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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVESU.S. House of Representatives
111th CongressMEMBER / OFFICER
POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for meetings, speaking engagements, fact-finding trips or similar events in connection with official duties. You need not disclose government-funded or political travel on this form, or travel that is unrelated to official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report all privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual Financial Disclosure Statement. In accordance with clause 5 of House Rule 25, complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within **15 days** after travel is completed. The Clerk is to make these forms available to the public as soon as possible after they are received.

1. Name of Traveler: Rep. Robert J. Wittman
2. a. Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): _____
 b. Relationship to Member/Officer: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: 8/1/09-8/6/09
 b. Dates at personal expense (if any): _____
4. Itinerary (cities of departure – destination – return): Washington, DC - Tel Aviv-
Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary):
Please see attached final itinerary.
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (*signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*):
 - a. the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments;
 - b. the Traveler Form completed by the Member or officer; *and*
 - c. the Committee on Standards' letter approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda. (*Signify that statement is true by checking box*):
 b. If not, explain: I attended all events from August 1-5, but left early to attend events back in my district.

9. **TRIP EXPENSES:** Obtain actual dollar amounts from the sponsor. If exact dollar amounts are unavailable by the due date, provide a good faith estimate and file an amended form once the correct amounts are received.

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For Member or Officer:	\$3980.08	\$1860.00	\$463.36
For accompanying family member:			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For Member or Officer:	\$531.60	security, tour guide, entrance fees, speaker fees, room rentals, tips, photo album, misc.
For accompanying family member:		

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses listed above were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or Officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER: Robert J. Withers

DATE: 8.24.09

Version date 3/2009 by Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

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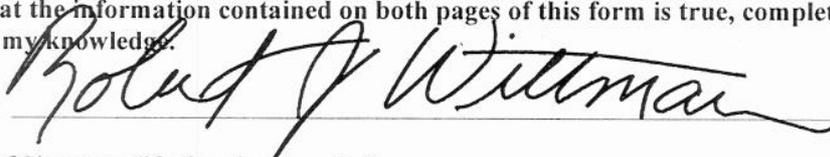
**PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM
For Members, Officers, and Employees**

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. *Please type form. Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392.*

YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 14 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 14 days before the trip commences.

Name of Traveler: Rep. Robert J. Wittman

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

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For staff, name of employing Member/Committee: _____

Office address: 1318 Longworth House Office Building

Phone number: (202)225-4261

Email address of contact person: Whitney Stockett

- Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet and the traveler is a Member traveling to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 14 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

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

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
U.S. House of Representatives
HT-2, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (fax)

**U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct**

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Robert J. Wittman
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
3. Travel destination(s): Israel
4. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: August 1, 2009/August 6,2009
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 family member at the sponsor's expense? Yes No
b. If yes, name of accompanying family member: _____
c. Relationship to traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(c) on the Trip Sponsor form (*i.e.*, the travel is being sponsored by an entity that employs a lobbyist)? Yes No
b. If yes, check one of the following: N/A – Sponsor checked 9(a) or 9(b)
(1) Approval for one-night's lodging and meals is being requested: or
(2) Approval for two-nights' lodging and meals is being requested:
If "(2)" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____
7. Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments (*indicate that form is attached by checking box*):
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to your individual official or representational duties:
I am a member of HASC and this trip will further my understanding of U.S. foreign policy as it relates to Israel and the Middle East region.

9. **FOR STAFF:
TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:**

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: _____
Signature of Employing Member

NOTE: This page must be submitted with your post-travel disclosure form within 15 days of your return, so you should maintain a photocopy of the completed form for your records.

WITTMAN

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM
(provide directly to each House invitee)

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. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. *You must answer every question on the form.*

1. Sponsor(s) (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 federally-registered lobbyist or a registered foreign agent (Signify that the statement is true by checking box):
3. I represent that the trip sponsor(s) has not accepted from any other source funds earmarked directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip (Signify that the statement is true by checking box):
4. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
5. Provide names and titles of ALL House invitees; for each invitee, provide explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): Rep. Robert Wittman (R-VA); AIEF strives to provide educational programming for all members of Congress.
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Please see full invitee list, attached
6. Dates of travel: August 1 - 6, 2009
7. Cities of departure - destination - return: Washington, DC / ^{Tel Aviv} Israel / Washington DC
8. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities taking place during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities) (Signify "yes" by checking box):
9. 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.
10. If travel is for participation in a one-day event (i.e., if you checked Question 9(c)), check one of the following:
 - a. N/A - I checked 9(a) or (b) above:
 - b. One-night's lodging and meals are being offered: or
 - c. Two-nights' lodging and meals are being offered:
If "c" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____

