

RE-3 Senators and Officers 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.**

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):

Aish Global, Inc.

Travel Dates:

November 21-November 27, 2023

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Sharon Lee

Relationship to Traveler:

Spouse

Total Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
Spouse: \$12,469, Sena	\$1,900	\$780	\$800- guiding and materials by IDF

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

- The final **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

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.

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.

12/21/23

Senator Mike Lee

Date

Printed Name of Senator/Officer



Signature of 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
\$3,000	\$1,900	The hotel changed due to availability in Jerusalem

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Explanation:

a. the Prime Minister's Office adjusted the time of that meeting; b. the IDF adjusted the places they were approved to visit in the south, and these affected the scheduling of other meetings at different times.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Explanation:

Trip Name: Congressional education mission to Israel, November 2023

Organization Information

Organization Name:

Aish Global Inc.

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



If Yes, §501(c)(3) Organization Type:



Private Foundation



Public Charity

Address:

915 Clifton Ave

City, State, Zip:

Clifton, New Jersey 07013

Phone Number:

212-921-9090

Organization URL:

<https://about.aish.com/>

History of Congressional Travel

Describe your organization's history of sponsoring congressional travel.

The organization hosts influencers who visit Israel on educational missions, including celebrities, sports leaders and politicians, for example the Governor of Texas and Representative Tom Emmer. It has long been our goal to include sponsored congressional travel, as this is one of our educational aims: Sharing the state of Israel, its people, cultural and political heritage with supporters and influential persons around the world.

Educational Activities

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

The organization works to broaden the knowledge of Jewish heritage. It also provides seminars, courses, and sponsors educational trips to Israel. This is all part of our larger aim to bring the essence of Israel to friends, both Jewish and non, and to focus on leaders particularly in the US who can understand the shared values to strengthen US-Israel relations on many levels. All too often without this connection, political actions are taken with a narrower understanding of the issues at hand, and this is what we are addressing with our educational outreach on educational seminars.

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.

This educational mission will focus on the facts on the ground during this time of war in Israel, from all facets, from military and civilian, to political and diplomatic.

This is a unique opportunity for first-hand observation with those who were involved and affected by the ongoing war, on critical issues of foreign policy and national security affecting both Israel and the U.S. It includes a meeting with the Prime Minister, and government offices including the Ministry of Public Security and the IDF.

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

As Aish Global works to bring the realities of Israel today, to friends in the US and around the world, we seek to connect with political leadership who are positioned to work on behalf of strengthening the US-Israel relationship and our shared interests. With educational missions of this kind, we can share valuable information for the congressional work, and highlight issues that are relevant for their offices.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

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

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

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

- 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
- ☐ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip
- ☐ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip

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

- ☐ No sponsor retains or employs a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principle, 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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Required if selecting the third option in either column - Please explain why the second overnight stay is practically required and necessary to accomplish the purpose of the trip.

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.

Invitees list

- ☒ A list of all Senate invitees is attached to this form (required).
- ☐ Members and staff from the House of Representatives will also receive invitations.

Travel Details (Submit additional pages as needed)

Trip Start Date/Time:
Tuesday Nov. 21



Trip End Date/Time:
Monday Nov 27

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Transportation (Member/Officer/Employee: \$15,500 Accompanying Family Member: \$12,300)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
El Al airlines	Business	\$24,000.
Van + driver		~\$3200
VIP pickup/departures	--	\$600

Details (optional)

Flights are scarce and full; With one operating airline, prices are high, again due to the war situation.

Lodging (Member/Officer/Employee: \$2400 Accompanying Family Member: \$600)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
Nov 22	Nov 26-7 ⁺	Waldorf Astoria	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.		
5-6	\$500	yes	Hotel choice is very limited as many of Israel's hotels are filled by evacuees from Israel's southern towns. Our usual sites are not available.		

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

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

Meals (Member/Officer/Employee: \$ 830 Accompanying Family Member: \$ 830)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem (Y/N)
Nov 22	included in hotel	50	\$100		170	Jerusalem		Israel	n
Nov 23	included	80	80		160	southern Israel military bases		Israel	n
Nov 24	included	80	90		170	Tel Aviv, Nof Ayalon		Israel	n
Nov 25	included	80	90		170	Gush Etzion, Jerusalem		Israel	n
Nov 26	included	60	90		160	northern military bases		Israel	n

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

Please note: We are providing pricing as closely approximated as possible.

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses

(Member/Officer/Employee: \$ 4200 Accompanying Family Member: \$ 1400)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
Bodyguard	\$3200	est.
Guides, entrance fees	\$2400	est.

Additional Details (optional)

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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: Congressional education mission to Israel, November 2023
November 21-27, 2023
Travel Date(s): Israel
Travel Destination(s):
Sponsor: Aish Global, Inc.

James Feinmesser

(printed name of sponsor representative)

CFO

(title)

November 19, 2023

(signature of sponsor representative)

(date)



The Honorable Michael S. Lee
363 Russell Senate Building
Washington, D.C.

