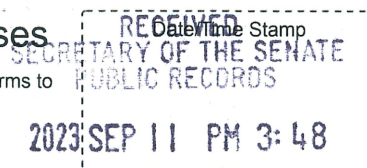


RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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

Travel Dates:

Foundation for Defense of Democracies

August 3, 2023-August 11, 2023

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Total Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
\$2313.67	\$2,320.00	\$854.00	\$420.45

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.

9/11/23

Robert Julien

Date

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.

9/11/23

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
Transportation	\$2313.67	Explanation attached.
Expenses Other	\$420.45	Explanation attached.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Explanation:

The final trip itinerary is attached.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Explanation:

The final trip itinerary is attached.

Private Sponsor(s):

- Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD)
- DL Revocable Trust Dated February 21, 2018, co-Trustees David Alan Barish and Linda Shemtob Jayaram

Travel Dates:

- August 3, 2023 – August 11, 2023

Total Expenses:

- **Transportation Expenses: Total: \$2,313.67**
 - Flight: \$2,021.77
 - Bus: \$236.19
 - Transportation to the Northern border: \$55.71
- **Lodging: \$2,320.00**
- **Meals: \$854.00**
- **Expenses other: \$420.45**
 - Insurance: \$80
 - Entrance fees: \$25
 - Beverages and snacks on the bus: \$45.45
 - Airport assistance and transportation to the hotel: \$270

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

Expense Change	Revised Amount	Explanation
Transportation	\$2,313.67	The flight was slightly more expensive (estimated \$1806.77, final was \$2,021.77) once all final fees were included (taxes and agent booking fee) The bus was slightly less expensive (estimated \$245.90, final was \$236.19). We thought we needed an extra bus one day that we did not end up using. The transportation to the Northern border was less expensive than estimated (estimated \$80.45, final was \$55.71) because we needed one less jeep than expected

Expenses other	\$420.45	Due to Senate restrictions on the number of days trips can be, Senate staff needed to arrive a day later than the other trip participants. Airport assistance and a ride from the airport to the hotel was arranged.
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Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

- The final trip itinerary is attached

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

- No



FDD Media Fellows Trip to Israel

August 3-11, 2023

Note: This is our optimal itinerary and is flexible according to federal travel restrictions.

Please do not circulate.

Guides: Iftah Burman, Enia Krivine, Shannon Walsh

Thursday, August 3

Time	Activity
12:00-13:23	Depart Washington, Reagan on flight UA 4193
16:30	Depart Newark Airport on flight UA 0084

Friday, August 4

Time	Activity
9:55	Arrive to Ben Gurion Airport on flight UA 0084
10:55 – 12:40	Travel to hotel and check in
12:40-13:15	Travel to Mahane Yehuda, Jerusalem's Shuk
13:15-14:15	Lunch on your own at Mahane Yehuda, Jerusalem's Shuk
14:15-15:00	Travel to City of David
15:00-16:30	Explore national security during early Jewish civilization at the City of David
16:30-16:45	Take shuttle to the Old City of Jerusalem
16:45-19:15	Explore the diversity and security installations of the Old City of Jerusalem with Iftah Burman
19:15-19:30	Travel to hotel
19:30-19:50	Prep for dinner
19:50-20:00	Travel to Shabbat dinner

20:00-22:00	Traditional Shabbat dinner and briefing on Israeli politics and society with Haviv Rettig Gur , <i>The Times of Israel</i> Senior Analyst
22:00-22:30	Travel to the hotel
Overnight	Mamilla Hotel Shlomo ha-Melekh St. 11, Jerusalem +972 2-548-2200

Saturday, August 5

Time	Activity
07:00-08:15	Breakfast at the hotel
08:15-08:35	Travel to Qalandia Border Crossing
08:35-08:55	Security Overview at Qalandia Border Crossing with Iftah Burman
08:55-09:10	Travel to American Colony Hotel
09:10-10:10	Briefing on Palestinian politics and society with Rami Nazzal , Palestinian Reporter and Founder of Beyond Borders Tours
10:10-10:20	Break
10:20-11:20	Briefing on the Arab community of Israel with Khaled Abu Toameh , Arab-Israeli journalist
11:20-11:50	Travel to Har Adar with Iftah Burman
11:50-12:55	Har Adar Settlement Security Briefing with Iftah Burman
12:55-13:10	Travel to lunch in Abu Gosh
13:10-13:45	Lunch at Honey Shawarma in Abu Gosh
13:45-14:45	Travel to Qaser El-Yehud , traditional site of Jesus' Baptism
14:45-15:05	Explore Israeli-Jordanian military cooperation at Qaser El Yehud , traditional site of Jesus' Baptism
15:05-15:35	Travel to Kalya Beach , at the Dead Sea
15:35-16:45	Explore water and border security dynamics along the Jordan Valley at Kalya Beach , at the Dead Sea
16:45-17:45	Travel to the hotel
17:45-19:45	Prep for dinner
19:45-20:00	Walk to dinner in the Armenian Quarter
20:00-21:30	Dinner and briefing on the geopolitical realities of the Levant with Jonathan Spyer , British-Israeli Analyst, Writer, and Journalist of Middle Eastern Affairs
21:30-22:00	Return to hotel