11. Check one:
- a. I represent that a federally-registered 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 an institution of higher education.
12. Private sponsors must have a direct and immediate relationship to the purpose of the trip or location being visited. Describe the purpose of the trip and the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:
AIEF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the mission of providing educational programming about the U.S.-Israel relationship. AIEF is responsible for recruiting, coordinating and executing all aspects of this trip.
13. a. Describe the mode of travel (air, rail, bus, etc.). For air travel, also indicate the type of aircraft (commercial, charter, or privately owned) and class of travel (coach, business class, first class, etc.):
business class on a commercial airline
- b. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, provide an explanation describing why such travel is warranted: n/a
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, detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \$107
16. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: The trip will take place in Israel in order to educate members of Congress about the U.S.-Israel Relationship.
17. Name of hotel or other lodging facility: David Citadel Jerusalem
18. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): David Citadel Jerusalem \$468 single
19. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: location and affordability

20. 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	\$5630.80 air / \$175 ground	\$1404 single room	\$428
For each accompanying family member			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$1145	please see addendum
For each accompanying family member		

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

Signature: Richard C. Fish

Name and title: Richard Fishman, Executive Director

Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

Address: 251 H Street NW, Washington DC 20001

Telephone number: (202) 639-5233

Fax number: (202) 347-5232

Email Address: rfishman@aiefdn.org

The Committee staff may contact the above individual if additional information is required.

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AIEF Educational Seminar in Israel
August 1-9, 2009
Invitee List

The American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF) strives to provide educational programming about the U.S.-Israel relationship to all members of Congress.

Rep. Steve Austria (R-OH) and Eileen Austria (spouse)
Rep. Michele Bachmann (R-MN) and Elisa Bachmann (daughter)
Republican Whip Eric Cantor (R-VA)
Rep. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) and Charles Capito (spouse)
Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-UT) and Julie Chaffetz (spouse)
Rep. Mike Coffman (R-CO) and Cynthia Coffman (spouse)
Rep. John Fleming (R-LA) and Cynthia Fleming (spouse)
Rep. Gregg Harper (R-MS) and Sidney Harper (spouse)
Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH) and Polly Jordan (spouse)
Rep. Leonard Lance (R-NJ) and Heidi Rohrbach (spouse)
Rep. Bob Latta (R-OH) and Marcia Latta (spouse)
Rep. Christopher Lee (R-NY) and Michele Lee (spouse)
Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO) and Mary (Jackie) Luetkemeyer (spouse)
Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA) and Loretta McClintock (spouse)
Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) and Brian Rodgers (spouse)
Rep. Pete Olson (R-TX) and Nancy Olson (spouse)
Rep. Bill Posey (R-FL) and Mary (Katie) Posey (spouse)
Rep. Tom Price (R-GA) and Elizabeth Price (spouse)
Rep. George Radanovich (R-CA)
Rep. Phil Roe (R-TN) and Pamela Roe (spouse)
Rep. Tom Rooney (R-FL) and Tara Rooney (spouse)
Rep. Steve Scalise (R-LA)
Rep. Aaron Schock (R-IL) and Lisa Waibel (sister)
Rep. Bill Shuster (R-PA)
Rep. Glenn Thompson (R-PA) and Penny Ammerman-Thompson (spouse)
Rep. Robert Wittman (R-VA)

Kristi Way, Chief of Staff, Republican Whip Eric Cantor (R-VA)
Neil Bradley, Policy Director, Republican Whip Eric Cantor (R-VA)
John Murray, Communications Director, Republican Whip Eric Cantor (R-VA)

AIEF Educational Seminar in Israel
August 1-9, 2009
Itinerary

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND, 2009

- 5:25 PM - Arrival in Israel
 - Transfer to Jerusalem
 - Check-in at David Citadel Hotel
- 8:00 PM "Israel Today"
 Dinner and special presentation with Mr. Yossi Klein Halevi,
 Senior Scholar, Shalem Center
- Overnight in Jerusalem

