

RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Date/Time Stamp

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.**

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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):
American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

Travel Dates:
07/29/2023 to 08/06/2023

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
\$5,939.63	\$2,289.00	\$1,121.00	\$4,966.67

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.

9-5-23

Date

STEPHEN BOYD

Printed Name of Traveler

Stephen Boyd

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.

9-5-23

Date

[Signature]

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	\$5,939.63	The airfare was higher than expected because the flight was full, so we had to purchase some tickets at higher prices. We also had to divide the cost of the bus by just 10 staff, because 3 cancelled last minute, including 2 Senate staff.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Explanation: Due to excessive heat, the group was unable to travel to Masada on Saturday. Senate attendees have a final itinerary to submit with their post-trip filing.

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

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:

Stephen Boyd

Employing Office/Committee:

Lankford

Private Sponsor(s):

American Israel Education Foundation

Destination(s):

Jerusalem, Tiberias, Tel Aviv

Travel Dates:

7/29/23 to 8/6/23

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.

I cover Middle East policy for Senator Lankford, so Israel is part of my responsibilities.

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.

7/18/23

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)

James Lankford

(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize

Stephen Boyd

(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)

7/18/23

Date



Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF): AIEF Congressional Staff

 STEPHEN BOYD

Title:

None

Employing Office/Committee:

LANKFORD, JAMES

Duty Station:

WASHINGTON, DC

Destination(s):

Jerusalem, Israel

Tel Aviv, Israel

Tiberias, Israel

Jerusalem, Israel

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

I cover Middle East policy for Senator Lankford, so Israel is part of my responsibilities.

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Not Entered

Name and Relationship to Traveler:

None

Organization Information

Organization Name

American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

§501(c)(3) Organization Type

Public Charity

Address

251 H Street NW

Address 2 (Optional)

Public Charity

City, State Zip

Washington DC, District Of Columbia 20001 United States

Phone Number

(240) 476-2852

Organization URL

History of Congressional Travel

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

Educational Activities

AIEF grants sponsor innovative programming to educate a wide audience, including college students, members of Congress and their staff, and political professionals. In addition to educational seminars, AIEF sponsors leadership training and briefings on the Middle East and the U.S.-Israel relationship.

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.

This seminar, which will be on the ground in Israel for six days, is specifically designed to explore foreign policy and defense issues related to the U.S.-Israel relationship. Some of the key issues to be addressed include: the security threats confronting Israel on its Northern and Southern borders; the threat posed by a nuclear Iran; the opportunities presented by recent peace agreements between Israel and a number of Arab states; and the current prospects for peace between Israel and the Palestinians. The seminar will consist of discussions with Israeli government officials, military officers, Members of the Knesset, Palestinian representatives and U.S. officials; as well as site surveys of the northern border with Lebanon and Syria, the southern border with the Gaza Strip, and the security fence.

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

AIEF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the mission of providing educational programming about the U.S.-Israel relationship. This delegation will have the opportunity to meet with a diverse group of Israelis and see first-hand the outcome of U.S.-Israel strategic cooperation in the region.

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

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
- ☐ 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
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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

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

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
07/29/2023 @ 03:00 PM



Trip End Date/Time:
08/06/2023 @ 09:00 AM

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: \$3,933.94 | Accompanying Family Member: \$0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	\$3,160.60
Note round trip coach class on a commercial airline		
Ground Transportation	Charter	\$366.67
Note charter bus on the ground in Israel		
Ground Transportation	Charter	\$86.67
Note charter transportation to the syrian border		
Ground Transportation	N/A	\$20.00

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Note taxis in Israel		
Train	Coach	\$300.00
Note Amtrak one way Union Station to Newark		

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$2,289.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
07/30/2023	08/01/2023	Mamilla	Jerusalem	None	Israel	2	\$412.00	No
08/01/2023	08/03/2023	Sheraton	Tel Aviv	None	Israel	2	\$402.00	No
08/03/2023	08/04/2023	Magdala	Tiberias	None	Israel	1	\$249.00	No
08/04/2023	08/05/2023	Mamilla	Jerusalem	None	Israel	1	\$412.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$1121.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
07/30/2023	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	Jerusalem	None	Israel	No
07/31/2023	\$30.00	\$39.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$169.00	Jerusalem	None	Israel	No
08/01/2023	\$30.00	\$54.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$184.00	Tel Aviv	None	Israel	No
08/02/2023	\$30.00	\$54.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$184.00	Tel Aviv	None	Israel	No
08/03/2023	\$30.00	\$41.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$146.00	Tiberias	None	Israel	No
08/04/2023	\$30.00	\$39.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$169.00	Jerusalem	None	Israel	No
08/05/2023	\$30.00	\$39.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$169.00	Jerusalem	None	Israel	No

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$4,966.67)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
Other (Security)	\$1,766.67	
Other (staff & speaker expenses)	\$1,000.00	hotels, meals, and transportation for contract staff and guests
Other (Speaker fees)	\$1,000.00	
Other (Room Rentals)	\$666.67	
Other (Misc.)	\$233.33	Airport assistance, entrance fees, photography, tips
Other (Tour Guide)	\$300.00	

Additional Attachments

Document Name

There are no additional attachments.

