project being led by the Mayor of the Sha'ar HaNegev Regional Council. This session will allow participants to dive into the issues of Gazans working in Israel and together with Israelis, and the implications on stability both in Gaza and for Israeli Gaza envelope residents.

Speaker:

Yahel Ben Aris, Arazim Project Manager, Sha'ar HaNegev Regional Council

Location: Kibbutz Nachal Oz

2:00pm-2:30pm Lunch and Discuss
Location: Kibbutz Nachal Oz

2:30pm-3:15pm Nachal Oz viewpoint
At this viewpoint we will look out at the closed Karni crossing from Gaza and discuss issues related to goods and people traveling in and out of Gaza, as well as the impact of the topography in

Hamas' attempt to attack Israel. This includes discussion of the "Iron Wall," smart fences, and surveillance of Gaza and surrounding area.

Guide:

Col. (Rt.) Dr. Shaul Arieli, Former Northern District of Gaza Brigade Commander, Deputy Military Secretary, and Head of the Peace Administration

Location: Nachal Oz Lookout

3:15pm-5:15pm	Drive to Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv
5:15pm- 6:30pm	Arrive at hotel and prepare for dinner
6:30pm-7:00pm	Drive to dinner at Greco Restaurant
7:00pm-9:00pm	The State of Israeli Politics 2022: A Working Dinner <i>This session will serve as an orientation to the political landscape in Israel, including the recent rounds of election, how the results will impact Israeli policy going forward, and what it means for the future of the U.S.-Israel relationship. <u>Note: the entirety of this meal will be officially-connected programming.</u></i>

Speaker:

Tal Shalev, Chief Political Correspondent, Walla News

Location: Greco Restaurant, Uri Tsvi Grinberg St 25, Tel Aviv

9:00pm-9:30pm	Return to Carlton Hotel
9:30pm	RON at Carlton Hotel, 10 Eliezer Peri St, Tel Aviv

Wednesday, August 17: Israel's Foreign Policy and the U.S.-Israel Relationship

Please bring down bags to the lobby ready to be loaded onto bus before breakfast

Breakfast served at hotel

8:45am-10:15am	Foreign Aid and Security: USAID's role in the Region <i>The Biden administration's recent restoration of funds for USAID activities in the West Bank has restored USAID's role in the Palestinian territories. We will hear from the mission director about how USAID projects are operating and ramping back up on the ground, how Congressionally-appropriated funds are being</i>
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used, and how these impact the larger security situation in the Palestinian territories.

Speaker:

Amy Tohill-Stull, Mission Director, West Bank and Gaza, USAID

Amy Southworth, Program Officer, West Bank and Gaza, USAID

Nathan Vest, Desk Officer, West Bank and Gaza, USAID

Location: Carlton Hotel, 10 Eliezer Peri St, Tel Aviv

10:15am-10:30am Check out and board bus

10:30am-12:15pm Drive to Jerusalem

12:15pm-1:45pm A View from the U.S. Office of Palestinian Affairs: Working Lunch
We will hear from a representative of the United States Office of Palestinian Affairs and the United State Security Coordinator regarding United States policy in the region regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the U.S.-Palestinian relationship, and regional security issues. Note: the entirety of this meal will be officially-connected programming.

Speaker:

Lourdes Lamela, Acting Chief, Office of Palestinian Affairs

Matthew Totilo, Senior Policy Advisor, OPA

Location: Inbal Hotel, Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3, Jerusalem, Israel

1:45pm-2:00pm Break

2:00pm-3:00pm A View from a Member of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee
We will hear from a member of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee about his views on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the role of the U.S. in making progress, and the most current pressing issues in Israeli political discourse.

Speaker:

MK Yossi Shain, Yisrael Beiteinu, Member of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee

Location: Inbal Hotel, Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3, Jerusalem, Israel

3:00pm-4:15 pm A View from the U.S. Embassy in Israel
We will hear from a representative of the United States Embassy to Israel regarding United States policy in the region regarding the

Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the U.S.-Israel relationship, and regional security issues.

Speaker:

Ambassador Tom Nides, U.S. Ambassador to Israel

Location: Inbal Hotel, Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3, Jerusalem, Israel

4:15pm-4:30pm

Break

4:30pm-5:45pm

A View from the Prime Minister's Office

We will hear from Prime Minister Lapid's International Spokesperson on how the PMO views the challenge from Iran, the prospects of increasing security and diplomatic cooperation between Israel and Arab states, and the possibilities of a political process with the Palestinians. We will also discuss the role that Israeli foreign policy plays in domestic politics, and Israeli perceptions of American foreign policy and the U.S. role in the region.

