

U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Ethics

LEGISLATIVE RESOURCE CENTER

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, 135 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. Please do not file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Michelle Dorothy
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: \_\_\_\_\_ or None   
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: Feb 14, 2015 Return: Feb 22, 2015  
 b. Dates at personal expense (if any): \_\_\_\_\_ or None
4. Departure city: Washington, DC Destination: Tel Aviv Return city: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): The American Israel Education Foundation
6. Describe meetings and events attended: Sessions on Israel's history, economy, security, and future with government officials, journalists, entrepreneurs, military leaders, nonprofit leaders, and students.
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box):
  - a.  a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;
  - b.  the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor prior to the trip, including all attachments and Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
  - c.  page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the employee; *and*
  - d.  the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. (Signify that statement is true by checking box):   
 b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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

SIGNATURE OF TRAVELER: Michelle Dorothy DATE: 3.9.15

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

NAME OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Scott Peters DATE: 3.9.15

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: [Signature]

**American Israel Education Foundation  
Educational Seminar in Israel  
U.S. Congressional Staff  
February 14-22, 2015**

**Breakdown of Other Expenses**

Security: \$1,041.97 per person

-AIEF considers the security of its trip participants as its highest priority. A security team accompanies all participants throughout the trip.

Speaker Fees: \$481.50 per person

-Honoraria for guest speakers

Tour Guide: \$243.59 per person

-As a detailed historical understanding is crucial to maximizing the educational aspect of the trip, a licensed tour guide accompanies the group throughout the trip.

Room Rentals: \$211.36 per person

-The cost of renting rooms at hotels and restaurants for meetings and meals with speakers.

Tour Guide/Driver/Security Hotels: \$193.66 per person

Tour Guide/Driver/Security/Speaker Meals: \$192.56 per person

Other: \$55.79 per person

-Water, snacks

-Briefing materials

Entrance Fees: \$39.29 per person

-Several sites require an entrance fee, including the southern Western Wall excavations and the holy sites around the Sea of Galilee.

Tips: \$37.74 per person

-It is customary to tip the driver and tour guide that accompany trip participants.

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**SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM**

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. *A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within 10 days of their return.* You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
2. Travel Destination(s): Israel
3. Date of Departure: February 14, 2015 Date of Return: February 22, 2015


4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Please see attached  
(NOTE: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.)

5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in response to Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$6,640.04	\$1,587	\$748	\$2,497.46 (breakdown attached)
Accompanying Relative	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. (Signify statement is true by checking box):

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

Signature:   
 Name: Richard Fishman Title: Executive Director  
 Organization: American Israel Education Foundation

**I am an officer of the above-named organization (signify statement is true by checking box):**

Address: 251 H Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Telephone number: (202) 639-5233

Email Address: rfishman@aiefdn.org

*Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.*

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at (202) 225-7103.

## List of Travelers

1. Stephen Boyd, Chief of Staff, Rep. Martha Roby (R-AL)
2. Michelle Dorothy, Chief of Staff, Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA)
3. Anthony Foti, Chief of Staff, Rep. Dennis Ross (R-FL)
4. Juan Lopez, Chief of Staff, Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA)
5. Greg Mecher, Chief of Staff, Rep. Joe Kennedy (D-MA)
6. Doug Menorca, Chief of Staff, Rep. Luke Messer (R-IN)
7. Parker Poling, Chief of Staff, Rep. Patrick McHenry (R-NC)
8. Erica Striebel, Chief of Staff, Rep. Ander Crenshaw (R-FL)
9. Tom Van Flein, Chief of Staff, Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ)

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Michelle Dorothy
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation
3. Travel destination(s): Israel
4. a. Date of departure 2.14.15 Date of return: 2.22.15  
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  Yes  No  
If yes, dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a relative at the sponsor's expense?  Yes  No  
b. If yes:  
(1) Name of accompanying relative: \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) Relationship to traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age:  Yes  No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)?  Yes  No  
b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms:  Yes  No  
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.  
I am Rep. Peter's Chief of Staff. Many of our constituents care about the role the US plays in the Middle East; the more knowledgeable I and the staff are about this, the better able we are to represent them.
9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip?  Yes  No


