# 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
(with Rotary Club of Woodside/Portola Valley Fdtn; Rotary Club of South San Francisco as grantmaking organizations)

**Travel Dates:**

February 18 - 26, 2023

**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) |
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| $1,853 | $480 | $326 | $123 Travel Insurance; $304 Holy Land Trust Admin Fee (tour company); $900 Guide/Guest Speakers |

*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.*

| 3/28/23 | Hanna Mori | |
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| Date | 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.*

Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

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# EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

**Pre-Travel Filing Instructions:** Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics** in **SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved. This form **must** be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

Name of Traveler: Hanna Mori

Employing Office/Committee: Senator Cory Booker

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Rebuilding Alliance, Rotary Club of Woodside Portola Valley Fdtn., Rotary Club of San Francisco Fdtn.

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

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

Destination(s): Israel and the West Bank

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

This trip will further my understanding of the history and current on-the-ground situation in this region, which will be useful to me and this office as I perform my official duties, such as informing internal office discussions on policy, communicating with constituents, and otherwise representing the Senator's position externally to stakeholders, among other duties. American geopolitics in the West Bank & the region is a major topic interest for Senator Booker's constituents, including but not limited to New Jersey's significant Jewish, Palestinian, and Muslim communities.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): NONE

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

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

Jan. 19, 2023
*(Date)*

*(Signature of Employee)*

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

I, Cory Booker *(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)* hereby authorize Hanna Mori *(Print Traveler's Name)*

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

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

JAN. 19, 2023
*(Date)*

*(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)*

# ATTACHMENT 1 – CHANGES FROM APPROVED PRE-TRAVEL

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

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

(●) Yes ( ) No

| Expense Change | Revised Amount | Explanation |
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| Transportation | $1899 (-$101) | In country transportation was less than budgeted |
| Meals | $326 (+26) | 2 coffee/pastry breaks |
| Lodging | $480 (-$120) | Hotel was $20 less per night than budgeted |
| Other: Guide/Speaker | $900 (+$550) | An additional Palestinian guide was hired |
| Other: Insurance | $123 (-$27) | Policy was less than budgeted |
| Other: HLT Admin Fee | $304 | 15% Fee from Holy Land Trust (tour provider) |

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

(●) Yes ( ) No

**Explanation:**

Monday 02/20/23: We did not visit the village of Al Walajeh due to time constraints, instead we visited Friday. Meeting with Parents Circle leaders moved to this night, from 2/21/23.

Tuesday 02/21/23: Instead of our meeting with the Jerusalem City Councilwoman (she was out of the country) we met with Shira Livne from the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI). Additionally, the meeting with Parents Circle leaders shifted to Monday 2/20/23.

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

(●) Yes ( ) No

**Explanation:**

Add'l Changes to Itinerary:
Wednesday 02/22/23: In Hebron, instead of a Breaking the Silence Tour, our Israeli Guide (a co-founder of Breaking the Silence) took group through the H2 area, on a similar tour. Additonally, due to time constraints, we did not meet with the organization COMET-ME. After our Masafer Yatta tour, we stopped in the village of Um Al Kheir, nearby.

Friday 02/24/23: The Mondoweiss journalist was unavailable, and we were unable to meet with Shireen Abu Akleh's family due to time constraints. We visited Al Walajeh this day instead of Monday 2/20/23.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Overview**

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

- Welcome Dinner

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

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

**Tuesday, February 21**: Jerusalem

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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| | Palestinian villages in the area. Because the village is located between Jerusalem and the Gush Etzion Settlement block, large swaths of the village are facing demolition orders. During our visit, we were introduced to a single mother whose home was demolished just a few days earlier.<br><br>**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.<br><br>**Location**: Al-Walajeh Village<br>**Presenter:** Ibrahim Al-Araj (attorney for the village).<br>**Assurance**: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity. |
| 10:15-11:00 Meeting with the Abu Khayra Family, Al Walajeh | **What**: Entire neighborhoods of the village of Al Walajeh received demolition orders from the Government of Israel. The Abu Khyara family's home was demolished several years ago. Our partner in the planning of this delegation, the Holy Land Trust, funded and assisted in the rebuilding of the family's home.<br><br>**Why**: One of the goals of this delegation is to discuss ways to stop demolitions and assure the future of this village. The village and the human rights groups that are rebuilding homes are working towards this goal.<br><br>**Location**: Al-Walajeh Village<br>**Presenter**: The Abu Khayra family<br>**Assurance**: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activities. |
| 11:00-11:45 Transportation by bus to the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem | |
| 11:45-12:15 Clear Security check at the U.S. Embassy, Jerusalem | **Location:** U.S. Embassy, Jerusalem Assurance: The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity |
| 12:15-13:45: Meeting at the U.S. Embassy | **What:** Meeting with the Deputy Political Chief from the Office of Palestinian Affairs and the Chief of Staff and Senior Staff to the Office of United States Security Coordinator (**USSC**). This meeting will |

