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.**

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):

Rebuilding Alliance

Travel Dates:

Feb 18-26, 2023

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Total Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$2,493	$480	$326	Insurance: $123 Guide/Speakers $9(

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.

3/25/2023
Date

Robert Axson
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.

March 25, 2023
Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

ATTACHMENT 1 – CHANGES FROM APPROVED PRE-TRAVEL

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

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

(●) Yes ( ) No

Expense Change	Revised Amount	Explanation
Transportation	$2,493 (+$493)	Price of the flight went up by the time it was purch
Meals	$326 (+$6)	2 coffee/pastry breaks
Lodging	$480 (-$120)	Hotel was $20 less per night that originally planne
Other- Guide & Speake	$900 (+$550)	We hired an additional Palestinian guide
Other- Insurance	$123 (-$27)	Policy was less expensive than budgeted
Other- HLT Admin Fee	$304	15% fee from Holy Land Trust, tour provider

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

(●) Yes ( ) No

Explanation:

Monday, February 20th: We did not visit the village of Al Walajeh due to time constraints, instead we visited Friday. We moved the meeting with Parents Circle leaders to this night, from the night of the 21st.

Tuesday, February 21st: Instead of our meeting with the Jerusalem City Councilwoman (she was out of the country) we met with Shira Livne from the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI). Additionally, the meeting with Parents Circle leaders shifted to Monday the 20th.

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

( ) Yes (●) No

Explanation:

Monday, February 20th: We did not visit the village of Al Walajeh due to time constraints, instead we visited Friday. We moved the meeting with Parents Circle leaders to this night, from the night of the 21st.

Tuesday, February 21st: Instead of our meeting with the Jerusalem City Councilwoman (she was out of the country) we met with Shira Livne from the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI). Additionally, the meeting with Parents Circle leaders shifted to Monday the 20th.

Date/Time Stamp:

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. This form **must** be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

Name of Traveler: Robert Axson

Employing Office/Committee: Office of Senator Mike Lee

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Rebuilding Alliance,RotaryClubs of Woodside Portola Vlly / S. San Francisco

Travel date(s): February 18 - 26, 2023

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

Destination(s): Israel and the West Bank

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

As the State Director of Senator Lee I am engaged on fostering collaborative opportunities with divergent faith and ethnic groups here in Utah. In addition, Utah is the headquarters of a worldwide faith tradition while having a vibrant refugee community with many other faith traditions represented. It is a priority of our office to foster understanding and conflict resolution which this trip is geared to focus on.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): NA

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

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

January 18th, 2023
(Date)

Robert Axson
(Signature of Employee)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

I, Senator Mike Lee hereby authorize Robert Axson

(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) *(Print Traveler's Name)*

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (*signify "yes" by checking box*) ☐

1/19/2023
(Date)

(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

(Revised 10/19/15)

Form RE-1

Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 11:33:53 AM Mountain Standard Time

Subject: Your Invitation: Senate StaffDel 5.0 to Jerusalem and the West Bank
Date: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 7:59:18 PM Mountain Standard Time
From: Donna Baranski-Walker, Rebuilding Alliance via ActionNetwork.org
To: Axson, Rob (Lee)

Rebuilding Alliance

Dear Robert,

I am honored to formally invite you to Rebuilding Alliance's Senate StaffDel Leadership Learning Mission 5.0 to Jerusalem and the West Bank. **Scheduled for the Presidents' Day Senate recess**, this trip is a one week fact-finding mission departing on February 18th and returning February 26th, 2023. **Please sign up here.**

- This trip is hosted and sponsored by Rebuilding Alliance, a U.S. 501(c)3 nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, working with Israelis and Palestinians for 20 years
- Rotary Clubs are additional trip sponsors
- Also invited to apply: one or two thoughtful constituents from your state
- We'll stay at a four star hotel in Bethlehem just across from the Church of the Nativity!

Rebuilding Alliance held its 4th Leadership Learning Mission in August 2022 with excellent reviews from House staff. This will be our first Senate StaffDel. In addition to Rebuilding Alliance's team on the ground, we partner with Holy Land Trust and include distinguished Israeli and Palestinian tour guides.

You may already be familiar with Rebuilding Alliance's Congressional Zoom briefings scheduling experts from Jerusalem and the West Bank to meet with your office and including constituents on the line. **This trip offers you the opportunity to see for yourself.**

This tour will:

- Explore ways to safeguard both Palestinians and Israelis
- Visit families, villages, neighborhoods, and historical sites
- Educate participants in the region's history
- Meet local leaders, legal experts, and human rights defenders

We understand the landscape: We've worked with Israeli and Palestinian NGO's in East Jerusalem, Gaza, the West Bank, and Israel for 20 years. RA's mission is to improve conditions for Palestinian families by:

- Building homes and schools
- Providing food aid
- Growing economic opportunity
- Advocating for present and future safety, justice, and peace

Sign up here to be considered for Rebuilding Alliance's February 18th-26th Senate StaffDel.

- Expenses will be paid by Rebuilding Alliance per Senate Ethics Committee guidelines
- **Applications will be accepted until Tuesday, January 10th.** We will confirm by Thursday, January 12th. Forms must be submitted to the Senate Ethics Committee in mid-January
- We follow good guidelines for COVID safety and are limiting the delegation size accordingly

Please reach out with any questions by replying to LeadershipLearning@RebuildingAlliance.org — and thank you for your consideration.

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



Donna Baranski-Walker
Founder and Executive Director, Rebuilding Alliance
650-440-9667 | LeadershipLearning@RebuildingAlliance.org

P.S. I am an M.I.T. engineer and the Executive Director of Rebuilding Alliance, a U.S. 501(c)3 nonprofit that has been working in the West Bank, Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip for 20 years. I care about the 'how' of peace building, all the things that can't wait for a peace agreement: food, health, jobs, schools, safety, housing, fairness, justice — things that should be available to all, throughout the region

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PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

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1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): Rebuilding Alliance, a U.S. 501(c)3 organization, Rotary Club of Woodside Portola Valley Foundation, Rotary Club of South San Francisco Foundation

2. Description of the trip: Our goal is to explore how peaceful aspirations of all can be furthered when Palestinians & Israelis both enjoy benefits of equal rts, & how U.S. policy & aid can support those aspirations

3. Dates of travel: February 18-26, 2023

4. Place of travel: Israel and the West Bank

5. Name and title of Senate invitees: see attached list

6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:

☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

– OR –

☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) *(see question 9)*.

7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.

– AND –

☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

8. I *certify* that:

☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.

– AND –

☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

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9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**
I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

– OR –

☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10).*

– OR –

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**
If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

Rebuilding Alliance is arranging all the details of the trip as the primary trip sponsor. As Additional Sponsors, Rotary Clubs assure Rotary's commitment to peace in this agenda. Rotarians believe when people work to create peace in their communities, that change can have a global effect.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

Rebuilding Alliance advances equal rights for the Palestinian people thru education, advocacy, & support that assures Palest. families right to a home. Rotary provides service to others,promotes integrity& advances world understg, goodwill, & peace through fellowship of business, professional, & community leaders.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

This will be Rebuilding Alliance's 5th Leanership Learning Mission to Jerusalem and the West Bank and the first with Senate Staff. We brought House staff in 2018, 2020, and twice in 2022.

Rotary Club of Wooside/PV sponsored two House Staffdel LLM's + a birthing center project in the W.Bank

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15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

Rebuilding Alliance holds Contact Congress Zoom-briefings and webinars that bring human rights experts, villagers, & youth to brief Senate and House offices. Constituents are invited to join each Zoom call and request the intervention of their House or Senate member to assure safety and equal rights for all

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
☒ Good Faith estimate ☐ Actual Amounts	2000	750	800	500

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation **or** b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

All trip events that are arranged and organized specifically to include congressional participation

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

Travel to Jerusalem & the West Bank wil give senior Congressional staff the opportunity to see evolving facts on the ground, attend on-site meetings, and meet Palestinians and Israelis who are working together

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

Holy Family Hotel, Bethlehem, West Bank

St. Margaret Pilgrim House, Nazareth, Israel

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

A key meeting in Nazareth, then move to a centrally-located 4 star hotel in Bethlehem in the West Bank. The State Department website notes that U.S. Government employees are allowed to travel to Bethlehem We received permission from the House Ethics Committee to stay there in past Ldrshp. Learning Missions

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21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

The standard U.S. daily expense rate for lodging and meals is $157 per day though 2023 with different rates for different areas. For accommodations in Bethlehem and Nazareth, the LLM's lodging and meals rate falls below the standard U.S. daily expense.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Coach-class travel is provided for air transportation. Ground transportation is via private minibus.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

n/a

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: Donna Baranski-Walker

Name and Title: Donna Baranski-Walker, Executive Director

Name of Organization: Rebuilding Alliance

Address: 50 Woodside Plaza, Ste. 627, Redwood City CA 94061

Telephone Number: (650) 440-9667

Fax Number: n/a

E-mail Address: Contact@RebuildingAlliance.org

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SIGNATURE PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL SPONSOR

(to be completed by each additional sponsor)

I hereby *certify* that the information contained on pages 1-4 of the certification form and any accompanying addenda, all submitted in connection with the February 18-26, 2023 trip
Dates of Travel (Month Day, Year)
to Jerusalem & the West Bank is true, complete, and correct.
Place of Travel

Signature of Travel Sponsor: DocuSigned by: Ken Hayes 3692284B31BE4A5...

Name and Title: Ken Hayes president

Name of Organization: Rotary Club Woodside Portola Valley Foundation

Address: 816 Anita, Belmont, CA 94002

Telephone Number: 415203-2597

Fax Number: 650-365-0670

E-mail Address: khayes@thehayesgroup.com

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

SIGNATURE PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL SPONSOR

(to be completed by each additional sponsor)

I hereby *certify* that the information contained on pages 1-4 of the certification form and any accompanying addenda, all submitted in connection with the February 18-26, 2023 trip (*Dates of Travel (Month Day, Year)*) to Jerusalem & the West Bank (*Place of Travel*) is true, complete, and correct.

Signature of Travel Sponsor: 

Name and Title: Bruce Wright, Treasurer

Name of Organization: South San Francisco Rotary Foundation

Address: 433 Alida Way, South San Francisco, CA 94080

Telephone Number: (650) 867-3539

Fax Number: —

E-mail Address: bruce_wright4477@comcast.net

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Senate Staff Leadership Learning Mission 5.0 to Jerusalem and the West Bank
February 18-26, 2023

A constituent accompanied trip
with financial sponsorship by Rebuilding Alliance, an American 501(c)3 organization
Additional Trip Sponsorship by the Rotary Club of Woodside / Portola Valley Foundation
and the Rotary Club of South San Francisco Foundation

MISSION GOALS: The overall goal of this Leadership Learning Mission is to explore how the peaceful aspirations of all can be furthered when Palestinians and Israelis both enjoy the benefits of equal rights and how U.S. policy and aid can support those aspirations.