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: AIEF Congressional Staff

Travel Date(s): July 29 - August 6, 2023

Travel Destination(s): Israel

Sponsor: American Israel Education Foundation

Rachel Hirsch

(printed name of sponsor representative)

Chief Legal Counsel

(title)

DocuSigned by:

Rachel Hirsch

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(signature of sponsor representative)

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**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
U.S. Congressional Staff
July 29 – August 6, 2023**

Senate Invitees

1. Stephen Boyd, Legislative Assistant, Sen. James Lankford (R-OK)
2. Oliver Riquelme, Legislative Assistant, Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM)
3. Brian Winseck, Legislative Director, Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE)



Dear Stephen,

On behalf of the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF), we would like to invite you to participate in a bipartisan AIEF Israel Seminar for congressional staff. The trip will depart on Saturday evening, July 29, and return to the United States on Sunday morning, August 6, 2023.

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

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

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

We hope you will be able to join us on what promises to be a rich, insightful, and educational trip. To RSVP, please fill out the [Participant Confirmation Form](#). If you have any questions, please contact Julie Peretz at (240) 476-2852 or jperetz@aiefdn.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard L. Fishman".

Richard Fishman
Executive Director, AIEF

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
U.S. Congressional Staff
July 29 – August 6, 2023**

Itinerary

Saturday, July 29, 2023

Afternoon	Amtrak train departs Union Station
Afternoon	Amtrak train arrives Newark Airport
10:55 PM	United #90 departs Newark

Sunday, July 30, 2023

4:20 PM	Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport
5:45-6:45 PM	Transfer to Jerusalem
6:45-7:45 PM	Check in to the Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem
7:45 PM	Depart for dinner
8:00-9:30 PM	Setting the Stage Welcome and Orientation with Penny Katsch, Assistant Director for Policy and Administration -at the Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem
9:30 PM	Overnight at the Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem

Monday, July 31, 2023

7:30-8:00 AM	Breakfast on own -at the hotel, main dining hall
8:00-9:00 AM	Pulse of the Nation Coffee with Herb Keinon Senior Contributing Editor, <i>The Jerusalem Post</i> - at the Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem

Herb Keinon is the Senior Contributing Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*, the leading English daily newspaper in Israel. Mr. Keinon will provide staff with a synthesis of domestic political trends, current international affairs, and the general state of mind of the Israeli voters.

9:15 AM Depart for Old City of Jerusalem

9:45 AM-12:45 PM **Strategic Survey of Jerusalem: The Historic and Holy Basin**

Guided survey of the Old City of Jerusalem:

- City of David
- Robinson's Arch
- Western Wall
- Church of the Holy Sepulchre

Throughout its 4,000-year history, the city of Jerusalem has changed hands many times. As home to the world's three great monotheistic religions — Judaism, Christianity and Islam — Jerusalem is probably the most disputed city in history. Today, the status of Jerusalem remains the most contentious issue in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Jerusalem has been at the heart of all Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. To understand the current political issues, it is critical to understand Jerusalem's history and the role it has played in shaping the Middle East. This seminar will include site visits to various locations in and around Jerusalem to give participants a first-hand look at the historic significance of the city, as well as its geographic layout.

The Old City of Jerusalem is home to the holiest shrines of the three monotheistic religions, including the Temple Mount, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and the Al-Aqsa Mosque. The Holy Basin is the historic location of Jerusalem and refers to the land surrounding the Old City, including the Mount of Olives, believed to be the departure point for Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem and the cemetery where Jews have been burying their dead for 2,500 years. The Holy Basin also includes the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site, and the Temple Mount (Haram al-Sharif), sacred ground for Jews, Muslims, and Christians. Control over these sensitive areas remains among the largest disputes in the Middle East.

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

Our tour guide, Daniela Gefen, will walk through all of these sites and others, educating trip participants on their historical impact and their role in today's political discussions.

12:45-1:15 PM Depart for Joy

1:15-1:45 PM **Lunch**
-at Joy

1:45-2:45 PM **Israeli Political Primer**
Conversation with Haviv Rettig Gur, Senior Analyst, *Times of Israel*
-at Joy

It is critical for trip participants to understand the parliamentary system in Israel. Haviv Rettig Gur will explain how the parliamentary party system works, how coalitions rise and fall, and how Israeli politics differ from American politics. Since the group will be visiting with government officials throughout the week, we believe it's important to provide this overview early in the seminar.

2:45 PM Depart for Gilo

3:15-4:15 PM **Strategic Survey of Jerusalem: Post-1967 Neighborhoods**

When Jerusalem was reunified in 1967, following 19 years of division, the State of Israel extended the city's boundaries to include the strategic hills surrounding Jerusalem. These hills served as launching pads between 1948 and 1967 for sniper and mortar attacks on Israeli parts of the city by the Jordanian Army. Since 1967, these hills have become vibrant neighborhoods, fully integrated into the fabric of Jerusalem. It is vital for those discussing the issue of Jerusalem to understand these neighborhoods' strategic importance and their relationship to the areas in the immediate vicinity.