Overnight	Mamilla Hotel Shlomo ha-Melekh St. 11, Jerusalem +972 2-548-2200
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Sunday, August 6

Time	Activity
07:00-07:50	Breakfast at the hotel
07:50-08:00	Check out of Mamilla Hotel
08:00-08:30	Travel to the Knesset, Israel's Parliament
08:30-09:00	Security check at the Knesset
09:00-10:00	Briefing on Israel's politics and national security strategy with MK Col. (Ret.) Matan Kahana
10:00-10:15	Travel to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
10:15-10:45	Security check at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
10:45-12:00	Briefing on Israel's foreign policy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with Capt. (Ret.) Lior Haiat , Spokesperson of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs
12:00-12:45	Travel to lunch
12:45-14:00	Falafel and shawarma lunch on your own
14:00-18:20	Travel to Mount Bental
18:20-19:20	Geopolitical briefing of the Golan Heights from Merom Golan with Captain (Ret.) Ilan Shulman , owner and guide of 'No Other Land'
19:20-19:30	Travel to Merom Golan Resort
19:30-20:00	Check in and drop bags at Merom Golan
20:00-21:30	Dinner briefing at Merom Golan with Lt. Col. (Ret.) Eyal Dror , founder of the Good Neighbor unit of the IDF
21:30-23:00	Moderated group discussion to review the week's activities
Overnight	Merom Golan Resort Merom Golan, 1243600 +972 4-696-0267

Monday, August 7

Time	Activity
07:00-08:00	Breakfast at the hotel

08:00-08:15	Check out of Merom Golan Resort
08:15-09:30	Travel to Har Adir
09:30-10:15	Briefing on Threats from Lebanon at Har Adir with Iftah Burman
10:15-10:45	Travel to a neutralized Hezbollah tunnel
10:45-11:50	Briefing with IDF Northern Command on Hezbollah terror tunnels
11:50-12:30	Travel to lunch
12:30-13:00	Lunch
13:00-13:45	Travel to Security Crisis Simulation
13:45-15:30	Security Crisis Simulation at the Alma Center with Sarit Zehavi
15:30-17:00	Travel to RAFAEL Advanced Defense Systems and briefing on Israeli defense technology with Iftah Burman
17:00-19:00	Visit RAFAEL Advanced Defense Systems
19:00-20:30	Drive to Tel Aviv
20:30-20:45	Check in at Renaissance Tel Aviv Hotel
20:45	Dinner on your own and evening in Tel Aviv
Overnight	Renaissance Tel Aviv Hotel HaYarkon St 121, Tel Aviv-Yafo, 63453 +972 3-521-5555

Tuesday, August 8

Time	Activity
08:00-08:45	Breakfast at the hotel
08:45-09:45	Briefing with former Israeli National Security Advisor, BG (Ret.) Prof. Jacob Nagel on Israeli-Chinese relations and mitigating U.S. concerns
09:45-10:00	Break
10:00-11:00	Briefing with Matti Friedman , Canadian-Israeli Journalist
11:00-11:30	Travel to Machane Aviv , Headquarters of the IDF Spokesperson's Unit
11:30-11:45	Security check at Machane Aviv
11:45-13:15	Briefing Machane Aviv with Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari
13:15-13:45	Travel to Shuk HaCarmel
13:45-15:00	Lunch on your own at Shuk HaCarmel

15:00-15:30	Brief Driving Tour and Historical Overview of Old Jaffa
15:30-16:00	Travel to briefing with Mohammad Kabiya
16:00-17:00	Briefing with Mohammad Kabiya , Israeli Air Force, Search & Rescue Reservist and Strategic Consultant on the Middle East
17:00-19:30	Travel to the hotel
19:30-20:30	Check in and prep for dinner
20:30-22:00	Dinner and group debrief at the hotel
Overnight	Kedma Hotel Kibbutz Sde Boker, 8499300, Israel +972 08-623-8100