MONDAY, AUGUST 3RD, 2009

- 7:45 AM Breakfast served
- 8:00 AM Orientation & program review
- 8:30 AM "Checking the Public's Pulse"
 Presentation and discussion with Mr. David Horowitz,
 Editor, The Jerusalem Post
- 10:00 AM Depart for strategic survey of Jerusalem
 - The Holy Basin
 - Holy sites in the Old City
 - Recent archeological excavations
 - Outlying Neighborhoods
- 12:45 PM Survey ends
- 1:00 PM "The Issue of Jerusalem in the Peace Process"
 Special presentations and discussion with scholars
 at the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies
 - lunch will be served
- 2:30 PM Session ends – depart JIIS – walk to the Residence of the
 President of the State of Israel
- 3:00 PM Reception with the Hon. Shimon Peres,
 President of the State of Israel
 - Special address by Mr. Peres
- 4:00 PM Departure, travel to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 4:30 PM "Israel's Foreign Policy Concerns"

Meeting with the Hon. Avigdor Lieberman,
Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Joined by the Hon. Danny Ayalon, Deputy Minister of
Foreign Affairs and Member of Knesset, former Israel
Ambassador to the United States

5:30 PM Departure, return to hotel, break

7:30 PM Departure, walk to King David Hotel

8:00 PM Gala dinner with the Hon. Binyamin Netanyahu,
Prime Minister
- Special address by Mr. Netanyahu
- Response by Mr. Cantor

10:00 PM Return to hotel

Overnight in Jerusalem

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 2009

8:00 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS & STAFF ONLY

8:30 AM Departure for Ramallah via special convoy

9:30 AM "Palestinian Perspective on the Peace Process"
Meeting and discussion with the Hon. Mahmoud Abbas,
President, Palestinian Authority, and the Hon. Salam
Fayyad, Prime Minister, Palestinian Authority
- at the PA headquarters in Ramallah

11:30 AM Departure, return to Jerusalem

12:30 PM PRESS CONFERENCE WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

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OTHER TRIP PARTICIPANTS

9:00 AM Depart for guided tour of latest archeological excavations

10:30 AM Old City Touring

11:30 AM Ben-Yehuda Street, downtown Touring

12:30 PM Return to hotel

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MEMBERS OF CONGRESS & OTHER TRIP
PARTICIPANTS RE-JOIN FOR LUNCH

- 1:00 PM "A View From the Opposition"
Lunch and discussion with the Hon. Tzipi Livni,
Chair, Kadima Party, former Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister of Foreign Affairs
- 2:30 PM Departure for the Knesset – Israel's Parliament
- 3:00 PM "A Salute to the U.S. Congress"
Special reception and discussion hosted by the Hon.
Ruby Rivlin, Speaker of the Knesset
- joined by Members of Knesset representing different
political parties
- 4:00 PM Departure
- 4:45 PM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND STAFF ONLY
-- 6:00 PM

"Israel's Iran Policy"
Presentation and discussion with Mr. Hagai Tzuriel,
Office of the Prime Minister

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OTHER TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Return to hotel / free time

- 7:30 PM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND OTHER TRIP
PARTICIPANTS RE-JOIN FOR DINNER
- "Israeli Perspective on the Palestinian Issue"
Buffet dinner and discussion with Messrs. Ehud Ya'ari,
Arab affairs analyst, Channel Ten Television, and Avi
Isacharoff, Palestinian affairs correspondent, *Ha'aretz*
Newspaper
- 9:30 PM Session ends
- Overnight in Jerusalem

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 2009

- 7:45 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel
- 8:15 AM
& 8:30 AM Departures for Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum
- Guided tours of Yad Vashem
- 11:00 AM Departure – travel south
- 12:30 PM Arrive at the Town of Sderot
- Overlook into the Gaza Strip & update on current situation
 - Brief tour of Sderot
 - Lunch hosted by the Hon. David Buskila, Mayor of Sderot, joined by local residents
- 2:30 PM Departure – travel to Tel Aviv
- 4:30 PM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND STAFF
- "Israel's Strategic Concerns"
Special presentation and discussion with
Lt. Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi, Chief of Staff,
Israel Defense Forces
- at the Ministry of Defense
- * * *
- OTHER TRIP PARTICIPANTS
- Guided tour of Old Jaffa
- * * *
- 6:00 PM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND OTHER TRIP PARTICIPANTS RE-JOIN
- Visit to the Rabin Square
- 6:30 PM "Neighborhood Overview – Israel's Perspective on the Middle East"
Dinner and discussion with the Hon. Ehud Barak,
Minister of Defense
- 8:30 PM Departure -- travel back to Jerusalem