Speaker:

Keren Hajioff, International Spokesperson for PM Yair Lapid

Location: Inbal Hotel, Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3, Jerusalem, Israel

5:45pm-6:30pm

Check into hotel and prepare for dinner

6:30pm-6:45pm

Walk to Angelica Restaurant, George Washington St 4, Jerusalem

6:45pm-8:45pm

Israel's Foreign Policy: The Gulf, Russia/Ukraine, Iran, and more
This working dinner will feature a prominent foreign policy expert, journalist, and former Knesset member. She will share her insights into Israel's current foreign policy challenges and opportunities around the globe, including: the status and possible expansion of the Abraham Accords, Israel's relations with the Arab world, Israel's position vis-a-vis Russian aggression and the war in Ukraine, Iran and its proxies, and regional dynamics with Israel's neighbors, including Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, and Jordan.

Speaker:

Ksenia Svetlova, Former Member of Knesset and Director of the Israel- Middle East Relations Program, Mitvim Institute

Location: Angelica, George Washington St 4, Jerusalem

8:45pm-9:00pm

Return to Inbal Hotel

9:00pm RON at Inbal Hotel, Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3, Jerusalem, Israel

Thursday, August 18: Ramallah and the Northern West Bank

Breakfast served at hotel

9:00am-10:00am The Drive to the West Bank: A Briefing on the Status of the West Bank Today
This drive will consist of a briefing on the history and current situation in the West Bank, given settlement construction. We will discuss the unique challenges the current map raises for Israeli security and the well-being of Palestinian towns and villages. Note: the entirety of this drive will be officially-connected programming.

Guide:

Col. (Rt.) Dr. Shaul Arieli, Former Northern District of Gaza Brigade Commander, Deputy Military Secretary, and Head of the Peace Administration

10:00am-1:15pm West Bank Tour: Settlements and Villages
This on-site examination of the northern West Bank will cover the geography of the area and particularly the problem presented by illegal Israeli settlement outposts, and illuminate the unique challenges that arise from having Israeli and Palestinian communities intertwined in the same contested territory. This tour will include stops in Nebi Samuel, Itamar, and the road to the Three Seas Outlook.

Guide:

Col. (Rt.) Dr. Shaul Arieli, Former Northern District of Gaza Brigade Commander, Deputy Military Secretary, and Head of the Peace Administration

1:15pm-1:45pm Lunch and Discuss
Location: Sha'ar Binyamin

1:45pm-2:45pm A View from the Settlements: A Visit to the Sha'ar Binyamin Industrial Zone
During this visit we will hear from the representatives of the largest West Bank regional council about their outlook on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the interaction between Israeli and Palestinian residents of the West Bank, and how they envision peace.

Speaker:

Ruth Lieberman, Political Adviser to the Chairman of the
Binyamin Regional Council

Yisrael Medad, Resident of Silo and Former Knesset Aid

Location: Sha'ar Binyamin

2:45pm-3:30pm

Drive to Home of Ibrahim Salameh

3:30pm-4:45pm

A View from the Palestinian Authority

We will hear from a prominent member of the Palestinian Authority about his views on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the role of the U.S. in solving it, and the most current pressing issues in light of recent developments. This meeting will focus on the security needs of the Palestinian people, the future of the Palestinian Authority, and additional relevant policy issues.

Speaker:

Ibrahim Salameh, Director-General, Palestinian Authority
Ministry of Interior

Location: Home of Ibrahim Salameh, Birzeit

4:45pm-5:15pm

Drive to Bank of Palestine Headquarters

5:15pm-6:15pm

A View from the Chairman of Bank of Palestine

We will hear from the Chairman of the Bank of Palestine on the economic situation in the West Bank and the challenges of dealing with dueling Israeli and Palestinian bureaucracies. The Chairman will also discuss potential interim economic steps that can assist achieving greater stability in the West Bank in the interim and improving the fiscal situation and opportunities for investment inside the Palestinian Authority.

Speaker:

Hashim Shawa, Chairman of Bank of Palestine

Location: Bank of Palestine Headquarters, Ain Misbah St,
Ramallah

6:15pm-6:30pm

Drive from Bank of Palestine to Darna Restaurant

6:30pm-8:00pm

A Palestinian Perspective on Peacebuilding and the Environment:
A Working Dinner

We will hear from one of the leading NGOs both in the peacebuilding and environmental space that is also a recipient of funds from the Nita M. Lowey Middle East Partnership for Peace

Act (MEPPA) Partnership for Peace Fund (PPF). EcoPeace works to bring together Israelis, Palestinians, and Jordanians to create shared solutions, taking a bottom-up approach to educate local constituents, as well as a top-down approach to advance vital policies on climate resilience and specifically water security. Note: the entirety of this meal will be officially-connected programming.

