

RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building. **This form is a public disclosure. The form and all attachments will be made publicly available.**

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

Private Sponsor(s):
Israel Policy Forum

Travel Dates:
06/24/2023 to 07/01/2023

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
\$2,587.32	\$2,580.00	\$998.00	\$1,165.94

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.

7/25/2023

Date

Brett Kleiman
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.

7/25/2023

Date

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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	\$2,587.32	Due to over hours charge of extra programming and a separate airport run, transportation on ground cost \$477.95. This added to the approved \$2109.37 for flights, reflects the new total of \$2587.32.
Meals	\$998.00	Updated Meal Expenses (less than anticipated due to changing some restaurants as their private rooms became available and further price negotiations. All days are within per diem rates): 6/24 Dinner: 134 6/25 Lunch: 84 6/25 Dinner: 87 6/26 Lunch: 49 6/26 Dinner: 80 6/27 Lunch: 75 6/27 Dinner: 67 6/28 Lunch: 35 6/28 Dinner: 130 6/29 Lunch: 40 6/30 Dinner: 125 7/1 Lunch: 37 7/1 Dinner: 54
Misc. Expenses	\$1,361.01	Updated expenses to reflect real costs (including additional security due to situation on ground, etc.): \$32.27- Airport Assistance \$52.86- Security \$297.31- Meeting room rentals \$848.15- Speaker Fees \$11.08- Portage \$76.63- Tips \$42.71- Miscellaneous (printing, water, etc)

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Explanation: There were several changes to the itinerary due to changes in speakers availability, security concerns, and more. Below are changes, including total numbers of programming hours: June 25 (Total program hours 8:45): Instead of meeting with Dror Shalom, we met with MK Alon Schuster. This meeting took place from 9:00-10:00 am. Instead of meeting with MK Orna Barbivai, we met with Yair Zivan. This meeting took place from 12:30-2:00 pm. Instead of meeting with Amb. Dan Shapiro, we met with Tal Shalev. This meeting took place from 6:30-8:00 pm. There were several changes to the itinerary due to changes in speakers availability, security concerns, and more. Below are changes, including total numbers of programming hours: June 26 (Total program hours 10:00): Instead of meeting with Major General Majid Faraj, we met with Ibrahim Salameh. This meeting took place from 11:00 am-12:00 pm. Instead of meeting with Ibrahim Dalalsha, we met with Nada Majdalani. This meeting took place from 12:00-1:30 pm. We added a visit to the National Operations Center and the Ramallah Area Joint Operations Center where we met with Brig. Gen Mark Parsons and Brig. Gen. Amin Fawalaha. This meeting took place from 2:00-4:15 pm. Instead of meeting with Hashim Shawa, we met with Tamara Kleibo and Ambar Amleh. This meeting took place from 4:30-5:45 pm. Instead of meeting with Tal Shalev, we met with Ibrahim Dalalsha. This meeting took place from 6:00-8:00 pm. There were several changes to the itinerary due to changes in speakers availability, security concerns, and more. Below are changes, including total numbers of programming hours: June 27 (Total program hours 10:15): We added a meeting with Lt. Gen Michael Fenzel, from 8:00-9:30am. Instead of meeting Amjad Abu-Laban, we met with Adam Bouloukos, Mohammad Husain, and Jonathan Venet, from 10:15-11:30am. Instead of meeting Nadav Greenberg at the UN Observer Headquarters, we met him at Medita in Jerusalem from 1:00-2:15pm. Instead of meeting Dan Rothem, Neri Zilber spoke about the PASF on the drive to Jericho from 2:15-3:00pm. Instead of meeting Yisrael Gantz, we visited the Central Training Institute in Jericho with Col. Ed Kennedy from 3:00-4:30pm. Instead of touring settlements in the West Bank, we stopped at the Etz outlook from 5:00-5:30pm. Instead of meeting Lt. Gen. Fenzel, we had small group discussion dinners with Neri Zilber, Michael Koplow, and Aaron Weinberg from 7-9pm. There were several changes to the itinerary due to changes in speakers availability, security concerns, and more. Below are changes, including total numbers of programming hours: June 28 (Total program hours 9:15): Instead of meeting with Amy Tohill-Stull and Amy Southworth, we met with Amy Tohill-Stull and Jessica Zaman. This meeting took place from 9:00-10:30 am. Instead of meeting with George Noll, we met with Lourdes Lamela. This meeting took place from 10:30-11:30 am. Instead of meeting with Adi Soffer-Teeni and Gigi Levy-Weiss, we met with Michal Tzur and Gigi Levy-Weiss. This meeting took place from 2:00-3:00 pm. Instead of meeting with Yair Zivan, we met with Shahar Arieli of the Israeli MFA. This meeting took place from 4:45-6:00 pm. We did not meet with Tzachi Hanegbi from 5:30-6:30 pm. There were several changes to the itinerary due to changes in speakers availability, security concerns, and more. Below are changes, including total numbers of programming hours: June 29 (Total program hours 9:30): We added a tour of the Erez Crossing with Shlomo Tsaban from 10:00-11:00 am. Instead of meeting with Amir Tibon, we met with Mayor Ofir Libstein. This meeting took place from 1:00-2:00 pm. We met with Celine Touboul from 4:00-5:15 pm and added a meeting with Dan Rothem from 5:45-6:45 pm. Instead of meeting with Eyal Hulata, we met with Dan Halutz. This meeting took place from 7:15-8:45 pm. There were several changes to the itinerary due to changes in speakers availability, security concerns, and more. Below are changes, including total numbers of programming hours: June 30 (Total actual program hours 8:45): Instead of driving to the South Hebron Hills, we drove to Gush Etzion. This took place from 9:00-9:30 am. At Gush Etzion, we met with Bob Lang from 9:30-10:30. From 10:30-11:15, we drove to and toured the Mitzpor HaElef Overlook. Instead of touring the South Hebron Hills, we toured the city of Hebron from 11:45-1:30 pm. Instead of touring Hebron, we drove to the South Hebron Hills and visited Umm al-Khair. This took place from 2:00-3:15 pm. Instead of driving to