Wednesday, August 9

Time	Activity
08:00-09:00	Breakfast at the hotel
09:00-10:00	Briefing on Israeli public diplomacy with Lt. Col (Res.) Jonathan Conricus , Former International Spokesperson for the IDF
10:00-11:15	Travel to Kfar Aza
11:15-13:00	Briefing on Israeli resiliency and living along the Gaza border with Chen Kotler Abrams , resident of Kibbutz Kfar Azza
13:00-13:15	Travel to Black Arrow Overlook
13:15-14:00	Briefing on threats from Gaza at Black Arrow Overlook with Lt. Col (Res.) Jonathan Conricus , Former International Spokesperson for the IDF.
14:00-14:15	Travel to Tkuma
14:15-15:00	Lunch at Geula Food Truck
15:00-16:00	Travel to Nevatim Air Base
16:00-17:00	Briefing on the F-16 and F-35 at Nevatim Air Base
17:00-18:00	Travel to hotel
18:00-20:30	Prep for dinner and packing time
20:30-21:30	Dinner at hotel

21:30-23:30	Moderated group discussion to review the week's activities
Overnight	Kedma Hotel Kibbutz Sde Boker, 8499300, Israel +972 08-623-8100

Thursday, August 10

Time	Activity
07:30-09:30	Breakfast at hotel and final debrief with FDD staff
09:20-09:30	Check out of Kedma Hotel
09:30-10:45	Travel to Kerem Shalom Border Crossing and briefing from Lt. Col (Res.) Jonathan Conricus , Former International Spokesperson for the IDF
10:45-11:00	Security check at Kerem Shalom Border Crossing
11:00-12:00	Briefing on Israeli-Egyptian relations and military cooperation at Kerem Shalom Border Crossing
12:00-12:15	Travel to Kerem Shalom Overlook
12:15-12:45	Overview of Israel's border with Gaza and Egypt at Kerem Shalom Overlook with Lt. Col. (Res.) Jonathan Conricus
12:45-1:45	Travel to lunch
13:45-14:45	Lunch briefing on Israel's strategic communications with Maj. (Res.) Keren Hajioff , senior advisor on Middle East affairs and strategic communications for the Foundation for Defense of Democracies.
14:45-15:00	Travel to Gevim
15:00-15:45	Briefing on Israeli missile defense at the Iron Dome Battery
15:45-18:00	Travel to dinner
18:00-19:30	Debriefing at Tatti's Loft
19:30-21:00	Dinner briefing on the U.S.-Israel relationship with Amb. Michael Oren at Tatti's Loft
21:00-21:20	Travel to Ben Gurion Airport

Friday, August 11

Time	Activity
00:20	Depart Israel on United Airlines UA73
05:30	Arrive to Washington Dulles (IAD) on UA73

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United States Senate

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

July 27, 2023

Robert Julien
Office of Senator Robert Menendez
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Julien:

This responds to your recent correspondence requesting approval from the Select Committee on Ethics (the Committee) to accept an invitation you received to travel to the *Barish Center for Media Integrity Trip* to Jerusalem, Golan and Tel Aviv, Israel on August 3–11, 2023, sponsored by the Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD) and the DL Revocable Trust (collectively, the Sponsors). Provided that you adhere to the guidance set forth below, it appears that it is permissible for you to accept necessary expenses from the Sponsors in connection with this trip.

Background

Based on your communication with the Committee, the background in this matter is as follows.¹ You are employed as the Communications Director in the Office of Senator Robert Menendez. The Sponsors invited you to travel to the *Barish Center for Media Integrity Trip* to Jerusalem, Golan, and Tel Aviv, Israel on August 3–11, 2023. The Sponsors certified to the Committee that it will pay the necessary expenses² related to the travel and that it is neither a lobbyist, lobbying firm, agent of a foreign principal, or otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government. The Sponsors have also certified that it does not retain or employ a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal and that no registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal will accompany you at any point throughout your trip.³

Discussion

Privately sponsored travel includes any gift of travel and travel-related expenses for travel outside the Senate duty station, including transportation, lodging, food and refreshments, and conference fees and materials, whether paid for directly, reimbursed, or provided directly, from a private individual or entity, in connection with a Member's, officer's, or employee's

¹ If this letter does not correctly recite the facts, contact the Committee immediately.

