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This disclosure, along with a copy of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and all attachments, **MUST** be provided to the **Office of Public Records, Room 232 of the Hart Building**, within **30 days** after the travel is completed.

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I Senator Susan Collins, make the following
(Name of Senator/Officer)
disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me.

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

Travel date(s): October 23-29, 2022

Destination(s): Tel Aviv, Golan Heights, Jerusalem, Israel

Name of accompanying family member (if any): N/A

Relationship to Member/Officer: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

FILL IN THE APPROPRIATE LINES. 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 Senator/Officer:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
☐ Good Faith Estimate ☒ Actual Amount	\$11,826.35	\$2,384.15	\$919.92	Security: \$3,424.12; Speaker fee \$1,642.19; Hotels for Guests: \$1,361.60; Tour Guide: \$791.57; Meals for Guests: \$489.43; Room Rentals: \$290.81; Photography: \$108.11; Miscellaneous: \$36.90; Transportation for Guests: \$27.97; TOTAL: \$8,172.71

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 addendum

I HAVE MADE A DETERMINATION THAT THE TRAVEL DESCRIBED ABOVE WAS IN CONNECTION WITH MY DUTIES AS AN OFFICEHOLDER, AND DID NOT CREATE THE APPEARANCE THAT I WAS USING PUBLIC OFFICE FOR PRIVATE GAIN.

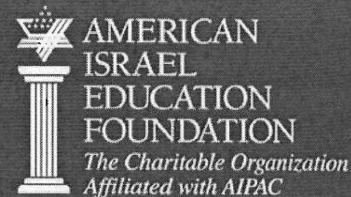
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**Senator Susan Collins
Educational Seminar in Israel
October 23-29, 2022**

Form RE-3 Addendum

Description of all meetings and events attended: The delegation met with Israeli, Palestinian, and U.S. government officials to explore foreign policy and defense issues related to the U.S.-Israeli relationship. Key issues addressed in these meetings included: the security threats confronting Israel on its Northern and Southern borders; the threat posed by a nuclear Iran and Iran's malign activities in the region; the opportunities presented by the normalization of relations between Israel and its Arab neighbors; the current prospects for peace between Israel and the Palestinians; U.S.-Israel missile defense cooperation and security assistance; U.S.-Israeli energy cooperation; and Israeli assistance to Ukraine. A full description of each meeting is included in the attached final itinerary.



September 22, 2022

The Honorable Susan Collins
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Collins,

On behalf of the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF), we would like to invite you to participate in an AIEF Israel Seminar October 23-29, 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 Ethics rules. AIEF will provide additional information to assure your compliance with ethics rules.

We hope you will be able to join us on what promises to be a rich, insightful, and educational trip. To RSVP, or if you have any questions, please contact our Israel Seminars Director Julie Peretz at (240) 476-2852 or jperetz@aiefdn.org.

Sincerely,

Richard Fishman
Executive Director, AIEF

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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.

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: October 23-29, 2022
4. Place of travel: Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Golan Heights, Israel
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Sen. Susan Collins; Mike Wakefield, Senior Counsel for Sen. Collins
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 region.

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
☒ Good Faith estimate	\$11,275	\$1,960	\$804	\$9,650
☐ Actual Amounts	breakdown: \$10,000 flight \$1,125 bus \$125 transport to Syrian border \$25 taxis	breakdown: \$856 Tel Aviv (\$428 per night) \$300 Golan Heights \$804 Jerusalem (\$402 per night)	breakdown: \$348 Tel Aviv (\$174 per day) \$146 Golan Heights (other) \$310 Jerusalem (\$155 per day)	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 the Senator and her staff member about the U.S.-Israel relationship.

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

Dan Tel Aviv, Merom Golan (Golan Heights), David Citadel Jerusalem

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 a~~ completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor:

Arne Christenson

Name and Title: Arne Christenson, Managing Director

Name of Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

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**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
Senator Susan Collins
October 23-29, 2022**

Addendum

2. Description of the Trip

This seminar, which will be on the ground in Israel for five 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 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 staffer, September 3-11, 2022.

