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. 9-19, 2024

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

n/a

Relationship to Traveler:

n/a

Total Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$ 2149	$ 945	$ 406	Tour guides & speakers: $2150. Admin Fee: $469. Travel Ins: $292 TTL: $2911

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.

3-18-24
Date

Tyler Rivera
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.

3-18-24
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
Non-substantive changes		

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

○ Yes ◉ No

Explanation:

Non-substantive changes

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

○ Yes ◉ No

Explanation:

Non-substantive changes

Trip Name: Rebuilding Alliance Senate Staff Leadership Learning Mission 7.0

Organization Information

Organization Name:
Rebuilding Alliance

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

If Yes, §501(c)(3) Organization Type:
[ ] Private Foundation [✓] Public Charity

Address:
50 Woodside Plaza Ste. 627

City, State, Zip:
Redwood City, CA 94061

Phone Number:
(408) 372-7897

Organization URL:
www.RebuildingAlliance.org

History of Congressional Travel

Describe your organization's history of sponsoring congressional travel.

This was the sixth time that Rebuilding Alliance brought a Leadership Learning Mission to Jerusalem and the West Bank, and the second time with Senate staff. We brought House staff in 2018, 2020, twice in 2022, and Senate staff in February 2023. The Rotary Club of Woodside/Portola Valley joined us as an Additional Trip Sponsor for three Leadership Learning Missions to Jerusalem and the West Bank and two Rotary clubs became Grantmaking Organizations for the Senate staff travel for our Leadership Learning Mission 5.0 trip.

Educational Activities

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

Rebuilding Alliance regularly holds Contact Congress Zoom briefings, in-person briefings, and webinars that bring human rights experts, villagers, and youth to brief Senate and House staff. Constituents are invited to join each Zoom briefing and to request the intervention of their House or Senate member to assure safety and human rights for all. Our staff regularly participate as guest speakers in forums and conferences and publish project reports on the web, social media, and via email to our mailing list. Each week, Rotary Clubs invite a guest speaker to educate and address the needs of their communities, locally or internationally.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status (Select one):

(●) I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist.

( ) I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist but does retain or employ one or more federally registered lobbyists.

Foreign Agent Registration Status (Select one):

(●) I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and does not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.

( ) I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal but does retain or employ one or more agents of a foreign principal.

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status (Must select all):

[✓] I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.

[✓] I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.

[✓] I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

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, especially exploring how to assure the safety of children and families. The trip sought to achieve these goals through meetings with community leaders, human rights experts, U.S. embassy officials, and decision makers. Prioritizing safety, travelers visited sites and cities of cultural, social, historical, and political significance to better understand this region of the world, and consider the implications of American policies in the region.

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

Rebuilding Alliance is dedicated to advancing equal rights for the Palestinian people through education, advocacy, and support that assures Palestinian families the right to a home, schooling, economic security, safety, and a promising future. The mission of Rotary is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through their fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders. This trip relates to both missions by advancing the Senate staffs' understanding of this region and sharing tangible ways to build peace while encouraging those who are working for the safety of children and families, equal rights, fairness, justice, and peace.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

(●) Yes ( ) No

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

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

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

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

1. Rotary Club Woodside Portola Valley Foundation
2.
3.

With or Without Regard to Congressional Participation (Select one):

- ○ The trip is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation.
- ◉ The trip is arranged or organized with regard to congressional participation.

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

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

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing (Must select all):

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

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

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

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

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

- ○ No sponsor retains or employs a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principle, the trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
- ○ 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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Required if selecting the third option in either column - Please explain why the second overnight stay is practically required and necessary to accomplish the purpose of the trip.

Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol (Must select all):

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

Invitees list

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

Travel Details (Submit additional pages as needed)

Trip Start Date/Time:	⇄	Trip End Date/Time:
Feb. 9, 2024 1:45pm ET		Feb. 19, 2024 6:15am ET

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

◯ Yes ◉ No

Transportation (Member/Officer/Employee: $2149 Accompanying Family Member: $n/a)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Air travel, round trip	coach	$1509
In country transport by minibus	coach	$640

Details (optional)

Lodging (Member/Officer/Employee: $945 Accompanying Family Member: $n/a)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
2/10/24	2/11/24	Amman Marriott	Amman		Jordan
Nights	**Cost/Night**	**Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)**	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.		
1	$175	no			

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
2/11/24	2/18/24	St. George's Cathedral Guest House	Jerusalem		Israel
Nights	**Cost/Night**	**Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)**	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.		
7	$110	no			

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
Nights	**Cost/Night**	**Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)**	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.		