10. FOR STAFF TRAVELERS:

TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: 1.14.15

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Employing Member

U.S. House of Representatives  
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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site ([ethics.house.gov](http://ethics.house.gov)) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (signify that the statement is true by checking box):
3. Check only one. I represent that:
  - a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip  *or*
  - b. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds  *or*
  - c. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.   
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):  
Please see attached
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)?  Yes  No
6. Date of departure: February 14, 2015 Date of return: February 22, 2015
7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C.  
b. Destination(s): Israel  
c. City of return: Washington, D.C.
8. I represent that (check one of the following):
  - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965:  *or*
  - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent:  *or*
  - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. Check one of the following:
  - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above:
  - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging:
  - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night:  *or*
  - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights:   
If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (*i.e.*, an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) (*indicate agenda is attached by checking box*):
11. Check one:
- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*):  *or*
- b. N/A – trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:  
 AIEF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the fundamental purpose of educating policy makers and opinion leaders about the U.S.-Israel relationship. AIEF is solely responsible for recruiting, coordinating, executing and funding all aspects of this trip.
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13. Answer parts a and b Answer part c if necessary:
- a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
- b. Class of travel: Coach  Business  First  Charter  Other  (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
- c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:  
 n/a
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14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*):
15. I represent that either (*check one of the following*):
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees:  *or*
- b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation:
- If "b" is checked:
- 1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$114
- 2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 The trip will take place in Israel in order to educate Congressional staff about the U.S.-Israel relationship.
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16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- |                          |                                   |       |                  |                 |              |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Hotel name:              | <u>Mamila</u>                     | City: | <u>Jerusalem</u> | Cost per night: | <u>\$315</u> |
| Reason(s) for selecting: | <u>location and affordability</u> |       |                  |                 |              |
| Hotel name:              | <u>Sheraton</u>                   | City: | <u>Tel Aviv</u>  | Cost per night: | <u>\$267</u> |
| Reason(s) for selecting: | <u>location and affordability</u> |       |                  |                 |              |
| Hotel name:              | <u>Galei Kineret</u>              | City: | <u>Tiberias</u>  | Cost per night: | <u>\$156</u> |
| Reason(s) for selecting: | <u>location and affordability</u> |       |                  |                 |              |

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (signify that the statement is true by checking box):

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$6,272.66	\$1,635	\$800
For each accompanying relative	n/a	n/a	n/a

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$2,733.33	Please see attached for breakdown
For each accompanying relative	n/a	n/a

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19. Check one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below.  *or*  
 b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.

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

Signature: x 

Name: Chrystal Kern

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Organization: American Israel Education Foundation

Address: 251 H Street NW. Washington DC 20001

Telephone number: (202) 639-5374

Email address: ckern@aiefdn.org

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

Committee on Ethics  
 U.S. House of Representatives  
 1015 Longworth House Office Building  
 Washington, DC 20515  
 (202) 225-7103 (phone)  
 (202) 225-7392 (general fax)



**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)**  
**Educational Seminar in Israel**  
**U.S. Congressional Staff**  
**Feb 14-22, 2015**  
House Invites:

TITLE	FIRST	LAST	STAFF FIRST	STAFF LAST	ETHICS
Rep.	Martha	Roby	Stephen	Boyd	Serves as Chief of staff to a member of the relevant Appropriations and Armed Services Committees.
Rep.	Scott	Peters	Michelle	Dorothy	House Chief of Staff. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that work in relevant issue areas.
Rep.	Dennis	Ross	Anthony	Foti	House Chief of Staff. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that work in relevant issue areas.
Rep.	Hakeem	Jeffries	Cedric	Grant	House Chief of Staff. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that work in relevant issue areas.
Rep.	Emanuel	Cleaver	John	Jones	House Chief of Staff. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that work in relevant issue areas.
Rep.	Jim	Costa	Juan	Lopez	House Chief of Staff. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that work in relevant issue areas.

Rep. Joe	Kennedy	Greg	Mecher	Serves as Chief of staff to a member of the relevant House Foreign Affairs Committee.
Rep. Luke	Messer	Doug	Menorca	Serves as Chief of staff to a member of the relevant House Foreign Affairs Committee.
Rep. Patrick	McHenry	Parker	Polling	House Chief of Staff. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that work in relevant issue areas.
Rep. Ander	Crenshaw	Erica	Striebel	Serves as Chief of staff to a member of the relevant Appropriations Committee.
Rep. Linda	Sanchez	Lea	Sulkala	House Chief of Staff. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that work in relevant issue areas.
Rep. Paul	Gosar	Tom	Van Flein	House Chief of Staff. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that work in relevant issue areas.
Rep. Juan	Vargas	Tim	Walsh	Serves as Chief of staff to a member of the relevant House Foreign Affairs Committee.
Rep. Steve	Chabot	Mark	Weilman	Serves as Chief of staff to a member of the relevant House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Rep.	David	Jolly	John David	White	Serves as Chief of staff to a member of the relevant Appropriations Committee. House Chief of Staff. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that work in relevant issue areas.
Rep.	Julia	Brownley	Lenny	Young	

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Educational Seminar in Israel  
U.S. Congressional Staff  
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**Breakdown of Other Expenses**

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Speaker Fees: \$466.67 per person

-Honoraria for guest speakers

Tour Guide: \$243.33 per person

-As a detailed historical understanding is crucial to maximizing the educational aspect of the trip, a licensed tour guide accompanies the group throughout the trip.