Gush Etzion, we toured the South Hebron Hills. This took place from 3:15-4:30 pm.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

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

Date/Time Stamp

6/15/23
3:08pm

Name of Traveler:

Brett Kleiman

Employing Office/Committee:

WARNOCK, RAPHAEL

Private Sponsor(s):

Israel Policy Forum

Destination(s):

Tel Aviv, Israel Jerusalem, Israel

Travel Dates:

06/23/2023 to 07/01/2023

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

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

As the Senator's lead communicator on foreign affairs, and in particular on Israel, the Palestinian Territories and the Middle East, learning more about the Israeli security situation and the Israeli/Palestinian conflict will be very helpful towards me better executing my role. Seeing the large amount of attention on the Israeli/Palestinian conflict receives in the media and the amount of press and speaking inquiries the Senator gets on this issue, it would be advantageous for me, as the lead press person and lead writer on Israel and the Palestinian Territories to have first hand knowledge of the situation, especially as it relates to US security/diplomacy interests.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip?

Name and Relationship to Traveler:

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(signify "yes" by checking box)

N/A

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

6/15/23

Date

Signature of Employee

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

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

Raphael Warnock

(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize

Brett Kleiman

(Print Traveler's Name)

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

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate.

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(signify "yes" by checking box)

6/15/23

Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Israel Policy Forum: IPF Staff Delegation 2023

 Brett Kleiman

Title:
Deputy Press Secretary

Employing Office/Committee:
WARNOCK, RAPHAEL

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON, DC

Destination(s):
Tel Aviv, Israel
Jerusalem, Israel

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

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

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
Israel Policy Forum

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

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
Public Charity

Address
355 Lexington Ave

Address 2 (Optional)
Public Charity

City, State Zip
New York, New York 10017 United States

Phone Number
8478482968

Organization URL
<https://israelpolicyforum.org/>

History of Congressional Travel

Congressional Senate and House Staff Delegation from August 13-21, 2022.

Educational Activities

IPF creates educational materials including research, graphics, podcasts, videos, internet publications, op-eds, and public events.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

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

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

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status:

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

Comments

Signature Page

The signature page is below.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

As Congressional staff, the participants advise their bosses on the issues being examined and addressed on this trip, including: the U.S.-Israel relationship, Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and U.S. policy related to the Middle East.

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

Israel Policy Forum shapes the discourse and mobilizes support among American Jewish leaders and U.S. policymakers for the realization of a viable two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that is consistent with Israel's security. This trip helps educate the staff of American policymakers about these issues.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

There are no grantmaking organizations.

With or Without Regard for Congressional Participation

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

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

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

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing

- ☒ The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- ☒ No funds or in-kind contributions were earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

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

- ☒ The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
- ☐ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip
- ☐ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip

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

- ☐ The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
- ☐ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip
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Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol

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

Invitees

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

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
06/23/2023 @ 10:50 PM



Trip End Date/Time:
07/01/2023 @ 09:55 AM

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Itinerary

The itinerary is below.

Transportation (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$2,513.22 | Accompanying Family Member: \$0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	\$2,109.37
Ground Transportation	Charter	\$403.85
Note Charter Coach Bus		

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$2,580.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
06/24/2023	06/26/2023	InterContinental David Hotel	Tel Aviv	None	Israel	2	\$450.00	No
06/26/2023	06/30/2023	Inbal Jerusalem	Jerusalem	None	Israel	4	\$420.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$1120.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
06/24/2023	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$110.00	Tel Aviv	None	Israel	No
06/25/2023	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$180.00	Tel Aviv	None	Israel	No
06/26/2023	\$0.00	\$65.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$165.00	Jerusalem	None	Israel	No
06/27/2023	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$130.00	\$0.00	\$180.00	Jerusalem	None	Israel	Yes

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
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Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason

We are very slightly over per diem rates (\$11) on this day because finding a private room in Jerusalem has proved difficult (given recent price increases) and added a great deal of cost to dinner. We are scheduled to have a sensitive discussion with a high-ranking U.S. official over dinner and want to make sure to have an adequate space.

