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MEMBER / 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: Congresswoman Dina Titus

2. a. Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): Thomas Clayton Wright

b. Relationship to Member/Officer: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____

3. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: 08/08/09-08/16/09

b. Dates at personal expense (if any): NA

4. Itinerary (cities of departure – destination – return): Las Vegas, NV - Tel Aviv - Las Vegas, NV

5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation

6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): _____

Please see attached 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: _____

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:	\$3967.40 (air)/\$239.77 (ground)	\$1742.00	\$1057.74
For accompanying family member:	\$3967.40 (air)/\$239.77 (ground)	\$1742.00	\$1057.74

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For Member or Officer:	\$942.61	security, tour guide, entrance fees, speaker fees, room rentals, tips, photo album, misc
For accompanying family member:	\$942.61	security, tour guide, entrance fees, speaker fees, room rentals, tips, photo album, misc

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: Anna Titus

DATE: 08.28.09

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

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Democratic Members of Congress
Educational Seminar in Israel
August 8-16, 2009**

Sunday, August 9, 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. Steny Hoyer and Jerusalem staff
- at the hotel, Ballroom A

9:00 PM *Israel Today*
Opening Dinner with Dr. Ian Stern
Archaeologist
- at the hotel, Ballroom A

Overnight at the David Citadel Hotel

Monday, August 10, 2009

Jerusalem

PLEASE BRING YOUR PASSPORT

7:30 AM Breakfast is served

8:00 AM *The History of Zionism*
Breakfast with Dr. Einat Wilf
Senior Fellow, The Jewish People
Policy Planning Institute
- at the hotel, Ballroom A

9:15 AM *Checking the Public Pulse*
Meeting with David Horovitz
Editor-in-Chief, *The Jerusalem Post*
- at the hotel, Ballroom A

10:15 AM Depart

- 11:15 AM Meet with the Hon. Shimon Peres
President of the State of Israel
- at the President's Residence
- 12:15 PM Depart
- 12:45 PM *Israel's Foreign Policy Concerns*
Lunch with the Hon. Avigdor Liberman
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Joined by the Hon. Danny Ayalon
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs
- at Mount Zion Hotel, Rimon Hall
- 2:15 PM *US Assistance in Action: Training
PA Security Forces*
Meeting with Lt.-General Keith Dayton
U.S. Security Coordinator
- at the Mount Zion Hotel, Olive Hall
- 3:30 PM Depart for strategic tour of Jerusalem

Part One: Old City and the Holy Basin
- 6:30 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
- Overnight at the David Citadel Hotel

Tuesday, August 11, 2009

Breakfast on own at the hotel

- 8:30 AM **MEMBERS AND STAFF ONLY:**
Strategic Assessment
Meet with Maj.-General Amos Yedlin
Head, IDF Intelligence
- at the hotel, Zion and Flower Gate
- 9:45 AM **GROUP DEPARTS**

- 9:45 AM Group 1: Depart for Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Museum
- 9:50 AM Group 2: Depart for Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Museum
- Private guided tours of the museum
- 12:30 PM Depart for Mishkenot Conference Center
- 1:00 PM Lunch on own
- at Montefiore Restaurant
- 2:00 PM *Challenges of Asymmetrical Warfare*
Meeting with Daniel Reisner
Head, International Law Dept., HFN Law Firm
- in the auditorium
- 3:00 PM *View from the Opposition*
Meeting with the Hon. Tzipi Livni
Head of the Opposition
- in the auditorium
- 4:00 PM Depart for strategic tour of Jerusalem
- Part Two: Jerusalem's outlying neighborhoods
- 5:30 PM Return to hotel and break
- 7:00 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
- 9:00 PM *Pulse of the Nation*
Dessert with Rabbi Dr. Daniel Gordis
Senior Vice President, The Shalem Center
- at the King David Hotel, Ambassador Hall
- Overnight at the David Citadel Hotel

Wednesday, August 12, 2009

Jerusalem – Ramallah – Sderot – Tel Aviv – Jerusalem

PLEASE BRING YOUR PASSPORT

MEMBERS AND STAFF ONLY:

7:00 AM Breakfast is served

7:30 AM *Inside the Palestinian Authority:
View from the U.S.*
Breakfast with the Hon. Jake Walles
U.S. Consul General
- at the hotel, Ballroom A

8:00 AM Depart for Ramallah – Palestinian Authority

Palestinian Perspective on the Peace Process

9:00 AM Meeting with the Hon. Salam Fayyad
Prime Minister of the Palestinian Authority
- at the PA Headquarters

10:00 AM Walking tour of Ramallah

11:00 AM Depart for Jerusalem

OTHER TRIP PARTICIPANTS:

Breakfast on own at the hotel

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

10:30 AM Free time

11:40 AM Depart hotel

12:00 PM **GROUPS REJOIN**

12:40 PM Depart

2:00 PM Strategic survey of Israel's border with the
Gaza Strip

3:00 PM *Living Under the Threat of Qassam Missiles*

- Visit to town of Sderot
Meet with residents
- at armored protected playground
- 3:30 PM Depart for Tel Aviv
- 6:15 PM Meet with the Hon. Binyamin Netanyahu
Prime Minister
- at his Tel Aviv office
- 9:00 PM *View from the Labor Party*
Dinner with the Hon. Ehud Barak
Minister of Defense
- at the Hamam Restaurant
- 10:30 PM Depart for Jerusalem
- Overnight at the David Citadel Hotel

Thursday, August 13, 2009

Jerusalem – Tiberias

- Pack overnight bag – no check out
- 7:00 AM Breakfast is served
- at the hotel, Zion and Flower Gate Rooms
- 8:00 AM *Future of Israel's Capital*
Breakfast with Nir Barkat
Mayor of Jerusalem
- at the hotel, Ballroom C
- 8:30 AM Press Conference
- at the hotel, 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
- 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 REJION**

5:00 PM *Northern Border Concerns*
Briefing by Maj. (Res.) Manny Sokolovsky

5:45 PM Depart for Tiberias

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

7:30 PM Dinner
- at Decks Restaurant

Overnight at the Scots Hotel

Friday, August 14, 2009

Tiberias – Jerusalem

Breakfast on own at the hotel

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

10:30 AM Depart for survey of the Golan Heights and
border with Syria

1:00 PM Lunch Break
- at Zemah

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

7:30 PM Traditional Shabbat Eve dinners
Group 1: Dr. Daniel Taub, Director,
Law Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- at the home of Zehava and Daniel Taub

Group 2: Yefet Ozeri
Director, Diaspora Museum
- at the home of Kathy and Yefet Ozeri

Overnight at the David Citadel Hotel

Saturday, August 15, 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*

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 Hall

8:30 PM Depart for the airport

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Washington, DC 20515-6328

July 10, 2009

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SUITE HT-2, THE CAPITOL
(202) 225-7103

The Honorable Dina Titus
U.S. House of Representatives
319 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct hereby approves your proposed trip for you and your spouse to Israel scheduled for August 8 to 16, 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 by you or your spouse 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,



Zoe Lofgren
Chair



Jo Bonner
Ranking Republican Member

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Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

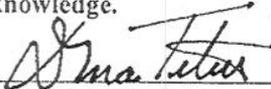
PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM
For Members, Officers, and Employees

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. Dina Titus

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: 319 Cannon HOB

Phone number: (202) 225-3252

Email address of contact person: megan.chambers@mail.house.gov

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)

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PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Rep. Dina Titus
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
3. Travel destination(s): Jerusalem and Tiberias, Israel
4. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: August 8-16, 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: Thomas Wright
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:
As a member of Congress whose constituent base has a significant Jewish population, I feel it is important that I
extend my knowledge of US-Israel relations. AIEF has invited me to learn about this important relationship through this trip.

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: July 6, 2009



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.

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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): Please see attached list.
Please see attached list.

6. Dates of travel: August 8-16, 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:
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; Scots Hotel Tiberias
18. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): David Citadel Jerusalem \$484 double; Scots Hotel Tiberias \$484 double
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 Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$5630.80 / \$150 ground	\$1815	\$745
For each accompanying family member	\$5630.80 / \$150 ground	\$1815	\$745

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$985	Please see addendum
For each accompanying family member	\$985	Please see addendum

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 L. Fishman

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.

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

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