November 15, 2023

Dear Senator Lee,

We are honored to invite you and your spouse to participate in our upcoming educational seminar for a Senatorial delegation in Israel, taking place between November 21 - November 27th. This Ethics-approved educational mission will focus on the facts on the ground during this time of war in Israel, from all facets, from military and civilian, to political and diplomatic.

This is a unique opportunity for first-hand learning from those who were involved and affected by the ongoing war, on critical issues of foreign policy and national security regarding both Israel and the U.S.

We are scheduled to meet with the highest echelons of political leadership in this country, as well as visit the permissible areas that present the details of what happened on October 7th and in its aftermath. This educational seminar is coordinated with the PM's office, the IDF, the police and security units. It has the support of Israeli political and non-governmental bodies, so that your experience is an intensive seminar that puts you directly in touch with the people and the issues that are at the core of this conflict, in order to apply these details to your congressional work.

Please respond quickly, as space is limited for this unusual opportunity for educational exposure to the very heart of the conflict at hand while Israel is at war. Flights will depart from and return to New York, and exact details will be provided to your office after registration. All trip-related expenses will be paid for by the Aish Global nonprofit organization, and all aspects of the trip will be in full conformity with Senate Ethics rules. We hope you will be able to join us on what promises to be an insightful, hard-hitting and special educational trip.

For additional information please contact 516-620-3224 or sarah.paley18@gmail.com / jaffestrategies@gmail.com.

With best regards,

Sarah Paley & Ruthie Lieberman - Trip Coordinators

Aish Global * 915 Clifton Ave, New Jersey 07013 * 212-921-9090



For sponsor form, Congressional educational mission to Israel November 2023

List of invitees:

Senator Michael S. Lee

Sharon Lee

Senator Jon Ossoff

Alisha Kramer

Itinerary, Congressional Educational Mission to Israel

November 21-27th 2023

Tuesday November 21

Depart Newark airport 9:00 pm

Wednesday November 22

Arrive Tel Aviv Ben Gurion airport 5:00 pm

Transfer to hotel in Jerusalem

7:30 pm Meet hosts, visit Jerusalem's Old City

Israel at War: A brief introduction from the home front.

10:00 pm Return to hotel

Overnight, Jerusalem

Thursday November 23 Southern Israel at war

8:00 am Breakfast briefing with IDF spokesman

9:30 am Depart for south

En route, accompanied by IDF liaison and viewing the areas outlying - south of Jerusalem, approaching the Negev and southern flank of Israel

11:00 am Kfar Aza - Survey the wreckage from the Oct 7th massacre, hear from survivors and families, defenders.

1:00 pm Lunch with IDF soldiers stationed in area - security briefing

2:30 pm Depart for visit to IDF Field station, with war-room

Witness live action from Gaza with embedded platoon, sensitive material.

4:30 pm Meet with local farmers and volunteers in the war-effort

6:00 pm IDF platoon - meet lone soldiers from the US, participate in Thanksgiving dinner bbq, hear from commanders on past offensives and preparation.

8:00 Travel to Jerusalem - via the central Negev, see the main Israeli towns under fire and evacuated.

9:30 Return to hotel

Overnight, Jerusalem

Friday November 24

8:00 am Breakfast briefing with the Israeli police liaison

9:30 am Depart for Tel Aviv to visit families of the hostages held in Gaza

10:30 am Meet at the central headquarters for the return of the hostages.

12:00 pm Meet at the 'Hostages Square' with families of US dual-citizen hostages

1:30 pm Depart for hotel

2:30 pm Arrive in Jerusalem

4:00 pm Home hospitality, the Paley family - Experience a traditional Shabbat meal, shared with families of soldiers fighting in Gaza.

8:00 pm Return to hotel

Overnight, Jerusalem

Saturday November 25

8:00 am Breakfast briefing with Amb. Yoram Ettinger

9:30 am Depart for the Gush Etzion region

10:30 am Meet Mayor: Geopolitics of the region, Judea & Samaria, between Bethlehem and Hebron: What changes now?

12:30 Home hospitality with Lieberman family: What the war means for the local Jewish and Palestinian Arabs living in the region? The Palestinian Authority and plans for a peaceful future.

3:00 pm Return to Jerusalem, Meet with venture capitalist Michael Eisenberg, founder of Aleph: Economics as driving politics in the region; Abraham accords as catalyst, what role for Qatar; What is effective humanitarian aid?

5:00 pm Jerusalem by night - along the 'seam': A divided or united city?

7:00 pm Dinner with hosts - discuss

9:00 pm Return to hotel

Overnight, Jerusalem

Sunday November 26 Northern Israel: A second front

8:00 am Breakfast briefing, former Prime Minister Naftali Bennett

9:30 am Depart for Prime Minister's office

10:00 am Briefing with PM Binyamin Netanyahu

11:30 am Depart for northern Israel

1:00 pm Visit wounded soldiers and civilians, hear first hand

2:30 pm Travel along borders of Syria, towards northern Galilee and Lebanese border

Guided tour of areas under rocket fire, geopolitical realities on the ground

4:30 pm Meet soldiers in the field with IDF spokesman

6:30 pm Dinner with IDF representatives

8:30 pm Depart for Ben Gurion airport

10:00 pm Check in, lounge

12:00 midnight Departure: El Al flight to NY

Monday Nov 27

6 am Arrive in NY, USA

Shalom u'L'hitraot !