06/28/2023	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$105.00	\$0.00	\$165.00	Jerusalem	None	Israel	No
06/29/2023	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$115.00	\$0.00	\$165.00	Jerusalem	None	Israel	No
06/30/2023	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$105.00	\$0.00	\$155.00	Jerusalem	None	Israel	No

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$1,165.94)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
Other (Airport Assistance)	\$36.92	
Other (Security)	\$20.79	
Other (Meeting room rental)	\$273.46	
Other (Speaker Fees)	\$726.93	
Other (Tips)	\$75.38	
Other (Miscellaneous (printing, water, etc))	\$32.46	

Additional Attachments**Document Name**

There are no additional attachments.

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

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

Trip Name: IPF Staff Delegation 2023

Travel Date(s): June 23 - July 2

Travel Destination(s): Israel

Sponsor: Israel Policy Forum

David A. Halperin
(printed name of sponsor representative)

Chief Executive Officer
(title)


(signature of sponsor representative)

May 15, 2023
(date)

List of Senate Invitees

Name	Title	Office
Andrew Hanna	Legislative/Policy Analyst	Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
Brett Kleiman	Deputy Press Secretary	Sen. Raphael Warnock

List of Estimated Other Costs

\$36.92- Airport Assistance
\$20.79- Security
\$273.46- Meeting room rentals
\$842.31- Speaker Fees
\$75.38- Tips
\$32.46- Miscellaneous (printing, water, etc)

ISRAEL POLICY FORUM

May 10, 2023

Brett Kleiman
Deputy Press Secretary
The Honorable Raphael Warnock
388 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Brett,

We are pleased to invite you to join a delegation of congressional staff to Israel and the West Bank for an educational trip sponsored by Israel Policy Forum. The trip will arrive in Israel on June 24 and depart on July 1—totaling seven days on the ground.

Israel Policy Forum aims to offer an educational experience that will deepen your knowledge of Israel's complex security needs given the realities on the ground and the current dynamics of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The trip will add to your understanding of the region and one of the most critical foreign policy issues for the United States. As Israelis and Palestinian struggle for their futures, we will explore the key issues in achieving a two-state outcome—including the role of the U.S. in the process.

The trip will include:

- Meetings with Israeli and Palestinian government officials and non-governmental experts, including leading academics and journalists
- Visits to Israel's border with Gaza and to Ramallah in the West Bank
- Briefings from former high-ranking Israeli security officials
- Security tours of the current situation on Israel's borders and in the West Bank

The delegation will provide a unique look into the serious challenges facing the region today and what is at stake in future actions by all parties—including the United States.

All trip related expenses will be paid for by Israel Policy Forum in compliance with Ethics Committee rules. Participants are responsible for submitting all forms, as well as a copy of this invitation to the Senate Select Committee on Ethics no later than 30 days prior to departure: the "Private Sponsor Travel Certification" form will be provided by Israel Policy Forum, and you must complete and submit a signed "Employee Pre-Travel Authorization" Form. Israel Policy Forum is committed to ensuring that all elements of the trip comply with all relevant congressional travel rules.

We hope that you will be able to join us for this important, insightful, and educational trip. If you have any questions, please contact Aaron Weinberg at aweinberg@ipforum.org or 847-848-2968.

Sincerely,

David A. Halperin
Chief Executive Officer
Israel Policy Forum

ISRAEL POLICY FORUM

IPF Congressional Staff Delegation June 23-July 1, 2023

Mission Goals: This delegation is intended to provide participants with an overview of the current contours of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict with a specific focus on the security issues that impact each side. We will speak with Israeli and Palestinian policymakers and security officials and see firsthand the situation on the ground to gain an understanding of the challenges that both sides face with regard to maintaining stability and affecting political change going forward.

Friday, June 23: Departure

8:30pm Arrive IAD

10:50pm Depart IAD on United #72 to TLV

Saturday, June 24: Arrival and Welcome

4:40pm Arrive TLV Ben Gurion Airport
We will meet at the end of the jet bridge and travel through passport control together as a group.

5:30pm-6:00pm Transfer to David InterContinental, 12 Kaufmann St, Tel Aviv

6:00pm-7:00pm Check in and freshen up

7:00pm-7:30pm Travel to Thai House Restaurant, Bograshov St 8, Tel Aviv

7:30pm-8:00pm Welcome, Orientation, and the Outlook for Two States
This session will introduce and orient participants to the rest of the week, introduce participants to each other, and give a brief overview of the current state of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as we enter the program.