RELEVANCE TO OFFICIAL DUTIES: The Leadership Learning Mission offers senior Senate staff the opportunity to further their understanding of this region of the world and to learn the implications of American policies in the region, to better support constituents. This fact-finding trip will:

- Provide participants with an understanding of the history of Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza leading to the current conditions;

- Consider the implications and impact of Israeli control of building and planning rights in East Jerusalem and the West Bank and explore successful ways to prevent the demolition of and help in the sustainable development of Palestinian homes, schools, water systems, and communities, especially in at-risk neighborhoods;

- Visit Palestinians and Israelis who work for peace and justice to understand the challenges they are facing, learn about their efforts to address those challenges, consider what Congress is uniquely able to do to support such efforts, and how this makes a difference; and

- Show how US aid and intervention benefits the health and education of Palestinian children.

LOCATION: The purpose of travel to Jerusalem and the West Bank is to give senior Senate staff the opportunity to see the evolving facts on the ground, attend on-site meetings, and where possible, to hear from Palestinians and Israelis working together to keep neighborhoods standing and safeguard human rights.

Of Note: Holy Land Trust is the tour operator selected by Rebuilding Alliance to implement this fact-finding mission. Elias D'eis and Itamar Shappira are our Tour Guides.

Detailed Agenda LLM 5.0 Feb. 18-26 Sen. StaffDel

Overview

Sunday, February 19th: Arrivals (Overnight Nazareth)
- Introductions
- Meeting with Nazareth Rotary

Monday, February 20: Al Aqaba, Ramallah
- Al Aqaba Homes, Kindergarten, Women's Association
- Right to Enter, Ramallah
- Overnight Bethlehem

Tuesday, February 21: Jerusalem
- Haas Promenade
- Old City
- Meeting with the Sumreen Family
- Meeting with Jerusalem City Council Member Laura Wharton
- UNOCHA meeting
- Meeting with leaders from Parents Circle

Wednesday, February 22: Military Court Watch, Ofer Prison, Tel Aviv, Israeli NGOS
- Military Court Watch
- Ofer Prison
- US Embassy Tel Aviv Annex
- Meeting with Israeli NGOs (Israeli Politics, Threats to Civil Society, the 6)

Thursday, February 23 Al Aroub Camp & UNRWA, Hebron and South Hebron Hills, Masafer Yatta
- Al Aroub Camp and UNRWA
- Hebron tour incl. Tomb of Patriarchs and Ibrahimi Mosque
- Breaking the Silence Tour
- South Hebron Hills/Susiya
- Masafer Yatta Visit
- Evening Debrief and Discussion

Friday, February 24: Mondoweiss Journalist, Shireen Abu Akleh's Family, U.S. Embassy, Khan Al Ahmar
- Meeting with journalists: Mondoweiss
- Meet with Al Jazeera Legal Team/or Shireen Abu Akleh's Family
- US Embassy Jerusalem
- Al Khan Al Ahmar, Lunch & Kfar Adumim
- Dead Sea OR Synagogue/Shabbat in Jerusalem

Saturday, February 25: Bethlehem
- Church of the Nativity - Separation Wall
- Rachel's Tomb area
- Al Walajeh
- Farewell Dinner (Neve Shalom/Wahat al Salam)

2/19 Sunday: Arrivals	
12:00 Flights arrive	
12:30-14:30 Transfer people from Airport to Hotel	
14:30-16:30 Rest and settle in to room	
16:30- 18:30 Introductions	**What:** Orientation, Introductions, and get-to-know-you meeting of the Travelers, Constituents, and the Guides. Large group and small group discussion facilitated by the Holy Land Trust team at our Guesthouse in Nazareth. **Why**: This presentation is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Congressional staff's official duties because this is the overview that will provide the basis for understanding the trip as a whole. **Location:** St. Margaret Pilgrims House St. 6064 P. O.B 54024, Nazareth, Israel. **Tour Guide:** Elias D'eis, Exec. Director of HolyLand Trust (HLT) **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
18:00-19:30 Dinner at Hotel with Rotary Club of Nazareth and District Governor	**What:** The Future Governor of the Rotary Clubs of Israel for the year 2023-2024, Mr. Bashir Naseer, is from the Rotary Club of Nazareth. We would like to learn of his family's story and of the story of the other Palestinian families of Nazareth and how they were able to keep their homes after the war and destruction of 1948. We will also learn of his plans for engagement and cooperation to meet the needs of all sectors of Israel's society. Also, this Rotary Club was instrumental in pressing Rotary to reopen Rotary Clubs in the West Bank. **Why:** Throughout this trip, we will see the impact of divided populations — this is an important moment to learn about how people can and do work together. This visit and tour is relevant to the House staff's official duties because a key goal is to visit Palestinians and Israelis who work for peace and justice to understand the challenges they are facing, learn about their efforts including joint efforts to address those challenges, consider what Congress is uniquely able to do to support such efforts, and how this makes a difference **Speaker:** Bashir Naseer, 2023/24 District Governor Elect of the Rotary Clubs of Israel

	Location: St. Margaret Pilgrims House, Nazareth Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
Overnight at St. Margaret Pilgrims House, Nazareth	
2/20 Monday Al Aqaba and Ramallah	
07:30-8:00 Check-out of the hotel by all	
08:30-10:30 Transportation by minibus to Al Aqaba	**What:** Introducing the northern Jordan Valley area Why: The Jordan Valley is an area of strategic interest for the current Israeli Government, and settlements are weaved throughout. Members of the current Israeli Government have proposed annexing the Jordan Valley in order to create a security buffer for Israel. **Tour Guide:** Elias D'eis, LLM tour guide **Location:** Nazareth-Al Aqaba **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
10:30-11:30 Al Aqaba Village Tour starting at the kindergarten	**What:** This is the first Palestinian Village in Area C to issue its own building permits — and for the past 12 years, no demolition orders were issued against the new homes — that changed in January 2021, placing the whole village at risk of demolition and especially the homes under construction. In Nov. 2021, the High Court ruled that the families may stay in their home and required the Israeli Army to reconsider the boundaries of Firing Zone 900. The walking tour of Al Aqaba's kindergarten, tea factory, community park, goat cheese factory, and past the homes that were finished without demolition orders, will include the home that was demolished in January 2021. **Why:** This tour is relevant to the Senate staff's official duties because (1) it is important to see what a Palestinian village looks like when the village is allowed to thrive, (2) seeing this will allow Senate staff to consider how U.S. policy and aid can support the aspirations of Palestinian village who seek to stay on their land by preventing the demolition of Palestinian homes, schools, and neighborhoods. **Tour Guides:** Khaled Sawafta (Head of Village Council), Rawheye Alsbaih (Chair of the Rural Women's Association), Hisham Sbaih (Chair of the Al Aqaba Cooperative Assembly for Housing the

	Displaced & Head of Agricultural Association) Eng. Roba Daragmeh, Rebuilding Alliance **Location:** Al Aqaba Village **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
11:30-12:15 Meeting the family at Nedah's House	**What:** Rebuilding Alliance was instrumental in helping build the kindergarten and in 2011, we organized a design charrette to help villagers design and build their own homes. Rebuilding Alliance worked with the Al Aqaba Housing Cooperative to launch the Rebuilding to Remain home construction finance program, and we crowd-funded affordable loans for the construction of three homes. The people of the village have continued to build in accordance with their village-issued building permits and a remarkable town has taken shape — but a January 2022 High Court decision put the whole village at risk. RA is continuing its work with the Housing Cooperative and is financing the completion of 8 homes currently, some which are under the threat of demolition because such orders are never rescinded. This meeting is with Nedah and his family who are currently living in a home that still has a demolition order and a home RA helped build. **Why:** This home visit will allow Senate staff to consider how U.S. policy and aid can support the aspirations of Palestinian villages who seek to stay on their land by preventing the demolition of Palestinian homes, schools, and neighborhoods. Tour Guides: Rebuilding Alliance Engineer Roba Daraghmeh; 'Meeting with Nedah' Location: Al Aqaba home Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
12:15-13:00 Lunch at the Rural Women's Association Dining Room	
13:00-15:00 Transportation by minibus to Ramallah	**What:** Discussion of the upcoming meeting with Right to Enter. **Tour Guide:** Elias D'eis, LLM tour guide **Location:** Al Aqaba-Ramallah **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
15:00-17:00 Meet with Right to Enter Group	**What:** The Government of Israel unilaterally denies Americans entry or return to the West Bank and Gaza via the international Israeli borders at Ben Gurion Airport, Allenby Bridge, Sheikh Hussein Bridge, and Eilat. Most of those affected are spouses, children, parents

	and other close relatives of Palestinian ID holders. The policy affects entire families or individual members of families, like the father or the mother of minor children. As a result, families are torn apart, jobs or businesses lost and personal property becomes inaccessible. The practice applies to people with and without Palestinian or Arab origins, and to those with and without local family relations. In addition to families, affected groups include professionals and academics who are in the oPt for teaching, research, the arts, business, visiting or volunteering their services. The Right to Enter Campaign emerged in response to an escalation of entry denials and restrictions in 2006. RTE concentrates its efforts on monitoring developments on the issues of 40,000 families affected by the current Israeli policy that denies entry to foreign passport holders to the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) and advocates on their behalf. **Why:** Rebuilding Alliance aims to explore how peace can be achieved through equal treatment of Palestinians and Israelis. These discriminatory laws and policies targeting foreigners, including Americans should be of major concern to Congress because the U.S is reviewing a request by the Government of Israel to participate in the US Visa Waiver program — this discriminatory policy is inconsistent with the terms and conditions of the US Visa Waiver program. **Speakers:** Adv. Helena Van Roosbroeck **Location:** Darna Restaurant, Ramallah **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
17:00-18:30 Transit by minibus to Bethlehem	
18:30-19:00 Check in to new hotel and rest	
19:00-20:45 Dinner at the Tent Restaurant, Beit Sahour	
Overnight at the Holy Family Hotel, Bethlehem	

2/21 Tuesday: Jerusalem and West Bank Overview, Old City, Neighborhoods, UN	
07:45-8:45 Transportation by bus to Haas Promenade	
8:45-9:45 Haas Promenade, view over Jerusalem	**What:** Overview of Jerusalem's evolution as a center point in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, including the 1948 Green Line, the 1967 conquests, East Jerusalem and West Bank annexations, Jewish neighborhoods/settlements, Palestinian neighborhoods, and discussion of civil status in the city of Jerusalem. Speaker will use maps of the Old City and Jerusalem area to explain historical and geopolitical reality and changes in the city. **Why:** This presentation is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Congressional Staff's official duties because it is providing the Staff with the base of information that they will need and draw upon throughout the remainder of the trip. **Presenter:** Itamar Shapira, LLM tour leader **Location:** Jerusalem's Haas Promenade, Daniel Yanofsky Street, Jerusalem, Israel **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
09:45-10:00 Transportation by bus to Damascus Gate for Old City Tour	
10:00-12:15 Guided walking tour of Old City, Jerusalem	**What:** Entry via Damascus Gate. This will include an overlook of the Wailing Wall, the Dome of the Rock and Al Aqsa Mosque, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Ecce Homo cisterns/roof top view, and other significant religious, historical, and cultural sites and neighborhoods to help Congressional staffers and constituents begin to understand the varied aspirations of Palestinians and Israelis and provide a better understanding of what the New York Times calls, "a distinctly 20th century story, with roots in colonialism, nationalism, and anti- Semitism." **Why:** A major objective is to provide the Congressional staff with an understanding of the history of the area leading up to the current conditions. Any discussion of that history must include the historical sites in the Old City of Jerusalem. **Tour Guide:** Itamar Shapira, LLM tour guide **Location:** Old City of Jerusalem

	Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
12:15-12:30 Walk from Dung Gate to Sumreen Home, Silwan	
12:30-13:15 Participants will have a catered lunch in the family's gated courtyard and meet with the family and many of the Israeli Jewish groups that have been advocating to save their home	**Location:** Sumreen Family home, Silwan neighborhood of East Jerusalem
13:15-14:15 Meeting the Sumreen Family and representatives of the Sumreen Coalition	**What:** Meeting will update the delegation and provide background on the case of the Sumreen family; will also introduce members of the coalition of Jewish groups that worked together to save the family home. **Why:** The coalition exemplifies various groups coming together and working to save a home- starting small, with one home, but that home being very important to that family. This will serve as an introduction to some of the advocacy work RA has undertaken. **Presenters:** Amal Sumreen, Ahmed Sumreen, Rabbi Arik Ascherman- Torat Tzedek, Moshe Silver- Seek Peace Jerusalem **Location:** Silwan, Sumreen family home **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
14:15-14:45 Transit by minibus to City Hall Courtyard	
14:45-15:45 Meeting with Jerusalem city Council member Dr. Laura Wharton	**What:** Dr. Wharton has been one of the only advocates for fair housing on the Jerusalem City Council. She will discuss topics including issues related to home demolition orders and planning policies in the area in Jerusalem- with a specific focus on East Jerusalem. **Why:** One of the goals of the trip is to understand planning issues in Jerusalem and how the system does not work for all of the people of Jerusalem. Dr. Wharton, an ally of the Palestinian communities in Jerusalem, exemplifies what it means to "cross the aisle" and is a model of cooperation and of diverse communities coming together in Jerusalem to find solutions that will lead to a prosperous and thriving Jerusalem for all.

	Presenter: Dr. Laura Wharton, Jerusalem City Council member **Location:** Her office, Jerusalem Municipality, Jaffa Road **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
15:45-16:15 Minibus to UNOCHA Office	
16;15-18:00 UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) Meeting	**What:** Discussion of the humanitarian need and relief required in the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza, and possible underlying reasons for this ongoing crisis. **Why:** A major goal of our fact-finding tour is to show the Senate Staff how US aid benefits the health and education of Palestinian children — to do this, they will need to understand the depth of the humanitarian crisis and its reasons in the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza. **Presenter:** Andrea DeDomenico, Special Assistant to the Humanitarian Coordinator (UNOCHA) **Location:** UNOCHA Office, East Jerusalem **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
18:00-18:45 Minibus to Beit Sahour meeting with community leaders Rami Elhanan and Bassem Aramin	
18:45-20:15 Meeting with Rami Elhanan and Bassem Aramin	**What:** Meeting with community leaders and members of the organization Parents Circle Families Forum, Bassem and Rami. "Parents Circle" is a group of bereaved families who have lost loved ones to the cycle of violence related to the Israeli Occupation and conflict. **Why:** Meeting with leaders in the Israeli and Palestinian Communities who are working towards a just and peaceful solution, building bridges and crossing cultural and societal boundaries, is essential. Rebuilding Alliance has brought both Rami and Bassem to the U.S. for speaking tours and is helping to do so again in 2023. **Presenters:** Rami Elhanan and Bassem Aramin **Where:** Meeting space in Beit Sahour

	Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
20:15-20:30 Minibus back to hotel in Bethlehem	
20:30-21:00 Dinner at hotel	
Overnight Holy Family Hotel, Bethlehem	
2/22 Wednesday: Ofer Prison, U.S. Embassy Annex, Tel Aviv, Israeli NGOs	
07:45-08:30 Breakfast	
08:30-10:15 Presentation by Military Court Watch at Hotel	**What:** Military Court Watch will introduce their work to the delegation, and prepare them with context and background information to their visit to Ofer Prison. **Why:** Because the key goal of this LLM is to explore how the peaceful aspirations of all can be furthered when Palestinians and Israelis both enjoy equal rights, it is important for Congressional staff to observe this separate, unequal form of juvenile justice. **Presenters:** Gerard Horton and Salwa Duiabis, Military Court Watch **Location:** Meeting room in the Holy Family Hotel, Bethlehem Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity
10:15-11:00 Transportation by bus to Ofer Military Prison	
11:00-13:30 Observation of court proceedings	**What:** Observation of court proceedings for cases of Palestinian child prisoners. Military Court Watch (MCW)'s work is guided by the basic principle that children detained by the Israeli military authorities are entitled to all the rights and protections guaranteed under international law. Further, and in accordance with the principle that no State is permitted to discriminate between those over whom it exercises penal jurisdiction, there is no legal justification for treating Palestinian and Israeli children differently under Israel's military and civilian legal systems. In accordance with these principles, MCW advocates, and where appropriate, litigates, to ensure that all children that come in contact with the military legal system are treated fairly and in accordance with the law.

	Why: Because the key goal of this LLM is to explore how the peaceful aspirations of all can be furthered when Palestinians and Israelis both enjoy equal rights, it is important for Senate staff to observe this separate, unequal form of juvenile justice. **Tour Guides:** Gerard Horton, Salwa Duabis Military Court Watch **Location:** Ofer Military Court, just outside the Palestinian town of Beitunia **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
13:30-15:15 Lunch/Transit en route to Tel Aviv	
15:15-15:30 Security to enter US Embassy - Tel Aviv Annex	**Location:** U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv Annex, Tel Aviv **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
15:30-16:30: Meeting with Political Counselor, U.S. Department of State, US. Embassy Jerusalem-Embassy Branch Office Tel Aviv	**What:** Meeting with a Political Counselor at the U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv Branch **Why:** Discussing the structure of the U.S. Embassy and State Dept. presence in the region and why there are different entities to deal with the Israeli and Palestinian governments. We will have just come from visiting Ofer Prison with Military Court Watch, amongst many other visits. The group will have an opportunity to ask questions regarding official U.S. policies in the region. **Presenter:** Mark Rosenshield, Deputy Political Counselor **Location:** U.S. Embassy Branch Office, Tel Aviv **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity
16:30-17:00 Transportation by minibus to meet with Israeli NGOs and Advocates, Tel Aviv	
17:00-18:30 Meeting with Israeli NGOs and Advocates	**What:** Meeting with Israeli attorneys and advocates for a discussion of the shift in Israeli politics due to the recent election, and what that means for Israelis and Palestinians. One of the discussion topics will center on Palestinian civil society and the recent designation of 6 key Palestinian human rights groups as illegal - this designation was made in October 2021 and has no merit for most of the international community. Solutions for how to continue to support Palestinian civil

	society will be discussed. Speakers will present an overview of history, policies, and what has led to the current crisis. **Why:** This is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Senate staff's official duties because one of the goals of our trip is to meet groups working towards peace. Meeting Israelis who work and advocate on behalf of Palestinians is part of this. For peace and stability to be achieved, Palestinian civil society must be supported and strengthened. **Presenter:** Adv. Michael Sfard, Yesh Din, and Dr. Hassan Jabareen, Adalah- the Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel **Location:** "Partners & Co, A Space For Lawyers" in Tel Aviv **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity
18:30-20:30 Transit by minibus back to Bethlehem	
20:30-21:00 Dinner at Hotel	
Overnight at Holy Family Hotel, Bethlehem	
2/23 Thursday: Al Aroub Camp/UNRWA, Hebron, then South Hebron Hills/Masafer Yatta	
07:00-07:45 Early Breakfast at Hotel	
07:45-8:30 Transportation by bus to Al Aroub Camp, UNRWA Meeting	**What:** Tour of camp will introduce staff to realities of life in a refugee camp. Meeting will describe the scope and scale of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugee (UNRWA)'s food, education, and emergency operations in the West Bank, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Israel, and Gaza. Senate staff will learn about the refugee crisis, building on the overview of the history of refugees and the U.N. that will be part of the Monday discussion with UNOCHA. There will be time for questions and answers. **Why:** Palestinian refugees in the West Bank number close to 1 million. Many still live in very difficult conditions and are supported by UNRWA. Understanding the situation that Palestinian refugees face is crucial for Senate staffers because of the sheer numbers of refugees and their involvement in the peace process as an issue left to final status negotiation. Critical for understanding how U.S. aid to UNRWA is used to provide services for Palestinian refugees.

	Presenter: UNRWA Staff Location: Al Aroub Refugee Camp, Hebron District Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
10:00-10:30 Transportation by bus to Hebron	
10:30-12:30 Tour of Hebron with Breaking the Silence	**What:** The issue of Palestinian homes being taken over by Israeli settlers is prevalent in Hebron. An understanding of the city will help the delegation learn what this means for Palestinian homeowners and shopkeepers. The delegation will also visit the Ibrahimi Mosque and other historical sites of importance. **Why:** A major objective is to provide the Senate Staff with an understanding of the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict leading to the current conditions and any discussion of that history must include discussion of the historical sites and current conditions in Hebron, as well as the unique history of settlements in the city. **Presenter:** Breaking the Silence staff **Location:** Hebron **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
12:30-13:15 Transit from Hebron to COMET-ME Office	
13:15-14:15 Meeting with COMET-ME	**What:** Meet with Comet-ME, an Israeli- Palestinian organization providing basic energy and clean-water services to off-grid communities using environmentally and socially sustainable methods. They facilitate the social and economic empowerment of some of the poorest and most marginalized communities in the occupied Palestinian territories through the installation of renewable-energy and clean- water systems, along with the provision of reliable maintenance, monitoring, and management. Tour of the solar cells in Susiya. **Why:** Two key goals of this Leadership Learning Mission 5.0 are to: - Help develop Palestinian homes, schools, water systems, and communities, especially in at-risk neighborhoods; and - Visit Palestinians and Israelis who work for peace and justice to understand the challenges they are facing, learn about their efforts including joint efforts to address those challenges, consider what