² The term "necessary expenses" has a specific definition. See *Select Committee on Ethics Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel – Glossary of Terms* at 8.

³ The term "any point throughout your trip" has a specific definition. See *Select Committee on Ethics Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel – Glossary of Terms* at 15.

official Senate duties. Incorporating reforms from the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007 (HLOGA), Pub. L. 110–81 (2007), Senate Rule 35.2 permits Members, officers, and employees to accept privately sponsored travel only with the prior written approval of the Committee.

The Committee's approval process is governed by the *Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel and Glossary of Terms* (collectively, *Travel Regulations*). The *Travel Regulations* contain detailed requirements regarding who may sponsor travel; time limits for trips; and the type and amount of expenses that can be reimbursed.

Entities that do not retain or employ a lobbyist or foreign agent and all non-profit organizations designated as tax-exempt organizations under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, regardless of whether they retain or employ a lobbyist or foreign agent, may sponsor foreign trips for up to seven days. The seven-day limitation means seven 24-hour periods, calculated from the time of arrival in the trip location to the time of departure from the trip location. For such trips, neither lobbyists nor foreign agents may accompany a Senate invitee at any point throughout the trip, other than in a *de minimis* way.⁴ This means that neither lobbyists nor foreign agents may accompany Senate invitees at any point to and from the event, at the event itself, or at the location being visited.⁵

The Committee has determined that § 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations that are classified as private foundations, as opposed to public charities, may not pay for transportation from the United States to a foreign country.⁶ However, FDD represented to the Committee that it is a § 501(c)(3) public charity, as opposed to a private foundation, pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.⁷ The DL Revocable Trust also represented to the Committee that it is not a § 501(c)(3) private foundation.

Under Senate Rule 35, Senate staff must receive advance authorization signed by the Member or officer under whose direct supervision the individual works in order to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary expenses related to fact-finding travel. Further, such authorization and expenses must be disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate by filing the completed *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* and the *Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses* (Form RE-1 and Form RE-2), along with a copy of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form*, and all relevant attachments (e.g., the private sponsor's invitation and itinerary) **within 30 days of the conclusion of Privately Sponsored Travel**.

⁴ The term "*de minimis*" has a specific definition. See *Select Committee on Ethics Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel – Glossary of Terms* at 3.

⁵ See *Select Committee on Ethics Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel* at 5; see also *Select Committee on Ethics Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel – Glossary of Terms* at 2-3.

⁶ See 26 U.S.C. § 4941 et seq. Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code broadly defines non-profit, charitable, tax-exempt organizations. These § 501(c)(3) organizations are then further defined or designated as "public charities" and "private foundations."

⁷ 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3).

Consistent with these standards and Committee precedent, the Sponsors's factual representations, it appears that it is permissible for you to accept necessary expenses from the Sponsors in connection with this trip, provided that the actual travel and travel-related expenses conform to the information and materials you provided, and the travel and all required documents are disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate (Office of Public Records).

Please be advised that the United States Constitution prohibits the acceptance of any gift, including a meal, from a foreign government without the consent of Congress. In the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), Congress consented to the acceptance by federal government officials of: (1) gifts of minimal value and (2) travel or the expenses for travel taking place entirely outside the United States, from a foreign government (which includes those acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government).⁸ The Senate has defined minimal value as \$100 or less. Further, pursuant to FGDA, there are certain reporting and procedural requirements that are imposed upon Members, officers, and employees who accept gifts from a foreign government. Please review the Committee's "Dear Colleague" letter of January 11, 2019, setting forth the items to be included in filing that report.

Finally, Senate Rule 34 requires a reporting individual,⁹ on their financial disclosure report, to make an annual disclosure of the receipt of payments or reimbursements under Senate Rule 35 from a private sponsor for officially-related travel expenses where, in the aggregate, travel expenses exceed \$415 from that sponsor during a calendar year. However, if a Member, officer, or employee properly reports the receipt of necessary expenses for such travel to the Secretary of the Senate within 30 days of the travel, as discussed above, the travel expenses need not be disclosed a second time on their financial disclosure report.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee.

Sincerely,



Shannon Hamilton Kopplin
Chief Counsel and Staff Director

Enclosure: Travel Checklist

⁸ 5 U.S.C. § 7342.