4:15 PM Depart for hotel

4:45-5:30 Break

5:30-6:15 **A View from the Opposition**
Conversation with The Honorable Sharren Haskel
Member of Knesset, Yesh Atid Party
-at the Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem

It is customary for delegations to meet with members of the Knesset from different parties, to hear their perspective on issues impacting the U.S.-Israel relationship. The Honorable Sharren Haskel represents Yair Lapid's centrist Yesh Atid party; which is currently in the opposition.

6:30-7:15 **A View from the Coalition**
Conversation with The Honorable Nir Barkat
Chair, Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Likud party
-at the Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem

It is customary for delegations to meet with members of the Knesset from different parties, to hear their perspective on issues impacting the U.S.-Israel relationship. The Honorable Nir Barkat represents Bibi Netanyahu's right-wing Likud party, and the current coalition.

7:30 PM Depart for dinner

7:45-9:15 PM Dinner
-at Jacko's

9:15 PM Overnight at the Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

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

8:00 AM Depart for Yad Vashem

8:30-10:30 PM **The Significance of the Holocaust in Israeli Society**
Visit to Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum

One cannot understand Israel's worldview without understanding the trauma of the Holocaust. Israelis view threats to its destruction in light of the events of the 1930s and 1940s, when the German government's threats to exterminate the Jewish people were not taken seriously by the international community. This museum provides an important reference point as to how Israelis interpret the threat of an Iranian nuclear program and Iranian leaders committed to Israel's destruction. Yad Vashem has become a symbol of the Jewish people and its transformation from total helplessness to self-reliance and strength. Thus, a visit to Yad Vashem provides a historical context for the Jewish state. The museum's professional docent will guide the delegation through the main exhibit hall and the children's memorial.

10:45 AM Depart for the Vert Hotel

11:15-12:15 PM **Overcoming Obstacles to Peace**
Conversation with Dr. Tal Becker
Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
-at the Vert Hotel

Since Israel's founding, the Jewish state has sought to reach a just and lasting solution to the Israeli Palestinian conflict. The United States has been closely involved in negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. Dr. Tal Becker is a senior member of the Israeli peace negotiation team. In this position, he is on the front lines of many of Israel's most pressing diplomatic, legal and policy challenges. He is a veteran negotiator, and key behind the scenes representative, for Israel in a wide variety of contexts. During this session, he will address the prospects for peace in

the current political climate. He will also discuss the complex challenges that have prevented a final status agreement thus far.

12:15-12:45 Lunch
 -at the Vert Hotel

12:45-1:45 **Understanding Palestinian Politics**
 Conversation with Ibrahim Dalalsha
 Executive Director, Horizon Center for Political Studies
 -at the Vert Hotel

Ibrahim Dalalsha is the director of Horizon Center for Political Studies and Media Outreach, a private Palestinian think tank and consultancy firm in Ramallah. The center compiles political, legal, security and economic studies and other topics related to the Israeli -Palestinian conflict. Dalalsha has played an integral role in peace negotiations across the Middle East. His former career as a senior Palestinian political advisor at the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem stretched across two decades. During this session he will provide an insider's view of the Palestinian political landscape.

2:00 PM Depart for Ramallah

3:00-4:00 PM **A View from the Palestinian Authority**
 Conversation with Ziad Abu Amr
 Deputy Prime Minister of the Palestinian Authority
 -at PLO Headquarters

During each seminar, we invite a representative of the Palestinian Authority to address the group. Deputy Prime Minister Ziad Abu Amr will present the current state of Palestinian Authority Affairs, including the Palestinian perspective on the issues of the day, as well as relations with Israel and prospects for peace.

4:00 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

5:30 PM Check in to the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv

5:30 PM Break

7:00-9:00 PM **Israeli Innovation Solving Global Challenges**
 Dinner with:
 ▪ Danielle Abraham, Executive Director, Volcani International
 Partnership
 ▪ Lauren Guy, CTO & Co-Founder, Asterra
 -at Studio 5

One of the major tenets of Judaism is “Tikkun Olam”, to “repair the world”. This dinner will focus on representatives from organizations seeking to make the world a better place in various sectors. This evening will be a dinner discussion with entrepreneurs representing Israeli innovation and ingenuity that has had enormous impact both in Israel and abroad. The delegation will be meeting with innovators that are global leaders in hi-tech agriculture, and artificial intelligence.

9:00 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

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

8:00-9:30 AM **Regional Strategic Threats**
Briefing with Brig.-Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel
Former Director of the Counter Terrorism Bureau, Prime Minister’s Office
-at the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv

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

9:45 AM Depart for the Gaza Envelope

10:45-11:15 AM **The Israel-Gaza Border**
Strategic survey at Gaza overlook

The tour guide will provide an overview of the border between Israel and the Gaza Strip. During this briefing, she will discuss the humanitarian situation in Gaza and Israel’s efforts to improve it; and the process of getting from Gaza into Israel.