	Congress is uniquely able to do to support such efforts, and how this makes a difference. This discussion addresses both objectives. **Presenters:** Asmahan Simry - deputy manager and outreach coordinator and Waseem al- Ja'bari – operations manager, **Location:** Village of Susya, next to their solar cells and storage **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
14:15-14:45 Transit from COMET-ME to Susiya	
14:45-15:15 Lunch in Susiya	
15:15-16:00: Overview of the history of the Palestinian village of Susiya walking tour	**What:** Overview of the history of the Palestinian village of Susiya. In 2013, the Sub-Committee for Planning and Licensing of the Civil Administration's Supreme Planning Council rejected the village's proposed master plan stating that the "women and children would be better off living somewhere else." In 2015, Israel's High Court decided that the Palestinian Village of Susiya can be demolished before its case is even heard, and the case is still pending. We'll hear their story and learn of their aspirations to see the recognition of their master plan and live and build their future on their land without fear of demolition. **Why:** A key goal of this LLM is to consider the implications and impact of Israeli control of building and planning rights in Jerusalem and the West Bank and explore ways to prevent the demolition of Palestinian homes, schools, barns, and neighborhoods. **Presenters:** Nasser Nawaja, spokesperson of the Susiya Village Council and B'Tselem Regional Staff, Fatma Nawaja - head of Susiya Rural Women's Association and Social Worker with Rebuilding Alliance **Location:** Rural Women's Center, Susiya **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
16:00-16:45: Meet Nidal Younis, Masafer Yatta Village Council Head	**What:** Masafer Yatta region is currently designated as Firing Zone 918. Despite having inhabited the area for generations, 12 villages are facing eviction and demolition in this area. These actions are widely perceived as a preliminary to Israeli seizure of the land. A pivotal court case holds their fate in the balance. **Why:** A core goal of the trip is to consider the implications and impact of Israeli control of building and planning rights in the West Bank and

	explore successful ways to prevent the demolition of Palestinian homes, schools, water systems, and neighborhoods. **Presenter:** Nidal Younis, Head of Masafer Yatta Villages Council **Location:** Susiya **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
16:45-17:45 Transit to Masafer Yatta villages and visiting a home in the area	**What:** The drive will provide a sense of the cost to these communities of the Firing Zone areas. The delegation then travels to the Palestinian Bedouin village of Umm Al Kheir, immediately adjacent to the Israeli settlement of Carmel, and goes into Masafer Yatta to visit one of the homes that is inside of a cave, as the people there have been living in this unique way for generations. **Why:** This is relevant to the mission of the trip and the staff's official duties because it shows the challenges of settler incursion into village lands and the impact of discriminatory planning regimens and the prospect of the forcible transfer of the civilian population of Masafer Yatta. **Presenter:** Nidal Younis/Eid Suleiman, artist, activist, and staff to Rebuilding Alliance, a resident of Umm Al Kheir who presented to Congress in 2017 and 2018 **Location:** Masafer Yatta **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
17:45-19:00: Transit back to hotel	
19:00-20:30 Dinner at the hotel	
20:30-21:30 Discussion and Debrief on the day's agenda	
Overnight at the Holy Family Hotel, Bethlehem	
2/24 Friday: US Embassy, Journalist Safety, Khan al Ahmar, Kfar Adumim, Dead Sea	
07:00-8:00 Breakfast at the Hotel	
08:15-09:30 Meeting with journalist Yumna Patel, Oak	**What:** Journalism has long been a dangerous profession in conflict areas. The issue of journalist safety and threats to journalism in Israel and the West Bank have come to the forefront of news, even in the United States, as Shireen Abu Akleh was killed by an Israeli soldier and

	she is an American citizen. Yumna lives in the West Bank and covers events there, and she is also an American citizen and has an important perspective on this issue. **Why:** According to Reporters Without Borders, 35 journalists have been killed in the Occupied Palestinian Territories by the Israeli military since 2000. Meeting with Yumna Patel starts an important conversation about freedom of the press and the risks journalists take when reporting on the Occupation. **Presenter:** Yumna Patel, Mondoweiss **Location:** Meeting room at Holy Family Hotel, Bethlehem **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
09:30-10:15 Transportation bu minibus to meet with the family of Shireen Abu Akleh in Beit Hanina	
10:15-11:15 Meeting with Shireen Abu Akleh's Family	**What:** A meeting with the late American Journalist Shireen Abu Akleh's Family will prompt the larger discussion of journalist safety. Threats to journalism in Israel and the West Bank have come to the forefront of news since All investigations, including that by the Israeli military, confirm that Shireen Abu Akleh was killed by an Israeli soldier. The Leahy Law requires a response for any gross violation of human rights and should especially apply in this case because the victim is American. **Why:** According to Reporters Without Borders, 35 journalists have been killed in the Occupied Palestinian Territories by the Israeli military since 2000. The U.S. State Dept. has visited the Abu Akleh family and offered condolences. A Congressional letter to the State Dept. and the FBI calls for an American investigation, since Israel announced they won't investigate further. An FBI investigation is underway. **Presenter:** Anton and Lina Abu Akleh **Location**: The Abu Akleh home, Beit Hanina **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
11:15-12:00 Transportation by bus to the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem	

12:00-12:15 Clear Security check at the U.S. Embassy, Jerusalem	**Location:** U.S. Embassy, Jerusalem Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity
12:15-14:00: Meeting at the U.S. Embassy	**What:** Meeting with PAU Head George Noll and/or team at the U.S. Embassy. This meeting will include a discussion about the State Department's role in Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza. Congressional staff and guests will have the opportunity to ask questions about the "on the ground" operating environment. **Why:** This 'off the record' discussion is relevant to the Senate staff's official duties because the U.S. Embassy will present the official U.S. policy on the many topics of special interest to the delegation including discussions we held earlier in the week: East Jerusalem and Palestinian Area C planning issues, human rights, child detentions, Gaza aid, Israel and Palestinian safety and security, prospects for return of confiscated portable school classrooms, and hope for peace agreements. **Presenter:** Lourdes Lamela, Acting Chief of OPA and Kris Fresonke, OPA Acting Political Counselor **Location:** U.S. Embassy annex, Jerusalem, 18 Agron Road **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
14:00-14:30 Minibus to Khan Al Ahmar	
14:30-15:00 Intro and Lunch at Khan Al Ahmar	
15:00-15:45 Meet Abu Khamis, spokesperson for Khan Al Ahmar	**What:** Khan Al Ahmar, a Bedouin community standing between Jerusalem and the E1 corridor/Maale Adumim settlement bloc, has long been threatened with forced displacement. This village, which predates the settlements around it, is one of the last Palestinian villages standing in the way of connecting the massive Maale Adumim settlement bloc to Jerusalem. Our meetings are with local leaders and residents to discuss the history of the area, the current legal standing of the court case filed against the community pressing for relocation, the recurring attacks by some of the settlers who live in the neighboring Kfar Adumim, and the efforts by other Kfar Adumim settlers to keep them safe. **Why:** E1 refers to the area between Jerusalem and the Maale Adumim- a massive bloc of settlements outside Jerusalem and in the West Bank. The small Bedouin community of Khan Al Ahmar has been at the

	center of court cases in Israel for years, with the State wanting the community evacuated, and moved elsewhere. They say it is for the community's own good, but the skeptics say it is to remove the final barrier to making Maale Adumim part of the Greater Jerusalem area and Israel proper. This area has received much international support from Europe and the U.S., which has helped keep it standing for now. **Presenter:** Eid Abu Khamees **Location:** Khan Al Ahmar **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activities.
15:45-16:30 Discussion with Dr. Dan Turner regarding Kfar Adumim	**What:** Meeting with a local leader from the settlement nearby to Khan Al Ahmar, Kfar Adumim **Why:** This is relevant to the mission of the trip because one of the things that our program is exploring is ways that various groups, from both sides, are able to come together to work towards peace. Contrary to the overriding narrative, there are some Israelis living in Israeli settlements who are working to help ensure that their Palestinian neighbors are able to stay on their land. Khan Al Ahmar, long a community facing court cases and potential displacement, is one such community. Some of the Israelis in Kfar Adumim speak out to keep Khan Al Ahmar standing. **Presenter:** Dr. Dan Turner **Location:** Khan Al Ahmar **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity
16:30-17:15 Minibus to Dead Sea	
17:15-19:15 Free Time and Debrief at the Dead Sea	
19:15-20:15 Minibus back to the hotel in Bethlehem	
20:15-20:45 Dinner at the Hotel	
Overnight at Holy Family Hotel, Bethlehem	
02/25 Saturday: Bethlehem, Church of Nativity, Separation Wall, Al Walajeh, Farewell Dinner in Neve Shalom/Wahat al Salam, Departures	

07:45-8:45 Breakfast and Check-out of the hotel	
08:45-9:00 Walk to the Church of Nativity down the street	
9:00-10:45 Walking Tour of Nativity Church, Bathlehem's Old City, Manger Square	**What:** Walking tour of the Old City area of Bethlehem- to include Manger Square and the Church of the Nativity. The Church of the Nativity is the oldest site continuously used as a place of worship in Christianity, and the basilica, dating back to 325/26 is the oldest major church in the Holy Land. **Why:** "This presentation is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Congressional staff's official duties because it meets one major goal of this trip: to provide participants with an understanding of the history of the region which must include religious sites. **Location:** Manger Square, Bethlehem **Tour Guide:** Sana Sansour, HLT Tour Guide **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
10:45-12:15 Bus to Rachel's Tomb Area on the Bethlehem side of the Wall, tour of the Wall area	**What:** A look at the wall and the area around Rachel's Tomb (inaccessible from the Bethlehem side), a site that is important for both Palestinians and Israelis but that is now almost entirely encircled by the wall- and accessible only to Israelis. This visit includes a walk along the separation wall and an introduction to the geo-politics of the Bethlehem area. Why: The separation wall has been called a security measure by some and a land grab by others. It has long been controversial due to its route- which cuts deep into Palestinian territory and separates Palestinian communities. **Why:** One of the missions of this trip is to discuss barriers to peace and the separation wall has long been considered by the Palestinians to be an Israeli attempt to create more facts on the ground, and to include as much Palestinian land on the Israeli side as possible. **Presenter:** Said Zarzar, HLT Tour Guide **Location:** Bethlehem **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity
12:15-13:15 Lunch at 'Memories of Bethlehem' Restaurant	

13:15-14:00 Drive to Al Walajeh Village	
14:00-15:00 Al Walajeh Village Council's tour of town	**What:** Al-Walajeh provides a unique introduction to the administrative and military "areas" of the West Bank, as portions of the village are located in Areas B, and C. The village also is an example of the impact of vast settlement blocs on Palestinian villages in the area. Home demolitions are considered to be disruptive to the establishment of conditions that should lead to a future peace deal- and Al-Walajeh currently has large numbers of homes facing demolition. **Why:** This presentation is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Congressional staff's official duties because it addresses many of the issues that are seen to impact peace in the region; settlement takeover of Palestinian village lands, home demolitions, and discriminatory planning policies. Understanding these issues and seeing a village that is being impacted by them will give staff insight into the challenges faced by Palestinian communities on multiple fronts. **Location:** Al-Walajeh Village **Presenter:** Khader Al-Araj (mayor) and Ibrahim Al-Araj (attorney for the village). **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
15:00-16:00 Visit with Khaled Abu Khyara and his family whose demolished home was rebuilt	**What:** The Abu Khyara family had their home demolished in recent years. Our partner in the planning of this delegation, the Holy Land Trust, funded and assisted in the rebuilding of the family's home. **Why:** One of the goals of this delegation is to discuss the remedies to some of the issues in the area, and how those remedies can lead to a longer lasting peace. Organizations that are rebuilding demolished homes are working towards that goal. **Location:** Al-Walajeh Village **Presenter:** The Abu Khayra family **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activities.
16:00-17:30 Transportation by minibus to Neve Shalon/Wahat Al Salam	