Meals (Member/Officer/Employee: $ 387 Accompanying Family Member: $ n/a)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem (Y/N)
2/10/24			$45			Amman		Jordan	N
2/11/24		$26				Jericho		West Bank oPt	N
2/11/14			$30			Jerusalem		Israel	N
2/12/14		$18	$30			Jerusalem		Israel	N
2/13/14		$18	$30			Jerusalem		Israel	N
2/14/24		$18	$30			Jerusalem		Israel	N
2/15/24		$18	$34			Jaffa		Israel	N

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

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses

(Member/Officer/Employee: $ 2911 Accompanying Family Member: $ n/a)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
Tour guides & speakers	$2150	
Trip Insurance	$292	
Tour Agency Admin Fee	$469	

Additional Details (optional)

Additional Meals:

Date	B	L	D	City, Country	Cost Exceed P.D. (Y/N)
2/16/24		$18	$24	Jerusalem, Israel	N
2/18/24		$18	$30	Amman, Jordan	N

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: Rebuilding Alliance Senate Staff Leadership Learning Mission 7.0

Travel Date(s): February 9-19, 2024

Travel Destination(s): Jordan, Israel, Jerusalem, West Bank

Sponsor: Rebuilding Alliance

Donna Baranski-Walker
(printed name of sponsor representative)

Founder & Executive Director
(title)

Donna Baranski-Walker
(signature of sponsor representative)

March 15, 2024
(date)

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Senate Staff Leadership Learning Mission 7.0 to Jerusalem and the West Bank, via Amman
February 9-19, 2024

A constituent accompanied trip
with financial sponsorship by Rebuilding Alliance, an American 501(c)3 organization,
and grant funding provided by the Rotary Club of Woodside / Portola Valley 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, especially exploring how to assure the safety of children and families. Prioritizing safety, travelers will visit sites and cities of cultural, social, historical, and political significance to better understand this region of the world, and consider the implications of American policies in the region.

RELEVANCE TO OFFICIAL DUTIES: While always prioritizing safety, the Leadership Learning Mission will offer 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;
- Develop their understanding of the challenges faced by all in this time of crisis through meetings with community leaders, human rights experts, U.S. embassy officials, and decision makers participants;
- 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 are providing emergency response and who work for peace and justice to understand the challenges they are facing now, 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 U.S. aid and intervention benefits the health and safety of children and families in Gaza, the West Bank, and Israel.

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 will be Tour Guides.

Detailed Agenda LLM 7.0 Feb. 9-19 Senate StaffDel

Friday, February 9th: Departure

Saturday, February 10th: Arrival in Amman (Overnight at Amman Marriott Hotel)

Sunday, February 11th: Transit and Arrival (Overnight at St. George's Cathedral Guesthouse in Jerusalem for five nights)

- Early departure to cross the Jordan/Israel/West Bank border at the King Hussein/Allenby Bridge
- Tour of Mount of Temptations, Jericho
- Hisham's Palace, Jericho

Monday, February 12: US Embassy Security Orientation, UNRWA Briefing, Manger Square in Bethlehem, Separation Wall/Rachel's Tomb, Al Walaja

- UNRWA Field Office visit
- Tour of Church of the Nativity and the Old City of Bethlehem
- Omar Ibn Al Khattab Mosque
- Tour of Separation Wall and Rachel's Tomb Area
- Visit with families in Al Walaja
- Dinner with Bassam Khoury, Rotary club founder and aid provider

Tuesday, February 13: Jerusalem and Old City, Latin Patriarchate, Humanitarian Aid in Gaza, UNOCHA

- Haas Promenade
- Jerusalem Old City tour including religious sites
- Meeting with the Latin Patriarchate
- Teleconference: Introducing Rebuilding Alliance's direct aid and relief work in Gaza
- UNOCHA meeting