Speakers:

Michael Koplow, Chief Policy Officer, IPF

Aaron Weinberg, Director of Government Relations, IPF

Location: Thai House Restaurant, Bograshov St 8, Tel Aviv

8:00pm- 9:30pm Dinner and Discussion: Israel and the Palestinians in 2023
This session will serve as an orientation to the current state of affairs in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza. Between changes in government, political instability, security threats from borders, the normalization process with Arab states, the lack of an

Israeli-Palestinian peace process, and domestic pressures leading up to an election, Israel has experienced a dramatic change in recent years. The Palestinians continue to face a split between Fatah and Hamas, continued threats to undermine the Palestinian Authority's control, and a Hamas regime in Gaza that continues to commit acts of terror against Israel. This session will cover these topics and set the stage for the rest of the trip.

Speaker:

Neri Zilber, Journalist, Adjunct Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, and Policy Advisor, Israel Policy Forum

Location: Thai House Restaurant, Bograshov St 8, Tel Aviv

9:30pm-10:00pm Return to David InterContinental

10:00pm RON at David InterContinental Hotel, 12 Kaufmann St, Tel Aviv

Sunday, June 25: Israel's Security Challenges

8:30am-9:30am Breakfast served at hotel

9:30am-11:00am Israel's Security and Military Challenges- A View from the Ministry of Defense
This session will be a high-level briefing on how Israel's current security officials view the country's security challenges, not only with regard to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict but around the wider region. We will hear the government's most current threat assessments along with avenues of current and potential strategic cooperation.

Speaker:

Dror Shalom, Director, Political-Military Bureau, Israeli Ministry of Defense

Location: David InterContinental Hotel, 12 Kaufmann St, Tel Aviv

11:00am-11:15am Break

11:15am-12:30pm Managing Daily Life in the West Bank
This session will be a detailed overview of Israeli policies regulating the daily lives of West Bank Palestinians, and Israeli efforts to improve the territory's economy and the residents' quality of life.

Speaker:

Wisam Hamed, Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT)

Location: David InterContinental Hotel, 12 Kaufmann St, Tel Aviv

12:30pm-1:00pm

Travel to Lunch at Goshen Restaurant, Nahalat Binyamin 30

1:00pm-2:30pm

A View from a Member and Former Chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee: A Working Lunch
We will hear from a member and the former Chair of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee about her views on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the role of the U.S. in making progress, and the most current pressing issues in Israeli political discourse.

Speaker:

MK Orna Barbivai (Maj. Gen. Ret.), Yesh Atid, Former Chair and Member of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Former Minister of Economy

Location: Goshen Restaurant, Nahalat Binyamin 30, Tel Aviv

2:30pm-3:00pm

Travel to Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)

3:00pm-4:15pm

Israeli Security Challenges in the Region
A briefing from a former IDF officer and Israeli National Security Council official laying out Israel's security challenges in the north emanating from Hizballah, Iran's presence in Syria, and Lebanese state instability, along with analyzing how actors in Syria and Lebanon intersect with Palestinian militants in Gaza.

Speaker:

Lt. Col. (ret.) Orna Mizrahi, Senior Researcher, INSS

Location: INSS, Chaim Levanon St 40, Tel Aviv

4:15pm-4:45pm

Return to David InterContinental Hotel

4:45pm-6:00pm

The Palestinian Arena
We will hear from one of Israel's leading journalists and experts on Palestinian politics and society about the current state of Palestinian leadership, recent developments between the Palestinian Authority and Hamas, and the challenges of crafting policies that take into account the disparate environments in which Israel must operate when addressing the West Bank and Gaza.

Speaker:

Amos Harel, Military Correspondent & Defense Analyst, Haaretz

Location: David InterContinental Hotel, 12 Kaufmann St, Tel Aviv

6:00pm-6:30pm Prepare for Dinner

6:30pm-7:15pm Drive to Dinner at Salta Restaurant, Rambam St 10, Ra'anana 8

7:15pm-9:00pm The State of the U.S.-Israel Relationship and the Abraham Accords: A Working Dinner
This session is an opportunity to hear from a former American Ambassador, National Security Council senior director for the Middle East, and current think tank analyst focusing on regional normalization about the major issues that impact the U.S.-Israel relationship, including how the U.S. balances its security and diplomatic relationship with Israel, and the current state of the Abraham Accords and how they may be expanded.

Speaker:

Amb. Dan Shapiro, Former U.S. Ambassador to Israel

Location: Salta Restaurant, Rambam St 10, Ra'anana

9:00pm-9:45pm Return to David InterContinental Hotel

9:45pm RON at David InterContinental Hotel, 12 Kaufmann St, Tel Aviv

Monday, June 26: The U.S.- Palestinian Relationship and West Bank Security

Please bring down bags to the lobby ready to be loaded onto bus before breakfast

8:00am-9:00am Breakfast served at hotel

9:00am-10:30am Drive to Ramallah: An Overview of the Situation in the West Bank
This drive will consist of a briefing on the history and current situation in the West Bank. The briefing will include an overview of the current security situation in the northern West Bank, the political and security challenges facing the Palestinian Authority, and the role that the U.S. has played as a critical interlocutor between the two sides in the absence of ongoing bilateral political and diplomatic relations. Note: the entirety of this drive will be officially-connected programming.