Speaker:

Nada Majdalani, EcoPeace Co-Director

Location: Darna Restaurant, As-Sahl Street 10, Ramallah

8:00pm-9:00pm Drive from Ramallah to Jerusalem

9:00pm RON at Inbal Hotel, Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3, Jerusalem, Israel

Friday, August 19: South Hebron Hills and Bethlehem

Breakfast served at hotel

9:00am-10:30am The Drive to the South Hebron Hills: A Briefing on Challenges Facing the Area
This drive will include a briefing on the history and current situation in the South Hebron Hills. The briefing will focus on the legal situation in this area, specifically around issues pertaining to land contiguity and freedom of movement. The briefing will be focused and will be led by Shira Livne of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel— often known as “the ACLU of Israel.” Note: the entirety of this drive and tour will be officially-connected programming.

Guide:

Shira Livne, Unit Director, Association for Civil Rights in Israel

10:30am-12:00pm Tour of South Hebron Hills
This tour of the South Hebron Hills area will focus on the legal situation in this area, specifically around issues pertaining to land contiguity and freedom of movement. Specifically we will tour areas such as Umm al-Kher and Tuba which have been involved in recent litigation and explore the legal issues at play.

Guide:

Shira Livne, Unit Director, ACRI

12:00pm-1:00pm Drive from South Hebron Hills to Beit Jala

- 1:00pm-1:30pm Drive from Beit Jala to Bethlehem
On this drive we will have an introduction to the Bethlehem area and the issues facing residents. Specifically, issues of permits, freedom of movement, and the impact of the separation barrier will be discussed. Note: the entirety of this drive will be officially-connected programming.
- Guide:
Rami Nazzal, Beyond Border Tours and former New York Times reporter
- 1:30pm- 2:00pm Lunch and Discuss
Location: Shepherd Hotel, Jamal Abdel Nasser Street, Bethlehem
- 2:00pm- 2:30pm Driving Tour of Bethlehem and drive to Aida Refugee Camp
On this drive we will see a few of the notable landmarks in Bethlehem and will continue to the Aida Refugee Camp.
- Guide:
Rami Nazzal, Beyond Border Tours and former New York Times reporter
- 2:30pm-3:15pm Visit to UNRWA Offices in Aida Refugee Camp
This visit with the Chief Area Officer for UNRWA will include a discussion of the direct services UNRWA provides for basic needs in the area and specifically in the Aida Refugee Camp.
- Speaker:
Amjad Abu-Laban, Chief Area Officer, UNRWA
- 3:15pm-4:00pm Aida Refugee Camp Tour
On this tour participants will learn about daily life in Aida, the challenges residents face, and the prospects for the future. The first part of the tour will be led by UNRWA personnel showing their work in the camp, and the second part by a tour guide to give a larger picture of life in the camp.
- Guides:
Ibrahim Abu-Srour, Aida Director, UNRWA
Rami Nazzal, Beyond Border Tours and former New York Times reporter
- 4:30pm-4:45pm Depart Aida for Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem
- 4:45pm-5:45pm UNRWA Policy in the West Bank and Gaza
This meeting with senior UNRWA officials will include a briefing on UNRWA's big picture work in the West Bank and Gaza. It will

also provide an opportunity for participants to ask questions and share their thoughts about UNRWA's practices.

Speaker:

Ben Majekodunmi, Chief of Staff, UNRWA

Stephanie Case, Chief of Protection, UNRWA

Oliver Bridge, Protection Team Leader, UNRWA

Synadicta Nkrumah, Deputy Director of Operations, UNRWA

Location: Inbal Hotel, Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3, Jerusalem, Israel

5:45pm-6:30pm	Prepare for Shabbat/Sabbath
6:30pm-7:30pm	Optional Shabbat Services or Reflecting Walk in Jerusalem
7:00pm-7:30pm	Depart for Dinner at the home of Adv. Joshua and Hava Schoffman
7:30pm-10:00pm	Shabbat/Sabbath Dinner with Featured Speaker <i>Former Deputy AG Schoffman will discuss Israel's political system, the legislative process in the Knesset and the role of the government in formulating Israel's laws, and current issues pertaining to the Israeli judiciary and the Supreme Court. This Sabbath dinner setting will allow participants to engage with the Former Deputy Attorney General in an intimate setting and get many of their questions answered. <u>Note: the entirety of this meal will be officially-connected programming.</u></i>

Speaker:

Adv. Joshua Schoffman, Former Deputy Attorney General of Israel– Legislation

Location: Schoffman Residence, Arnona, Jerusalem

10:00pm-10:30pm	Return to Inbal Hotel
10:30pm	RON at Inbal Hotel, Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3, Jerusalem, Israel

Saturday, August 20: Jerusalem

Please bring down bags to the lobby ready to be loaded onto bus before breakfast

Breakfast served at hotel

10:00am-1:00pm	Jerusalem Environs Tour <i>This extensive on-site examination of the length and breadth of the Jerusalem seamline will introduce participants to the unique</i>
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challenges of Jerusalem, an Israeli city governed by a single municipality with neighborhoods divided between Jews and Palestinians and a population divided between citizens of Israel and non-citizen residents of the city. Stops on this tour will include Givat HaMatos, Abu Tor, French Hill lookout to the Shuafat Refugee Camp, Attarot, Qualandia, and will end at the Ambassador Hotel.

