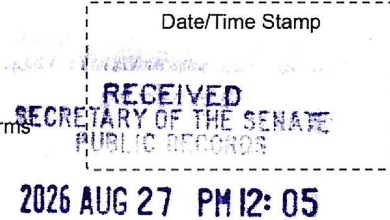


RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Post Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 144 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):

The Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA)

Travel Dates:

08/14/2026 to 08/23/2026

Name of accompanying family member (if any):**Relationship to Traveler:****Expenses**

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
\$3,550.00	\$2,940.00	\$1,118.00	\$700.00

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

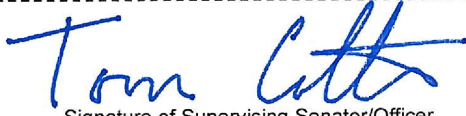
- The final **Employee Pre-Travel Authorization** (Form RE-1)
- The final **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

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.

08/27/2026 Date	Cecily Monson Printed Name of Traveler	 Signature of Traveler
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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.

08/27/2026 Date	 Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer
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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

There were no changes to pre-approved travel expenses.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Explanation: Day 1, 19:00-21:30: Briefing with Brig. Gen. (res.) Yaron Beit-On, Chief of Staff of the Yahalom Brigade, the IDF Head of the Subterranean Warfare branch switched to a briefing by MG Yaacov Ayish, Former Israel Defense Forces (IDF) Defense Attaché to the U.S. and Canada and JINSA's Senior Vice President for Israeli Affairs. Topic: Israel's recovery from the Oct. 7th terrorist attacks, including discussion of his role leading resettlement of internally displaced persons in southern Israel, challenging in rebuilding communities physically and psychologically, and how private-public partnerships in Israel contributed to the process. Brig. Gen. (res.) Yaron Beit-On was deployed to Columbia to assist with recovery operations in the aftermath of the recent earthquake there. Day 2 13:30:14:00 Briefing by Mr. Dolan Abu Saleh, Head of the Majdal Shams Local Council. Topic: Visit to Druze village of Majdal Shams. Briefing by Druze village leaders. Discussion of the July 27, 2024, Hezbollah rocket attack that landed on a soccer game resulting in the death of 12 children and the Druze community in Israel more broadly. Insufficient time to travel between locations with other scheduled briefings.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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



Cecily Monson
326 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

May 8, 2026.

Dear Cecily,

On behalf of the Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA), it is my pleasure to invite you to participate in this year's [Congressional National Security Program to Israel](#), to be held **August 16-22, 2026**.¹

We take your security very seriously and have successfully organized several major programs and policy trips to Israel since 7 October 2023. Our Israel team, led by IDF MG (ret.) Yaacov Ayish, is constantly monitoring the security situation, and we will adjust our plans accordingly if necessary.

JINSA is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to working with military and civilian decisionmakers to ensure American strategic interests in the Middle East are defended. JINSA believes the cornerstone of this defense is a robust U.S.-Israeli security cooperation relationship.

One of the ways JINSA executes its educational mission is through [unique programs](#) that promote dialogue between prominent U.S. government officials and military leaders and their Mideast counterparts. The Congressional National Security Program has provided insight and understanding into Israel's security challenges, the shared threats facing Israel and the United States, the benefits of U.S.-Israel security cooperation and ways to deepen that cooperation, and insight into how collaboration between U.S. and Israeli defense industries contribute to the defense of both nations. JINSA will cover your lodging, tours, food costs, and round-trip international travel between the United States and Israel.

The program curriculum will feature visits to strategically important sites, such as Israel's borders with Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, and Egypt, where participants will be briefed by IDF commanders to better understand the security challenges Israel faces on

¹ We will most likely depart for Israel late Saturday, August 15 and arrive on Sunday, August 16. We will depart from Israel the evening of Saturday, August 22 and arrive back in the United States on the morning of Sunday, August 23.



each respective border, including its lack of strategic depth. Delegation participants will also visit the Knesset, to understand the role it plays in developing and executing Israeli national security policy, and key religious and historical sites to gain a deeper appreciation for the importance of the land to three of the world's great faiths and how this directly impacts the security environment in the Middle East.

The program will include briefings on topics such as:

- Middle East regional security challenges confronting the United States and Israel;
- The impact of the Israel's multi-front war against Iran and its so-called Axis of Resistance that started with the Hamas terrorist attack on October 7, 2023;
- Perspective on how the Arab world understands and perceives Israel; and
- Linkages between Israel's "Silicon Wadi," IDF weapons technology, and the U.S. defense establishment.

Please RSVP by May 15, 2026 to Matt Kenney at mkenney@jinsa.org or (703) 946-8363 to let us know if you are interested in attending. Please also reach out if you have any questions about this invitation or travel arrangements.