Briefer:

Dr. Shira Efron, Director of Policy Research, IPF

10:30am-11:30am A View from the Palestinian Authority
We will hear from a prominent member of the Palestinian Authority about his views on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the role of the U.S. in solving it, and the most current pressing issues in light of recent developments. This meeting will focus on the security needs of the Palestinian people, the future of the Palestinian Authority, and additional relevant policy issues.

Speaker:

Major General Majid Faraj, Chief of the Palestinian Authority
General Intelligence Service

Location: Office of the PA General Intelligence Service, Ramallah

11:30am- 12:00pm Drive to Darna Restaurant, As-Sahl Street 10, Ramallah

12:00pm-1:30pm The U.S.-Palestinian Relationship: A Working Lunch
We will hear from a Palestinian political analyst and former U.S. embassy employee about Palestinian political developments and how they are impacting U.S.-Palestinian relations, most notably potential leadership succession, Palestinian demands surrounding the reopening of the PLO mission in Washington, and the status of efforts to reform the Palestinian Authority's martyr and prisoner payments system.

Speaker:

Ibrahim Dalalsha, Executive Director of Horizon Center for
Political Studies and Media Outreach

Location: Darna Restaurant, As-Sahl Street 10, Ramallah

1:30pm-2:00pm Drive to Bank of Palestine

2:00pm-3:00pm A View from the Chairman of Bank of Palestine
We will hear from the Chairman of the Bank of Palestine on the economic situation in the West Bank and the challenges of dealing with dueling Israeli and Palestinian bureaucracies. The Chairman will also discuss potential interim economic steps that can assist in achieving greater stability in the West Bank in the interim and improving the fiscal situation and opportunities for investment inside the Palestinian Authority.

Speaker:

Hashim Shawa, Chairman of Bank of Palestine

Location: Bank of Palestine Headquarters, Ain Misbah St,
Ramallah

- 3:00pm-4:30pm Drive from Bank of Palestine to Central Training Institute, Jericho
- 4:30pm-6:00pm Visit to the Palestinian Authority Security Force's Central Training Institute, Jericho
We will visit the West Bank training center for the Palestinian Authority Security Forces, operated by the Office of the United States Security Coordinator. We will learn about the procedures for training a non-military security force, and discuss the challenges of maintaining a high level of professional training in the midst of ongoing tension between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, and between the Palestinian Authority and other Palestinian factions.
- Location: Palestinian Authority Security Force's Central Training Institute, Jericho
- 6:00pm-7:30pm Drive from Jericho to Jerusalem
- 7:30pm-9:30pm The State of Israeli Politics 2023: A Working Dinner
This session will serve as an orientation to the political landscape in Israel, including the previous rounds of elections, how the shifts have impacted Israeli policy going forward, the impact of the current protests and efforts to overhaul the judicial system on Israeli political dynamics, and what it means for the future of the U.S.-Israel relationship.
- Speaker:
Tal Shalev, Chief Political Correspondent, Walla News
- Location: Inbal Hotel, Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3, Jerusalem, Israel
- 9:30pm RON at Inbal Hotel, Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3, Jerusalem, Israel

Tuesday, June 27: The Northern West Bank, Aida, and West Bank Security

- 8:00am-9:00am Breakfast served at hotel
- 9:00am-9:30am Drive to Aida
On this drive participants will hear from a former New York Times reporter turned tour guide who will share his and his family's story and place his story into the larger context of Palestinian society today. Note: the entirety of this drive will be officially-connected programming.
- Guide:
Rami Nazzal, Beyond Border Tours and former New York Times reporter

9:30am-10:30am Visit to UNRWA Offices in Aida Refugee Camp
This visit with the Chief Area Officer for UNRWA will include a discussion of the direct services UNRWA provides for basic needs in the area and specifically in the Aida Refugee Camp.

Speaker:

Amjad Abu-Laban, Chief Area Officer, UNRWA

10:30am-11:30am Aida Refugee Camp Tour
On this tour participants will learn about daily life in Aida, the challenges residents face, and the prospects for the future.

Guide:

Rami Nazzal, Beyond Border Tours and former New York Times reporter

11:30am-12:00pm Drive to U.N. Observers Headquarters

12:00pm-1:00pm The UN and UNSCO: an International View of the Conflict
A session with a top United Nations official in the region to hear about UN efforts to mediate between Israel, the Palestinians, and other regional players such as the Egyptians and Jordanians. This briefing will also focus on the unique role the UN Special Coordinator's office has been playing in managing the political and humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

Speaker:

Nadav Greenberg, Political Affairs Officer at the Office of United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process

Location: U.N Observers Headquarters, Armon ha-Natsiv, Jerusalem

1:00pm-1:30pm Drive to Lunch

1:30pm-2:30pm Settlements- An Overview of the Situation on the Ground: A Working Lunch
We will hear from one of the foremost experts on the settlements and the current situation on the ground. We will hear about the process of settlement construction, tactics used to disrupt contiguity, and the implications on a future two state outcome.