11:15 AM-12:30 PM **Life in the Gaza Periphery**
with local resident Chen Abrahams
-at Kibbutz Kfar Aza

Participants will visit the border between Israel and the Gaza Strip, and learn about the unique challenges faced by this area. Since 2001, Israeli communities bordering the Gaza Strip have been living under the threat of rocket fire. Since the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip in 2005 and the Hamas takeover of the Gaza Strip in 2007, the volume, range and accuracy of the rockets has only increased. More recently, Hamas has built dozens of terror tunnels to attack Israeli civilians. The delegation will meet with local residents to better understand the reality of living kilometers

from Israel's border with Gaza, and how communities have sought to cope, both physically and psychologically.

12:45-1:45 PM Lunch
-at Kibbutz Kfar Aza

1:45-2:45 PM **A Nation of Resilience**
Conversation with Ayelet Shmuel, Director, Sderot Resilience Center
-at Kibbutz Kfar Aza

Residents of the Gaza Envelope are consistently exposed to significant trauma due to rocket fire from the Gaza strip. Israel has developed a variety of tools to help young people deal with PTSD, including resiliency centers. Ayelet Shmuel, Director of the Sderot Resilience Center, will discuss creative solutions available for residents today. The resiliency tools developed in Israel have potential to help other populations, including in the United States.

2:45 PM Depart for Ibim

2:55-3:15 PM **Missile Defense: U.S.-Israel Strategic Cooperation**
Visit Iron Dome battery
-at Givim

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

3:15 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

4:45-5:45 PM Return to hotel and break

5:45-6:45 PM **The Foundations of Modern Zionism: Why a Jewish State**
Conversation with Dr. Einat Wilf,
Former Member of Knesset and author
-at the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv

Dr. Einat Wilf is a leading intellectual and original thinker on matters of foreign policy, economics, education, and Israel and the Jewish people. A member of the Israeli Parliament from 2010-2013, Dr. Wilf is considered one of Israel's most articulate representatives on the international stage. She is the author of six books that explore key issues in Israel Society.

7:00 PM Depart for dinner

8:00-10:00 PM **The Israeli Mosaic**

Dinner with

- Ibrahim Abu Ahmed, Director of Alumni Relations and Tourism, ROPES
 - Ashager Araro, Founder of Ethiopian Israeli Heritage Center
 - Hila Peer, Chairwoman at Aguda, The Association for LGBTQ Equality in Israel
- at Darya

“The Israeli Mosaic” will be a dinner discussion with Israelis representing some of the various societal sectors – all integral parts of the fabric of Israeli society and broader identity. The evening will be an opportunity to gain insight into the Israeli population as a whole, what governs the perspective and decisions of various sectors and to explore how each of the sectors represented fits into Israeli society and informs the collective national narrative.

10:00 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Hotel

Thursday, August 3, 2023

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

8:00-9:15 AM **Iran’s Nuclear Program: Status Update**
Conversation with Ambassador Joshua Zarka
Deputy Director of Strategic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
-at the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs formulates and implements Israel’s foreign policy. During this session, Deputy Director of Strategic Affairs Joshua Zarka will focus on Israel’s policy toward Iran. This includes the threat of Iran’s nuclear program, as well as their support for terror groups Hamas and Hezbollah.

9:30 AM Depart

10:30-11:00 AM **Israel’s Narrow Waistline – Strategic Concerns**
Briefing at Alfei Menashe

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

southern point. The Hadera-Gadera rectangle is home to over 50 percent of Israel's population, as well as civilian infrastructure. The area is also home to Israel's "silicon valley", as well as Ben Gurion international airport. The discussion at Alfei Menashe will allow participants to see firsthand the proximity of Jewish and Arab neighborhoods in both Israel and the West Bank; as well as the strategic threats faced by the Israeli population living in Israel's narrow waistline.

11:15 AM Depart for lunch

12:45-2:00 PM **Minority Rights in Israel**
Lunch with Mohammad Darawshe
Director of Planning, Equality and Shared Living
Givat Haviva Educational Institute
-at Tanduka

Approximately 22% of Israeli residents are part of the non-Jewish minority, which includes, among others, Muslims, Christians, and Druze. As a liberal, democratic state, Israel is rooted in liberty, the rule of law, free and fair elections, and full civil rights for all citizens. Our speaker, Mohammad Darawshe is currently the director of planning, equality and shared living at Givat Haviva Educational Institute—a non-profit organization founded in 1949 as the national education center of the Kibbutz Federation in Israel. His focus throughout his career is promoting coexistence and quality among Israel's Jewish and Arab-Palestinians citizens. He will discuss the current challenges facing minority groups in Israel, as well as ways the government of Israel and NGOs seek to address these challenges.