Overnight in Jerusalem

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6TH, 2009

- 8:00 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel
- PACK OVERNIGHT BAG – NO CHECK-OUT
- 9:00 AM Departure – travel north
- 10:30 AM "The Settlement Freeze"
Discussion of the issue of Israeli settlements
in the West Bank, with Brig. Gen. (Res.) Eyval Giladi,
former Head, IDF Planning Branch and senior advisor
to former Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on Gaza Disengagement
- at Alfei Menashe
- 11:30 AM Departure
- 1:00 PM "Innovative Approach to Residential Education"
Visit to Yemin Orde Youth Village
- lunch with the children
- 2:30 PM Departure
- 4:45 PM Arrive at Kibbutz Malkiya on Israel's border with Lebanon
- tour of a section of the border
- discussion of security concerns
- 5:45 PM Departure – travel to Tiberias
- 6:30 PM Arrive at the Scots Hotel, Tiberias, on the Shore of the
Sea of Galilee
- 8:00 PM Dinner
- Overnight in Tiberias

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH, 2009

- 7:30 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel
- 8:30 AM Depart for a survey of historical and religious sites
around the Sea of Galilee
- Mount of Beatitudes
 - Capernaum
 - St. Peter's Church

10:30 AM	Survey ends – travel to the Golan Heights
11:30 AM	The Golan Heights & Israel's border with Syria - Overview and discussion
12:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM	Departure – travel back to Jerusalem
2:30 PM	Visit to Beit Shean Archeological Park
3:30 PM	Departure – travel via the Jordan Valley - En route: overview and discussion on Israel's relations with Jordan
5:30 PM	Return to Jerusalem / David's Citadel Hotel
7:00 PM	Departure
7:30 PM	Traditional Shabbat Eve Dinners at the homes of the Infeld and Hartman families – the delegation will be divided into two groups in order to create a more intimate atmosphere at dinner
	Overnight in Jerusalem

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 2009

7:30 AM	Breakfast on own at the hotel
8:30 AM	Departure – travel south - En route: discussion of Israel's efforts to stem increasing desertification
10:00 AM	Visit to Masada National Park
12:00 PM	Departure
1:00 PM	Lunch and leisure time at the Dead Sea
3:00 PM	Departure – travel back to Jerusalem
5:00 PM	Return to hotel – pack your bags – bring them down – will be placed on the bus under security staff supervision
6:00 PM	Departure for closing dinner & airport
6:45 PM	Closing dinner and discussion

8:45 PM

- At Spoons Garden Restaurant

Departure for Ben-Gurion Airport

PROGRAM ENDS

AIEF Educational Seminar in Israel
August 1 – 9, 2009
Addendum

Breakdown of “Other” Expenses

Security \$410 per person

– AIEF places the security of its trip participants as its highest priority. A security team accompanies all participants throughout the duration of the trip. Although costly, these security measures are an unfortunate reality in Israel.

Tour Guide \$135 per person

- A licensed tour guide accompanies the group throughout the trip.

Entrance Fees \$40 per person

– Several sites require an entrance fee, including the Southern wall excavations and the Davidson Museum in Jerusalem; and the holy sites around the Sea of Galilee including Capernaum and the Mt. of Beatitudes.

Speaker Fees \$80 per person

– Honoraria for guest speakers

Room Rentals \$200 per person

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

Tips \$55 per person

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

Commemorative Photo Album \$45 per person

- A personally inscribed commemorative album of photos taken of trip participants during meetings and site visits to be given to each trip participant at a subsequent presentation.

Other \$180 per person

– Water, snacks, speaker meals, briefing materials, photographer, misc.