Tour Guide/Driver/Security Hotels: \$200 per person

Room Rentals: \$136.66 per person

-The cost of renting rooms at hotels and restaurants for meetings and meals with speakers.

Other: \$130 per person

-Water, snacks

-Briefing materials

Tour Guide/Driver/Security/Speaker Meals: \$120 per person

Tips: \$100 per person

-It is customary to tip the driver and tour guide that accompany trip participants.

Airport Assistance: \$50

-AIEF uses a service upon arrival and departure to assist with passport and luggage issues at the airport

Transportation for individualized tour of Syrian/Israel border \$40 per person

Entrance Fees: \$46.67 per person

-Several sites require an entrance fee, including the southern Western Wall excavations and the holy sites around the Sea of Galilee.

# U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS  
Washington, DC 20515

February 2, 2015

Ms. Michelle Dorothy  
Office of the Honorable Scott Peters  
1122 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Dorothy:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel scheduled for February 14 to 22, 2015, sponsored by the American Israel Education Foundation. We note that the U.S. Department of State (State Department) has issued a warning concerning travel to Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza.<sup>1</sup> You may wish to contact the State Department regarding the safety of your proposed trip.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$375 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$375] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

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<sup>1</sup> The travel warning is available at available at <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings/israel-travel-warning.html>.

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If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.



Charles W. Dent  
Chairman

Sincerely,



Linda T. Sanchez  
Ranking Member

CWD/LTS:smm

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)  
Educational Seminar in Israel  
U.S. Congressional Staff  
February 14-22, 2015**

**Itinerary**

**Saturday, February 14, 2015**

*Due to weather conditions, the flight from DCA-EWR was cancelled and train tickets were purchased*

3:25 PM      Depart Union Station

6:22 PM      Arrive Newark

10:45 PM     Depart Newark

**Sunday, February 15, 2015**

4:20 PM      Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport  
Transfer to Jerusalem

6:30 PM      Check in to the Mamila Hotel

7:15 PM      Depart for dinner

7:30 PM      *Setting the Stage*  
Welcome and Orientation  
- at Touro

8:15 PM      *State of the Nation*  
Dinner with Matti Friedman, Author and Journalist  
- at Touro

10:00 PM     *Shalom Jerusalem*  
Introduction to the history of the city  
Brief walking tour

10:30 PM     Overnight at the Mamila Hotel

**Monday, February 16, 2015**

7:30 AM      Breakfast is served  
- at the hotel, Galil Hall

- 8:00 AM *Israel's Political Map*  
Breakfast with Professor Reuven Hazan  
Political Science Department, The Hebrew University  
- at the hotel, Galil Hall
- 9:15 AM Depart for Strategic Survey of Jerusalem
- 9:45 AM *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part I:*  
The Historic and Holy Basin  
Guided tour of the Old City of Jerusalem
- 12:00 PM Lunch at the Old City  
- at Golden Panoramic
- 1:00 PM Depart for tour of Knesset
- 1:30 PM *Israeli Politics from the Inside*  
Guided tour of the Knesset  
Meeting with the Honorable Yifat Kariv, Yesh Atid Party
- 2:45 PM Depart
- 3:15 PM *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part II:*  
Post-1967 Neighborhoods and the Security Barrier
- 4:45 PM Depart for hotel
- 7:00 PM Depart for dinner
- 8:00 PM *Regional Threats Overview*  
Dinner with Brig.-Gen. (Ret.) Gal Hirsch  
- at La Guta
- 10:00 PM Overnight at the Mamila Hotel  
Prepare for next morning's departure

**Tuesday, February 17, 2015**

- 7:45 AM Breakfast on own  
- at the hotel, Main Dining Hall
- 8:15 AM Depart for Yad Vashem



8:45 AM *Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust*  
Guided tour of Yad Vashem Holocaust  
Memorial Museum