2:15 PM Depart for Zarit

3:00 – 4:00 PM **En route briefing: The Jezreel Valley and Upper Galilee**

Our tour guide will spend an hour during the drive from Israel's center to the north to provide the delegation a briefing on the Jezreel Valley and the Upper Galilee and the challenges facing these regions of the country. For thousands of years, the Jezreel Valley served as a land bridge linking Africa, Asia and Europe, and serving as a thoroughfare for ancient caravans and, more frequently, armies. In 1948, following Israel's establishment, the combined forces of Iraq and Jordan attempted unsuccessfully to capture the valley in order to split the just-born Israel into two parts. In the early 20th century, after decades of neglect, Jewish pioneers drained the swamps in the valley, transforming this region into Israel's "breadbasket" known for wheat, cotton, sunflowers and fish ponds. The Jezreel Valley is also home to historical and biblical sites including Tel Megiddo and Nazareth.

Today it is an important symbol of Israel's complex and diverse political reality. The Jezreel Valley, together with the areas of the Lower and Upper Galilee, is home to the majority of Israel's Arab citizens. A survey of this area provides an opportunity to discuss and learn about Israel's Arab citizens – 20 percent of the population – each of which has full democratic, social and welfare

rights, the right to vote and serve in the Knesset, and the opportunity to serve on Israel's Supreme Court.

The Upper Galilee is home to the largest variety of ethnic communities in Israel including Druze, Circassian, Arab Muslim and Arab Christian villages. The Galilee is also home to ancient Jewish and Christian holy sites that provide additional historical and political context to regional tensions. Just as in the case of the Jezreel Valley, the area illustrates the role of minorities in Israel. At the same time, the Upper Galilee is home to some of the most prominent industrial hubs.

4:30-5:00 PM **Visit to Hezbollah Terror Tunnel**
 -at Zarit

Virtually all southern Lebanon is a maze of underground bunkers, rocket-launching sites, and interconnected tunnels built by the Iranian-backed Hezbollah terrorist organization. Hezbollah is the most powerful terrorist organization in the world, stronger than most national armies. They receive around \$700 million annually from Iran, along with advanced weapons, training, and political support. During this visit, the delegation will have the opportunity to go into a Hezbollah tunnel discovered by the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), to see firsthand the threat this terrorist army poses to Israel and the region. Hezbollah has created a network of tunnels hundreds of kilometers long to enable terrorists to stage an infiltration attack on military and civilian targets in northern Israel. The IDF conducted Operation Northern Shield between December 2018 and January 2019, to locate and destroy the tunnels. In January 2020, the IDF began installing a series of underground sensors along the northern border to detect any new subterranean tunnels being dug into Israeli territory from Lebanon. Participants will hear from an IDF officer who will guide them through the opening of the tunnel, and share the anti-tunneling technology Israel is using to detect new tunnels.

5:00 PM Depart for Mt. Adir

5:30-6:15 PM **Israel's Northern Border Concerns I: Lebanon and Hezbollah**
 Briefing with Lt. Col. (Res.) Jonathan Conricus
 Former IDF International Spokesperson
 -at Mt. Adir

Lt. Col. (Res.) Jonathan Conricus is the Former International Spokesperson of the Israel Defense Forces. In this role, he directed and oversaw the implementation of the IDF's international media efforts in traditional and social media. Conricus served in the IDF for 24 years as a combat commander in Lebanon and the Gaza Strip, as a military diplomat, foreign relations expert and international spokesperson. He was the first IDF officer to be seconded to the UN Headquarters in New York where he provided strategic analysis for UN peacekeeping. He has extensive hands-on experience with international media, think-tanks, NGOs, legislators, militaries, industries and institutions. He will brief the delegation on security threats coming from the Lebanese border, and the role Iran plays in supporting Hezbollah terrorism against Israel.

6:30 PM	Depart for hotel
7:30-8:00 PM	Check in to the Magdala hotel, Tiberias
8:00 PM	Depart for dinner
8:15-10:00 PM	Reflections on the Week Dinner - at Decks

We will use this dinner as an opportunity to discuss the speakers and topics we have been exposed to thus far. We have found giving our participants an opportunity to reflect on the topics and perspectives presented to them assists in their ability to understand Israel's complexities.

10:00	Overnight at the Magdala hotel, Tiberias
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Friday, August 4, 2023

6:00 AM-7:00 AM	Optional: Magdala's Ancient Ruins with Father Kelly, Vice Director, Magdala -at Magdala Hotel
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The ancient town of Magdala was established in the Hellenistic Period and grew to a thriving fishing village by the time the Romans invaded the Galilee in 67 AD. Situated on the shores of the Galilee along a major commercial trade route, the Via Maris, and on the way from Nazareth to Capernaum, Magdala was an active city filled with fishermen, shopkeepers and townspeople. Providentially uncovered in 2009, archaeological discoveries indicate the presence of an observant Jewish Community in Magdala, as is evidenced in its First Century Synagogue. This synagogue is one of seven in the world and the best preserved today. In the center of the synagogue archeologists found the Magdala Stone, a discovery they have quoted to be, "one of the most significant finds in the past 50 years." It is in Magdala where Jesus likely taught the multitudes and healed the afflicted including a woman who made her hometown famous, Mary Magdalene.