Guide:

Nir Hasson, Journalist, Haaretz

1:00pm-2:30pm

People-to-People: A Vision of Peacebuilding- Working Lunch

In this session, we will learn about the work being done by people-to-people organizations to bring Israelis and Palestinians together towards a better future. Note: the entirety of this meal will be officially-connected programming.

Speakers:

Riman Barakat, East Jerusalem Director, Feel Beit

Hela Lahar, Chief Executive Officer, Tech2Peace

Location: Ambassador Hotel, Nablus Rd 5, Jerusalem

2:30pm- 3:00pm

Drive to Augusta Victoria

3:00pm-4:00pm

Visit Augusta Victoria Hospital

For many years the U.S. Government has been funding hospitals in East Jerusalem. Participants will learn about the impact that had and how the cut of such funds impacts the hospital and surrounding population.

Speaker:

Dr. Fadi al-Atrash, CEO, Augusta Victoria Hospital

Location: Augusta Victoria Hospital, Martin Buber St, Jerusalem

4:00pm-4:30pm

Return to Inbal Hotel

4:30pm-5:30pm

A View from a Former Deputy Prime Minister

Minister Meridor was a long-time Likud leader and will discuss how the political gridlock gripping Israel and the legal issues surrounding the prime minister impact Israel's ability to deal effectively with Israel's security issues and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Speaker:

Former Minister Dan Meridor, Former Deputy Prime Minister,
Minister of Intelligence & Atomic Energy, Minister of Justice and
Member of Knesset (Likud)

Location: Inbal Hotel

5:30pm-6:15pm Prepare for dinner and flight

6:15pm-6:30pm Walk to Dinner

6:30pm-8:30pm Closing Dinner and Reflections

This is an opportunity for participants to reflect and process the week together, share their takeaways from their experiences, and discuss how their experience will impact their work. Note: the entirety of this meal will be officially-connected programming.

Location: Adom Restaurant, David Remez St 4, Jerusalem

8:30pm Drive to Ben Gurion Airport

Sunday, August 21: Arrival in Washington

12:20am Depart TLV on United #73 to IAD

5:30am Arrive IAD

ISRAEL POLICY FORUM

June 22, 2022

Samanatha Schiffrin
Foreign Policy and Defense Advisor
The Honorable Cory Booker
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Dear Samantha,

We are pleased to invite you to join a delegation of congressional staff to Israel and the West Bank for an educational trip sponsored by Israel Policy Forum. The trip will depart Washington D.C. on August 13 and return on August 21—totaling seven days on the ground.

Israel Policy Forum aims to offer an educational experience that will deepen your knowledge of Israel's complex security needs given the realities on the ground and the current dynamics of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The trip will add to your understanding of the region and one of the most critical foreign policy issues for the United States. As Israelis and Palestinian struggle for their futures, we will explore the key issues in achieving a two-state outcome—including the role of the U.S. in the process.

The trip will include:

- Meetings with Israeli and Palestinian government officials and non-governmental experts, including leading academics and journalists
- Visits to Israel's border with Gaza and to Ramallah in the West Bank
- Briefings from former high-ranking Israeli security officials
- A security tour of the current situation on Israel's borders

The delegation will provide a unique look into the serious challenges facing the region today and what is at stake in future actions by all parties—including the United States.

All trip related expenses will be paid for by Israel Policy Forum in compliance with Ethics Committee rules. Participants are responsible for submitting all forms, as well as a copy of this invitation to the Senate Select Committee on Ethics no later than 30 days prior to departure: the "Private Sponsor Travel Certification" form will be provided by Israel Policy Forum, and you must complete and submit a signed "Employee Pre-Travel Authorization" Form. Israel Policy Forum is committed to ensuring that all elements of the trip comply with all relevant congressional travel rules.

We hope that you will be able to join us for this important, insightful, and educational trip. If you have any questions, please contact Aaron Weinberg at aweinberg@ipforum.org or 847-848-2968.

Sincerely,

David A. Halperin
Chief Executive Officer
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