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

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

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

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| | **Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity. |
| 10:45-12:45 Transit to Al Aqaba | **What:** Introducing the northern Jordan Valley area<br><br>**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.<br><br>**Tour Guide:** Itamar Shapirra, LLM tour guide<br>**Location:** Ramallah-Al Aqaba<br>**Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity. |
| 12:45-13:45 Lunch at the Rural Women's Association, Al Aqaba | |
| 13:45-15:15 Al Aqaba Village Tour | **What:** Al Aqaba Village is located in the West Bank's Area C inside Firing Zone 900. The Israeli Army stopped 30 years of live-firing training in the village in 2002 when the High Court arranged for their agreement to remove the Army training camp from the Village. Despite the deaths and injuries caused by live-fire training, the village always maintained a deep commitment to peace, inspired by their late Mayor. In 2008, the Israeli High Court decided that *'for the time-being the center of the village will remain standing.*' As a result this became the first Palestinian Village in Area C to issue its own building permits — and for 12 years, no demolition orders were issued against the new homes. That changed in January, 2022 when a new High Court decision placed the whole village at risk of demolition and especially the homes under construction. The walking tour of Al Aqaba will visit the community park, goat cheese factory, and the homes that had just recently, this week, been issued demolition orders, as well as the home that was demolished in January. Rebuilding Alliance helped the village build their kindergarten and has worked with their housing |

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

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| | 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.<br><br>**Speaker:** Bashir Naseer, 2023/24 Incoming Governor of the Rotary Clubs of Israel; Nader Elias, President of the Nazareth Rotary Club<br>**Location:** Blend Restaurant, near the Old City, Nazareth<br>**Assurance:** The entirety of allotted time will be covering officially-connected activity. |
| 19:30-22:00 Transit by minibus to Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport | |
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| **02/26 Sunday** | |
| 0:20 Hanna Mori Flight departs for Newark | |
| 0:55 Robert Axson flight departs for Salt Lake City. | |
| 9:40 Hanna Mori flight arrives in Newark | |
| 11:30 Robert Axson flight arrives in Salt Lake City | |

Monday, March 27, 2023 at 18:19:06 Eastern Daylight Time

**Subject:** Your Invitation: Senate StaffDel 5.0 to Jerusalem and the West Bank
**Date:** Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 9:59:18 PM Eastern Standard Time
**From:** Donna Baranski-Walker, Rebuilding Alliance via ActionNetwork.org
**To:** Mori, Hanna (Booker)
**Category:** StaffDel

Rebuilding Alliance

Dear Hanna,

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

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

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

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

This tour will:

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

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

for Palestinian families by:

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

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

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

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

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Donna Baranski-Walker

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

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

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# Trip Name: Senate Staff Leadership Learning Mission 5.0

## 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:**
(650) 440-9667

**Organization URL:**
www.RebuildingAlliance.org

## History of Congressional Travel

Describe your organization's history of sponsoring congressional travel.

This will be Rebuilding Alliance's 5th Leadership Learning Mission to Jerusalem and the West Bank, and the first with Senate staff. We brought House staff in 2018, 2020, and twice in 2022. Our additional grantmaking organizations include The Rotary Club of Woodside/Portola Valley and The Rotary Club of South San Francisco. The Rotary Club of Woodside/Portola Valley joined us as an Additional Trip Sponsor for two House Staff Delegation Leadership Learning Missions to Jerusalem and the West Bank. This will be the first time that the Rotary Club of South San Francisco is providing a grant for congressional travel.

