RE-2 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.**This form is a public disclosure. The form and all attachments will be made publicly available.**

Certification:*In compliance with the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel, Senate Rule 35, and the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, I certify that I accepted the following gift of privately sponsored travel:*

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

Travel Dates:
08/12/2023 to 08/19/2023

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$2,057.27	$2,520.00	$1,238.00	$700.00

I also certify that attached to this form are all required documents for post travel disclosure, including:

- **The final Employee Pre-Travel Authorization** (Form RE-1)
- The final **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

Finally, I certify that all trip information reflected in the attachments above accurately reflects the travel that I accepted. If there were any changes to the trip after I received approval from the Committee, the changes are described in ATTACHMENT 1.

9/14/2023
Date

ABIGAIL TURNER
Printed Name of Traveler

Signature of Traveler

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

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

9/14/2023
Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

ATTACHMENT 1 – CHANGES FROM APPROVED PRE-TRAVEL

Note: Material changes to a trip that occur after the Committee has issued an approval letter may invalidate the Committee's approval. Please contact the Committee with any questions regarding changes to an approved trip.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved travel expenses? (Transportation, Meals, Lodging, Other)?

○ Yes ● No

Expense Change	Revised Amount	Explanation
There were no changes to pre-approved travel expenses.		

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

● Yes ○ No

Explanation: Minor schedule modifications to add additional context and speaker schedule shifts due to shifting availability. For example, on Day 1 Roni Tal, the Chief of Staff to the Speaker of the Knesset was able to join the tour of the Knesset and on Day 2 we added a brief stop at the Israel-Syrian militarized zone/UN Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) post at Quneitra Crossing on the way to the Syrian border briefing. Briefings by Khaled Abu Toameh, an Israeli-Arab Journalist for the Washington Post, and MG Amikam Norkin, Former Commander of the Israeli Air Force, also shifted slightly from the original submitted schedule.

Were there any additional changes to the pre-approved trip?

○ Yes ● No

Explanation: There were no additional changes to the pre-approved trip.

RE-1 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.

Name of Traveler:

Abby Turner

Employing Office/Committee:

Sen. Ted Cruz (TX)

Private Sponsor(s):

The Jewish Institute for National Security in

Destination(s):

Herzliya and Jerusalem, Israel

Travel Dates:

August 11-August 19

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

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

Educational travel to deepen understanding of the U.S.-Israel bilateral defense relationship.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip? **Name and Relationship to Traveler:**

☐ (signify "yes" by checking box)

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

7/27/20

Date

Signature of Employee

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

(President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain)

I Sen. Ted Cruz hereby authorize Abby Turner

(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)

7/27/20

Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

The Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA): JINSA Congressional National Security Program to Israel 2023

ABIGAIL TURNER

Title:
None

Employing Office/Committee:
CRUZ, TED

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):
Herzliya, Israel
Jerusalem, Israel

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

This trip is to learn more about national security issues as it pertains to the US-Israel alliance, that I will be attending in my capacity as Sen. Cruz's national security staffer.

Name of accompanying family member (if any):
Not Entered

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
The Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA)

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?
☑ Yes ○ No

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
Private Foundation

Address
1101 14th Street, NW, Suite 1030

Address 2 (Optional)
Private Foundation

City, State Zip
Washington, District Of Columbia 20005 United States

Phone Number
(703) 946-8363

Organization URL
https://jinsa.org/

History of Congressional Travel

- Congressional National Security Program to Israel 2022 - Homeland Security Program to Israel 2022 (two participants from the House of Representatives)

Educational Activities

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

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and do not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist.*

Foreign Agent Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.*

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status:

- ☑ I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.
- ☑ I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.
- ☑ I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

Comments

None Entered

Signature Page

The signature page is below.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

The goal of the Congressional National Security Program is to provide insight and understanding into Israel's security challenges, the shared threats facing Israel and the United States in the Middle East, and how U.S.-Israel security cooperation contributes to the defense of both nations. Participants will meet with Israeli military and intelligence leaders and policy professionals, conduct field visits to key strategic locations such as Israel's northern and southern borders, and visit defense industrial and innovation sites showcasing the strength of the U.S.-Israeli defense partnership. We will also visit the Knesset (Israel's Parliament), to understand the role it plays in developing and executing Israeli national security policy.

Explain how the purpose of the trip relates to your organization's mission.