16. Expenses**Lodging Expenses – Breakdown**

Date	Hotel	Cost per person
Monday, October 24, 2022	Dan Tel Aviv	\$428.00
Tuesday, October 25, 2022	Dan Tel Aviv	\$428.00
Wednesday, October 26, 2022	Merom Golan	\$300.00
Thursday, October 27, 2022	David Citadel Jerusalem	\$402.00
Friday, October 28, 2022	David Citadel Jerusalem	\$402.00
	TOTAL =	\$1,960.00

Other Expenses – Breakdown

Item	Cost per person
Security	\$3,250.00
Speaker Fees	\$1,500.00
Hotels for contract staff	\$1,250.00
Tour Guide/Yad Vashem Guide	\$887.50
Meals for contract staff and guests	\$825.00
Room Rentals and Setup (Mics)	\$625.00
Transportation for contract staff & speakers	\$500.00
Security if going to West Bank	\$425.00
Photography	\$112.50
Airport Assistance	\$100.00
Misc.	\$75.00
Entrance Fees	\$50.00
Tips	\$50.00
TOTAL =	\$9,650.00

21. Per Diem

The room rate is below the foreign per diem in Tel Aviv and Merom Golan (post name: "other"). The room rate is \$2 over the per diem in Jerusalem. Hotels in Jerusalem are completely booked through the fall due to the influx of visitors. The single rate also includes 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.

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
Senator Susan Collins
October 24-28, 2022**

Itinerary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022

4:05 PM	Delta #5652 departs Washington, DC (Mike Wakefield)
5:29 PM	Delta #5652 arrives JFK (Mike Wakefield)
7:16 PM	Delta #4778 departs Bangor, Maine (Sen. Collins)
9:00 PM	Delta #4778 arrives JFK (Sen. Collins)
11:50 PM	Delta #234 departs JFK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022

5:35-6:45 PM	Arrival at Ben-Gurion Airport
6:45-7:15 PM	Transfer to Tel Aviv
7:15-7:30 PM	Arrive at Sheraton Hotel
7:30-8:45 PM	Welcome and Orientation Dr. Cameron Brown Director, AIEF Jerusalem -at Manara, Sheraton hotel

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

8:45-9:15 PM	Depart for Ministry of Defense
9:30-10:30 PM	Israel's Security Challenges Meeting with the Honorable Benjamin Gantz, Minister of Defense -at the Ministry of Defense

Benjamin Gantz is an Israeli politician and retired army general serving as Minister of Defense since 2020 and Deputy Prime Minister of Israel since 2021. He previously served as the Alternate Prime Minister of Israel from 2020 to 2021. He will provide an overview of the strategic threats facing Israel and the region, and how Israel works to address these challenges.

10:30-11:45 PM Depart for Jerusalem

11:45 PM Overnight at the David Citadel hotel, Jerusalem

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022

8:30-9:30 AM **A View from the PLO**
Breakfast with Bashar Azzeh
Member of the PLO Palestine National Council
-at the hotel main dining hall

Bashar Azzeh is a Member of the PLO Palestine National Council, PLO Center Council, PPSF Party international secretary and Advisor to the PLO. Recently, he was appointed by PA President Mahmoud Abbas to be one of the unofficial Palestinian envoys to Washington, and he travels often to meet with the Administration and Congress. He will discuss the priorities of the PLO and the Palestinian people.

Luggage in Lobby, checkout

9:45-10:15 AM Depart for Old City

10:15 AM-1:15 PM **Strategic Survey of Jerusalem**
Guided tour:

- Southern Wall Excavations
- Western Wall
- Church of the Holy Sepulchre
- Lunch in the Old City

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.

1:30-2:45 PM Depart for US Embassy

Check-in to the Dan hotel

2:45-3:00 PM Security Check

3:00-4:00 PM **Meeting with CIA Station Chief**
-at US Embassy Tel Aviv Annex

The Senator will meet with the CIA Station Chief in Tel Aviv, who is responsible for managing all Central Intelligence Agency operations in Israel. During this briefing, she will hear the American view on challenges facing Israel and the region, specifically from Iran and Sunni terrorist groups.