17:30-19:30 Farewell Dinner and Discussion in Neve Shalom/Wahat Al Salam	**What:** Time to enjoy a good farewell dinner in warm surroundings and to reflect upon all that we have experienced on this trip. **Location:** Wahat al-Salam – Neve Shalom (WAS-NS) is a vil-lage of Palestinian and Jewish citizens of Israel ded-icated to building justice, peace and equality in the country and the region. Situated equidistant from Jerusalem and Tel Aviv-Jaffa, the community was established in 1970 by Fr. Bruno Hussar on land of the Latrun Monastery. It is a model of equality, mutual respect and partnership that challenges existing patterns of racism and discrimination as well as the continued conflict. The community has established educational institutions based on its ideals and con-ducts activities focused on social and political change. Many of the village members work in peace, justice and reconciliation projects. It has a population of 70+ families and will grow to 150 families.
19:30-20:30 Transit by minibus to Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport	
23:00-00:00 Flight out	

Rebuilding Alliance LLM 5.0 for Senate Staff Feb 18-26, 2023: Confirmed Travellers

Senate Office	First name	Last name	Staff Position	Reasons for Invitation
Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD)	Carleton	Atkinson	State Director	Mr. Atkinson's boss sits on several key Senate Committees, including the Finance Committee and the Foreign Relations Committee. He is also on the Subcommittee on the Near East, Central Asia, South Asia, and Counterrorism. The Senator is also deeply involved in human rights issues as they relate to foreign policy, including calling on the FBI to investigate the death of high profile Palestinian American Shireen Abu Akleh, whose family and colleagues we've met on previous delegations.These issues are closely related to Rebuilding Alliance's work, as we frequently engage with Senate Offices and offer them Zoom briefings. A key part of these briefings is constituent engagement, and we invite all of the Senator's constutents, as well as the State Director to these briefings. In his application to join this delegation, Mr. Atkinson also stated that his office is heavily engaged in issues impacting the region at the member level, while at the local level being engaged with communities with an eye on the region. He believes that this opportunity to visit the region and meet with local officials and community leaders would be invaluable and help gain a better understanding of the issues on the ground.
Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT)	Rob	Axson	State Director	Because constituent engagement is key to Rebuilding Alliance's briefings with Senate offices, we invite State Directors to all of our briefings and delegations. Mr. Axson is particularly interested in the need for partnerships and conflict resolution in Israel and the West Bank. He also believes that the cultural and religious ties people all over the world have to that region makes the importance of finding peace and cooperation all the more important for people everywhere. Much of this delegation is about exploring ways that the peaceful aspirations of all can be furthered when Palestinians and Israelis are treated equally and with dignity, and this topic is something Mr. Axson seems particularly interested in engaging with.

Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS)	Thomas	Brandt	Deputy Chief of Staff	Mr. Brandt's boss sits on the Senate Appropriations Committee, and this key Committee relates to some of the subject matter on this upcoming delegation, as one of our goals is to show how U.S. aid can further the peaceful aspirations of the Palestinian people. U.S. aid to Israel, particularly military aid, will also be examined. As Deputy Chief of Staff to Senator Moran, Mr. Brandt is always invited to attend Zoom briefings hosted by Rebuilding Alliance, and we have extended an invitation to him on our 2 staff delegations in 2022. He detailed his reasons for applying for this delegation, stating that he advises Senator Moran on policy issues related to global health, foreign relations, food security, and communications, and that Sen. Moran is a member of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and a member of the State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Subcommittee, as well as the Co-Chair of the Senate Hunger Caucus and a member of the NATO Observers Group. This mission will allow the staffer to see firsthand the medical, housing, food aid and education situation for Palestinian communities in Jerusalem and the West Bank. This will also be a good opportunity to meet and build strong relationships with staff, local leaders, and advocates who are also passionate about these issues and motived to drive change and help build a better future.
Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ)	Hanna	Mori	State Director	Ms. Mori's boss sits on the Foreign Relations Committee, and we have briefed Senator Booker's staff several times. Because constituent participation is a key part of Rebuilding Alliance's process of enaging with Senate offices to urge intervention for Palestinian homes, neighborhoods and skills, to keep them standing, we always invite State and District Directors to our Zoom briefings, and extend invitations to these staffers on our Leadership Learning Missions. In her application to join, Ms. Mori stated that this geopolitical issue is a matter of great importance to her office's work in NJ and DC, and in NJ, they have large Jewish, Palestinian, and Muslim communities. The West Bank is a major topic of interest to these large constituency groups that she regularly engages with, and she believes that this kind of trip will help to create personal connection to the area that will be useful to her and her office as she performs her duties.
*Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT)	Mark	Wait	Deputy Chief of Staff	As Dep. Chief of Staff to Senator Lee, Mr. Wait is always invited to our Zoom briefing series. Rebuilding Allianance has had much engagement with this office over the last few years, and their Chief of Staff was interested in attending our last delegation in 2022. Their office had multiple applicants, highlighting the importance of this issue to their boss and to their constituency.

* indicates waitlisted staffer

Dear Senate Ethics Committee,
Rebuilding Alliance invited the following staff to all Senate offices: Chief of Staff, Legislative Director, Senior Staff for Foreign Policy, State Director, and Communications Director, a total of 468 email invitations. We invited them in this way because each of their official duties do indeed require insight and understanding regarding this region. This is the same list that Rebuilding Alliance has been inviting to meet with Israeli and Palestinian experts on Zoom briefings with constituents. We do such Zoom briefings once or twice every month -- and these are not lobbying calls because this is never about legislation.

StaffFirstName	StaffLastName	StaffPreferred	Offices
Steve	Abbott	Steve	Staff for Sen. Collins (R-ME)
Jon	Abdnor	Jon	Staff for Sen. Thune (R-SD)
Craig	Abele	Craig	Staff for Sen. Graham (R-SC)
Jon	Adame	Jon	Staff for Sen. Blackburn (R-TN)
Charles	Adams	Charles	Staff for Sen. Risch (R-ID)
Dan	Adelstein	Dan	Staff for Sen. Rounds (R-SD)
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Changes to pre-approved itinerary

-Wednesday, February 22nd: In Hebron, instead of a Breaking the Silence Tour, our Israeli Guide took us through the H2 area, on a similar tour, as he was a co-founder of Breaking the Silence. Additionally, due to time constraints, we did not meet with the organization COMET-ME. After our Masafer Yatta tour, we stopped in the village of Umm Al Kheir, nearby.

-Friday, February 24th: The Mondoweiss journalist was unavailable, and we were unable to meet with Shireen Abu Akleh’s family due to time constraints. We visited Al Walajeh this day instead of on the 20th.

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Senate Staff Leadership Learning Mission 5.0 to Jerusalem and the West Bank
February 18-26, 2023

A constituent accompanied trip
with financial sponsorship by Rebuilding Alliance, an American 501(c)3 organization
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and the Rotary Club of South San Francisco Foundation

MISSION GOALS: The overall goal of this Leadership Learning Mission was to explore how the peaceful aspirations of all can be furthered when Palestinians and Israelis both enjoy the benefits of equal rights and how U.S. policy and aid can support those aspirations.

RELEVANCE TO OFFICIAL DUTIES: The Leadership Learning Mission offered senior Senate staff the opportunity to further their understanding of this region of the world and to learn the implications of American policies in the region, to better support constituents. This fact-finding trip:

- Provided participants with an understanding of the history of Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza leading to the current conditions;

- Considered the implications and impact of Israeli control of building and planning rights in East Jerusalem and the West Bank and explore successful ways to prevent the demolition of and help in the sustainable development of Palestinian homes, schools, water systems, and communities, especially in at-risk neighborhoods;

- Visited Palestinians and Israelis who work for peace and justice to understand the challenges they are facing, learn about their efforts to address those challenges, consider what Congress is uniquely able to do to support such efforts, and how this makes a difference; and

- Showed how US aid and intervention benefits the health and education of Palestinian children.

LOCATION: The purpose of travel to Jerusalem and the West Bank was to give senior Senate staff the opportunity to see the evolving facts on the ground, attend on-site meetings, and where possible, to hear from Palestinians and Israelis working together to keep neighborhoods standing and safeguard human rights.

Of Note: Holy Land Trust was the tour operator selected by Rebuilding Alliance to implement this fact-finding mission. Elias D'eis and Itamar Shappira were our Tour Guides.

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Detailed Agenda LLM 5.0 Feb. 18-26 Sen. StaffDel

Overview

Sunday, February 19th: Arrivals (Overnight Bethlehem for the entire week)

- Welcome Dinner

Monday, February 20: Orientation, Aida Camp, Bethlehem, Tent Restaurant, Parents Circle Leaders

- Orientation and Introductions
- Aida Camp with UNRWA
- Tour of Separation Wall and Rachel's Tomb Area
- Church of the Nativity and the Old City of Bethlehem
- Dinner at Tent Restaurant, Beit Sahour
- Meeting with leaders from Parents Circle

Tuesday, February 21: Jerusalem

- Hilltop view of Bethlehem
- Haas Promenade
- Jerusalem Old City tour
- Meeting with the Sumreen Family and Rabbi Arik Ascherman, Sumreen Coalition
- Meeting with Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI)
- UNOCHA meeting

Wednesday, February 22: Hebron and South Hebron Hills, Masafer Yatta

- Hebron tour incl. Tomb of Patriarchs and Ibrahimi Mosque, H1
- Tour of H2 area of Hebron, Shuhada Street
- South Hebron Hills/Susiya
- Masafer Yatta Visit
- Evening Debrief and Discussion

Thursday, February 23: Military Court Watch, Ofer Prison, Tel Aviv, Israeli NGOS

- Military Court Watch
- Ofer Prison
- US Embassy Tel Aviv Annex
- Meeting with Israeli NGOs (B'Tselem, Yesh Din, Gisha)

Friday, February 24: Al Walajeh, U.S. Embassy, Khan Al Ahmar (Overnight Bethlehem)

- Al Walajeh visit with families, recent home demolitions, home rebuilt
- Meeting with US Embassy Jerusalem, OPA and USSC teams
- Lunch at Al Khan Al Ahmar
- Visit to Kfar Adumim

Saturday, February 25: Ramallah/Right to Enter, Al Aqaba, Nazareth Rotary, Departures

- Ramallah meeting with Right to Enter
- Drive through the Jordan Valley to Al Aqaba Village
- Lunch in Al Aqaba Village and walk-through village to visit homes at risk of demolition
- Drive through the Jordan Valley to Nazareth in Israel
- Closing dinner with Nazareth Rotary Club, Rotary District Governor of Israel
- Evening Airport Departure

Sunday, February 26: Staffers arrive in the U.S.