For nearly 50 years, JINSA has been dedicated to educating congressional, military and civilian national security decision-makers on American defense and strategic interests, primarily in the Middle East, the cornerstone of which is a robust U.S.-Israel security cooperation relationship. Organized and run entirely by JINSA, this trip directly supports our core educational mission.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

● Yes ○ No

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

There are no grantmaking organizations.

With or Without Regard for Congressional Participation

The trip is arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Involvement in Planning, Organizing, Requesting or Arranging

- ● The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, other than de minimis involvement.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing

- ● The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- ● No funds or in-kind contributions were 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.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

Complete if all sponsors are §501(c)(3) organizations

- ● The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
- ○ The trip is limited to 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
- ○ The trip is limited to 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

Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations.

- ○ The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
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Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol

- Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for recreational activities.
- Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for alcohol, except as permitted by the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel.

Invitees

Members and staff from the House of Representatives **will** receive invitations.

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
08/12/2023 @ 04:40 PM

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Trip End Date/Time:
08/19/2023 @ 04:40 PM

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

○ Yes ● No

Itinerary

The itinerary is below.

Transportation (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $2,057.27 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	$1,507.27
Note Round trip international fights from Washington, D.C. to Tel Aviv, Israel		
Ground Transportation	Coach	$550.00
Note Bus transportation to and from the airport and to sites in Israel.		

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $2,520.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
08/12/2023	08/16/2023	Ritz Carlton	Herzliya	None	Israel	4	$420.00	No
08/17/2023	08/19/2023	David Citadel	Jerusalem	None	Israel	2	$420.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $1238.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
08/13/2023	$0.00	$60.00	$120.00	$0.00	**$180.00**	Herzliya	None	Israel	No
08/14/2023	$0.00	$60.00	$120.00	$0.00	**$180.00**	Herzliya	None	Israel	No

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
08/15/2023	$0.00	$60.00	$120.00	$0.00	**$180.00**	Herzliya	None	Israel	No
08/16/2023	$0.00	$60.00	$120.00	$0.00	**$180.00**	Herzliya	None	Israel	No
08/17/2023	$0.00	$60.00	$120.00	$0.00	**$180.00**	Herzliya	None	Israel	No
08/18/2023	$0.00	$49.00	$120.00	$0.00	**$169.00**	Jerusalem	None	Israel	No
08/19/2023	$0.00	$49.00	$120.00	$0.00	**$169.00**	Jerusalem	None	Israel	No

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $700.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
Other (Guides, entry fees, security)	$700.00	Expenses for guides, entry fees, and security for the delegation.

Additional Attachments

Document Name
There are no additional attachments.

Trip Name: JINSA Congressional National Security Program to Israel 2023

Organization Information

Organization Name:
The Jewish Institute for National Securit

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?
(●) Yes ( ) No

If Yes, §501(c)(3) Organization Type:
[✔] Private Foundation [ ] Public Charity

Address:
1101 14th Street, NW, Suite 1030

City, State, Zip:
Washington, DC 20005

Phone Number:
(202) 667-3900

Organization URL:
https://jinsa.org/

History of Congressional Travel

Describe your organization's history of sponsoring congressional travel.

- Congressional National Security Program to Israel 2022
- Homeland Security Program to Israel 2022 (two participants from the House of Representatives)

Educational Activities

Describe the educational activities performed by your organization other than sponsoring congressional travel.

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

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status (Select one):

(●) I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist.

( ) I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist but does retain or employ one or more federally registered lobbyists.

Foreign Agent Registration Status (Select one):

(●) I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and does not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.

( ) I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal but does retain or employ one or more agents of a foreign principal.

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status (Must select all):

[✔] I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.

[✔] I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.

[✔] I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

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Explain how the purpose of the trip relates to your organization's mission.

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Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

(●) Yes ( ) No

If No, describe your organization's role in planning the trip.

If there are multiple sponsors, each sponsor must submit Organization Information (Page 1 of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form) and a Signature Page Form.

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

If you have a Grantmaking Organization, you must attach a Grantmaking Organization Certification Form.

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With or Without Regard to Congressional Participation (Select one):

- ○ The trip is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation.
- ◉ The trip is arranged or organized with regard to congressional participation.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Involvement in Planning, Organizing, Requesting or Arranging

- ☑ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, other than de minimis involvement.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing (Must select all):

- ☑ The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- ☑ No funds or in-kind contributions were 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.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

Complete if all sponsors are §501(c)(3) organizations (Select one):

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Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations (Select one):

- ○ The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
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Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol (Must select all):

- ☑ Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for recreational activities.
- ☑ Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for alcohol, except as permitted by the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel.