11:00 AM Depart

11:30 AM *Hand in Hand*  
Visit to Yad b'Yad Bilingual School for Jewish and Arab students

12:45 PM Depart

1:15 PM *The Palestinian Perspective*  
Lunch with Issa Kassissieh,  
Deputy Head, Palestinian Authority Negotiations Affairs Department  
- at the Ambassador Hotel

3:00 PM Depart

3:30 PM *A View from the Prime Minister's Office*  
Meeting with Mark Regev, International Media Advisor to the Prime Minister  
- at the Crowne Plaza Hotel

4:45 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

6:15 PM Check in to the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

7:45 PM Depart for dinner

8:00 PM *Start-Up Nation*  
Dinner with Israeli Innovators

- Tzameret Fuerst, Chief Executive Officer, PrePex
- Yoav Keren, CEO, Brandshield
- Dr. Yonatan Wexler, Senior VP of R & D, OrCam
- Sivan Yaari, Founder and President, Innovation: Africa

- at Shulhan

9:30 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

**Wednesday, February 18, 2015**

7:30 AM Breakfast on own  
- at the hotel

8:00 AM Depart

9:30 AM *Israel's Southern Front*  
Overlook into Gaza  
- at Kibbutz Nir Am Lookout

10:15 AM Depart

10:30 AM Visit to Kassam rockets "graveyard"  
-at Sderot Police Station

10:45 AM Depart

11:15 AM *Israel's Southern Front*  
Visit to Kibbutz Nirim  
Meeting with Adele Reamer, Local resident

12:15 PM Depart for lunch

12:45 PM Lunch  
- at Netachim

2:15 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

3:45 PM *Inside the Palestinian Street*  
Meeting with Avi Isacharoff, Middle East Analyst, *Walla!* and *Times of Israel*  
- at the Azrieli Tower

5:00 PM *360 Bird's Eye View of Israel*  
Strategic Briefing from atop the Azrieli Tower

5:45 PM Depart

7:45 PM Depart for dinner

8:15 PM *Israelis from Different Walks of Life*

- Liat Damoza, The Jewish Agency
- Ari Eitan, Presentense
- Gil Ganonyan, Hope for Heroism
- Dan Slyper, LGBTQ Activist

- at Deca

10:00 PM Return to hotel  
Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel  
Prepare for next morning's departure

**Thursday, February 19, 2015**

- 7:45 AM Breakfast is served  
- at the hotel, Topaz Hall
- 8:00 AM *The Iranian Threat*  
Breakfast with Dr. Emily Landau, Senior Research Fellow  
Institute for National Security Studies  
- at the hotel, Topaz Hall
- 9:15 AM Depart
- 10:15 AM *Israel's Narrow Waistline – Strategic Concerns*  
Briefing at Alfei Menashe
- 11:00 AM Depart for lunch
- 12:30 PM Lunch  
- at Adelina
- 1:45 PM Depart
- En route briefing:
- *The Jezreel Valley* – The Strategic Land Bridge connecting Asia and Africa
  - *Upper Galilee* – Potential for Development
- 2:30 PM *Visit to Kishurit Village*  
Residential Facility for Adults with Special Needs
- 3:45 PM Depart
- 4:15 PM *Missile Defense*  
Meeting with Ari Sacher, Rafael Advanced Defense Systems
- 5:30 PM Depart
- 6:15 PM Check in to the Galei Kinneret Hotel
- 7:45 PM Depart for dinner
- 8:00 PM Dinner  
- at Decks

10:00 PM Overnight at the Galei Kineret Hotel  
Prepare for next morning's departure

**Friday, February 20, 2015**

8:00 AM Breakfast on own  
- at the hotel, Main Dining Hall

9:00 AM Depart

9:30 AM *Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee*  
Tour of historical and religious sites around the Sea of Galilee

- Mt. of Beatitudes – Sermon on the Mount
- St. Peter's Church
- Capernaum – Jesus' Village

11:30 AM Depart  
*Due to weather conditions in Israel, the group was unable to travel to the Golan Heights as originally planned*

12:30 PM *Visit to the Druze Community*  
-Druze Village, Galilee

1:00 PM Israel's Northern Border Concerns  
Strategic Survey of Israel's borders with Syria and Lebanon  
With Maj. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi  
- Druze Village, Galilee

2:45 PM Travel back to Tel Aviv

4:45 PM Check in to the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

7:00 PM Depart for dinner

7:30 PM *Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem*  
Traditional Sabbath evening dinner  
With Leslie Mirchin, Director of AIEF Israel and Zev Chafets, Author  
-at the Mirchin home in Raanana