⁹ A reporting individual is someone whose salary equals or exceeds 120% of the basic rate of pay for GS-15 (\$141,022 for CY 2023) or is a political fund designee and is required to file financial disclosure reports.

RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will not be considered or approved.

Date/Time Stamp

Name of Traveler:

Robert C. Julien

Employing Office/Committee:

Office of Senator Bob Menendez

Private Sponsor(s):

Foundation for Defense of Democracies

Destination(s):

Jerusalem, Golan, and Tel Aviv, Israel

Travel Dates:

August 3-11, 2023

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.

As the Communications Director in the personal office of Senator Bob Menendez, this travel opportunity will provide Robert with additional training on how best to communicate on national security issues and how this connects back to the Senator's constituents. New Jersey also has a significant Jewish population, so the trip to Israel will also provide Robert with greater historical and political context on U.S-Israel relations. +

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

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(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.

7/17/23

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)



(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize



(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.

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(signify "yes" by checking box)

07/17/2023

Date



Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer



Dear Robert,

On behalf of the Foundation for Defense of Democracy (FDD), we would like to invite you to participate in the 2023 Barish Center for Media Integrity Trip to Israel. The trip will depart Washington D.C. on Thursday afternoon, August 3, 2023, and return to Washington D.C. on Friday morning, August 11.

The week-long trip is designed as a study in the role of communications in national security. Throughout the week, trip participants will travel around Israel to participate in off-the-record high-level meetings with Israel's top national security brass; current and former Israeli, Palestinian, and American national security decision makers; military officials; journalists; and seasoned communications experts in the field of national security.

All trip-related expenses will be paid for by FDD and comply with congressional ethics rules.

We hope you will be able to join us on this unique and important trip.

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Enia Krivine

Senior Director, Israel Program & Senior Director, FDD National Security Network

Foundation for Defense of Democracies

Ph: 480.277.3412

Trip Name: FDD's Barish Center for Media Integrity Trip to Israel

Organization Information

Organization Name:

Foundation for Defense of Democracies

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, §501(c)(3) Organization Type:

☐ Private Foundation ☒ Public Charity

Address:

1800 M Street NW, South Tower, Suite 800

City, State, Zip:

Washington, DC 20036

Phone Number:

202-207-0190

Organization URL:

<https://www.fdd.org/>

History of Congressional Travel

Describe your organization's history of sponsoring congressional travel.

FDD has been running educational national security focused trips to Israel for mid-career U.S. national security practitioners since 2011. Congressional staff have participated on a number of our trips throughout the years. These trips to Israel provide a case study in how a robust democracy navigates constant threats to the homeland.

Educational Activities

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

The Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD) is a Washington, DC-based nonpartisan 501(c)(3) research institute focusing on national security and foreign policy. FDD conducts in-depth research, produces accurate and timely analyses, identifies illicit activities, and provides policy options – all with the aim of strengthening U.S. national security and reducing or eliminating threats posed by adversaries and enemies of the United States and other free nations.

FDD's National Security Network is comprised of nearly 600 bipartisan mid-career national

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.

FDD's Barish Center for Media Integrity Trip to Israel is a seven-day trip that offers a fact-based, nuanced understanding of a country that faces unique strategic communications and public diplomacy challenges. Throughout the week, trip participants will travel around Israel to participate in off-the-record high-level meetings with Israel's top national security brass; current and former Israeli, Palestinian, and American national security decision makers; journalists; military officials; and leaders in the private sector.

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

FDD believes that Israel serves as a useful laboratory for teaching the next generation of U.S. national security leaders best practices in national security, public diplomacy, and counterterrorism. The trip will offer a fact-based, nuanced understanding of a country that faces unique public diplomacy and strategic communications challenges. Participants will do a deep dive into the complex issues that a democracy confronts in the face of ongoing national security threats to the homeland. It is part of FDD's strategic mission to provide educational opportunities for the next generation of U.S. national security leaders and communicators.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

FDD recruited, selected, and confirmed the trip participants. We worked together with our additional sponsor on organizing the itinerary, trip speakers, site visits, and content.