## Educational Activities

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

Rebuilding Alliance holds daily Contact Congress Zoom 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 and social media. Each week, the Rotary Clubs of Woodside/Portola Valley and South San Francisco 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 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. The trip will achieve these goals through meetings with community leaders, human rights experts, U.S. embassy officials, and villagers. The agenda, including field visits, explores the various challenges to achieving a just and lasting peace. Travelers will visit sites and cities of cultural, social, historical, and political significance to better understand this region of the world, consider the implications of American policies in the region, and hear from Palestinians and Israelis working to safeguard human rights.

**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 staff understanding of this region and sharing tangible ways to build peace while acknowledging and encouraging those who are working for 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.

With the updated form, the two Rotary Clubs are not considered sponsors but now considered Grantmaking Organizations because they are not planning or organizing the trip. As the trip sponsor, Rebuilding Alliance invited Senate staff. We reviewed applications from Senate staff and confirmed accordingly. Rebuilding Alliance developed the trip itinerary and agenda based on our experience, invited guest speakers and groups to meet with the delegation, and worked with our partner and tour company, Holy Land Trust, to arrange logistics, lodging, meals, and other practical necessities for the delegation. In addition to the two tour guides, two Rebuilding Alliance staff will be traveling with the delegation at all times.

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 of Woodside Portola Valley Foundation
2. South San Francisco Rotary Foundation
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):**

- ○ The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
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## 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.

## Will members and staff from the House of Representatives receive invitations?

○ Yes ◉ No

Travel Details (Submit additional pages as needed)

| Trip Start Date/Time: | ⇄ | Trip End Date/Time: |
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| February 18, 2023 20:00ET | | February 26, 2023 12:00 |

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

(○) Yes (●) No

Transportation (Member/Officer/Employee: $2000 Accompanying Family Member: $n/a)

| Transportation Type | Class | Amount |
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| Air travel, round trip | Coach | $1500 |
| In country transport by minibus | Private minibus | $500 |
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**Details (optional)**

Travel costs are below the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel.

Lodging (Member/Officer/Employee: $600 Accompanying Family Member: $n/a)

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| 2/19/23 | 2/24/23 | Holy Family Hotel | Bethlehem | | West Bank |
| **Nights** | **Cost/Night** | **Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)** | If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary. | | |
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| Check-In | Check-Out | Facility | City | State | Country |
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| 2/24/23 | 2/25/23 | Angel Hotel | Beit Jala (Bethlehem) | | West Bank |
| **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 | $100 | No | | | |

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| **Nights** | **Cost/Night** | **Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)** | If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary. | | |
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Meals (Member/Officer/Employee: $320 Accompanying Family Member: $n/a)

| Date | Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner | Incidentals | Total | City | State | Country | Cost Exceeds Per Diem (Y/N) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2/19/23 | n/a | n/a | $20 | | $20 | Bethlehem | | West Bank | N |
| 2/20/23 | $10 | $20 | $20 | | $50 | Bethlehem | | West Bank | N |
| 2/21/23 | $10 | $20 | $20 | | $50 | Bethlehem/Jerusale | | West Bank/Israe | N |
| 2/22/23 | $10 | $20 | $20 | | $50 | Hebron / Susiya | | West Bank | N |
| 2/23/23 | $10 | $20 | $20 | | $50 | Bethlehem/Tel Aviv | | West Bank/Israe | N |
| 2/24/23 | $10 | $20 | $20 | | $50 | Bethlehem/Jerusale | | West Bank/Israe | N |
| 2/25/23 | $10 | $20 | $20 | | $50 | Ramallah/Nazareth | | West Bank/Israe | N |

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

Lodging and meals costs are below the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel.

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses

(Member/Officer/Employee: $500 Accompanying Family Member: $n/a)

| Expense Type | Amount | Notes |
|---|---|---|
| In-Country tour guides and speakers | $ 350 | |
| Trip Insurance | $150 | |
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Additional Details (optional)

All costs are below the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel.

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Trip Name: Senate Staff Leadership Learning Mission 5.0

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

Travel Destination(s): Israel and the West Bank

Sponsor: Rebuilding Alliance

Donna Baranski-Walker — *(printed name of sponsor representative)*

Executive Director — *(title)*

Donna Baranski-Walker — *(signature of sponsor representative)*

February 7, 2023 — *(date)*