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5. Provide names and titles of ALL House invitees; for each invitee, provide explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): Rep. Robert Wittman (R-VA); AIEF strives to provide educational programming for all members of Congress.
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Please see full invitee list, attached
6. Dates of travel: August 1 - 6, 2009
7. Cities of departure – destination – return: _____
8. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities taking place during the travel (*i.e.*, an hourly description of planned activities) (*Signify "yes" by checking box*):
9. 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.
10. If travel is for participation in a one-day event (*i.e.*, if you checked Question 9(c)), check one of the following:
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business class on a commercial airline
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 If "b" is checked, detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \$107
16. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: The trip will take place in Israel in order to educate members of Congress about the U.S.-Israel Relationship.
17. Name of hotel or other lodging facility: David Citadel Jerusalem
18. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): David Citadel Jerusalem \$468 single
19. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: location and affordability

20. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts	Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$5630.80 air / \$175 ground	\$1404 single room	\$428
For each accompanying family member			

	<i>Other</i> Expenses (dollar amount)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
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21. 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):
22. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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

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AIEF Educational Seminar in Israel
August 1-9, 2009
Invitee List

The American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF) strives to provide educational programming about the U.S.-Israel relationship to all members of Congress.

Rep. Steve Austria (R-OH) and Eileen Austria (spouse)
Rep. Michele Bachmann (R-MN) and Elisa Bachmann (daughter)
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Itinerary

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND, 2009

- 5:25 PM - Arrival in Israel
 - Transfer to Jerusalem
 - Check-in at David Citadel Hotel
- 8:00 PM "Israel Today"
 Dinner and special presentation with Mr. Yossi Klein Halevi,
 Senior Scholar, Shalem Center
- Overnight in Jerusalem

MONDAY, AUGUST 3RD, 2009

- 7:45 AM Breakfast served
- 8:00 AM Orientation & program review
- 8:30 AM "Checking the Public's Pulse"
 Presentation and discussion with Mr. David Horowitz,
 Editor, The Jerusalem Post
- 10:00 AM Depart for strategic survey of Jerusalem
 - The Holy Basin
 - Holy sites in the Old City
 - Recent archeological excavations
 - Outlying Neighborhoods
- 12:45 PM Survey ends
- 1:00 PM "The Issue of Jerusalem in the Peace Process"
 Special presentations and discussion with scholars
 at the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies
 - lunch will be served
- 2:30 PM Session ends – depart JIIS – walk to the Residence of the
 President of the State of Israel
- 3:00 PM Reception with the Hon. Shimon Peres,
 President of the State of Israel
 - Special address by Mr. Peres
- 4:00 PM Departure, travel to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 4:30 PM "Israel's Foreign Policy Concerns"

Meeting with the Hon. Avigdor Lieberman,
Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Joined by the Hon. Danny Ayalon, Deputy Minister of
Foreign Affairs and Member of Knesset, former Israel
Ambassador to the United States

5:30 PM Departure, return to hotel, break

7:30 PM Departure, walk to King David Hotel

8:00 PM Gala dinner with the Hon. Binyamin Netanyahu,
Prime Minister
- Special address by Mr. Netanyahu
- Response by Mr. Cantor

10:00 PM Return to hotel

Overnight in Jerusalem

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 2009

8:00 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS & STAFF ONLY

8:30 AM Departure for Ramallah via special convoy

9:30 AM "Palestinian Perspective on the Peace Process"
Meeting and discussion with the Hon. Mahmoud Abbas,
President, Palestinian Authority, and the Hon. Salam
Fayyad, Prime Minister, Palestinian Authority
- at the PA headquarters in Ramallah

11:30 AM Departure, return to Jerusalem

12:30 PM PRESS CONFERENCE WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

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OTHER TRIP PARTICIPANTS

9:00 AM Depart for guided tour of latest archeological excavations

10:30 AM Old City Touring

11:30 AM Ben-Yehuda Street, downtown Touring

12:30 PM Return to hotel

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MEMBERS OF CONGRESS & OTHER TRIP
PARTICIPANTS RE-JOIN FOR LUNCH

- 1:00 PM "A View From the Opposition"
Lunch and discussion with the Hon. Tzipi Livni,
Chair, Kadima Party, former Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister of Foreign Affairs
- 2:30 PM Departure for the Knesset – Israel's Parliament
- 3:00 PM "A Salute to the U.S. Congress"
Special reception and discussion hosted by the Hon.
Ruby Rivlin, Speaker of the Knesset
- joined by Members of Knesset representing different
political parties
- 4:00 PM Departure
- 4:45 PM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND STAFF ONLY
-- 6:00 PM

"Israel's Iran Policy"
Presentation and discussion with Mr. Hagai Tzuriel,
Office of the Prime Minister