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.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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):

- ☐ 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 3, 2023

August 11, 2023

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

☐ Yes☒ No

Transportation (Member/Officer/Employee: \$2,133.12 Accompanying Family Member: \$)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Roundtrip airfare	economy	\$1806.77
Bus in Israel		\$245.90
Transportation to the Syrian border		\$80.45

Details (optional)

Lodging (Member/Officer/Employee: \$\$2,320 Accompanying Family Member: \$)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
8/4/23	8/6/23	Mamilla Hotel	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	\$400	No			
Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
8/6/23	8/7/23	Merom Golan	Golan		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.		
1	\$360	Yes	This is the cost of a reasonable hotel in the North of Israel that can accommodate our full group. We are staying near the Northern border with Lebanon and Syria. The close proximity to the border allows our group to do more activities in the North such as a geopolitical deep dive into		
Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
8/7/23	8/8/23	Renaissance Tel Aviv Hot	Tel Aviv		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.		
1	\$360	No			

**Please see addendum for additional lodging night

Meals (Member/Officer/Employee: \$ 854.00 Accompanying Family Member: \$ _____)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem (Y/N)
8/4/23	n/a	independ	\$200		\$200	Jerusalem		Israel	Y
8/5/23	Included i	\$35	\$150		\$185	Jerusalem		Israel	Y
8/6/23	Included i	independ	\$50		\$50	Golan		Israel	N
8/7/23	Included i	\$37	independ		\$37	Golan		Israel	N
8/8/23	Included i	independ	\$70		\$70	Sde Boker		Israel	N
8/9/23	Included i	\$55	\$70		\$125	Sde Boker		Israel	N
8/10/23	Included i	\$37	\$150		\$187	Sde Boker/Yehud		Israel	Y

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

We are having a Friday night dinner on Israel's Sabbath (Shabbat) on 8/4/2023. Due to the holiday, prices in Israel are increased on Friday evenings.

The dinner on 8/5/23 is also more expensive due to the Sabbath.

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses

(Member/Officer/Employee: \$ 150.45 Accompanying Family Member: \$ _____)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
Insurance	\$80	
Beverages and snacks on the bus	\$45.45	
Activities and entrance fees	\$25	

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: FDD's Barish Center for Media Integrity Trip to Israel
Travel Date(s): August 3-11, 2023
Travel Destination(s): Israel
Sponsor: The Foundation for Defense of Democracies

Clifford D. May
(printed name of sponsor representative)

President
(title)


(signature of sponsor representative)

6/12/23
(date)

Trip Name: FDD's Barish Center for Media Integrity Trip to Israel**Organization Information****Organization Name:**

DL Revocable Trust

Dated February 21, 2018, co-Trustees David Alan Barish and Linda Shemtob Jayaram

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?☐ Yes ☒ No**If Yes, §501(c)(3) Organization Type:**☐ Private Foundation ☐ Public Charity**Address:**

20 Sunset Park Lane

City, State, Zip:

Sugar Land, Texas, 77479

Phone Number:

Home: 218-969-5793 Work: 713-690-1919 ext. 2 n/a

Organization URL:**History of Congressional Travel**

Describe your organization's history of sponsoring congressional travel.

DL Revocable Trust Dated February 21, 2018, co-Trustees David Alan Barish and Linda Shemtob Jayaram has previously contributed to the American Israel Education Foundation ("AIEF"). AIEF sponsors a range of educational activities designed to educate Americans about the importance of the U.S.-Israel relationship, including congressional trips to Israel.

Educational Activities

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

DL Revocable Trust Dated February 21, 2018, co-Trustees David Alan Barish and Linda Shemtob Jayaram sponsors the below charitable organizations that engage in supporting Jewish and Israel education.

- The American Jewish Committee (AJC)
- Teen trips to Israel for Congregation Emanu El
- Jewish Federation of Greater Houston
- Shirlev Barish Educators institute – sends Jewish educators to Israel for 10-days educational

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.

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Travel Date(s): August 3-11, 2023
Travel Destination(s): Israel

Sponsor: DL Revocable Trust Dated February 21, 2018
co-Trustees David Alan Barish and Linda Shemtob Jayaram

DAVID A. BARISH TRUSTEE
(printed name of sponsor representative) (title)

 6/12/2023
(signature of sponsor representative) (date)

Lodging (Member/Officer/Employee: \$ _____ Accompanying Family Member:
\$ _____)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
8/8/2023	8/10/2023	Kedma Hotel	Sde Boker		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	\$400	Y	This is the price of a reasonable hotel in the South of Israel that can accommodate our full group. The south is more remote with limited options as most hotels do not have accommodations for a large group. Staying in the South is in close proximity to military installations and site visits that are an integral part of our trip The hotel is about 40 km from the military installations we will visit.		



FDD's Barish Center for Media Integrity Trip to Israel August 3-11, 2023

Note: This is our optimal itinerary and is flexible according to federal travel restrictions and speaker availability.