4:00-4:15 PM Depart for hotel, check in to Dan hotel, break

5:15-6:00 PM Depart for ISA Headquarters

6:00-7:00 PM **Intelligence Briefing**
Briefing with Head of the Israel Security Agency
-at Israel Security Agency Headquarters

During this meeting the Senator will meet with the head of the Israel Security Agency (ISA), the body responsible for maintaining Israel's security in the face of terrorist threats emanating from the West Bank and Gaza. They will also address Israel's response to cyber threats, as well as efforts to ensure Israel's election integrity.

7:00-7:30 PM Depart for dinner

7:30-8:00 PM **Call with Prime Minister Yair Lapid**

Yair Lapid is an Israeli politician who has been serving as the 14th Prime Minister of Israel since July 1, 2022. He previously served as Alternate Prime Minister of Israel from June 2021 to June 2022 and served as Minister of Foreign Affairs. He will provide an update on the U.S.-Israeli relationship and discuss other topics of interest.

8:00-9:30 PM **U.S.-Israel Energy Cooperation**
Dinner with:
▪ Natan Barak, CEO, mPrest
▪ Inna Braverman, CEO, EcoWave Power
▪ Daniel Schwab, CEO, Brightmerge
▪ Eitan Yudilevich, Executive Director, BIRD Foundation
-at 2c

Israel is a giant when it comes to innovation: a global leader in R&D spending and Venture Capital investment, and home to global R&D centers for the likes of Google, Apple and IBM. This session will include discussions with representatives from three companies and one foundation working with energy technology.

9:30 PM Overnight at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2022

7:30-8:45 AM Breakfast on own
-at the hotel main dining hall

8:45-9:45 AM **Israeli Politics Briefing**
Meeting with Tal Shalev
Walla! News
-at the hotel, Caesarea Hall

It is critical for trip participants to understand the parliamentary system in Israel. Tal Shalev will explain how the parliamentary party system works, how coalitions rise and fall, and how Israeli politics differ from American politics.

9:45-10:30 AM Luggage in Lobby, checkout

10:30 AM-12:00 PM Depart for north

12:00-12:45 PM Lunch
-at Tanduka, Yokneam

12:45-1:15 PM Depart for Rafael

1:15-2:45 PM **U.S. – Israel Missile Defense Cooperation**
Visit to Rafael Leshem Institute
Briefing by Lt. Col. Yishai Cohen
Head, Iron Dome Development Branch
Israel Missile Defense Organization
-at Rafael, Leshem

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. The Senator will have the opportunity to visit an Iron Dome site and speak with the head of the Iron Dome Development Branch.

2:45-4:00 PM Depart for Zarit

4:00-4:30 PM **Northern Border Concerns: The Lebanese Border**
Briefing with Col. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi
Director, Alma Research Center

-at Zarit

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 Senator 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.

4:30-4:45 PM	Depart for Hezbollah Terror Tunnel
4:45-5:15 PM	Hezbollah Terror Tunnel Discussion with Col. Etai Bar-Ilan Head of tunnel detection development MAFAT -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 Senator 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. The group 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.

5:30-7:00 PM	Depart for hotel
7:00-8:00 PM	Check in to Merom Golan hotel
8:00-9:30 PM	Dinner and Discussion -at HaBokrim

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 Merom Golan hotel
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022

7:15-7:50 AM Breakfast on own
-at the hotel main dining hall

Luggage in Lobby, checkout

8:05-9:00 AM **Northern Border Concerns: The Syrian Border**
Briefing with Lt. Col. (Res.) Jonathan Conricus
Former International Spokesperson
Israel Defense Forces
-at Mt. Bental

During this session Lt. Col. (Res.) Jonathan Conricus will take the Senator to the border between Israel and Syria and provide an overview of the Syrian civil war, its implications for Israel's security, and security in the region.

9:00-10:00 AM Depart for Holy Sites

10:00-10:30 AM **Historical, Religious and Geopolitical Significance of the Sea of Galilee**
Mount of Beatitudes – Sermon on the Mount

As part of the seminar's focus on the complex religious fabric of Israeli society, the delegation will be visiting one of the most sacred sites for Christians in the Holy Land. The group 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. Just as strategic surveys in Jerusalem focused on Jewish, Muslim, and Christian history and claims to the land, visits to the Christian sites help provide context for the competing religious narratives for the land of Israel.