9:30 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

**Saturday, February 21, 2015**

8:00 AM Breakfast on own  
- at the hotel, Main Dining Hall

- 9:00 AM Depart  
En route briefing:  
*Israel's Experience in Fighting the Encroachment of Desertification*
- 10:30 AM King Herod's birthplace  
Visit and Archeological Dig at Tel Maresha Archeological Site  
*Due to weather conditions in Israel, the group was unable to travel to Masada as originally planned*
- 1:30 PM Depart for Tel Aviv  
Lunch en route
- 2:30 PM Visit to the Ancient Port of Old Jaffa
- 4:00 PM Return to Hotel  
Check out
- 6:00 PM Depart for closing dinner
- 6:30 PM *The U.S.-Israel Relationship: Bringing it All Together*  
Closing dinner  
- at Ester's
- 8:30 PM Depart for the Airport
- 11:10 PM Depart Tel Aviv

**Sunday, February 22, 2015**

4:30 AM Arrive Newark

*Due to weather conditions and the expected cancellation of the flight from EWR-DCA, train tickets were purchased for the group*

7:07 AM Depart Newark

10:20 AM Arrive Union Station

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)  
Educational Seminar in Israel  
U.S. Congressional Staff  
February 14-22, 2015**

**Itinerary**

**Saturday, February 14, 2015**

5:20 PM Depart Washington, D.C.

7:00 PM Arrive Newark

10:45 PM Depart Newark

**Sunday, February 15, 2015**

4:20 PM Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport  
Transfer to Jerusalem

6:30 PM Check in to the Mamila Hotel

7:15 PM Depart for dinner

7:30 PM *Setting the Stage*  
Orientation with Ilana Decker, Educational Seminar Leader  
- at Touro

8:15 PM *State of the Nation*  
Dinner with Matti Friedman, Author and Journalist  
- at Touro

10:00 PM *Shalom Jerusalem*  
Introduction to the history of the city  
Brief walking tour

10:30 PM Return to the hotel  
Overnight at the Mamila Hotel

**Monday, February 16, 2015**

7:30 AM Breakfast is served  
- at the hotel, Galil Hall

- 8:00 AM *Israel's Political Map*  
Breakfast with Gil Hoffman, Chief Political Correspondent and Analyst  
*The Jerusalem Post*  
- at the hotel, Galil Hall
- 9:15 AM Depart for Strategic Survey of Jerusalem
- 9:45 AM *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part I:*  
The Historic and Holy Basin  
Guided tour of the Old City of Jerusalem
- 11:30 AM Lunch at the Old City  
- at Golden Panoramic
- 12:30 PM Depart for tour of Knesset
- 1:00 PM Guided tour of the Knesset
- 2:15 PM Depart
- 3:00 PM *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part II:*  
Post-1967 Neighborhoods and the Security Barrier
- 4:30 PM Depart for hotel
- 7:00 PM Depart for dinner
- 7:30 PM *Israeli Democracy at Work*  
Dinner with Knesset Staff and Advisors  
- at Darna
- 9:30 PM Return to hotel  
Overnight at the Mamila Hotel

**Tuesday, February 17, 2015**

- 7:45 AM Breakfast on own  
- at the hotel, Main Dining Hall
- 8:15 AM Depart for Yad Vashem
- 8:45 AM *Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust*  
Guided tour of Yad Vashem Holocaust  
Memorial Museum

11:00 AM Depart

11:30 AM *Hand in Hand*  
Visit to Yad b'Yad Bilingual School for Jewish and Arab students

12:45 PM Depart for the American Colony Hotel

1:15 PM *The Palestinian Perspective*  
Lunch with representative from Palestinian Authority Negotiations Affairs Dept.  
- at the American Colony Hotel

2:45 PM Depart

3:15 PM *A View from the Prime Minister's Office*  
Meeting with Mark Regev, International Media Advisor to the Prime Minister  
- at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Ein Gedi Hall

4:30 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

6:45 PM Check in to the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

7:45 PM Depart for dinner

8:00 PM *Start-Up Nation*  
Dinner with  
- at Shulhan

9:30 PM Return to hotel  
Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

**Wednesday, February 18, 2015**

7:30 AM Breakfast is served  
- at the hotel, Topaz Hall

8:00 AM *A View from the Palestinian Street*  
Breakfast with Eran Zinger  
Arab Affairs Analyst, *Israel Radio*  
- at the hotel, Topaz Hall