Please do not circulate.

Guides: Iftah Burman, Enia Krivine, Shannon Walsh

Thursday, August 3

Time	Activity
12:00-13:23	Depart Washington, Reagan on flight UA 4193
16:30	Depart Newark Airport on flight UA 0084

Friday, August 4

Time	Activity
9:55	Arrive to Ben Gurion Airport on flight UA 0084
10:55 – 12:40	Travel to hotel and check in
12:40-13:15	Travel to Mahane Yehuda, Jerusalem's Shuk
13:15-14:30	Lunch at Mahane Yehuda, Jerusalem's Shuk
14:30-15:00	Travel to the Security Fence
15:00-16:00	Briefing at the Security Fence with Iftah Burman , Founder of the Middle East Learning Academy
16:00-16:30	Travel to Old City of Jerusalem
16:30-19:15	Explore the diversity and security installations of the Old City of Jerusalem with Iftah Burman
19:15-19:30	Travel to hotel

19:30-19:50	Prep for dinner
19:50-20:00	Travel to dinner
20:00-22:00	Traditional Shabbat dinner and briefing on Israeli politics and society with Haviv Rettig Gur , <i>The Times of Israel</i> Senior Analyst
22:00-22:30	Travel to the hotel
Overnight	Mamilla Hotel Shlomo ha-Melekh St. 11, Jerusalem +972 2-548-2200

Saturday, August 5

Time	Activity
07:00-08:30	Breakfast at the hotel
08:30-09:00	Travel to American Colony Hotel
09:00-10:00	Briefing on Palestinian Politics and Society with Ashraf Al-Ajrami , former Palestinian Authority Minister of Prisoners
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-11:15	Briefing on Israeli-Arabs with Khaled Abu Toameh , journalist and Middle East expert
11:15-11:45	Travel to Har Adar with Itay Bar
11:45-12:45	Briefing on settlements and security environment in the West Bank with Itay Bar , Security Officer of the Population and Immigration Authority in East Jerusalem
12:45-13:00	Travel to lunch in Abu Gosh
13:00-14:00	Lunch at Honey Shawarma in Abu Gosh
14:00-15:15	Travel to Qaser El-Yehud , traditional site of Jesus' Baptism
15:15-15:45	Explore Israeli-Jordanian military cooperation at Qaser El Yehud , traditional site of Jesus' Baptism
15:45-16:15	Travel to the Dead Sea
16:15-17:30	Explore water and border security dynamics along the Jordan Valley at the Dead Sea
17:30-18:30	Travel to the hotel
18:30-19:00	Prep for dinner
19:00-19:30	Travel to dinner

19:30-21:00	Dinner with Minister Ron Dermer , Strategic Affairs Minister
21:00-21:30	Travel to the City of David
21:30-22:45	Survey of national security during early Jewish civilization at the City of David
22:45-23:15	Travel to hotel
Overnight	Mamilla Hotel Shlomo ha-Melekh St. 11, Jerusalem +972 2-548-2200

Sunday, August 6

Time	Activity
08:00-08:20	Breakfast at the hotel
08:20-08:30	Check out of Mamilla Hotel
08:30-09:00	Travel to the Knesset, Israel's Parliament
09:00-09:30	Security check at the Knesset
09:30-11:00	Meetings with Members of Knesset
11:00-13:00	Travel to the biblical city of Yokneam
13:00-13:45	Independent shawarma lunch
13:45-15:30	Travel to counter-terrorism training exercise
15:30-18:30	Learn best practices in counterterrorism with Raveed Elfassi , former IDF special forces soldier, and team
18:30-19:00	Travel to Merom Golan Resort
19:00-20:00	Check in to Merom Golan and prep for dinner
20:00-21:30	Dinner with Raveed Elfassi and team
21:30-23:00	Debrief on best practices in counterterrorism with Raveed Elfassi and team
Overnight	Merom Golan Resort Merom Golan, 1243600 +972 4-696-0267