10:30 AM-12:25 PM Depart for Gllot, lunch en route

Please bring passports

12:25-1:00 PM Security check

1:00-1:45 PM **Meeting with Mossad**
-at Gllot

The Senator will meet with the Head of Intelligence for Mossad, Israel's Intelligence Agency. This discussion will include the state of intelligence cooperation between the U.S. and Israel, as well updates on several key issues, including Iran and the potential for broadening and deepening Arab-Israeli cooperation through the Abraham Accords.

1:45-3:15 PM Depart for Jerusalem

3:15-3:30 PM Security check

3:30-4:00 PM **A View from the Prime Minister's Office**
Meeting with Yair Zivan,
Chief Foreign Policy Advisor to Prime Minister Yair Lapid
-at the Prime Minister's Office

Yair Zivan will provide the official perspective of the State of Israel on issues impacting the U.S.-Israel relationship.

4:00-5:00 PM **The Iranian Nuclear and Regional Threats**
Meeting with Dr. Eyal Hulata
National Security Advisor
Head of the National Security Council, Prime Minister's Office
-at the Prime Minister's Office

National Security Advisor Dr. Eyal Hulata will provide a strategic threats overview, including the threat of Iran through its nuclear program, and its proxies Hamas and Hezbollah.

5:00-5:30 PM Depart for hotel

5:30-7:30 PM Check in to the David Citadel hotel

7:30-7:45 PM Depart for dinner

7:45-9:00 PM **Understanding the Peace Process**
Dinner with Dr. Tal Becker
Senior Legal Adviser
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
-at 02 Inbal restaurant

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.

10:30 PM Depart for hotel and overnight at the David Citadel hotel

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2022

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

8:15-8:45 AM Depart for Old City

8:45-10:00 AM **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.

10:00-10:45 AM Depart for Yad Vashem

10:45 AM-1:00 PM **The Meaning of the Holocaust in Israeli Society**
-at Yad Vashem

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.

1:00-1:30 PM Depart for lunch

1:30-2:15 PM Lunch
-at Hummus Ben Sira

2:15-2:30 PM Depart for hotel

2:30-3:30 PM

The War in Ukraine

Coffee with:

- Simona Halperin, Head of EuroAsia and Western Balkans Bureau,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ksenia Svetlova, Director of Israel-Middle East Program,
Mitvim Institute
Reichmann University
-at the hotel, Zion Gate Hall

As the world considers the security of countries that border Russia, Israel is no stranger to having the Russian military operate along its own borders. For the past seven years, Moscow's military forces have been deployed in Syria, with de facto control of Syria's skies. As Iran stations its own proxy forces in Syria and uses the country as a passthrough to arm Hezbollah, Israel is forced to coordinate with Russia to defend itself from the growing Iranian threat. Despite Russia's military presence in Syria—along with Israel's unique role as a possible mediator between Russia and Ukraine—the Jewish state has provided vital aid to the Ukrainian people. Israel is leading some of the key efforts in Ukraine and on the borders – both through the official governmental channels, but also via civic organizations, veteran and new. In this session, the Senator will hear about Israeli efforts in Ukraine, and its own threat from Russia on the Syrian border.

3:30-6:00 PM

Break, Prepare for Departure

6:00-6:30 PM

Depart for dinner

6:30-8:00 PM

Reflecting on the Sabbath in Jerusalem

With Daniel and Zahava Taub

-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. This will also be the closing dinner, an opportunity for the Senator to process the scope of the week, and the range of topics explored, including the U.S.-Israel strategic partnership, prospects for Arab-Israeli peace, and the greater existential threats throughout the region. The Senator will also have the opportunity to share their takeaways, and ask any lingering questions that weren't covered during the week.

8:00-8:30 PM

Depart for hotel

8:30-9:00 PM

Prepare for departure

Luggage in Lobby, checkout

9:00-9:40 PM Depart for airport

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12:40 AM Delta #243 departs Ben Gurion

5:30 AM Delta #243 arrives at Boston Logan

8:15 AM Delta #5724 departs Boston Logan (Mike Wakefield)

10:13 AM Delta #5724 arrives Washington, DC (Mike Wakefield)