Wednesday, February 14: Hebron and South Hebron Hills, Masafer Yatta

- Hilltop view of Bethlehem
- Hebron tour of H1 area incl. Tomb of Patriarchs and Ibrahimi Mosque,
- Hebron tour of H2 area, incl. Shuhada Street
- South Hebron Hills/Susiya
- Visit to At-Tuwani in the Masafer Yatta area to meet residents and the CJNV
- Evening Debrief and Discussion

Thursday, February 15: Military Court Watch, Old City of Jaffa, Israeli NGOs , US Embassy Tel Aviv Annex Staff

- Military Court Watch
- Old City of Jaffa
- Yesh Din: Volunteers for Human Rights
- B'Tselem at Gisha Legal Center for Freedom

- US Embassy Tel Aviv Annex Staff

Friday, February 16: Khan Al Ahmar, Kfar Adumim
- Debrief and discussion
- Khan Al Ahmar, visit to their school
- Visit to Kfar Adumim
- Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 17: Ramallah/Right to Enter, Al Aqaba, Nazareth Rotary
- Right to Enter, representing Americans who live in the West Bank and Gaza
- Drive through the Jordan Valley to Al Aqaba Village
- Al Aqaba Village including visit to the cheese factory and Ibn Rush'd Library
- Cross into Israel to reach Nazareth
- Meeting with Nazareth Rotary Club, Rotary District Governor of Israel

Sunday, February 18: Travel to Jordan, cross at King Hussein/Allenby Bridge Border to Jordan
- Meeting with the Jordanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Visit to Roman Amphitheater, Amman, and museums
- Farewell Dinner and reflection at Mijana Restaurant

Monday, February 19th
Return United Airlines departing from AMM 2/19
Mon 1:45 am – 6:15 am nonstop 12h 30m, ret. IAD

Note: *Though Rebuilding Alliance's Leadership Learning Missions usually travel through TLV, at this time, Rebuilding Alliance is choosing to fly to Amman and cross at the King Hussein / Allenby Bridge Border Crossing. Although the TLV airport remains open, many airlines have halted their service to Tel Aviv. To assure the safety and security of our travelers, Rebuilding Alliance is opting to fly round trip via Amman.*

02/09/24 Friday: Departure

14:40 Staff departures	*Michael Rogenmoser* *Rob Levinson* RJ7145* Washington Ronald Reagan Natl Airport Washington, DC, US 2:40 PM	*Tyler Rivera:* RJ 7988* Philadelphia Int'l Airport Philadelphia PA, US 1:45pm
	RJ0264 Chicago O'Hare Int'l Airport Chicago IL, US 7:00pm	

02/10/24 Saturday: Arrivals in Amman, Jordan	
15:30 Staff arrives in Amman, Jordan	Amman Queen Alia Int'l Airport (AMM) 3:30 PM
17:00-18:00 Transit from airport to Hotel	Via minibus
18:00 - 18:30 Check in at Hotel	Amman Marriott Hotel in Amman, Jordan
20:00-21:00 Dinner at Hotel	Dinner
Overnight at Amman Marriott Hotel	
02/11/24 Sunday: Travel from Amman to Israel via King Hussein / Allenby Border Bridge Crossing	
07:15-07:30 Check out of Hotel	Amman Marriott Hotel
07:30-08:30 Breakfast	Amman Marriott Hotel
08:30 - 10:00 Transit to Border Crossing	Via minibus
10:00 - 13:30 Border Crossing from Jordan to Israel _____ *Note: time zone change between Jordan and Israel*	Travelers will head to the Tourist Terminal at King Hussein Bridge, pay the exit tax, and get their passports checked, before boarding the shuttle bus to the Israeli Terminal, about 5 km away. Upon arrival, luggage will be dropped off for security checks and passports will go through initial assessments. Travelers will go through Israeli passport checks, and collect their luggage. **Location**: King Hussein Bridge, near Jericho
12:30 - 13:00 Transit to Mount of Temptations parking lot in Jericho	Via minibus
13:00 - 13:15 Transit up the Mount of Temptation	Via 7 min cable car Provides views of Jericho, The Dead Sea, and Jordan in addition to the historical and archeological sites of Elisha's Spring, Ancient Jericho, and The Sugar Mills.
13:15 - 15:30 Lunch and visit of Mount of Temptations Monastery	**What**: Lunch at Mount of Temptation Restaurant, followed by tour of Mount of Temptations Monastery **Why**: This visit is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Congressional staff's official duties because it meets one major goal of