Monday, August 7

Time	Activity
07:00-7:45	Breakfast at the hotel

07:45-8:00	Check out of Merom Golan Resort
08:00-11:00	Geopolitical Survey of the Golan Heights with Captain (Res.) Ilan Shulman , owner and guide of 'No Other Land'
11:00-11:15	Travel to the Valley of Tears
11:15-12:15	Briefing on the geopolitical significance of the Golan Heights with Avigdor Kahalani , former commander of the IDF's 7th Armored Brigade and former Israeli politician
12:15-13:00	Travel to lunch
13:00-15:00	Lunch briefing on Operation Good Neighbor with Eyal Dror , former commander of Operation Good Neighbor
15:00-16:00	Travel to a neutralized Hezbollah tunnel
16:00-17:00	Briefing with IDF Northern Command on Hezbollah terror tunnels
17:00-20:15	Travel to Tel Aviv
20:15-20:30	Check in to the Renaissance Tel Aviv Hotel
20:30-	Independent dinner and evening in Tel Aviv
Overnight	Renaissance Tel Aviv Hotel HaYarkon St 121, Tel Aviv-Yafo, 63453 +972 3-521-5555

Tuesday, August 8

Time	Activity
08:00-09:00	Breakfast at the hotel
09:00-10:00	Briefing on the War Between Wars with Josh Zarka , Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-11:15	Briefing on trend lines in the region with Jonathan Spyer , British-Israeli analyst, writer, and journalist of Middle Eastern affairs
11:15-11:45	Travel to Shuk HaCarmel
11:45-14:00	Independent lunch at Shuk HaCarmel
14:00-14:30	Travel to the Kirya , Headquarters of the Israel Defense Forces
14:30-14:45	Security check at the Kirya
14:45-15:45	Strategic briefing at the Kirya , Headquarters of the Israel Defense Forces
15:45-16:15	Travel to briefing

16:15-17:15	Briefing on Israeli strategic priorities with Amos Gilead , former director of the Political-Military Affairs Bureau at Israel's Defense Ministry
17:15-18:15	Travel to the hotel
18:15-19:00	Check in and prep for dinner
19:00-20:30	Dinner at the hotel and briefing on Israeli public diplomacy with Lt. Col. (Res). Jonathan Conricus , former International Spokesperson for the IDF
Overnight	Kedma Hotel Kibbutz Sde Boker, 8499300, Israel +972 08-623-8100

Wednesday, August 9

Time	Activity
07:00-08:00	Breakfast at the hotel
08:00-09:30	Travel to Black Arrow Overlook and briefing from Lt. Col (Res.) Jonathan Conricus , Former International Spokesperson for the IDF on security in Southern Israel
09:30-10:15	Briefing on threats from Gaza with Lt. Col (Res.) Jonathan Conricus , Former International Spokesperson for the IDF
10:15-10:45	Travel to Kfar Azza
10:45-12:00	Briefing on Israeli resiliency and living along the Gaza border with Chen Kotler Abrams , resident of Kibbutz Kfar Azza
12:00-12:20	Travel to Sderot
12:20-13:20	Lunch at Geula Food Truck
13:20-13:50	Travel to Ibbim , a village in southern Israel and briefing from Iftah Burman on rockets and other threats from Gaza
13:50-15:00	Briefing on Israeli missile defense at the Iron Dome Battery
15:00-16:45	Travel to hotel
16:45-19:30	Group debrief and prep for dinner
19:30-20:30	Dinner at hotel
20:30-	Group activity to debrief on participants key takeaways from the trip
Overnight	Kedma Hotel Kibbutz Sde Boker, 8499300, Israel +972 08-623-8100

Thursday, August 10

Time	Activity
07:30-10:50	Breakfast at the hotel and final debrief with FDD staff
10:50-11:00	Check out of Kedma Hotel
11:00-12:00	Travel to Kerem Shalom Border Crossing and briefing from Lt. Col (Res.) Jonathan Conricus , Former International Spokesperson for the IDF on IDF liaison units and military cooperation with Israel's neighbors
12:00-13:00	Briefing on Israeli-Egyptian relations and military cooperation at Kerem Shalom Border Crossing
13:00-13:30	Travel to lunch
13:30-14:15	Lunch at Gvulot
14:15-14:45	Travel to Tzeelim and briefing from Iftah Burman on IDF training operations and combat units
14:45-15:45	IDF briefing at Tzeelim Urban Warfare Training Base
15:45-17:30	Travel to dinner
17:30-18:30	Debriefing at Tatti's Loft
18:30-20:30	Closing dinner and briefing on normalization efforts with Ambassador Dan Shapiro , former U.S. Ambassador to Israel
20:30-21:00	Travel to Ben Gurion Airport

Friday, August 11

Time	Activity
00:20	Depart Israel on United Airlines UA73
05:30	Arrive to Washington Dulles (IAD) on UA73