Will members and staff from the House of Representatives receive invitations?

◉ Yes ○ No

Travel Details (Submit additional pages as needed)

Trip Start Date/Time:	⇄	Trip End Date/Time:
August 12, 2023		August 19, 2023

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

○ Yes ◉ No

Transportation (Member/Officer/Employee: $$2,050$ Accompanying Family Member: $_____)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Round trip international flights to Israel	Economy	$1,500
Bus transportation to sites in Israel	Economy	$550

Details (optional)

Lodging (Member/Officer/Employee: $$2,940$ Accompanying Family Member: $_____)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
8/12/23	8/16/23	Ritz Carlton	Herzliya		Israel

Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.
5	$420	No	

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
8/17/23	8/19/23	David Citadel	Jerusalem		Israel

Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.
2	$420	No	

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country

Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.

Meals (Member/Officer/Employee: $1,238 Accompanying Family Member: $_____)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem (Y/N)
8/12/23					$180	Herzliya		Israel	N
8/13/23					$180	Herzliya		Israel	N
8/14/23					$180	Herzliya		Israel	N
8/15/23					$180	Herzliya		Israel	N
8/16/23					$180	Herzliya		Israel	N
8/17/23					$169	Jerusalem		Israel	N
8/18/23					$169	Jerusalem		Israel	N

If costs exceed the federal per diem, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses

(Member/Officer/Employee: $700 Accompanying Family Member: $_____)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
Guides, entry fees, security	$700	

Additional Details (optional)

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby certify that the information submitted in connection with the trip listed below is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Trip Name: JINSA Congressional National Security Program to Israel 20

Travel Date(s): August 12 to August 19, 2023

Travel Destination(s): Israel

Sponsor: The Jewish Institute for National Security of America

Dr. Michael Makovsky — *(printed name of sponsor representative)*

President and CEO — *(title)*

Michael Makovsky — *(signature of sponsor representative)*

7/5/23 — *(date)*

2023 JINSA Congressional National Security Program to Israel
Senate Participant List

1. **Abby Turner**, Legislative Assistant to Sen. Ted Cruz (TX)

Abby Turner
U.S. Senate
Russell Senate Office Building 167
Washington, D.C. 20510

June 30, 2023

Dear Abby,

On behalf of the Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA), it is my pleasure to invite you to participate in our second annual Congressional National Security Program to Israel, to be held **August 11-20, 2023.**

JINSA is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to working with military and civilian decisionmakers to ensure American strategic interests in the Middle East are defended. JINSA believes the cornerstone of this defense is a robust U.S.-Israeli security cooperation relationship.

One of the ways JINSA executes its educational mission is through unique programs that promote dialogue between prominent U.S. government officials and military leaders and their Mideast counterparts. The Congressional National Security Program provides insight and understanding into Israel's security challenges, the shared threats facing Israel and the United States, the benefits of U.S.-Israel security cooperation and ways to deepen that cooperation, and insight into how collaboration between U.S. and Israeli defense industries contribute to the defense of both nations.

The program curriculum will feature visits to strategically important sites, such as Israel's borders with Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, and Egypt, where participants will be briefed by IDF commanders to better understand the security challenges Israel faces on each respective border, including its lack of strategic depth. Delegation participants will also visit the Knesset, to understand the role it plays in developing and executing Israeli national security policy, and key religious and historical sites to gain a deeper appreciation for the importance of the land to three of the world's great faiths and how this directly impacts the security environment in the Middle East.

The program will include briefings on topics such as:

- Middle East security challenges confronting the United States and Israel;
- U.S.-Israeli strategic cooperation with Abraham Accords countries;
- Perspective on how the Arab world understands and perceives Israel;
- Linkages between Israel's "Silicon Wadi," IDF weapons technology, and the U.S. defense establishment; and

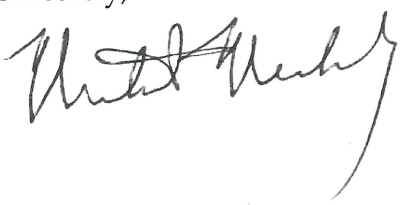
- Cyber threats and challenges for military intelligence.