	this trip by providing participants with an understanding of the history of the region which must include religious sites. **Location**: Mount of Temptations Monastery **Tour Guide:** Elias D'eis, Executive Director of HLT **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
15:30 - 15:45 Transit from Mount of Temptations to Hisham's Palace	Via minibus
15:45 - 17:00 Tour of Hisham's Palace	**What**: This well preserved historical archeological site, nominated for UNESCO's World Heritage List was excavated at Khirbat al-Mafjar between 1935-1948. After Jericho was transferred to the Palestinian Authority in 1994, a large restoration program was carried out by the Palestinian Department of Antiquities on the site, in cooperation with UNESCO, Italian Cooperation, the American Near East Refugee Aid, and USAID. More recently, additional restoration work has been carried out with funding from Japan. It holds cultural significance as a symbol of Umayyad grandeur and cultural exchange in the early Islamic world. **Why**: This visit is relevant to the mission of the trip and the Congressional staff's official duties because it meets one major goal of this trip by providing participants with an understanding of the history of the region which must include religious sites. **Location**: Hisham's Palace, Jericho **Assurance**: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
17:00 - 18:00 Transit from Jericho to Hotel in Jerusalem	Via minibus
18:00 - 18:30 Check in at Hotel	St. George's Cathedral Guesthouse in Jerusalem
18:30 - 19:30 Rest and settle in to room	
19:30 - 21:00 Dinner	Dinner at St. George's Cathedral Guesthouse
Overnight at St. George's Cathedral Guesthouse, Jerusalem	
02/12/24 Monday: U.S. Embassy Security Orientation, UNRWA Briefing, Manger Square in Bethlehem, Separation Wall/Rachel's Tomb, Al Walaja,	

07:00 - 07:05 Breakfast at Hotel	Quick breakfast sandwiches
07:05 - 07:30 Transit to US Embassy	Via taxi
07:30 - 08:00 Security briefing for Senate Staff	**What:** Senate Staff are provided with a Security Briefing focused on the locations planned for this trip **Why:** This Leadership Learning Mission is taking place in a time of heightened security and assuring the safety of all who are on this LLM is the highest priority **Location:** US Embassy, Agron Road, Jerusalem **Speaker:** SSA Terry L. Cobble, Bureau of Diplomatic Security **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
08:00 - 08:30 Transit to UNRWA Office	Via taxi
08:30 - 10:00 Meeting with UNRWA Deputy Director	**What:** The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) was established as a subsidiary organ of the United Nations General Assembly on 8 December 1949 and became operational on 1 May 1950. It is one of the largest United Nations programmes. This meeting will describe the scope and scale of U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugee (UNRWA)'s food, education, housing, medical care, and emergency response in the West Bank, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Israel, and Gaza. Now in Gaza, UNRWA schools are filled with over a million displaced Palestinians who have no homes to return to. Senate staff will learn about the history of Palestinian refugees and the U.N. There will be time for questions and answers. **Why:** Palestinian refugees in the West Bank number close to 1 million and in Gaza they are 80% of the total population of close to 2.2 million. UNRWA's services provide an essential lifeline. Understanding the situation that Palestinian refugees face is crucial for Senate staffers because of the sheer numbers of refugees, the depth of displacement in Gaza, and also the crisis in the West Bank. The future of Palestinian refugees was to be decided in the final status negotiations of a peace agreement. This visit is critical for understanding how U.S. aid to UNRWA has been used to provide services for Palestinian refugees and the consequences of pausing or canceling aid.

	Presenter: Adam Bouloukos-Director of UNRWA Affairs, West Bank Field Office **Location:** UNRWA Headquarters, Jerusalem, Sheikh Jarrah Shlomo Zalman Shragai st. 21 / Givat Hatahmoshet Jerusalem **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
10:00-10:30 Transit to Bethlehem's Old City	Via minibus
10:30 - 11:15 Visit the Omar Ibn Al Khattab Mosque	**What**: The Omar Ibn al Khattab mosque is the only [mosque] in the Old City of Bethlehem. **Why:** Sheikh Raed Habib will guide a tour of the masjid and describe the cooperation among Muslims and Christians in Bethlehem. The mosque is named after Omar (Umar) Ibn al-Khattab (c. 581-644), the second Rashidun Caliph. Having conquered Jerusalem, Omar had traveled to Bethllehem in 637 CE to issue a law that would guarantee respect for the shrine and safety for Christians and clergy. 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 by providing participants with an understanding of the history of the region which must include religious sites. **Location:** Manger Square, Bethlehem **Tour Guide**: Sheikh Raed Habib **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity
11:15 - 13:15 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 AD 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 by providing 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