7:15-8:00 AM	Breakfast on own -at the hotel, main dining hall
8:00 AM	Depart for site tour
8:30-10:15 AM	Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee Survey of historical and religious sites around the Sea of Galilee ▪ Mt. of Beatitudes ▪ Capernaum

As part of the seminar's focus on the complex religious fabric of Israeli society, the delegation will be visiting several of the most sacred sites for Christians in the Holy Land. Included is a guided survey and discussion of some of the most important events in the life of Jesus by the Sea of Galilee. Just as strategic surveys in Jerusalem focused on Jewish, Muslim, and Christian history and claims to the land, the site visits to the Christian sites help provide context for the competing religious narratives for the land of Israel. For example, we will be visiting the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount, the most studied and read speech of any religion in history. Our guide will also lead discussions through Capernaum.

10:30 AM Depart for the Golan Heights

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

Captain (Res.) Ilan Shulman, a disabled IDF veteran, divides his time guiding geopolitical tours on the Galilee and Golan Heights, lecturing to students, giving geo-political briefings for delegations through various Israeli foreign ministry programs, and fulfilling his IDF reserve duties in the Northern Command's intelligence unit. Shulman was raised in Kibbutz Merom Golan near Israel's border with Syria, where one of his favorite jobs was herding the kibbutz cattle. Shulman served in the IDF's paratrooper's unit, rising to the position of company commander. He holds a BA in Israel and Middle East Studies. During this session he will take participants to the border between Israel and Syria and provide an overview of the Syrian civil war.

1:15 PM Depart for lunch

1:30-2:30 PM **Lunch**
-at Har Café

2:45 PM Depart for Jerusalem

3:00 – 4:00 PM **En route briefing: Israeli-Jordanian Strategic Cooperation**

The tour guide will spend approximately an hour during the drive through the Jordan Valley to explore several topics related to Israel's eastern neighbor: specifically, Israeli-Jordanian strategic cooperation, as well as the implications of the Syrian civil war on the Kingdom. The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan became the second Arab country after Egypt to recognize Israel when it signed a comprehensive peace agreement that ended nearly five decades of warfare. Shepherded by United States President Bill Clinton, the accord signed on Oct. 6, 1994, marked the onset of a new era of economic, cultural, and political dialogue and cooperation between the two countries.

In recent years, the two countries have worked together to combat the increased threat from terrorism by coordinating their security efforts and preventing infiltrations across their shared

border. Today, Jordan hosts hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugees. Following our briefing on Israel's border with Syria, our guide will address how threats in the region impact Jordan internally, as well as relations and further potential for strategic partnership between Jordan, the United States, and Israel.

5:00-6:45 PM Check in to the Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem

7:45 PM Depart for dinner

8:00-10:00 PM **Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem**
Traditional Sabbath evening dinner

Israel, the only Jewish country in the world, boasts the unique tradition of honoring the Jewish Sabbath from Friday sundown until Saturday sundown. 80 percent of the Israeli population will commemorate the Sabbath, in various forms, which typically include a family dinner and special blessings. The Sabbath is especially significant in Jerusalem, home to the holiest site for Jews worldwide - the remains of the First and Second Temple. The dinner will include a discussion on the importance of Jerusalem to the Jewish, Christian and Muslim populations; the potential for a final status agreement on Jerusalem (arguably the most sensitive final status issue); and the diplomatic challenges faced by Israel and the United States regarding Israeli urban development in the area.

10:00 PM Overnight at the Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem

Saturday, August 5, 2023

7:00-7:30 AM Breakfast on own
- at the hotel, Main Dining Hall

7:30 AM Depart

8:00 – 9:00 AM **En route briefing: Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor**

Our tour guide will spend approximately one hour on the drive from Jerusalem to Masada – including the Jericho road – to discuss the strategic importance of the area east of Jerusalem. In 1948 and in 1967, the Jordanian army attacked Jerusalem from the east – the 1948 attack resulted in the city's division that lasted until 1967. Since then, Israel has established the City of Ma'ale Adumim east of Jerusalem, today home to some 40,000 residents. To the Palestinians, however, Ma'ale Adumim is the largest settlement on the West Bank. When Israel attempted to expand Ma'ale Adumim's boundary, into an area known as "E-1", the U.S. State Department stepped in and asked that no construction take place there. The issue needs to be examined with those discussing the future of Jerusalem in the context of the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

9:00- 10:30 AM

History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire

Guided survey of the National Archeological Park at Masada

Masada, which was excavated in the 1960s, is considered one of the most important archeological sites in Israel, indeed in the whole world. Masada was the site of the last stand of the Jews in Israel after the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the Holy Temple in 70 A.D. A group of Jewish zealots fled to the Judean Desert and lived in the former mountaintop fortress of King Herod known as Masada for two years resisting the onslaught of the most powerful army in the world. Determined to break the resistance, the Romans finally scaled the mountain to capture and enslave the Jewish rebels. However, when they finally arrived, they found that all the men, women and children had killed themselves as a last act of defiance. The delegation will visit the magnificent ancient excavations; learn the narrative of Jewish resistance to the Romans backed by the archeological and historical evidence; and discuss the importance of the Masada story to the contemporary Middle East and the threats in the region.