Please RSVP by July 1, 2023 to Matt Kenney at mkenney@jinsa.org or (703) 946-8363 or Morgan Viña at mvina@jinsa.org or (202) 262-9385 to let us know if you are able to attend. Please also reach out to either Morgan or Matt if you have any questions about this invitation or travel arrangements.

Finally, the information which participants will be required to submit to the Senate Ethics Committee no later than July 11, 2023 will be provided upon confirmation of participation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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

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The Jewish Institute for National Security of America
2023 Congressional National Security Program to Israel
August 11–20, 2023

TRAVEL: Friday, August 11th

22:50 Departure of Abby Turner from Dulles International Airport, Washington, D.C., USA

TRAVEL: Saturday, August 12th

16:40 Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv, Israel.

17:20-18:00 Depart to the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, 4 Hashunit Street, Herzliya, 4655504, Israel.

18:00-20:00 Dinner at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya.

Overnight: Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya

Day 1: Sunday, August 13th

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

06:30 Breakfast Available

9:00-10:00 Briefing by **U.S. Chargé d'Affaires ad interim Stephanie Hallet** (U.S. Embassy) at the Ritz-Carlton complex, 4 HaShunit Street, Herzliya
Topic: Overview of U.S.-Israeli relations including an explanation of U.S.-Israel defense and security priorities internally to Israel and the region as well as the challenges and opportunities they present.

10:00-11:15 Depart to the **Israeli Knesset** (Parliament), Kiryat Ben-Gurion, Jerusalem.

11:30-12:00 Tour of the **Israeli Knesset** (Parliament)
Topic: The role of the Knesset in the Israeli system of government and the role it plays in the development and execution of Israeli national security policy.

12:00-13:00 Briefing by **Mr. Asaf Friedman, Director the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee** at the Knesset in Jerusalem.
Topic: Brief on how the 120 members are elected, and the role the Knesset plays in developing and executing Israeli national security policy.

13:00-14:00 Briefing by **Senior Staffer at the Knesset** in Jerusalem.

Topic: Discussion of how the legislative process operates in Israel, challenges in designing and executing policy within the Israel system of government, and discussion of similarities and differences to how the U.S. Congress operates.

14:00-14:30 Drive to Abu Gosh Restaurant, 11 Hagoren Abu Ghosh

14:30-15:30 Lunch in Jerusalem at Abu Gosh Restaurant, 11 Hagoren Abu Ghosh.

15:30-16:00 Drive to the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya

16:00-17:00 Briefing by **MG Yaacov Ayish**, Former Israel Defense Forces (IDF) Defense Attaché to the U.S. and Canada and JINSA's Senior Vice President for Israeli Affairs at the Ritz-Carlton complex, 4 HaShunit Street, Herzliya.
Topic: "The State of Israel," a strategic overview of Israel including a discussion of population concentrations, key strategic infrastructure, and current security threats. Discussion of how the mil-to-mil partnership between the Unites States and Israel strengthens the ability of both nations to address shared security concerns.

17:00-18:00 Briefing by **MG Amidror**, former National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of Israel at the Ritz-Carlton complex, Herzliya.
Topic: "Israel - 2,000 Years of Dreams," an overview of the history of Israel touching on the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 CE, the rise of Zionism in the 19th century, the Balfour Declaration issued by Great Britain during WWI to establish a Jewish homeland, and the declaration of Israeli independence in 1948 in the aftermath of WWII, followed by a broad strategic overview of the U.S. / Israel defense cooperation relationship from 1948 through the present.

18:00-19:00 Executive Time

19:00-21:00 **JINSA Delegation Welcome Dinner with Joshua Zarka,** Deputy Director General for Strategic Affairs, Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Ritz-Carlton complex, Herzliya.
Topic: "The State of U.S. / Israel Relations," a strategic overview of how the mil-to-mil partnership between the United States and Israel strengthens the ability of both nations to address shared security concerns such as the Iranian nuclear program and expanding and deepening the Abraham Accords.

Overnight: *Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya* *Total Hours of Programming: 7.5+*

Day 2: Monday, August 14th
Northern Command Day- Syria-Lebanon-Hezbollah

06:30 Breakfast Available

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

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

09:30-09:45 Drive to Hezbollah Terror Tunnel near Metula. Briefing by **MG Ayish** on bus.
Topic: How Hezbollah planned to use the tunnels from Lebanon to invade Israel and conduct raids against Israeli civilians and infrastructure.