13:15 - 14:15 Lunch at Afteem Restaurant	Walk across the square to the famous restaurant
14:15 - 14:30 Transit to Rachel's tomb	Via minibus
14:30 - 15:30 Tour of 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:** 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 annex Palestinian land to the Israeli side. 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. **Presenter**: Said Zarzar, HLT Tour Guide **Location:** Bethlehem **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity
15:30-16:00 Transit to Al Walajeh	Via minibus
16:00 - 17:30 Tour of Al Walajeh Village, and meeting with Abu Khayra Family	**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 km², 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 Palestinian villages in the area. Because the village is located between Jerusalem and the Gush Etzion Settlement bloc, 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. 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:** 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. 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 activity.
17:30 - 18:15 Transit back to hotel	Via minibus
18:15 - 20:00 Dinner w Guest Speaker at hotel	**What:** A founder of the Ramallah Rotary Club in the West Bank now lives in Jerusalem. He will introduce himself and provide his perspective on the events of the recent past and describe his efforts with the Palestinian business community to provide aid to families in Gaza, especially to the Christian community **Why:** A humanitarian emergency is underway in Gaza with nearly 28,000 Palestinians killed, over 67,000 injured, 1.2 million people displaced from their homes, and 80% of the houses destroyed. In its January 26 decision, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) ordered Israel to take steps to prevent any acts of genocide. Understanding the challenges of a specific humanitarian effort will offer insight as the U.S. seeks to press Israel to extend more aid into Gaza. **Location:** St. George's Cathedral Guesthouse, Jerusalem **Speakers:** Bassim Khoury, co-founder of the Rotary Club of Ramallah and currently a director at Pharmacare Ltd.

	Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
Overnight at the St. George's Cathedral Guesthouse, Jerusalem	
02/13/24 Tuesday: Jerusalem and Old City, Latin Patriarchate, Humanitarian Aid in Gaza, UNOCHA	
07:30 - 08:15 Breakfast at hotel	
08:15 - 08:45 Transit to Haas Promenade, Jerusalem	
08:45 - 09:45 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 Transit to Damascus Gate for Old City Tour	Via minibus
10:00 - 12:00 Guided walking tour of Old City, Jerusalem + to go falafel lunch	**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. **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.
12:00 - 13:15 Meeting with Latin Patriarch	**What:** The Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem is a diocese of the Catholic Church whose territory includes Cyprus, Jordan, Israel and Palestine. It is supported by six Vicariates that operate in different fields of action to support the Christian communities in all of these countries. The Latin Patriarchate played a central role in the coordination of a Christmas Eve air aid drop to the Holy Family Church in Gaza City. **Why:** A major goal of our fact-finding tour is to show the Senate Staff how US aid benefits the health and safety of Palestinian children — to do this, they will need to understand the depth of the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, the West Bank, and East Jerusalem. A discussion of the possibility of an airlift program may give the US better a direct way to provide more aid to families in Gaza. **Speakers**: His Beatitude Pierbattista Pizzaballa— the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Fr. Davide Melli— Chancellor of the Latin Patriarchate **Location:** Old City of Jerusalem **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
13:15 - 14:30 Executive Time	in Old City of Jerusalem
14:30 - 15:00 Transit from Jaffa Gate to Hotel Conference Room	Via minibus
15:00 - 16:30 Teleconference call with Rebuilding Alliances NGO partners in Gaza	**What:** Rebuilding Alliance has worked with NGOs' in Gaza since 2003, many of which are affiliated with the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees and Palestinian Non-Governmental Organizations. Rebuilding Alliance is currently working with the World Food Program to serve 32,000 daily hot meals in Gaza. This meeting will provide congressional staff the opportunity to speak directly with the Non-Governmental Org program managers who live in Gaza to hear about the challenges they are facing and what they see as possibilities for their future **Why:** These meetings will focus on how peaceful aspirations of all can be furthered when Palestinians and Israelis both enjoy the benefits of