2/18 Saturday: Departures	
-Robert Axson's flight departs Salt Lake City, UT at 12:50pm -Hanna Mori's flight departs Newark, NJ at 15:55	
2/19 Sunday: Arrivals	
9:55 Hanna Mori's flight arrives 16:40 Robert Axson's flight arrives	
9:55-12:00 and 16:30-18:30 Transfer delegation members from Airport to Hotel	
18:30-19:00 Rest and settle in to room	
19:00-20:30 Welcome Dinner and Introductions	**What:** Rebuilding Alliance and Holy Land Trust staff will host this dinner at the Holy Family Hotel so that the Senate staff and constituents, as well as tour guides and RA staff, can meet one another and go over any questions, practical matters, safety, and ground rules.

	Why: This time will be used to get to know one another and to give some practical orientation to the area in Bethlehem, as well as a brief overview of the agenda for the coming week. **Location:** Holy Family Hotel, Bethlehem **Speakers:** Donna Baranski-Walker and Matthew Walsh, Rebuilding Alliance; Elias D'eis and Itamar Shappira, Holy Land Trust Executive Director and Tour Guide, respectively **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
Overnight at Holy Family Hotel, Bethlehem	
2/20 Monday Orientation, Aida Camp, Bethlehem, Rachel's Tomb/Separation Wall, Al Walajeh	
07:00-07:45 Breakfast at Hotel	
07:45-08:00 Walk Across the street to Holy Land Trust Office (our partner and tour provider)	
08:00-09:30 Orientation and Introductions, at the Holy Land Trust Community Room	**What:** Orientation, Introductions, and get-to-know-you meeting of the Travelers, Constituents, and the Guides. Large group and small group discussion facilitated by the Holy Land Trust team at their centuries-old headquarters on Bethlehem's famous Star Street. **Why:** This presentation is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Congressional staff's official duties because this is the overview that will provide the basis for understanding the trip as a whole. **Location:** Holy Land Trust Center, Star Street, Bethlehem **Tour Guide:** Elias D'eis, Executive Director of HLT **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
09:30-10:00 Transit to Aida Camp, UNRWA Meeting	
10:00-12:00 Meeting with UNRWA, Aida Camp	**What:** Tour of camp will introduce staff to realities of life in a refugee camp. Meeting with UNRWA will describe the scope and scale of UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugee (UNRWA)'s food, education, and emergency operations in the West Bank, Jordan,

	Lebanon, Syria, Israel, and Gaza. Senate staff will learn about the refugee crisis, building on the overview of the history of refugees and the U.N. that will be part of the Monday discussion with UNOCHA. There will be time for questions and answers. **Why:** Palestinian refugees in the West Bank number close to 1 million. Many still live in very difficult conditions and are supported by UNRWA. Understanding the situation that Palestinian refugees face is crucial for Senate staffers because of the sheer numbers of refugees and their involvement in the peace process as an issue left to final status negotiation. Critical for understanding how U.S. aid to UNRWA is used to provide services for Palestinian refugees. **Presenter:** UNRWA Staff **Location:** Aida Refugee Camp, Bethlehem **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
12:00-13:15 Bus to Rachel Tomb Area on the Bethlehem side of the Wall, tour the Wall area	**What:** A look at the wall and the area around Rachel's Tomb (inaccessible from the Bethlehem side), a site that is important for both Palestinians and Israelis but that is now almost entirely encircled by the wall- and accessible only to Israelis. This visit includes a walk along the separation wall and an introduction to the geo-politics of the Bethlehem area. Why: The separation wall has been called a security measure by some and a land grab by others. It has long been controversial due to its route- which cuts deep into Palestinian territory and separates Palestinian communities. **Why:** One of the missions of this trip is to discuss barriers to peace and the separation wall has long been considered by the Palestinians to be an Israeli attempt to create more facts on the ground, and to include as much Palestinian land on the Israeli side as possible. **Presenter**: Said Zarzar, HLT Tour Guide **Location:** Bethlehem **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity
13:15-13:30 Transit to Afteem Restaurant, Manger Square, Bethlehem	

13:30-14:15 Lunch at Afteem Restaurant	
14:15-14:30 Walk across the street to the Church of the Nativity	
14:30-17:00 Walking tour of the Church of the Nativity and Bethlehem's Old City	**What:** Walking tour of the Old City area of Bethlehem- to include Manger Square and the Church of the Nativity. The Church of the Nativity is the oldest site continuously used as a place of worship in Christianity, and the basilica, dating back to 325/26 is the oldest major church in the Holy Land. **Why:** "This presentation is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Congressional staff's official duties because it meets one major goal of this trip: to provide participants with an understanding of the history of the region which must include religious sites. **Location:** Manger Square, Bethlehem **Tour Guide:** Sana Sansour, HLT Tour Guide **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity
17:00-17:15 Walk across the street back to Holy Family Hotel	
17:15-17:45 Rest/free time	
17:45-18:00 Transit to Tent Restaurant, Beit Sahour	
18:00-19:30 Dinner at Tent Restaurant	
19:30-19:45 Transit to Holy Land Trust Office	
19:45-21:15 Meeting with Parents Circle Leaders, at the Holy Land Trust Community Room	**What:** Meeting with Bassam Aramin and Rami Elhanan, community leaders of the Parents Circle - Families Forum (PCFF). PCFF is a joint Israeli-Palestinian organization of over 600 families, all of whom have lost an immediate family member to the ongoing conflict. Moreover, the PCFF has concluded that the process of reconciliation between

	nations is a prerequisite to achieving a sustainable peace. The organization thus utilizes all resources available in education, public meetings and the media, to spread these ideas. **Why:** Rami's thirteen-year-old daughter, Smadar, was the victim of suicide bombers; a decade later, Bassam's ten-year-old daughter, Abir, was killed by a soldier's rubber bullet. Together they use their grief to press for understanding and peace. Their story has been chronicled in Apeirogon: A Novel by Colum McCann. Meeting with leaders in the Israeli and Palestinian Communities who are working towards just and peaceful solutions, building bridges and crossing cultural and societal boundaries, is a key part of this Leadership Learning Mission. Rebuilding Alliance is working to bring Bassam Aramin and Rami Elhanan to the U.S. in the Fall of 2023 so that their story can reach policy-makers in Congress. **Presenters:** Rami Elhanan and Bassam Aramin **Where:** Holy Family Hotel, Bethlehem **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
21:15-21:30 Walk back across the street to Holy Family Hotel	
Overnight at the Holy Family Hotel, Bethlehem	
2/21 Tuesday: Jerusalem and West Bank Overview, Old City, Neighborhoods, UN	
07:00-07:45 Breakfast at hotel	
07:45-08:15 Transportation by bus to hilltop view over Bethlehem	
08:15-08:30 Hilltop view over Bethlehem	**What:** On the way out of Bethlehem, we stop at a pullout with a great view of Bethlehem, that looks in the direction of the UNRWA building from which we viewed the greater Bethlehem area the day before. This overview looks out over the wall, surrounding settlements, and what little is left of Palestinian land outside Bethlehem. **Why:** This overview is important for understanding the geo-political situation that is faced by the Bethlehem area, and understanding the impact of the Separation Wall and the settlements on this area, including being cut off from its historical ties to the city of Jerusalem.

	Presenter: Itamar Shapira, LLM tour leader **Location:** Outside Bethlehem, West Bank **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will cover officially-connected activity.
08:30-08:45 Transit by minibus to Haas Promenade, Jerusalem	
8:45-9:45 Haas Promenade, view over Jerusalem	**What:** Overview of Jerusalem's evolution as a center point in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, including the 1948 Green Line, the 1967 conquests, East Jerusalem and West Bank annexations, Jewish neighborhoods/settlements, Palestinian neighborhoods, and discussion of civil status in the city of Jerusalem. Speaker will use maps of the Old City and Jerusalem area to explain historical and geopolitical reality and changes in the city. **Why:** This presentation is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Congressional Staff's official duties because it is providing the Staff with the base of information that they will need and draw upon throughout the remainder of the trip. **Presenter:** Itamar Shapira, LLM tour leader **Location:** Jerusalem's Haas Promenade, Daniel Yanofsky Street, Jerusalem, Israel **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
09:45-10:00 Transportation by bus to Damascus Gate for Old City Tour	
10:00-12:30 Guided walking tour of Old City, Jerusalem	**What:** Entry via Damascus Gate. This walk will include an overlook of the Wailing Wall, the Dome of the Rock and Al Aqsa Mosque, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and other significant religious, historical, and cultural sites and neighborhoods to help Congressional staffers and constituents begin to understand the varied aspirations of Palestinians and Israelis and provide a better understanding of what the New York Times calls, "a distinctly 20th century story, with roots in colonialism, nationalism, and anti- Semitism." **Why:** A major objective is to provide the Congressional staff with an understanding of the history of the area leading up to the current conditions. Any discussion of that history must include the historical sites in the Old City of Jerusalem.

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	Tour Guide: Itamar Shapira, LLM tour guide **Location:** Old City of Jerusalem **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
12:30-12:45 Walk from Dung Gate to Sumreen Home, Silwan	
12:45-13:15 Participants will have a catered lunch in the family's gated courtyard and meet with the family and many of the Israeli Jewish groups that have been advocating to save their home	**Location:** Sumreen Family home, Silwan neighborhood of East Jerusalem
13:15-14:15 Meeting the Sumreen Family and representatives of the Sumreen Coalition	**What:** Meeting will update the delegation and provide background on the case of the Sumreen family; will also introduce members of the coalition of Jewish/Israeli groups that worked together to save the family home. **Why:** The coalition exemplifies various groups coming together and working to save a home- starting small, with one home, but that home being very important to that family. This will serve as an introduction to some of the advocacy work RA has undertaken. **Presenters:** Mrs. Amal Sumreen, the homeowner; Rabbi Arik Ascherman- Torat Tzedek, Rabbi Moshe Silver- Seek Peace Jerusalem, Ms. Rachel Scwartz- Ir Amim **Location:** Silwan, Sumreen family home **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
14:15-14:45 Transit by minibus to meeting with ACRI	
14:45-16:15 Meeting with Shira Livne, ACRI	**What:** The Association for Civil Rights Israel (ACRI) is the oldest and most influential civil and human rights organization in Israel. Founded in 1972, ACRI is the only NGO in Israel advocating across the broad spectrum of human rights and civil liberties for everyone living in Israel and in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. Their strategic focus areas include: social and economic rights, civil and political rights, Arab society, the Occupied Palestinian Territories, and migrants, refugees and statusless peoples.