10:30 AM

Depart for the Dead Sea

11:15 AM-2:00 PM

Exploration of the Dead Sea Region

Lunch

-at Herbert Samuel hotel

During our drive to and from the Dead Sea area, as well as during our visit to the Dead Sea, our tour guide will discuss a variety of issues integral to understanding this desert region, and relations with both the Palestinians and Jordanians. For decades, Israel has been developing the agricultural potential of the desert. While the Middle East is suffering from water shortages, Israel, through modern technology and water conservation policies, including the recycling of over 80 percent of water used for domestic purposes and transferring it to agriculture, has literally "made the desert bloom." The key regional players also face serious environmental issues in the Dead Sea region. One of the major environmental concerns is the receding of the Dead Sea and the appearance of sinkholes, which cause the earth above to collapse. Roads, fields and buildings have collapsed due to this phenomenon, and experts are concerned the tourist infrastructure along the Jordanian and Israeli shores of the Dead Sea are in danger. This issue has led to unprecedented cooperation between Israelis, Jordanians and Palestinians and serves as a model for regional cooperation.

2:00 PM

Depart for Jerusalem

3:30-6:00 PM

Return to hotel

Prepare for checkout

6:00-7:30 PM

Closing Dinner: Bringing It All Together

Closing dinner

-at the hotel

The closing dinner provides an opportunity for participants to process the scope of the week, from the religious center of the Judeo-Christian world in Jerusalem, to the bustling economic powerhouse of Tel Aviv; from the conflict plagued northern borders with Syria and Lebanon, to the environmental and geographical wonders of the Negev desert and the Dead Sea. We will process the range of topics explored, including the U.S.-Israel strategic partnership, prospects for Arab-Israeli peace, the experience of minorities in Israel, as well as greater existential threats throughout the region. Participants will also have the opportunity to share their takeaways, and ask any lingering questions that weren't covered during the week.

7:30 PM Depart for Ben Gurion Airport

11:25 PM United #91 departs Ben Gurion Airport

Sunday, August 6, 2023

4:20 AM United #91 arrives at Newark Airport

6:00 AM United #4184 departs Newark Airport

7:19 AM United #4184 arrives at Washington, D.C. (DCA)

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
U.S. Congressional Staff
July 29 – August 6, 2023**

Itinerary

Saturday, July 29, 2023

10:55 PM United #90 departs Newark Airport

Sunday, July 30, 2023

4:05 PM United #90 arrives at Ben-Gurion Airport

4:45-5:45 PM Transfer to Jerusalem

5:45 PM Check in to the Mamilla Hotel

7:30 PM Depart for dinner

8:00-9:30 PM **Setting the Stage**
Welcome and Orientation with:
▪ Deryn Sousa, Southwest Political Director, Houston, TX
▪ Penny Katsch, Assistant Director for Policy and Administration,
Jerusalem
-at Touro

9:30 PM Overnight at the Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem

Monday, July 31, 2023

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

8:00-9:00 AM **Pulse of the Nation**
Coffee with Herb Keinon
Senior Contributing Editor, *The Jerusalem Post*
-at Mamilla Hotel

9:15 AM Depart for Old City of Jerusalem

9:45 AM-12:45 PM	Historical Survey of Jerusalem: The Historic and Holy Basin Guided survey of the Old City of Jerusalem: ▪ City of David ▪ Robinson's Arch ▪ Western Wall ▪ Church of the Holy Sepulchre
12:45-1:15 PM	Depart for lunch
1:15-1:45 PM	Lunch -at Eucalyptus
1:45-2:45 PM	Israeli Political Primer Conversation with Haviv Rettig Gur Senior Analyst at <i>Times of Israel</i> -at Eucalyptus
2:45 PM	Depart for Gilo
3:15- 4:15 PM	Strategic Survey of Jerusalem: Post-1967 Neighborhoods -at Gilo
4:15 PM	Depart for hotel
4:45-5:30 PM	Change attire
6:00 – 6:45 PM	A View from the Coalition Conversation with The Honorable Boaz Bismuth Member of Knesset, Likud party -at Mamilla hotel
7:00 PM	Depart for dinner
7:30-9:15 PM	Dinner -at Andalucia
9:15 PM	Overnight at the Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

7:00-8:00 AM	Breakfast on own - at the hotel, main dining hall
8:00 AM	Depart for Yad Vashem
8:30-10:30 PM	The Significance of the Holocaust in Israeli Society Visit to Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum
10:45 AM	Depart for the Vert Hotel
11:15-12:15 PM	Overcoming Obstacles to Peace Conversation with Dr. Tal Becker Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs -at the Vert Hotel/ meeting room
12:15-12:45 PM	Lunch -at the Vert Hotel
12:45-1:45 PM	Understanding Palestinian Politics Conversation with Ibrahim Dalalshe Executive Director, Horizon Center for Political Studies -at the Vert Hotel
2:00 PM	Depart for Ramallah
3:00-4:00 PM	A View from the Palestinian Authority Conversation Mr. Ziad Hab Al Reeh Minister of Interior Palestinian Authority -at PLO Headquarters
4:00 PM	Depart for Tel Aviv
5:30 PM	Check in to the Sheraton Hotel
5:30 PM	Break
7:00-9:30 PM	Israeli Innovation Solving Global Challenges Dinner with: ▪ Danielle Abraham, Executive Director, Volcani International ▪ Eran Pollak, CEO, N-DRIP -at Studio 5
9:30 PM	Overnight at the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