	basic human rights. Given that prior to Oct 7th the World Bank was reporting that the Gaza economy was close to collapse, we want our delegates to hear directly from NGOs in Gaza and the UN to learn what they are seeing around them and to explore tangible actions that can be taken to ameliorate famine, malnutrition, and disease. **Presenters:** Rebuilding Alliance's long-term Palestinian NGO partners. The World Food Programme selected Rebuilding Alliance as their first-ever partners for the production of hot meals in Gaza **Location:** Meeting Room at the St. George's Cathedral Guesthouse, Jerusalem **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
16:30 - 16:45 Walk to nearby UNOCHA Office	
16:45 - 18:30 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 the challenges faced in providing that aid. **Why:** A major goal of our fact-finding tour is to show the Senate Staff how US aid benefits the health and safety of Palestinian children — to do this, they will need to understand the depth of the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, the West Bank, and East Jerusalem. **Presenter:** Andrea DeDomenico, Head of Office and Special Assistant to the Humanitarian Coordinator (UNOCHA) **Location:** UNOCHA Office, East Jerusalem **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
18:30 - 18:45 Walk back to St. George's Cathedral Guesthouse in Jerusalem	
18:45 - 19:15 Dinner at hotel	
Overnight at the St. George's Cathedral Guesthouse, Jerusalem	
02/14/24 Wednesday: Hebron, then South Hebron Hills/Masafer Yatta	
07:30 - 08:00 Breakfast at Hotel	

08:00 - 09:00 Transit to Hebron + incl. panoramic view of Bethlehem and overview	Via minibus **What:** Panoramic views of Bethlehem look 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:** On the drive from Jerusalem to Hebron **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will cover officially-connected activity.
09:00 - 12:45 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.
12:45 - 13:30 Transit to village of Susiya	Via minibus
13:30 - 14:15 Lunch in Susiya	
14:15 - 15:15 Overview of the history of the Palestinian village of Susiya, meeting local leaders	**What:** 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 or settler violence. **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:** Fatma Nawaja - head of Susiya Rural Women's Association and Social Worker with Rebuilding Alliance, Nidal Younis - head of Masafer Yatta Villages Association, Susiya village youth **Location:** Rural Women's Center, Susiya **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
15:15 - 15:30 Transit to At-Tuwani	Via minibus
15:30 - 16:00 Visit to At-Tuwani **Note: For safety concerns, our goal was to get back to Jerusalem before sunset, and group left earlier than originally planned*	**What:** The master plan of At-Tuwani Village is one of only six village plans that were approved by the Israeli Civil Administration, yet this village faces continuing demolition orders and intense harassment by neighboring settlers. A group of Jewish Americans resides in the villages to learn Arabic and provide a protective presence. **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, 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, both Israeli and Palestinian civil society must be supported and strengthened. **Presenters:** At-Tuwani Representatives, Delegation of Center for Jewish Nonviolence who reside in the village **Location:** At-Tuwani Village **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.

16:00 - 17:00: Transit back to Jerusalem	Via minibus
17:00 - 18:00 Rest	
18:00 - 19:00 Dinner at the hotel	St. George's Cathedral Guesthouse, Jerusalem
19:00 - 20:30 Discussion and Debrief on the day's agenda	**What:** Discussion in large and small groups to provide context **Why:** This is an opportunity to answer questions **Presenters:** Facilitated by our guides **Location:** Meeting room in the St. George's Cathedral Guesthouse, Jerusalem **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
Overnight at the St. George's Cathedral Guesthouse, Jerusalem	
02/15/24 Thursday: Military Court Watch, Old City of Jaffa, Israeli NGOs, US Embassy Tel Aviv Annex Staff	
08:00-08:30 Breakfast	
08:30 - 10:00 Presentation by Military Court Watch	**What:** Military Court Watch will introduce their work to the delegation, and prepare them with context and background information to their visit to the Juvenile Court at 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 St. George's Cathedral Guesthouse, Jerusalem **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
10:00 - 11:15 Transit to Old City of Jaffa	Via minibus
11:15 - 12:30 Walk through Old City of Jaffa, lunch	Location: Old City Jaffa