Speaker:

Dan Rothem, Senior Policy Advisor, Kelman Institute

Location: HaMotzi, 113 Jaffa St, Jerusalem, Israel

- 2:30pm-3:00pm Drive to Sha'ar Binyamin Regional Council Office
- 3:00pm-4:00pm A View from the Settlements: A Visit to Sha'ar Binyamin
During this visit we will hear from the mayor of the largest West Bank regional council about his outlook on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the interaction between Israeli and Palestinian residents of the West Bank, and how he envisions peace.
- Speaker:
Yisrael Gantz, Chairman of the Binyamin Regional Council
- Location: Sha'ar Binyamin Regional Council Office
- 4:00pm-6:30pm Northern West Bank Tour: Settlements and Villages
This on-site examination of the northern West Bank will cover the geography of the area and particularly the problem presented by illegal Israeli settlement outposts, and illuminate the unique challenges that arise from having Israeli and Palestinian communities intertwined in the same contested territory. This tour will include stops in Nebi Samuel and Gush Shilo, and the drive in between will consist of a briefing on the history and current situation in the West Bank, given settlement construction. We will discuss the unique challenges the current map raises for Israeli security and the well-being of Palestinian towns and villages. The tour will end in Jerusalem.
- Guide:
Dan Rothem, Senior Policy Advisor, Kelman Institute
- 6:30pm-8:30pm A View from the United States Security Coordinator
We will hear from the United States Security Coordinator (USSC) about his efforts to improve the security situation in the West Bank while working to maintain the relationship between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. We will also discuss the USSC's plans for enhancing Palestinian Authority Security Forces (PASF) capabilities while addressing the political and socioeconomic factors that impact PASF performance and legitimacy.
- Speaker:
Lt. Gen. Michael Fenzel, United States Security Coordinator to Israel and the Palestinian Authority
- Location: Touro Restaurant, Sh.A. Nakhon St, Jerusalem, Israel
- 8:30pm-9:00pm Return to Inbal Hotel
- 9:00pm RON at Inbal Hotel, Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3, Jerusalem, Israel

Wednesday, June 28: Israel's Foreign Policy and the U.S.-Israel Relationship

8:00am-9:00am Breakfast served at hotel

9:00am-10:15am Foreign Aid and Security: USAID's role in the Region
The Biden administration's restoration of funds for USAID activities in the West Bank has restored USAID's role in the Palestinian territories. We will hear from the mission director about how USAID projects are operating and ramping back up on the ground, how Congressionally-appropriated funds are being used, and how these impact the larger security situation in the Palestinian territories.

Speaker:

Amy Tohill-Stull, Mission Director, West Bank and Gaza, USAID
Amy Southworth, Program Officer, West Bank and Gaza, USAID

Location: Inbal Hotel, Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3, Jerusalem, Israel

10:15am-11:30am A View from the U.S. Office of Palestinian Affairs
We will hear from the Chief of the United States Office of Palestinian Affairs regarding U.S. policy in the region on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, U.S.-Palestinian relationship, and regional security issues.

Speaker:

George Noll, Chief of the Office, Office of Palestinian Affairs

Location: Inbal Hotel, Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3, Jerusalem, Israel

11:30am-12:00pm Walk to Piccolino Restaurant, Yo'el Moshe Salomon St, Jerusalem

12:00pm-1:30pm People-to-People- A Vision of Peacebuilding: A Working Lunch
In this session, we will learn about the work being done by people-to-people organizations to bring Israelis and Palestinians together towards a better future. We will hear from the founders of Amal-Tikva, an inspiring organization that works on capacity building and leadership towards a more sustainable and scalable peacebuilding field, and discuss the current status of the field, including the impacts of recent U.S. government investments.

Speakers:

Meredith Rothbart, Co-Founder and CEO, Amal-Tikva
Ghadeer Sabat, Coordinator of Cross-Border Engagement, Amal-Tikva

Location: Piccolino Restaurant, Yo'el Moshe Salomon St,
Jerusalem, Israel

1:30pm-2:00pm Return to Inbal Hotel, Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3, Jerusalem, Israel

2:00pm-3:00pm Threats to Democracy in Israel, the Economic Impact, and the US-Israel Relationship: A Meeting with High Tech Leaders
We will hear from two prominent Israeli high-tech entrepreneurs to learn about the response of the high-tech field to the Israeli government's proposed judicial overhaul, and to hear their assessment of how the societal protests are impacting the government's decision making and Israel's economy. We will also discuss the role of the U.S.-Israel relationship as a factor in how Israeli democracy will be shaped going forward.