Finally, the following information which participants will be required to submit to the Ethics Committee no later than July 16, 2026 will be provided upon confirmation of participation:

- Ethics Committee Primary Trip Sponsor Form
- Itinerary for participants

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Makovsky', written over a horizontal line.

Michael Makovsky, Ph.D.

President & CEO

Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA)

RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

Date/Time Stamp

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.

Name of Traveler:

Cecily Monson

Employing Office/Committee:

Office of Senator Tom Cotton

Private Sponsor(s):

Jewish Institute for National Security of

Destination(s):

Herzliya, Israel

Travel Dates:

8/14/2026-8/23/2026

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

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

As National Security Legislative Correspondent, my portfolio heavily includes defense and foreign policy involving Israel and the surrounding region.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip? Name and Relationship to Traveler:

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(signify "yes" by checking box)

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

7/28/2026

Date



Signature of Employee

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

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

Senator Tom Cotton

Cecily Monson

I _____ hereby authorize _____
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)

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

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

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(signify "yes" by checking box)

7/28/2026

Date



Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

The Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA): JINSA Congressional National Security Program to Israel 2026

Cecily Monson

Title:

None

Employing Office/Committee:

COTTON, TOM

Duty Station:

WASHINGTON, DC

Destination(s):

Herzliya, Israel

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

As National Security Legislative Correspondent, my portfolio heavily includes defense and foreign policy involving Israel and the surrounding region.

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Not Entered

Name and Relationship to Traveler:

None

Organization Information

Organization Name

The Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA)

§501(c)(3) Organization Type

N/A

Address 2 (Optional)**Phone Number**

(703) 946-8363

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

☐ Yes

☒ No

Address

1101 14th Street, NW, Suite 1030

City, State Zip

Washington, District Of Columbia 20005 United States

Organization URL

<https://jinisa.org/>

History of Congressional Travel

- JINSA Congressional National Security Program to Israel 2022 - JINSA Homeland Security Program to Israel 2022 (two participants from the House of Representatives) - JINSA Congressional National Security Program to Israel 2023 - JINSA Congressional National Security Program to Israel 2024 - JINSA Congressional National Security Program to Israel 2025

Educational Activities

JINSA has executed its education mission through unique programs that promote dialogue between prominent U.S. military leaders and government officials and their Mideast counterparts since 1981, such as by hosting regular webinars, monthly roundtable discussions and events, and annual educational trips to Israel.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

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

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

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status:

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

Comments

Signature Page

The signature page is below.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

The goal of JINSA's Congressional National Security Program is to provide insight and understanding into Israel's security challenges, the shared threats facing Israel and the United States in the Middle East, and how U.S.-Israel security cooperation contributes to the defense of both nations. Participants meet with Israeli military and intelligence leaders and policy professionals, conduct field visits to key strategic locations such as Israel's northern and southern borders, and visit defense industrial and innovation sites showcasing the strength of the U.S.-Israel defense partnership. We will also visit the Knesset (Israel's Parliament), to understand the role it plays in developing and executing Israeli national security policy.

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

For nearly 50 years, JINSA has been dedicated to educating congressional, military and civilian national security decision-makers on American defensive and strategic interests, primarily in the Middle East, the cornerstone of which is a robust U.S.-Israel security cooperation relationship. Organized and run entirely by JINSA, this trip directly supports our core educational mission.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

There are no grantmaking organizations.

With or Without Regard for Congressional Participation

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

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

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

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing

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

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

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

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

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

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

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

Invitees

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

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
08/14/2026 @ 05:30 PM

Trip End Date/Time:
08/23/2026 @ 03:05 PM

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Itinerary

The itinerary is below.

Transportation (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$3,550.00 | Accompanying Family Member: \$0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	\$3,000.00

Note

Round trip international flights from Washington, D.C. to Tel Aviv, Israel.

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Ground Transportation	Coach	\$550.00

Note

Bus transportation to and from the airport and to sites in Israel

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$2,940.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
08/15/2026	08/22/2026	Ritz Carlton	Herzliya		Israel	7	\$420.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$1118.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
08/15/2026	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$80.00	Herzliya		Israel	No
08/16/2026	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$118.00	\$0.00	\$158.00	Herzliya		Israel	No
08/17/2026	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$118.00	\$0.00	\$158.00	Caesarea		Israel	No
08/18/2026	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$118.00	\$0.00	\$158.00	Tel Aviv		Israel	No
08/19/2026	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$118.00	\$0.00	\$158.00	Tel Aviv		Israel	No
08/20/2026	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$118.00	\$0.00	\$158.00	Jerusalem		Israel	No
08/21/2026	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$118.00	\$0.00	\$158.00	Jerusalem		Israel	No
08/22/2026	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$90.00	Herzliya		Israel	No

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$700.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
Other ((Guides, entry fees, security))	\$700.00	Expenses for guides, entry fees, and security for the delegation.

Additional Attachments All additional attachments are below.

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