9:15 AM Depart



- 10:45 AM *Israel's Southern Front*  
Overlook into Gaza  
- at Kibbutz Nir Am Lookout
- 11:15 AM Visit to Kassam rockets "graveyard"  
-at Sderot Police Station
- 11:45 AM *Israel's Southern Front*  
Visit to Kibbutz Nahal Oz  
Meeting with Oshrit Sabag, Local resident
- 12:45 PM Depart for lunch
- 1:00 PM Lunch  
- at Netachim
- 2:00 PM Depart
- 2:30 PM *Israel's Missile Defense System*  
Visit to Iron Dome Base in Ashkelon  
Briefing by IDF soldier
- 3:00 PM Depart for Tel Aviv
- 4:15 PM *Regional Threats Overview*  
Coffee with Dr. Jonathan Spyer, Senior Research Fellow  
Global Research in International Affairs Center, IDC Herzliya  
- at the hotel, Topaz Hall
- 7:30 PM Depart for dinner
- 8:00 PM *Israelis from Different Walks of Life*  
- at Liliyot
- 9:45 PM Return to hotel  
Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

**Thursday, February 19, 2015**

- 7:45 AM Breakfast is served  
- at the hotel, Topaz Hall

8:00 AM      *The Iranian Threat*  
Breakfast with Dr. Emily Landau, Senior Research Fellow  
Institute for National Security Studies  
- at the hotel, Topaz Hall

9:15 AM      Depart

10:15 AM     *Israel's Narrow Waistline – Strategic Concerns*  
Briefing at Alfei Menashe

11:00 AM     Depart for lunch

12:30 PM     Lunch  
- at Adelina

1:30 PM      Depart

2:00 PM      *Israel's Northern Border Concerns, Part I:*  
Strategic briefing on the border with Lebanon  
by Maj. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi  
- at Dovev Overlook to Lebanon

2:45 PM      Depart  
En route briefing:  
    • *The Jezreel Valley* – The Strategic Land Bridge connecting Asia and Africa  
    • *Upper Galilee* – Potential for Development

3:45 PM      *Treating Syria's Wounded*  
Visit to Ziv Medical Center

5:15 PM      Depart

5:45 PM      Check into the Galei Kineret Hotel

7:45 PM      Depart for dinner

8:00 PM      Dinner  
- at Decks

10:00 PM     Return to hotel  
Overnight at the Galei Kineret Hotel

**Friday, February 20, 2015**

- 8:00 AM Breakfast on own  
- at the hotel, Main Dining Hall
- 8:30 AM Depart
- 8:45 AM *Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee*  
Tour of historical and religious sites around the Sea of Galilee
- Galilee Boat Museum
  - Mt. of Beatitudes – Sermon on the Mount
  - St. Peter's Church
  - Capernaum – Jesus' Village
- 11:00 AM Depart for the Golan Heights
- 12:00 PM *Israel's Northern Border Concerns, Part II:*  
Strategic survey of Israel's border with Syria  
- at Kibbutz Ein Zivan
- 1:30 PM Lunch  
- at Ha'Bokrim
- 2:30 PM Travel back to Jerusalem via the Jordan Valley  
En route briefing:
- *Strategic Survey – Israel's Border with Jordan*
  - *The Jordan Valley – Israel's Defensive Buffer Facing East*
- 6:00 PM Check in to the Mamila Hotel
- 7:15 PM Depart for dinner
- 7:30 PM *Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem*  
Traditional Sabbath evening dinner  
With Prof. Gil and Linda Troy  
- at their home in Jerusalem
- 9:30 PM Return to hotel  
Overnight at the Mamila Hotel

**Saturday, December 20, 2014**

- 8:00 AM Breakfast on own  
- at the hotel, Main Dining Hall

- 8:30 AM Depart  
En route briefing:  
*Israel's Experience in Fighting the Encroachment of Desertification*
- 10:00 AM *History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire*  
Guided tour of the National Archeological Park at Masada
- 12:30 PM *Exploration of the Dead Sea Region*  
- at Hod Hotel
- 2:30 PM Depart for Jerusalem
- 4:00 PM Return to hotel  
Check out
- 5:45 PM Depart for closing dinner
- 6:30 PM *The U.S.-Israel Relationship: Bringing it All Together*  
Closing dinner  
- at Ester's
- 8:30 PM Depart for the Airport
- 11:10 PM Depart Tel Aviv

**Sunday, December 21, 2014**

- 4:30 AM Arrive Newark
- 9:12 AM Depart Newark
- 10:29 AM Arrive Washington, D.C.