	Why: This briefing will focus on an analysis of the new Israeli Government and the implications of the political shift to that of a far right majority in the Knesset. The far right is pushing for significant changes to the judicial and legal systems in Israel. Implications for both Israeli and Palestinian Society to be discussed. **Presenter:** Shira Livne, ACRI Unit Director, Human Rights in the Occupied Territories **Location:** Meeting Room at the Holy Land Hotel, East Jerusalem **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
16:15-16:30 Walk to nearby UNOCHA Office	
16;30-18:15 UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) Meeting	**What:** Discussion of the humanitarian need and relief required in the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza, and possible underlying reasons for this ongoing crisis. **Why:** A major goal of our fact-finding tour is to show the Senate Staff how US aid benefits the health and education of Palestinian children — to do this, they will need to understand the depth of the humanitarian crisis and its reasons in the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza. **Presenter:** Andrea DeDomenico, Special Assistant to the Humanitarian Coordinator (UNOCHA) **Location:** UNOCHA Office, East Jerusalem **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
18:15-19:15 Minibus back to hotel in Bethlehem	
19:15-20:00 Dinner at hotel	
Overnight Holy Family Hotel, Bethlehem	
2/22 Wednesday: Hebron, then South Hebron Hills/Masafer Yatta	
06:45-07:30 Early Breakfast at Hotel	

07:30-08:45 Transportation by bus to Hebron	
08:45-11:45 Tour of Hebron, H1 and H2 areas	**What:** Hebron is a city divided between Palestinians and Israeli settlers, with a heavy military presence. Palestinian homes and buildings are being taken over by Israeli settlers in Hebron and the major business district of Shuhada Street is closed. The delegation will visit Tomb of the Patriarchs and the Ibrahimi Mosque, the site of the 1994 massacre which led to the partitioning of both the building and the city itself. **Why:** A major objective is to provide the Senate Staff with an understanding of the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict leading to the current conditions and any discussion of that history must include discussion of the historical sites and current conditions in Hebron, as well as the unique history of settlements in the city. **Presenter:** Tariq Tamimi, Hebron Chamber of Commerce, Itamar Shappira, and an HLT guide who was himself a child survivor of the 1994 massacre **Location:** Hebron **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
11:45-12:30 Transit by minibus to village of Susiya	
12:30-13:15 Lunch in Susiya	
13:15-14:00 Overview of the history of the Palestinian village of Susiya, meeting local leaders	**What:** Overview of the history of the Palestinian village of Susiya. In 2013, the Sub-Committee for Planning and Licensing of the Civil Administration's Supreme Planning Council rejected the village's proposed master plan stating that the "women and children would be better off living somewhere else." In 2015, Israel's High Court decided that the Palestinian Village of Susiya can be demolished before its case is even heard, and the case is still pending. We'll hear their story and learn of their aspirations to see the recognition of their master plan and live and build their future on their land without fear of demolition. **Why:** A key goal of this LLM is to consider the implications and impact of Israeli control of building and planning rights in Jerusalem and the West Bank and explore ways to prevent the demolition of Palestinian homes, schools, barns, and neighborhoods.

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	Presenters: Nasser Nawaja, spokesperson of the Susiya Village Council and B'Tselem Regional Staff, Fatma Nawaja - head of Susiya Rural Women's Association and Social Worker with Rebuilding Alliance **Location:** Rural Women's Center, Susiya **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
14:00-14:30: Meet Nidal Younis, Masafer Yatta Village Council Head	**What:** Masafer Yatta region is currently designated as Firing Zone 918. Despite having inhabited the area for generations, 12 villages are facing eviction and demolition in this area. These actions are widely perceived as a preliminary to Israeli seizure of the land. A pivotal court case holds their fate in the balance. **Why:** A core goal of the trip is to consider the implications and impact of Israeli control of building and planning rights in the West Bank and explore successful ways to prevent the demolition of Palestinian homes, schools, water systems, and neighborhoods. **Presenter:** Nidal Younis, Head of Masafer Yatta Villages Council **Location:** Susiya **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
14:30-17:15: Transit to the Masafer Yatta village of Khallet al Dabeh , tour, and visiting the village school, then transit to Umm Al Kheir	**What:** The bumpy drive into the hills of the Masafer Yatta area will provide a sense of the cost to these communities when Israel's Military Firing Zone 918 was designated over their villages and land. The Khallet al Dabeh Elementary School is under demolition order. The delegation then travels to the Palestinian Bedouin village of Umm Al Kheir, immediately adjacent to the Israeli settlement of Carmel. **Why:** This is relevant to the mission of the trip and the staff's official duties because it shows the challenges of settler incursions into village lands, the impact of a military firing zone on populated areas, discriminatory planning regimens, and the prospect of the forcible transfer of the civilian population of Masafer Yatta under a May 2022 ruling by the High Court in a case that drew on for 23 years. **Presenter:** Nidal Younis: Head of the Masafer Villages Council; Eid Suleiman, artist, activist, and staff to Rebuilding Alliance, a resident of Umm Al Kheir who presented to Congress in 2017 and 2018 **Location:** Masafer Yatta: Khalet Al Dabeh, Um Al Kheir **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.

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17:15-19:15: Transit back to hotel	
19:15-20:00 Dinner at the hotel	
20:00-21:30 Discussion and Debrief on the day's agenda	
Overnight at the Holy Family Hotel, Bethlehem	
2/23 Thursday: Ofer Prison, U.S. Embassy Annex, Tel Aviv, Israeli NGOs	
07:45-08:30 Breakfast	
08:30-10:15 Presentation by Military Court Watch at Hotel	**What:** Military Court Watch will introduce their work to the delegation, and prepare them with context and background information to their visit to Ofer Prison. **Why:** Because the key goal of this LLM is to explore how the peaceful aspirations of all can be furthered when Palestinians and Israelis both enjoy equal rights, it is important for Congressional staff to observe this separate, unequal form of juvenile justice. **Presenters:** Gerard Horton and Salwa Duiabis, Military Court Watch **Location:** Meeting room in the Holy Family Hotel, Bethlehem Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity
10:15-11:00 Transportation by bus to Ofer Military Prison	
11:00-13:15 Observation of court proceedings	**What:** Observation of court proceedings for cases of Palestinian child prisoners. Military Court Watch (MCW)'s work is guided by the basic principle that children detained by the Israeli military authorities are entitled to all the rights and protections guaranteed under international law. Further, and in accordance with the principle that no State is permitted to discriminate between those over whom it exercises penal jurisdiction, there is no legal justification for treating Palestinian and Israeli children differently under Israel's military and civilian legal systems. In accordance with these principles, MCW advocates, and where appropriate, litigates, to ensure that all children that come in contact with the military legal system are treated fairly and in accordance with the law. **Why:** Because the key goal of this LLM is to explore how the peaceful aspirations of all can be furthered when Palestinians and Israelis both

	enjoy equal rights, it is important for Senate staff to observe this separate, unequal form of juvenile justice. **Tour Guides:** Gerard Horton, Salwa Duabis both of Military Court Watch **Location:** Ofer Military Court, just outside the Palestinian town of Beitunia **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
13:15-14:30 Lunch/Transit en route to Tel Aviv	
14:30-15:15 Coffee break near Embassy, Tel Aviv	
15:15-15:30 Security to enter US Embassy - Tel Aviv Annex	**Location:** U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv Annex, Tel Aviv **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
15:30-16:30: Meeting with Political Counselor, U.S. Department of State, US. Embassy Jerusalem-Embassy Branch Office Tel Aviv	**What:** Meeting with a Political Counselor at the U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv Branch **Why:** Discussing the structure of the U.S. Embassy and State Dept. presence in the region and why there are different entities to deal with the Israeli and Palestinian governments. We will have just come from visiting Ofer Prison with Military Court Watch, amongst many other visits. The group will have an opportunity to ask questions regarding official U.S. policies in the region. **Presenter:** Mark Rosenshield, Deputy Political Counselor **Location:** U.S. Embassy Branch Office, Tel Aviv **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity
16:30-17:00 Transportation by minibus to meet with Israeli NGOs and Advocates, office of Gisha, Tel Aviv	
17:00-18:30 Meeting with Israeli NGOs and Advocates	**What:** Meeting with Israeli attorneys and advocates for a discussion of the shift in Israeli politics due to the recent election, and what that means for Israelis and Palestinians. Three NGOS: Yesh Din, Gisha, and B'Tselem, will discuss their human rights work. One of the discussion topics will center on Palestinian civil society and the recent designation

	of 6 key Palestinian human rights groups as illegal - this designation was made in October 2021 and has no merit for most of the international community. Solutions for how to continue to support Palestinian civil society will be discussed. Speakers will present an overview of history, policies, and what has led to the current crisis. **Why:** This is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Senate staff's official duties because one of the goals of our trip is to meet groups working towards peace. Meeting Israelis who work and advocate on behalf of Palestinians is part of this. For peace and stability to be achieved, Palestinian civil society must be supported and strengthened. **Presenter:** Sarit Michaeli, B'Tselem; Shahid Fahoum, Yesh Din; Dana Mills, Gisha **Location:** Gisha Office, Harakevet St. 42, Tel Aviv **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity
18:30-20:00 Transit by minibus back to Bethlehem	
20:00-21:00 Dinner at Hotel	
Overnight at Holy Family Hotel, Bethlehem	
2/24 Friday: US Embassy, Journalist Safety, Khan al Ahmar, Kfar Adumim, Dead Sea	
07:00-8:00 Breakfast and check out of hotel	
08:00-08:30 Transit to Al Walajeh	
08:30-10:15 Tour of Al Walajeh Village with the village's lawyer	**What**: The Palestinian village of Al-Walajeh is located in Areas B, and C of the West Bank in the Bethlehem Governorate, near Jerusalem. The village's entire area, 18 km^2, is beyond the Green Line, but one third of its land on the northern side was annexed to Israel along with the rest of East Jerusalem and included in Jerusalem's municipal boundaries. As opposed to the rest of the Palestinian neighborhoods and villages that were annexed, Israel did not recognize the residents of Walajeh -- not even those who lived in the annexed part -- as residents of Jerusalem, and therefore almost all of the 2,500 residents of the village carry the orange identity cards of West Bank residents. The village also is an example of the impact of vast settlement blocs on