09:45-10:30 **IDF 91st Division briefing and tour of the Remia Hezbollah Terror Tunnel** near Metula.
Topic: Discussion of how Hezbollah spent years carving tunnels out of hard rock, at a cost of millions of dollars, designed to enable them to launch surprise attacks against Israel and how these efforts were thwarted. Tour of physical tunnel to enable participants to see first-hand the extent of the tunnels and the level of effort employed to develop them.

10:30-11:00 Travel to Israel's Northern Command, 91st Division.

11:00-11:45 Briefing by **Israel Defense Forces (IDF) 91st Division at Northern Command**.
Topic: The strategic threat Israel faces on its northern border facing Lebanon from Hezbollah (and Iran).

11:45-12:15 Drive to lunch in Kibbutzim Sasa, Upper Galilee area of northern Israel (one mile from the border with Lebanon). Briefing by **MG Ayish** on the bus.
Topic: The history and continuing use of Israel's Kibbutz economic system, the role it played in the history of Zionism and helping Israel to settle and secure its northern border region.

12:15-12:45 Visit to **Kibbutz Sasa**, the first Hebrew settlement founded in the high region of the Upper Galilee after the War of Independence in 1948. Presentation by Mr. Yaron, Director of Armored vehicle division at SASA Plasan.

12:45-13:15 Tour of the **Plasan factory**, run by Kibbutzim Sasa, a world leader in manufacturing armor protection technology for vehicles, many of which were utilized by the U.S. military in Iraq. Ride-along in military vehicles.

13:15-13:45 Ride along to the Kibbutz dining room

13:45-14:30 Lunch at Kibbutz Sasa

14:30-15:30 Drive to IDF 210th Division Base Isaac (along the Syrian border). Briefing by **MG Ayish** on the bus.
Topic: Overview of the contentious history between Israel and Syria, who have technically been at war since 1948, and have fought each other in three major wars: the 1948 Arab Israeli War, the 1967 Six-Day War, and the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

15:30-16:30 Briefing by **IDF 210th Division on the Syrian Border** at an observation point overlooking the Israel-Syria border.
Topic: Briefing on the tank battles between Israel and Syrian forces during the Six-Day War in 1967 and Yom Kippur War in 1973 on the Golan Heights. Further discussion of the evolving threat Israel faces from Syria today, particularly in light of the Syrian Civil War that began in 2011, and violent incidents in recent years that have strained relations between the two nations. Discussion of Israeli humanitarian aid to Syrians during the civil war that began in 2011.

16:30-17:30 Drive to Caesarea Port, Caesarea.

17:30-18:00 Executive time in Caesarea.

18:00-20:00 Dinner at Hazalbanim Restaurant (or Crusaders Restaurant), Caesarea Port Caesarea. **MG Ayish** led roundtable discussion.
Topic: Summary of the key points from the day's briefings and site visits in the north, open conversation and dialogue on topics including the Hezbollah terror tunnel system and the role of Caesarea as the principal port in the Roman-era and how this compares to the Haifa Port complex of today. Guidance and preview the next day's events.

20:00 Return to Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya

Overnight: *Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Herzliya* *Total Hours of Programming: 9+*

Day 3 Tuesday, August 15th
U.S.-Israel Defense Cooperation Day

06:30 Breakfast Available

08:00-09:00 Depart to **Directorate of Defense Research and Development (DDR&D),** Hakirya, Israeli Defense Force and Ministry of Defense HQ 6473424

09:00-10:00 Briefing by Moshe Fatal, Head of the Israel Missile Defense Organization, at the **Directorate of Defense Research and Development (DDR&D)**, on how it

develops technological, logistical and industrial infrastructure to support Israeli national security operations; guarantees Israel's ability to protect its civilians and maintain its qualitative military edge; and cooperates with international partners like the United States in the field of Research and Development (R&D).

10:00-11:00 Depart for Elbit Systems, 2 Hamachshev Netanya 4250712

11:00-13:00 Briefings by **Elbit Systems project manager** on joint U.S. / Israeli projects.

13:00-13:15 Depart to Airport Café, Ben Gurion Airport City in Tel Aviv.

13:15-14:45 Lunch at Airport Café, Ben Gurion Airport City in Tel Aviv. Briefing by **MG Amikam Norkin**, Former Commander of the Israeli Air Force and a former member of the Israel Defense Forces General Staff and JINSA Distinguished Fellow.
Topic: Evolving threats in the air domain from cruise and ballistic missiles, manned and unmanned aerial systems, and rocket attacks from Iran and Iranian proxies including Hamas and Hezbollah.