7:00-8:00 AM	Breakfast on own - at the hotel, main dining hall
8:00-9:30 AM	Regional Strategic Threats Briefing with Brig.-Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel Former Director of the Counter Terrorism Bureau, Prime Minister's Office -at the hotel, Studio 5 (AV)
9:45 AM	Depart for the Gaza Envelope
10:45-11:15 AM	Kibbutz Kfar Aza Gaza overlook briefing
11:15 AM-12:30 AM	Life in the Gaza Periphery Walking tour with local resident Chen Abrahams -at Kibbutz Kfar Aza
12:30 PM	Walk to private dining room
12:45-1:45 PM	Lunch -at Kibbutz Kfar Aza
1:45-2:45 PM	Overcoming the Challenges of Life in the Gaza Periphery Conversation with Ayelet Shmuel Director, Sderot Resilience Center -at Kibbutz Kfar Aza
2:45 PM	Depart for Givim
3:00-3:30 PM	Missile Defense: U.S.-Israel Strategic Cooperation Visit Iron Dome battery -at Givim
3:30 PM	Depart for Tel Aviv
4:45-6:15 PM	Return to hotel and break
6:15-7:15 PM	Fruits of Peace: The Abraham Accords Conversation with Ksenia Svetlova Executive Director, ROPES -at the Sheraton Hotel
7:30 PM	Depart for dinner

8:00-10:00 PM **The Israeli Mosaic**
Dinner with

- Ibrahim Abu Ahmed, Political and Regional Analyst
- Ashager Araro, Founder of Ethiopian Israeli Heritage Center
- Ofer Erez, LGBTQ Activist

-at Darya

10:00 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv

Thursday, August 3, 2023

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

8:00-9:15 AM **Iran's Nuclear Program: Status Update**
Conversation with Yaakov Katz
Author, Former Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*
-at the hotel, Studio 5

9:30 AM Depart

10:30-11:00 AM **Israel's Narrow Waistline – Strategic Concerns**
Briefing at Alfei Menashe

11:15 AM Depart for lunch

12:00-1:30 PM **Lunch**
-at Tanduka

1:30 PM Depart for Zarit

2:00 – 3:00 PM En route briefing: **The Jezreel Valley and the Upper Galilee**

3:00 – 3:30 PM **Visit to Hezbollah Terror Tunnel**
-at Zarit

5:00 PM Depart for Mt. Adir

4:45 – 5:45 PM **Israel's Northern Border Concerns I: Lebanon and Hezbollah**
Briefing with Lt. Col. (Res.) Jonathan Conricus
Former IDF International Spokesperson
-at Mt. Adir

6:00 PM Depart for hotel

7:00 PM Check in to the Magdala hotel

8:00 PM Depart for dinner

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

10:00 PM Overnight at the Magdala Hotel, Tiberias

Friday, August 4, 2023

6:00 AM-7:00 AM **Magdala's Ancient Ruins** (optional)
with Father Kelly, Vice Director, Magdala
-at Magdala Hotel

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

8:00 AM Depart for Christian sites

8:30-9:30 AM **Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee**
Survey of Capernaum

9:45 AM Depart for the Golan Heights

10:45 AM-12:15 PM **Israel's Northern Border Concerns II: Syria**
Strategic survey of Israel's border with Syria
With Capt. (Res.) Ilan Shulman
-at Ein Zivan

12:15 PM Depart for lunch

12:30-2:00 PM **Minority Rights in Israel**
Lunch with Mohammad Darawshe
Director of Planning, Equality and Shared Living
Givat Haviva Educational Institute
-at Habokrim

2:15 PM Depart for Jerusalem

5:15 PM Check in to the Mamilla Hotel

7:00 PM Depart for dinner

7:30 - 10:00 PM **Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem**
Traditional Sabbath evening dinner with Daniel Taub
Director of Strategy and Planning, Yad Hanadiv Foundation
- at his home in Jerusalem

10:00 PM Overnight at the Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem

Saturday, August 5, 2023

8:30 -9:00 AM Breakfast on own
- at the hotel, Main Dining Hall

9:00 AM Depart

9:15 - 9:45 AM **Visit to the Garden Tomb**
-at Garden Tomb

10:00 AM Depart

10:00 – 10:45 AM En route briefing: **Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor**

10:45 AM-12:00 PM **Exploration of the Dead Sea Region**
-at Kalia Beach

12:00-1:00 PM **Lunch**
-at Kalia Beach

1:00 PM Depart for Jerusalem

2:30-6:00 PM Return to hotel, prepare for departure

Checkout

6:00-7:30 PM **Closing Dinner: Bringing It All Together**
-at the Mamilla Hotel

7:30 PM Depart for Ben Gurion Airport

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