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	Palestinian villages in the area. Because the village is located between Jerusalem and the Gush Etzion Settlement block, large swaths of the village are facing demolition orders. During our visit, we were introduced to a single mother whose home was demolished just a few days earlier. **Why**: This presentation is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Congressional staff's official duties because it addresses many of the issues that are seen to impact peace in the region: Jerusalem and settlement takeover of Palestinian village lands, home demolitions, and discriminatory planning policies. This visit will give staff insight into the challenges faced by Palestinian communities on multiple fronts and explain why Senate intervention is needed to keep their town standing. **Location**: Al-Walajeh Village **Presenter:** Ibrahim Al-Araj (attorney for the village). **Assurance**: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
10:15-11:00 Meeting with the Abu Khayra Family, Al Walajeh	**What**: Entire neighborhoods of the village of Al Walajeh received demolition orders from the Government of Israel. The Abu Khyara family's home was demolished several years ago. Our partner in the planning of this delegation, the Holy Land Trust, funded and assisted in the rebuilding of the family's home. **Why**: One of the goals of this delegation is to discuss ways to stop demolitions and assure the future of this village. The village and the human rights groups that are rebuilding homes are working towards this goal. **Location**: Al-Walajeh Village **Presenter**: The Abu Khayra family **Assurance**: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activities.
11:00-11:45 Transportation by bus to the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem	
11:45-12:15 Clear Security check at the U.S. Embassy, Jerusalem	**Location:** U.S. Embassy, Jerusalem Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity
12:15-13:45: Meeting at the U.S. Embassy	**What:** Meeting with the Deputy Political Chief from the Office of Palestinian Affairs and the Chief of Staff and Senior Staff to the Office of United States Security Coordinator (**USSC**). This meeting will

	include a discussion about the State Department's role in Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza. Congressional staff and guests will have the opportunity to ask questions about the "on the ground" operating environment and the role of the USSC. **Why:** This 'off the record' discussion is relevant to the Senate staff's official duties because the U.S. Embassy will present the official U.S. policy on the many topics of special interest to the delegation including discussions we held earlier in the week: East Jerusalem and Palestinian Area C planning issues, human rights, child detentions, Gaza aid, Israel and Palestinian safety and security, settler violence, and hope for peace agreements. **Presenter:** Kris Fresonke, OPA Chief Political Officer; Col. Stephen Gabavics and Col. Angelica Martinez, USSC **Location:** U.S. Embassy annex, Jerusalem, 18 Agron Road **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
13:45-14:30 Minibus to Khan Al Ahmar	
14:30-16:00 Lunch meeting with Eid Abu Khamis, spokesperson for Khan Al Ahmar	**What:** Khan Al Ahmar, a Bedouin community standing between Jerusalem and the E1 corridor/Maale Adumim settlement bloc, has long been threatened with forced displacement. This village, which predates the settlements around it, is one of the last Palestinian villages standing in the way of connecting the massive Maale Adumim settlement bloc to Jerusalem. Our meetings are with local leaders and residents to discuss the history of the area, the current legal standing of the court case filed against the Khan al Ahmar community pressing for its relocation, the recurring attacks by some of the settlers, and the efforts by some Kfar Adumim settlers to keep them safe. **Why:** E1 refers to the area between Jerusalem and the Maale Adumim- a massive bloc of settlements outside Jerusalem and in the West Bank. According to Amnesty International, *"The E1 area currently provides a vital passage between the northern and southern West Bank. Should Israeli construction take place on this land, a continuous Israeli settler presence will be established from occupied East Jerusalem to the Jordan Valley, effectively cutting the West Bank in half and severing East Jerusalem from the remainder of the occupied West Bank."*

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	The small Bedouin community of Khan Al Ahmar has been at the center of court cases in Israel for years, with the State wanting the community evacuated, and moved elsewhere. They say it is for the community's own good, but the skeptics say it is to remove the final barrier to making Maale Adumim part of the Greater Jerusalem area and Israel proper. Khan al Ahmar has received international support from Europe and the U.S., which have helped keep it standing for now. **Presenter:** Eid Abu Khamees **Location:** Khan Al Ahmar **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activities.
16:00-16:15 Transit to Kfar Adumim	
16:15-17:15 Discussion with settler residents at their home in Kfar Adumim	**What**: Meeting with local leaders from the settlement nearby to Khan Al Ahmar, Kfar Adumim **Why:** One of the trip objectives is to visit Palestinians and Israelis who work for peace and justice to understand the challenges they are facing, learn about their efforts to address those challenges. Contrary to the overriding narrative, there are some Israelis living in Israeli settlements who are working to help ensure that their Palestinian neighbors are able to stay on their land. Khan Al Ahmar, long a community facing court cases and potential displacement, is one such community. Some of the Israelis in Kfar Adumim speak out to keep Khan Al Ahmar standing. **Presenters:** Ze'ev Elitzur, Eitan Lehman **Location:** One of the speaker's homes, Kfar Adumim **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity
17:15-19:00 Minibus to Angel Hotel, Beit Jala	
19:00-19:30 Check in and free time	
19:30-19:45 Transit to Dinner at Chester Restaurant, Beit Jala	
19:45-21:45 Dinner at Chester Restaurant, Beit Jala	

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21:45-22:00 Transit back to Angel Hotel	
Overnight at Angel Hotel, Beit Jala	
02/25 Saturday: Right to Enter in Ramallah, Al Aqaba, Rotary Nazareth, Departures	
06:30-07:45 Breakfast and Check-out of the hotel	
07:45-09:15 Transit to Ramallah	
09:15-10:45 Meeting with Right to Enter Group	**What:** The Government of Israel unilaterally denies entry or return to the West Bank and Gaza via the international Israeli borders at Ben Gurion Airport, Allenby Bridge, Sheikh Hussein Bridge, and Eilat. Most of those affected are Palestinian natives, spouses, children, parents and other close relatives of Palestinian ID holders. The policy affects entire families or individual members of families, like the father or the mother of minor children. As a result, families are torn apart, jobs or businesses lost and personal property becomes inaccessible. The practice applies to people with and without Palestinian or Arab origins, and to those with and without local family relations. In addition to families, affected groups include professionals, teachers, and academics who are in the oPt for teaching, research, the arts, business, visiting or volunteering their services. Most of these individuals have never overstayed their visitor's visas or breached any visiting regulations. **The Right to Enter** Campaign emerged in response to an escalation of entry denials and restrictions in 2006. RTE has concentrated its efforts on monitoring developments on the issues of 40,000 families (over half are American) affected by the current Israeli policy that denies entry to foreign passport holders to the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) and advocating on their behalf. **Why:** Rebuilding Alliance aims to explore how peace can be achieved through equal treatment of Palestinians and Israelis. These discriminatory laws and policies targeting foreigners, including American should be of major concern to Congress. The U.S is reviewing a request by the Government of Israel to participate in the US Visa Waiver program — this discriminatory policy is inconsistent with the terms and conditions of the US Visa Waiver program. **Speakers:** Ambar Amleh **Location:** Darna Restaurant, Ramallah

	Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
10:45-12:45 Transit to Al Aqaba	**What:** Introducing the northern Jordan Valley area **Why:** The Jordan Valley is an area of strategic interest for the current Israeli Government, and settlements are weaved throughout. Members of the current Israeli Government have proposed annexing the Jordan Valley in order to create a security buffer for Israel. Annexation of the West Bank or of particular areas of the West Bank by the Israeli Government is something that is of extreme concern for the United States. Annexation would almost certainly negate a two state solution. A two state solution is still the official platform of the United States, and learning about the issue of annexation in this area should be of particular relevance to Senate Staff's official duties. **Tour Guide:** Itamar Shapirra, LLM tour guide **Location:** Ramallah-Al Aqaba **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
12:45-13:45 Lunch at the Rural Women's Association, Al Aqaba	
13:45-15:15 Al Aqaba Village Tour	**What:** Al Aqaba Village is located in the West Bank's Area C inside Firing Zone 900. The Israeli Army stopped 30 years of live-firing training in the village in 2002 when the High Court arranged for their agreement to remove the Army training camp from the Village. Despite the deaths and injuries caused by live-fire training, the village always maintained a deep commitment to peace, inspired by their late Mayor. In 2008, the Israeli High Court decided that *'for the time-being the center of the village will remain standing.*' As a result this became the first Palestinian Village in Area C to issue its own building permits — and for 12 years, no demolition orders were issued against the new homes. That changed in January, 2022 when a new High Court decision placed the whole village at risk of demolition and especially the homes under construction. The walking tour of Al Aqaba will visit the community park, goat cheese factory, and the homes that had just recently, this week, been issued demolition orders, as well as the home that was demolished in January. Rebuilding Alliance helped the village build their kindergarten and has worked with their housing

	cooperative to pioneer a successful home construction revolving loan program. **Why*:*** This tour is relevant to the House staff's official duties because (1) it is important to see what a Palestinian village looks like when the village is allowed to thrive, (2) seeing this will allow Senate staff to consider how U.S. policy and aid can support the aspirations of Palestinian village who seek to stay on their land by preventing the demolition of Palestinian homes, schools, and neighborhoods, (3) the village needs Congressional intervention to encourage the Commanding Officer of the West Bank to visit as required by the High Court, to respond to the village's request to move the Firing Zone outside the boundaries of the village and to approve the village's Master Plan. **Tour Guide:** Khaled Sawafta (Head of Village Council), Rawheye Alsbaih (Chair of the Rural Women's Association), Hisham Sbaih (Chair of the Al Aqaba Cooperative Assembly for Housing the Displaced & Head of Agricultural Association) Eng. Roba Daragmeh, Rebuilding Alliance **Location:** Al Aqaba Village **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
15:15-17:00 Transit to Nazareth	
17:00-19:30 Farewell Dinner with Rotary Club of Nazareth	**What:** A closing dinner that allows our delegation to bring forward their observations and questions. The Future Governor of the Rotary Clubs of Israel for the year 2023-2024, Mr. Bashir Naseer, is from the Rotary Club of Nazareth. His Rotary Club was instrumental in pressing Rotary International to recharter the Rotary Clubs in the West Bank. The club members will be in attendance and they invited two guest speakers to join them: the District Governor of Rotary's Inner Wheel association, and a human rights advocate and winner of the Israel Prize. **Why:** Throughout this trip, we have seen the impact of divided populations — this is an important moment to learn about how people can and do work together. This visit and tour is relevant to the House staff's official duties because a key goal is to visit Palestinians and Israelis who work for peace and justice to understand the challenges they are facing, learn about their efforts including joint efforts to address those challenges, consider what Congress is uniquely able to do

	to support such efforts, and how this makes a difference. We will also get a unique perspective from Israelis of Palestinian descent, in Israel's largest Palestinian/Arab city. **Speaker:** Bashir Naseer, 2023/24 Incoming Governor of the Rotary Clubs of Israel; Nader Elias, President of the Nazareth Rotary Club **Location:** Blend Restaurant, near the Old City, Nazareth **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
19:30-22:00 Transit by minibus to Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport	
02/26 Sunday	
0:20 Hanna Mori Flight departs for Newark	
0:55 Robert Axson flight departs for Salt Lake City.	
9:40 Hanna Mori flight arrives in Newark	
11:30 Robert Axson flight arrives in Salt Lake City	

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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

February 10, 2023

Robert Axson
Office of Senator Mike Lee
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Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Axson:

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 Senate Staff Learning Trip to Bethlehem, Israel and the West Bank on February 18–26, 2023, sponsored by Rebuilding Alliance. Provided that you adhere to the guidance set forth below, it appears that it is permissible for you to accept necessary expenses from Rebuilding Alliance 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 a State Director in the Office of Senator Mike Lee. Rebuilding Alliance invited you to travel to the Senate Staff Learning Trip to Bethlehem, Israel and the West Bank on February 18–26, 2023. Rebuilding Alliance certified to the Committee that it will pay the necessary expenses[2] 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. Rebuilding Alliance has 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

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[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, Rebuilding Alliance 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]

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.**

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[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, Rebuilding Alliance's factual representations, it appears that it is permissible for you to accept necessary expenses from Rebuilding Alliance 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.