12:30 - 13:00 Transit to Yesh Din office, Tel Aviv	Via minibus
13:00 - 14:30 Meeting with Yesh Din: Volunteers for Human Rights	**What**: Yesh Din (translates from Hebrew to "There is Law") is a prominent Israeli human rights organization committed to promoting accountability and the rule of law in the West Bank. Through systematic monitoring and documentation, legal advocacy, and public awareness campaigns, Yesh Din addresses human rights violations including: land confiscation, settler violence, and lack of accountability for human rights abuses. **Why**: Hearing from Israeli civil society about their efforts to assert fair rule of law and the challenges they face in doing so provides insight into the standing legal frameworks and into the root causes of human rights abuses. One of the goals of our trip is to meet peacemakers who work and advocate on behalf of human rights. For peace and stability to be achieved, both Israeli and Palestinian civil society must be supported and strengthened. **Speakers:** Executive Director Ziv Stahl (personally experienced October 7th attack and whose sister in-law Mira was killed that day) International Advocacy Coordinator Yahav Erez **Location**: Yesh-Din Offices, Tel Aviv-Jaffa **Assurance**: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
15:30 - 15:45 Transit to Gisha offices	Via Minibus
15:45 - 16:45 Meeting with Israeli human rights NGO: B'Tselem	**What:** Meeting with Israeli advocate for a discussion of Israeli policies, their impact on Israelis and Palestinians, and what avenues are available to assure human rights. B'Tselem will discuss their human rights work and solutions for how to continue to support Palestinian civil society. This included 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, both Israeli and Palestinian civil society must be supported and strengthened. **Presenter:** Sarit Michaeli, B'Tselem; Dana Mills, Gisha

	Location: Gisha Office, Harakevet St. 42, Tel Aviv **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity
16:45 - 17:15 Transit to cafe near the U.S. Embassy Annex	Via minibus
17:15 - 18:30 Coffee Meeting with U.S. Embassy Annex Staff	**What:** A coffee meeting with a Political Counselor near 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. The group will have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss official U.S. policy in the region **Presenter:** Mark Rosenshield, Deputy Political Counselor **Location:** Asimi Cafe **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity
18:30 - 19:50 Transit to Restaurant	Via minibus
18:30 - 19:45 Dinner in Jaffa	**Location**: Old Man in the Sea Restaurant
19:45 - 20:45 Transit to Jerusalem	Via minibus
Overnight at the St. George's Cathedral Guesthouse, in Jerusalem	
02/16/24 Friday: US Embassy, Journalist Safety, Khan al Ahmar, Kfar Adumim, Dead Sea	
07:00-8:00 Breakfast	Late breakfast
10:30 - 11:45 Debrief and discussion	**What:** Discussion in large and small groups to provide context **Why:** This is an opportunity to answer questions **Presenters:** Facilitated by our guides **Location:** Meeting room in the St. George's Cathedral Guesthouse, Jerusalem **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.

11:45 - 12:30 Transit to Khan Al Ahmar	Via minibus
12:30-14:30 Meeting with Eid Abu Khamis, spokesperson for Khan Al Ahmar including Lunch	**What:** Al 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."* 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 Khamis **Location:** Khan Al Ahmar **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activities.
14:30 - 14:40 Transit to Kfar Adumim	
14:40-16:00 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 forced 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
16:00 - 17:15 Transit to Kehillat Tzion's Community Center (with stop at Damascus Gate to drop off guests)	Via minibus
17:15 - 20:00 Shabbat Service	**What**: Kehillat Tzion's was founded and is headed by Rabba Tamar Elad Applebaum, a leading Israeli woman rabbi involved in developing an open Jewish community, including interfaith programs intended to foster unity across Jerusalem's various communities. She is, among other activities, educational director of the Beit Midrash (study hall) program for Israeli rabbis at Jerusalem's Shalom Hartman Institute, which says "her work spans and links tradition and innovation, working toward Jewish spiritual-ethical renaissance through the renewal of community life in Israel and the struggle for human dignity." **Why**: One of the goals of our trip is to meet and encourage peacemakers who work and advocate on behalf of human rights. For peace and stability to be achieved, both Israeli and Palestinian civil society must be supported and strengthened. **Presenters:** Rabba Tamar Elad Applebaum, Rabbi Moshe Silver **Location**: Kehillat Tzion's Community Center, Emek Refaim 22, Jerusalem **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity
20:00 - 20:30 Transit to Askadinya Restaurant	Via minibus
20:30 - 21:30 Dinner	**Location**: Askadinya Restaurant, in Jerusalem
21:30 - 21:40 Walk back to hotel	