S E N S I T I V E

Itinerary, Congressional Educational Mission to Israel
November 21-27th 2023

Tuesday November 21

Depart Newark airport 9:00 pm EST

Wednesday November 22

Arrive Tel Aviv Ben Gurion airport 3:00 pm in Israel

Transfer to King David hotel in Jerusalem

5:30 pm Meet hosts, visit Jerusalem's Old City from Aish Hatorah overlook -

Israel at War: A brief introduction from the home front. Visit to the Western Wall.

Includes dinner.

8:30 pm Return to hotel. Overview of schedule and introduction to maps, details of the current situation in Israel.

Overnight, Jerusalem: King David Hotel

Thursday November 23 Southern Israel at war

8:00 am Breakfast briefing for the day

9:00 am Depart for south

En route, accompanied by IDF liaison and viewing the areas outlying - south of Jerusalem, approaching the Negev and southern flank of Israel

10:30 - 11:30 pm Shuva community - Lemon orchards with BIU volunteers and farmers

12:30 pm Shuva junction - soldiers and civilians

1:30 pm Lunch and Meeting IDF in Netivot for briefing on situation in the south

3:00 Transfer to military escort.

3:30 pm Kibbutz Beerli - Survey the wreckage from the Oct 7th massacre, hear from survivors and families; civilian, military and police defenders; emergency responders

6:00 pm IDF platoon- Meet in Gilat - meet lone soldiers from the US, Thanksgiving dinner, hear from commanders on past offensives and preparation.

8:00 pm Travel to Jerusalem - via the central Negev, see the main Israeli towns under fire and evacuated.

9:30 pm Return to hotel

Overnight, Jerusalem, King David hotel

Friday November 24

8:00 am Breakfast briefing with Governor Israel Ganz & Eliana Passentin, Binyamin region

9:30 am Depart for hospital visit - Shaarei Tzedek, with hospital heads, head of ER, head of trauma department; visit injured IDF soldiers to understand October 7th and aftermath.

11:30 pm Depart for Tel Aviv to visit families of the hostages held in Gaza

13:00 pm Hostage Square - with family members of US dual-citizens taken hostage in Gaza, Members of Kibbutz Be'eri and their story of Oct 7th to struggle now to release those in captivity. Discuss political, humanitarian ramifications with survivors and families.

3:00 pm Tour Ayalon region, historical biblical history + modern history of 1948 border region, meet families from the town of Sderot who evacuated their homes & are relocated

4:30 pm Home hospitality, the Paley family - Experience a traditional Shabbat meal, shared with families of soldiers fighting in Gaza. Understand the view from the homefront: A personal aspect of war for families.

7:30 pm Depart for hotel

Overnight, Jerusalem, King David hotel

Saturday November 25

9:30 am Depart for the Gush Etzion region

10:30 am Meet local leadership: Geopolitics of the region, Judea & Samaria, between Bethlehem and Hebron: What changes now?

12:30 pm Home hospitality, the Lieberman family: What does the war mean for the local Jewish and Palestinian Arabs living in the region? The Palestinian Authority and plans for a peaceful future.

3:00 pm Return to Jerusalem, free time

5:30 pm MK Amit Halevy, at hotel - Israel at War: An update from the Knesset, legislative efforts, communications and ideas for next steps. Sensitive content.

7:00 pm Jerusalem by night - Including ancient Jerusalem, City of David

9:00 pm Meet with venture capitalist Michael Eisenberg, founder of Aleph: Economics in the region, present and future; Abraham accords as catalyst, what role for Qatar; what is effective humanitarian aid? Includes light dinner at hotel.

Overnight, Jerusalem, King David hotel

Sunday November 26 Northern Israel: A second front

8:30 am Breakfast briefing with Cabinet Minister of Industry and Economy Nir Barkat

10:30 am Check out of hotel

*Depart for Prime Minister's office, the Kirya, Tel Aviv

12:00 pm Briefing with Strategic Minister Ron Dermer

At PM Netanyahu's Tel Aviv office

2:00 pm Lunch at German Templar site of Sarona - Early zionism and the beginning of the State of Israel.

3:00 pm Travel north - via the biblical Galilee and towns evacuated in the current war

5:00 pm Briefing with Druze leadership - Sheikh Tarif, in Julis, with town leaders

and families of fallen Druze soldiers in current war, Daniel and Jamal from Unit 101

7:00 pm Dinner with hosts - Review of the issues and ideas that were developed during the mission.

8:30 pm Depart for Ben Gurion airport

10:30 pm Check in, lounge

12:30 midnight Departure: El Al flight to NY

Monday Nov 27 6 am Arrive in NY, USA

Shalom u'L'hitraot !