14:45-15:00 Depart to Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) in International Airport Ben Gurion.

15:00-15:45 Visit to IAI and brief by **IAI senior executive** in Lod.
Topic: History of Israel Aerospace Industries and background of collaboration with the U.S. defense industrial base.

15:45-16:30 Briefing by **IAI project manager** on the F35 wing production line at IAI, Lod.
Topic: Gain insight into how collaboration between U.S. and Israeli defense industries contribute to the defense of both nations in the air domain.

16:30-17:00 Briefing by **IAI project manager** on the Israeli satellite industry at IAI, Lod.
Topic: Gain insight into how collaboration between U.S. and Israeli industry contributes to space capabilities of both nations.

17:00-17:30 Drive to Dinner, Concierge, Dizengoff 95, Tel Aviv.

17:30-19:00 Dinner at Concierge, Tel Aviv.

19:00 Return to Ritz-Carlton, Herzliya

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

Day 4: Wednesday, August 16th
Southern Command and the Gaza Strip + Middle East Policy and Israel's National Security Day

06:30 Breakfast Available

09:00-10:00 Drive to Israeli Air-Force (IAF) Base Tel-Nuf. Brief by **Yaniv Menachim,** JINSA Middle East Operations Manager on the bus.
Topic: Overview of the Israeli Air-Force and base structure.

10:00-11:00 Briefing by **IAF 210 Squadron** at Tel-Nuf Air Force Base.
Topic: Discussion of day-to-day base operations and the squadron's role in operations like Operation Guardian of the Walls in 2021 and Operation Breaking Dawn in 2022.

11:00-12:00 Depart to Kibbutz Eivim. Brief by **MG Ayish**
Topic: The role played by Iron Dome missile defense system in the 2021 Gaza conflict and more recent missile attacks in protecting Israeli and Arab civilians.

12:00-12:45 Briefing at the **Iron Dome** missile defense battery site by an **IDF officer**, the Defense Ministry's Administration for the Development of Weapons and Technological Infrastructure (MAFAT), near Kibbutz Eivim.
Topic: The value of this critically important joint-U.S. / Israeli produced system in protecting civilian life and infrastructure.

12:45-13:00 Depart for lunch.

13:00-14:15 Lunch at food truck at Black Arrow Monument near Bells Hills.

14:15-15:00 Depart to Camp Reim, IDF Gaza Division.
Briefing by **MG Ayish** on the bus.
Topic: Israel's lack of strategic depth in the south and discussion of economically important strategic sites such as the Ashkelon Desalination Plant in this region.

15:00-15:10 Depart for the **Gaza Division Command & Control Center at Camp Reim**

15:10-15:50 Visit and brief by the IDF at the Gaza Division Command & Control Center at Camp Reim.
Topic: Briefing on observation and fire capabilities on the Israeli southern border to protect Israel's civilian population from rocket and missile attacks.

15:50-16:00 Depart for Kerem Shalom crossing at the end of Road 232

16:00-16:30 IDF briefing at the **Kerem Shalom crossing** into the Gaza Strip at the end of Road 232.
Topic: Israeli Humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip and how it operates on a day-to-day basis.

16:30-17:30 Drive to **Brothers for Life** at HaElla 115, Kefar Truman, Israel, 73150

17:30-18:30 Visit and dinner at **Brothers for Life** at HaElla 115, Kefar Truman, Israel, 73150. Briefing by Brothers for Life Spokesman Russ Katcher.
Topic: Gain insight into how Israeli supports their military veterans by visiting Brothers for Life, a non-profit organization, created and run by injured Israeli veterans, which gives critical and immediate help to other injured Israeli combat veterans.

18:30-19:00 Return to the Ritz-Carlton Hotel

19:00-21:00 Executive Time

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

Day 5: Thursday, August 17th
Israel's Innovation Ecosystem and Ministry of Foreign Affairs

06:30 Breakfast Available

08:30-09:30 Briefing by **Khaled Abu Toameh**, Israeli-Arab Journalist for the Washington Post and Jerusalem Post at the Ritz-Carlton complex, Herzliya.
Topic: Perspective on how the Arab world, (including Palestinian Arabs, Jordanians, Egyptians and others), understands and perceives Israel, how perceptions and misperceptions impact public opinion and government decision-making, and how this in turn impacts the regional security environment.