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OTHER TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Return to hotel / free time

- 7:30 PM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND OTHER TRIP
PARTICIPANTS RE-JOIN FOR DINNER
- "Israeli Perspective on the Palestinian Issue"
Buffet dinner and discussion with Messrs. Ehud Ya'ari,
Arab affairs analyst, Channel Ten Television, and Avi
Isacharoff, Palestinian affairs correspondent, *Ha'aretz*
Newspaper

- 9:30 PM Session ends
- Overnight in Jerusalem

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 2009

- 7:45 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel
- 8:15 AM
& 8:30 AM Departures for Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum
- Guided tours of Yad Vashem
- 11:00 AM Departure – travel south
- 12:30 PM Arrive at the Town of Sderot
- Overlook into the Gaza Strip & update on current situation
 - Brief tour of Sderot
 - Lunch hosted by the Hon. David Buskila, Mayor of Sderot, joined by local residents
- 2:30 PM Departure – travel to Tel Aviv
- 4:30 PM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND STAFF
- "Israel's Strategic Concerns"
Special presentation and discussion with
Lt. Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi, Chief of Staff,
Israel Defense Forces
- at the Ministry of Defense
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- OTHER TRIP PARTICIPANTS
- Guided tour of Old Jaffa
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- 6:00 PM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND OTHER TRIP PARTICIPANTS RE-JOIN
- Visit to the Rabin Square
- 6:30 PM "Neighborhood Overview – Israel's Perspective on the Middle East"
Dinner and discussion with the Hon. Ehud Barak,
Minister of Defense
- 8:30 PM Departure – travel back to Jerusalem

Overnight in Jerusalem

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6TH, 2009

- 8:00 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel
- PACK OVERNIGHT BAG – NO CHECK-OUT
- 9:00 AM Departure – travel north
- 10:30 AM "The Settlement Freeze"
Discussion of the issue of Israeli settlements
in the West Bank, with Brig. Gen. (Res.) Eyval Giladi,
former Head, IDF Planning Branch and senior advisor
to former Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on Gaza Disengagement
- at Alfei Menashe
- 11:30 AM Departure
- 1:00 PM "Innovative Approach to Residential Education"
Visit to Yemin Orde Youth Village
- lunch with the children
- 2:30 PM Departure
- 4:45 PM Arrive at Kibbutz Malkiya on Israel's border with Lebanon
- tour of a section of the border
- discussion of security concerns
- 5:45 PM Departure – travel to Tiberias
- 6:30 PM Arrive at the Scots Hotel, Tiberias, on the Shore of the
Sea of Galilee
- 8:00 PM Dinner
- Overnight in Tiberias

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH, 2009

- 7:30 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel
- 8:30 AM Depart for a survey of historical and religious sites
around the Sea of Galilee
- Mount of Beatitudes
 - Capernaum
 - St. Peter's Church

10:30 AM	Survey ends – travel to the Golan Heights
11:30 AM	The Golan Heights & Israel's border with Syria - Overview and discussion
12:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM	Departure – travel back to Jerusalem
2:30 PM	Visit to Beit Shean Archeological Park
3:30 PM	Departure – travel via the Jordan Valley - En route: overview and discussion on Israel's relations with Jordan
5:30 PM	Return to Jerusalem / David's Citadel Hotel
7:00 PM	Departure
7:30 PM	Traditional Shabbat Eve Dinners at the homes of the Infeld and Hartman families – the delegation will be divided into two groups in order to create a more intimate atmosphere at dinner
	Overnight in Jerusalem

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 2009

7:30 AM	Breakfast on own at the hotel
8:30 AM	Departure – travel south - En route: discussion of Israel's efforts to stem increasing desertification
10:00 AM	Visit to Masada National Park
12:00 PM	Departure
1:00 PM	Lunch and leisure time at the Dead Sea
3:00 PM	Departure – travel back to Jerusalem
5:00 PM	Return to hotel – pack your bags – bring them down – will be placed on the bus under security staff supervision
6:00 PM	Departure for closing dinner & airport
6:45 PM	Closing dinner and discussion

- At Spoons Garden Restaurant

8:45 PM

Departure for Ben-Gurion Airport

PROGRAM ENDS

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Addendum

Breakdown of “Other” Expenses

Security \$410 per person

– AIEF places the security of its trip participants as its highest priority. A security team accompanies all participants throughout the duration of the trip. Although costly, these security measures are an unfortunate reality in Israel.