Overnight at the St. George's Cathedral Guesthouse, in Jerusalem	
02/17/24 Saturday: Right to Enter in Ramallah, Al Aqaba, Rotary Nazareth, Departures	
08:00 - 08:30 Breakfast at hotel	
08:30 - 09:15 Transit to Ramallah	Via minibus
09:15 - 10:45 Meeting with Right to Enter Group	**What:** Until August 2023, the Government of Israel unilaterally denied 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 affected entire families or individual members of families, like the father or the mother of minor children. As a result, families were torn apart, jobs or businesses lost and personal property became 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. Did that policy change for the better? Did it change again after Oct. 7th? 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 Americans should be of major concern to Congress. Now that the Government of Israel is participating in the US Visa Waiver program, discriminatory policy is inconsistent with the terms and conditions of such a program. **Location:** Ibtikar Fund, Ramallah **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.

10:45 - 12:45 Transit to Al Aqaba Village with stop at scenic overlook for historical overview	Via minibus **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 Shappira, LLM tour guide **Location:** Road from Ramallah to Al Aqaba via the Jordan Valley **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
12:45 - 13:45 Lunch	**Location**: Al Aqaba English Teachers' Guesthouse Hosted by the Rural Women's Association, Al Aqaba
13:45 - 14:30 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. Rebuilding Alliance helped the village build their kindergarten and worked with their housing cooperative to pioneer a successful home construction revolving loan program, enabling the villagers to build over 60 homes even though the village is located in Firing Zone 900.

	The walking tour of Al Aqaba visited the Ibn Rushd Library, and the goat cheese factory. **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 villages 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) **Location:** Al Aqaba Village **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
14:30-16:30 Transit out of Al Aqaba	Via minibus **Note: 2 hour delay in long line at Tayasir Checkpoint*
16:30 - 18:30 Transit to Nazareth	Via minibus Through Beit She'an Crossing into Israel
18:30 - 20:30 Meeting with with Rotary Club of Nazareth	**What:** A closing dinner that allows our delegation to bring forward their observations and questions. The 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 Senate 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. **Speakers:** Nicholas Boulos— President of Rotary Club of Nazareth, Bashir Naseer—2023/24 District Governor of the Rotary Clubs of Israel, Nader Elias—Past President of the Nazareth Rotary Club, and distinguished group of Rotarians **Location**: Ramada Inn, Nazareth **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity.
20:30 - 22:00 Dinner with the Rotary Club of Nazareth	**Location:** Locanda Restaurant near the Old City, Nazareth
22:00 - 23:30 Transit to hotel in Jerusalem	Via minibus
Overnight at St. George's Cathedral Guesthouse in Jerusalem	
02/18/24 Sunday: Travel to Amman, Jordan then to Airport	
07:00 - 08:30 Breakfast and check-out of the hotel	
8:30 - 10:00 Transit to King Hussein Allenby Border Crossing	Via minibus
10:00 - 12:00 Border Crossing from Israel to Jordan *Note: time zone change between Israel and Jordan*	Staff will enter the Israeli Terminal, pay the exit tax, and present the invoice alongside passports to the immigration counter. After processing, staff will board a shuttle bus to the Jordanian Border Terminal. Location: King Hussein/ Allenby Bridge Border Crossing Note: the Border actually closes at Noon even though posted hours may be longer
13:00 - 14:00 Transit from the Border Crossing to Amman	Via minibus
13:30-15:00 Sightseeing enroute to Amman, take-out lunch	
19:30- 21:30 Dinner	**Location:** Mijana Restaurant

21:30 - 22:30 Transit to airport	Via minivan
22:30 Arrival at Airport	Arrive at Queen Alia International Airport
02/19/24 Monday- Travel from Amman to Washington DC and home	
1:45am Jordan Time	Flight to Washington DC United Airlines 526 1:45 am Amman Queen Alia Intl (AMM) 12h 30m Arrival home: 06:15 am Eastern Time Washington, D.C. Dulles Intl (IAD) Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner
6:15am Eastern Time	Washington, D.C. Dulles Intl (IAD)