Speakers:

Adi Soffer-Teeni, Vice President & Israel General Manager, Meta
Gigi Levy-Weiss, General Partner & Israel Lead, NFX Capital

Location: Inbal Hotel, Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3, Jerusalem, Israel

3:00pm-4:15 pm A View from the U.S. Embassy in Israel
We will hear from the United States Ambassador to Israel regarding U.S. policy in the region, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the U.S.-Israel relationship, and regional security issues.

Speaker:

Ambassador Tom Nides, U.S. Ambassador to Israel

Location: Inbal Hotel, Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3, Jerusalem, Israel

4:15pm-4:30pm Break

4:30pm-5:30pm A View from the Advisor of the Opposition Leader
We will hear from the Opposition Leader's foreign policy advisor on how the Opposition Leader views the challenge from Iran, the prospects of increasing security and diplomatic cooperation between Israel and Arab states, and the possibilities of a political process with the Palestinians. We will also discuss the role that Israeli foreign policy plays in domestic politics, Israeli perceptions of American foreign policy, and the U.S. role in the region.

Speaker:

Yair Zivan, Advisor to Opposition Leader Yair Lapid

Location: Inbal Hotel, Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3, Jerusalem, Israel

5:30pm-6:30pm A View from the National Security Advisor of the Prime Minister
We will hear from the Prime Minister's National Security Advisor on how the Prime Minister's Office views the challenge from Iran, the prospects of increasing security and diplomatic cooperation between Israel and Arab states, and the possibilities of a political process with the Palestinians. We will also discuss the role that Israeli foreign policy plays in domestic politics, and Israeli perceptions of American foreign policy and the U.S. role in the region.

Speaker:

Tzachi Hanegbi, National Security Advisor for PM Netanyahu

Location: Inbal Hotel, Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3, Jerusalem, Israel

6:30pm-7:00pm Walk to Angelica Restaurant, George Washington St 4, Jerusalem

7:00pm-9:00pm Israel's Foreign Policy: The Gulf, Russia/Ukraine, Iran, and more
This working dinner will feature a prominent foreign policy expert, journalist, and former Knesset member. She will share her insights into Israel's current foreign policy challenges and opportunities around the globe, including: the status and possible expansion of the Abraham Accords, Israel's relations with the Arab world, Israel's position vis-a-vis Russian aggression and the war in Ukraine, Iran and its proxies, and regional dynamics with Israel's neighbors, including Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, and Jordan.

Speaker:

Ksenia Svetlova, Former Member of Knesset and Director of the Israel- Middle East Relations Program, Mitvim Institute

Location: Angelica, George Washington St 4, Jerusalem

9:00pm-9:30pm Return from Dinner

9:30pm RON at Inbal Hotel, Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3, Jerusalem, Israel

Thursday, June 29: The Challenges of Gaza and the Gaza Envelope

7:30am-8:30am Breakfast served at hotel

8:30am-9:45am The Drive Down: A Briefing on the Challenges of Gaza
This drive will consist of a briefing on the history and current situation in Gaza and the challenges for Israeli citizens who live in proximity to the Strip. The briefing will include the security challenges for Israel in defending itself from rockets and tunnels,

the humanitarian disasters afflicting residents of Gaza, and current blockade policies. Note: the entirety of this drive will be officially-connected programming.

Guide:

Col. (Rt.) Dr. Shaul Arieli, Former Northern District of Gaza Brigade Commander, Deputy Military Secretary, and Head of the Peace Administration

9:45am-1:00pm

The Israel-Gaza Border Tour

This tour will include several lookouts into Gaza, including a stop at the Erez Crossing— the only crossing for people between Israel and Gaza. The tour will discuss several issues. At Erez, we will discuss how the crossing has changed over time with the advent of the blockade, and the challenges of moving people back and forth between hostile parties. At the Nativ Ha'asara outlook and Assaf Siboni lookout near Kibbutz Nir Am, participants will get a view of both Gaza and the region in Israel surrounding Gaza, including the location of the March of Return protests, which will help better understand the dynamics at play and the security challenges facing the area. The briefing will continue during the drive to Kibbutz Nahal Oz, where we will look out at the closed Karni crossing from Gaza and discuss issues related to goods and people traveling in and out of Gaza, as well as the impact of the topography in Hamas' attempt to attack Israel. This includes a discussion of the "Iron Wall," smart fences, and surveillance of Gaza and the surrounding area.

Guide:

Col. (Rt.) Dr. Shaul Arieli, Former Northern District of Gaza Brigade Commander, Deputy Military Secretary, and Head of the Peace Administration

1:00pm-2:00pm

Living in the Gaza Envelope: A Lunch Briefing With a Resident

During this session we will hear the perspective of a journalist and member of a community in the Gaza envelope region that lives under difficult conditions, including intermittent barrages of rockets. We will hear how such conditions have impacted quality of life in the region and residents' outlook on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Speaker:

Amir Tibon, Diplomatic Correspondent, Haaretz International

Location: Kibbutz Nachal Oz

2:00pm-3:00pm Working Across Borders: A meeting with the Mayor of Sha'ar HaNegev Regional Council
This session will delve into a new joint Gaza/Shar HaNegev industrial zone project being led by the Mayor of the Shar HaNegev Regional Council. This session will allow participants to dive into the issue of Gazans working in Israel together with Israelis, and the implications on stability both in Gaza and for Israeli Gaza envelope residents.