Tour Guide \$135 per person

- A licensed tour guide accompanies the group throughout the trip.

Entrance Fees \$40 per person

– Several sites require an entrance fee, including the Southern wall excavations and the Davidson Museum in Jerusalem; and the holy sites around the Sea of Galilee including Capernaum and the Mt. of Beatitudes.

Speaker Fees \$80 per person

– Honoraria for guest speakers

Room Rentals \$200 per person

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

Tips \$55 per person

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

Commemorative Photo Album \$45 per person

- A personally inscribed commemorative album of photos taken of trip participants during meetings and site visits to be given to each trip participant at a subsequent presentation.

Other \$180 per person

– Water, snacks, speaker meals, briefing materials, photographer, misc.

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U.S. Republican Members of Congress
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FINAL Itinerary

Sunday, August 2, 2009

Ben-Gurion Airport - Jerusalem

Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport

Transfer to Jerusalem

Check in to the David Citadel Hotel

8:30 PM Orientation and Political Update with
Rep. Eric Cantor and Jerusalem staff
- at the hotel, Ballroom A

9:00 PM *The Jewish Connection to the Land of Israel*
Dinner with Dr. Ian Stern
Archaeologist
- at the hotel, Ballroom A

Overnight at the David Citadel Hotel

Monday, August 3, 2009

Jerusalem

PLEASE BRING YOUR PASSPORT

7:30 AM Breakfast is served

8:00 AM *Checking the Public Pulse*
Meeting with David Horovitz
Editor-in-Chief, *The Jerusalem Post*
- at the hotel, Ballroom A

9:30 AM Depart for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

10:00 AM *Israel's Foreign Policy Concerns*
Meet with the Hon. Avigdor Lieberman
Minister of Foreign Affairs, joined by
Hon. Danny Ayalon
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs
- at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jerusalem Hall

- 11:00 AM Depart for strategic tour of Jerusalem
- Part One: Jerusalem's outlying neighborhoods
- 1:30 PM *Jerusalem – Post 1967*
Lunch with Israel Kimchi
Urban Planner
- at the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies
- 3:15 PM Depart for strategic tour of Jerusalem
- Part Two:
- The Old City and the Holy Basin
- Recent archaeological excavations
- Via Dolorosa
- 6:15 PM Return to hotel and break
- 7:15 PM Depart for dinner
- 7:30 PM *Creating a Revolution in Energy Policy*
Dinner with Shai Agassi
Founder and Chief Executive, Better Place
- at the King David Hotel, Ambassador Hall
- Overnight at the David Citadel Hotel

Tuesday, August 4, 2009

Jerusalem

PLEASE BRING YOUR PASSPORT

Breakfast on own at the hotel

- 8:20 AM Group 1: Depart for Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Museum
- 8:25 AM Group 2: Depart for Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Museum
- 9:00-9:10 AM Private guided tours of the museum
- 12:30 PM Depart for Mishkenot Conference Center

- 1:00 PM Lunch
- in Conference Center, Montefiore Restaurant
- 1:30 PM The Hon. Ehud Barak
Minister of Defense
- at Montefiore Restaurant
- 2:00 PM *Remarks from the Consul General*
Meeting with Jake Walles
U.S. Consul General
- in Conference Center, Auditorium
- 3:00 PM *View from the Opposition*
Meeting with the Hon. Tzipi Livni
Head of the Opposition
- in Conference Center, Auditorium
- 4:00 PM Depart
- 5:00 PM Meeting with the Hon. Shimon Peres
President
- at the President's Residence
- 6:15 PM Return to hotel and break
- 7:30 PM Depart for dinner
- 8:00 PM *Israelis from Different Walks of Life*
Dinner with Invited Guests
- at Spoons Restaurant

Wednesday, August 5, 2009

Jerusalem – Ramallah – Sderot – Tel Aviv – Jerusalem

PLEASE BRING YOUR PASSPORT

MEMBERS AND STAFF ONLY:

Breakfast on own at the hotel

- 7:10 AM Depart for Ramallah – Palestinian Authority
- 8:00 AM *Perspective from the Palestinian Authority*
Meeting with Dr. Salam Fayyad
Prime Minister of the Palestinian Authority

- at PA Headquarters

9:00 AM Depart for Jerusalem

OTHER TRIP PARTICIPANTS:

Breakfast on own at the hotel

10:00 AM Depart for Prime Minister's Office

GROUP REJOINS

10:45 AM Meeting with the Hon. Binyamin Netanyahu
Prime Minister
- at Prime Minister's Office

11:45 AM Depart

12:15 PM *U.S. Assistance in Action*
Lunch with Lt.-General Keith Dayton
U.S. Security Coordinator
- at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Karmit Hall

1:30 PM Depart

2:45 PM Strategic survey of Israel's border with the
Gaza Strip

3:15 PM *Living Under the Threat of Qassam Missiles*
Visit to town of Sderot
Meet with Residents
- at armored protected playground

4:00 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

MEMBERS AND STAFF ONLY:

6:00 PM *Israel's Strategic Concerns*
Meet with Maj. General Amos Yedlin
Head, IDF Intelligence
- at the Ministry of Defense

OTHER TRIP PARTICIPANTS:

5:30 PM Cultural and historical tour of Old Jaffa

- 6:50 PM **GROUP REJOINS**
- 7:00 PM Dinner
 - at the Hamam Restaurant
- 9:00 PM Depart for Jerusalem
- Overnight at the David Citadel Hotel

Thursday, August 6, 2009

Jerusalem – Tiberias

- Breakfast on own at the hotel
- Pack overnight bag – No check out
- 8:00 AM Press Conference
 - at Lion and Jaffa Gate
- 9:15 AM Depart for the north
- 10:30 AM *Israel's Narrow Waist*
 Visit to the West Bank settlement of
 Alfei Menashe, with Dr. Dore Gold
 President, Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs
- 1:00 PM *Innovative Approach to Residential Education*
 Visit to Yemin Orde Youth Village
 Meet with Dr. Haim Perry, Director
 - lunch with the students
- 2:30 PM Travel to Israel's border with Lebanon
- SECOND TIME VISITORS**
- 3:00 PM Visit to Kishorit
 Caring community of adults with special needs
- 5:00 PM **GROUPS REJOIN**
- 5:00 PM *Northern Border Concerns*
 Visit to Kibbutz Misgav Am
 Briefing by Maj. (Res.) Manny Sokolovsky
- 5:45 PM Depart for Tiberias

6:30 PM Check in to the Scots Hotel, Tiberias

Free time

7:30 PM Dinner
- at Decks Restaurant

Overnight at the Scots Hotel

Friday, August 7, 2009

Tiberias – Jerusalem

Breakfast on own at the hotel

Check out

8:30 AM Depart for survey of historical sites around
the Sea of Galilee
- Mount of Beatitudes
- Capernaum
- St. Peter's Church

10:30 AM Depart for a survey of the Golan Heights and
border with Syria
- visit to Kibbutz Kfar Haruv overlook

Lunch en route

2:00 PM Depart for Jerusalem

En route: Strategic survey of Jordan Valley

5:00 PM Return to the David Citadel Hotel

Optional: Welcoming the Sabbath at the
Western Wall

9:00 PM Traditional Shabbat Eve dinner
With Rabbi Dr. Daniel Gordis
Senior Vice President, The Shalem Center
- at the home of Jana and Simon Falic

Overnight at the David Citadel Hotel

Saturday, August 8, 2009

Jerusalem – Dead Sea – Jerusalem

- Breakfast on own at the hotel
- 7:00 AM Depart for Masada and Dead Sea
- En route: *Making the Desert Bloom – Israel's Experience in Eco-Agriculture in Arid Areas*
- Discussion of Israeli advances in fighting the growth of desert areas
- 10:00 AM Tour of Masada National Archaeological Site
- 1:00 PM Lunch and free time at the Dead Sea
- at Hod Hotel
- 3:30 PM Depart for Jerusalem
- 5:00 PM Return to hotel and check out
- Bring your luggage to lobby
- 6:00 PM Depart for closing dinner
- 6:15 PM Closing dinner
- at the King David Hotel, Ambassador Garden
- 8:00 PM Depart for the airport

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Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel scheduled for August 1 to 9, 2009 sponsored by the American Israel Education Foundation.

You must complete a Member Travel Disclosure Form and file it with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are required to attach a copy of this letter and the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, including attachments. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$335 from a single source on Schedule VII of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, gifts "of minimal value [currently \$335] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of \$335 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.

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

Sincerely,



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