09:30-10:00 Depart to 8200 base Glilot. Brief by **Gen. Ayish** en route providing background context on Unit 8200.

10:00-11:00 Briefing by **IDF officer, Unit 8200,** the Israeli Intelligence Corps unit responsible for collecting signal intelligence (SIGINT) and code decryption at Camp Glilot.
Topic: Discussion of the important role Unit 8200 plays to support Israeli national security, how the unit has served as an incubator for talent for Israeli's high-tech industry, and how it interacts with U.S. partner agencies in pursuit of shared goals.

11:00-11:30 Departure for David Citadel Hotel, King David St 7, Jerusalem

11:30-12:00 Executive time

12:00-13:30 Lunch at Mahane Yehuda Market, 62 Agripas Yerushalayim 9430135

13:30-14:00 Depart for Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Kiryat HaLeom, Jerusalem

14:00-15:00 Meeting with **Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs official with the North America Bureau** at the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Kiryat HaLeom, Jerusalem.
Topic: Briefing on the current state of U.S. / Israel foreign relations.

15:00-16:00 Meeting with **Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs official with the Middle East Bureau** at the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Kiryat HaLeom, Jerusalem.
Topic: Briefing on Israel's perspective of the Middle East, the current state of efforts to build out a regional air defense architecture, how to respond to the Iranian nuclear program, and emergent opportunities to expand and deepen the Abraham Accords diplomatic agreements.

16:00-16:15 Depart for David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem

16:15-16:50 Dinner at the David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem. **MG Ayish** led roundtable discussion.
Topic: Summary of the key points from the day's briefings and site visits, open conversation and dialogue, discussion of the uniqueness of Jerusalem and its historic importance for Israel and the Jewish people, Christians, and Muslims, as preparation for Friday's program.

16:50-17:00 Depart for Western Wall Tunnel (walking)

17:00-18:15 **Western Wall Tunnel Tour**, Ha'Omer 2 Jerusalem, Israel 97500
Topic: The Western Wall is one of the four supporting walls of the Temple Mount that still stands after the destruction of the Second Temple by the Romans. It is the wall that faces westward, and it is the closest in proximity to the site of the Holy of Holies, the most sacred location within the Temple for the Jewish people. Since the Temple's destruction, the Western Wall has served as a source of inspiration, and the focus of yearning and prayer for the Jewish people. It has helped keep the memory of the Temple alive, and is now a site of prayer, a heritage site and location for formal ceremonies of the State of Israel.

Overnight: David Citadel, Jerusalem *Total Hours of Programming: 6+*

Day 6: Friday, August 18th
Israel's Roots, Heritage, and the Impact on National Security

06:30 Breakfast Available

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

09:00-11:00 Visit to **Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Memorial Museum, Jerusalem**
Background: By 1945, the Nazi's Third Reich had killed the majority of Europe's Jewish population, destroying a civilization that had flourished for centuries. Yad Vashem encapsulates and memorializes this tragic history. The

visit will provide participants with an unparalleled opportunity to learn about the Holocaust, how it is perceived and understood through the eyes of Israelis, and how it significantly impacts Israel's national defense posture and diplomatic relationships today.

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

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

14:00-15:00 Lunch at Panoramic Golden City, Old City, Jerusalem.

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

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

17:00-18:00 Return to David Citadel, Jerusalem.

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

19:30-22:00 Shabbat Dinner at David Citadel, Jerusalem

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

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

Day 7: Saturday, August 19th
Day of Departure / Israel's Roots & Heritage, the Impact on National Security

06:30 Breakfast Available

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

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

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

13:30-15:00 Lunch, Magdalena Restaurant, Migdal Junction, Magala Center Migdal.

15:00-16:00 Tour of the **Kinneret,** also known as the Sea of Galilee.
Topic: Briefing by **Yaniv Menachim**, JINSA Middle East Operations Manager, on the importance of the Seyaniva of Galilee and the Jordan River as both a

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

16:00-16:40 Return to David Citadel, Jerusalem

END OF OFFICIAL PROGRAM

16:40-1800 Executive Time

18:00 Departure to Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv.

No overnight *Total Hours of Programming: 6+*

TRAVEL: Sunday, August 20th

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

05:25 Arrival at Dulles International Airport, Washington, D.C., USA