Guide:

Mayor Ofir Libstein, Mayor of Sha'ar HaNegev Regional Council

Location: Kibbutz Nachal Oz

3:00pm-5:00pm Drive to Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

5:00pm-5:30pm Arrive at Hotel

5:30pm-6:30pm Security and Solutions: the Crisis in Gaza
In this session we will learn about the different approaches to Gaza embraced by Israel's political and security establishments, and potential solutions to ending Gaza's various crises from one of Israel's leading Gaza experts.

Speaker:

Celine Touboul, Director General, Economic Cooperation Foundation

Location: Inbal Hotel, Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3, Jerusalem, Israel

6:30pm-7:00pm Travel to Dinner

7:00pm-8:30pm Israel Today- Israel's Domestic and Foreign Policy: A View from A Former Israeli National Security Advisor
In this session we will learn about Israel's current and future security and diplomatic posture from Israel's most recent past national security adviser. We will discuss Israel's approach to the Palestinians and to its regional foreign policy, and the role that the U.S. plays in helping Israel secure its long-term strategic goals.

Speaker:

Eyal Hulata, Former Israeli National Security Advisor

Location: 1868 Restaurant, King David St, Jerusalem, Israel

8:30pm-9:00pm Return to Inbal Hotel

9:00pm RON at Inbal Hotel, Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3, Jerusalem, Israel

Friday, June 30: South Hebron Hills and Hebron

8:30am-9:30am Breakfast served at hotel

9:30am-11:00am The Drive to the South Hebron Hills: A Briefing on Challenges Facing the Area
This drive will include a briefing on the history and current situation in the South Hebron Hills. The briefing will focus on the geostrategic importance of the area, the history of settler activity, and implications on issues pertaining to land contiguity and freedom of movement. Note: the entirety of this drive and tour will be officially-connected programming.

Guide:

Col. (Rt.) Dr. Shaul Arieli, Former Northern District of Gaza Brigade Commander, Deputy Military Secretary, and Head of the Peace Administration

11:00am-1:00pm Tour of South Hebron Hills
This tour of the South Hebron Hills area will focus on the geostrategic situation in this area, specifically around issues pertaining to land contiguity and freedom of movement. Specifically, we will tour Masafer Yatta, which has been the site of recent evictions of Palestinians from a designated IDF firing zone, and hear from local Palestinian residents about quality of life issues and their interactions with the Israeli military administration and local Israeli residents.

Guide:

Col. (Rt.) Dr. Shaul Arieli, Former Northern District of Gaza Brigade Commander, Deputy Military Secretary, and Head of the Peace Administration

1:00pm-1:30pm Drive to Hebron

1:30pm-2:00pm Lunch and discuss

2:00pm-3:30pm Tour of Hebron
We will tour the old city of Hebron, which is one of the most contested sites in the West Bank. We will learn about the political history of Hebron, and focus on the twin challenges of security and freedom of movement for Israelis and Palestinians in a site with heightened religious significance for both sides. We will also discuss the diplomatic

history, including American involvement, that has led to a unique territorial arrangement in Hebron's old city.

Guide:

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3:30pm-4:15pm Drive to Gush Etzion

4:15pm-5:00pm Strategic Overlook: Land Swaps and the Settlement Movement
In this session we will examine the site of Israel's earliest settlements following the 1967 Six Day War, and focus on its current disposition between Israel settlements and Palestinian villages that are both under direct Israeli administration. We will also discuss the role that the area's settlements have played in the U.S.-brokered peace process in formulating the idea of land swaps to facilitate a permanent-status agreement between the two sides.

Guide:

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5:00pm-5:30pm Return to Jerusalem

5:30pm-6:30pm Prepare for Shabbat/Sabbath

6:30pm-7:30pm Optional Shabbat Services or Reflecting Walk in Jerusalem

7:00pm-7:30pm Depart for Dinner at the home of Adv. Joshua and Hava Schoffman

7:30pm-10:00pm Shabbat/Sabbath Dinner with Featured Speaker
Former Deputy AG Schoffman will discuss Israel's political system, the legislative process in the Knesset and the role of the government in formulating Israel's laws, and current issues pertaining to the Israeli judiciary and the Supreme Court. This Sabbath dinner setting will allow participants to engage with the Former Deputy Attorney General in an intimate setting and get many of their questions answered.

Speaker:

Adv. Joshua Schoffman, Former Deputy Attorney General of Israel— Legislation

Location: Schoffman Residence, Arnona, Jerusalem

10:00pm Depart for Ben Gurion Airport

Saturday, July 1: Arrival in Washington

12:50am Depart TLV on United #141 to ORD

5:15am Arrive ORD

7:00am Depart ORD on United #2334

9:55am Arrive Washington