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U.S. House of Representatives
112th Congress

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. *Obtain the dollar amounts from the sponsor; if exact dollar amounts are unavailable, provide a good faith estimate.*

Name of Member or Officer (print or type): Rep. Allen B. West

Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): Dr. Angela Graham-West

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

Date of Departure and Date of Return: 8/20/11 - 8/28/11

Dates at personal expense: N/A

Itinerary (cities of departure - destination - return): Ft. Lauderdale, FL - Tel Aviv - Ft. Lauderdale, FL

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

Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Education on the U.S.-Israel relationship and how it pertained to the Jewish constituency within the 22nd district of Florida.

Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify "yes" for each item by checking the corresponding box):

1. the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments;
2. the Privately-Sponsored Travel Approval Form completed by the Member or officer; **and**
3. the Committee on Ethics letter approving my participation on this trip.

I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda (signify "yes" by checking box):

If not, explain: _____

TRIP EXPENSES:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For Member or Officer:	\$6,201.10	\$1,289.50	\$859.04
For accompanying family member:	\$6,201.10	\$1,289.50	\$859.04

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For Member or Officer:	\$1,394.24	hotel and meals for security / tour guide, entrance / speaker fees, room rental fees, security, tour guide, and tips
For accompanying family member:	\$1,394.24	hotel and meals for security / tour guide, entrance / speaker fees, room rental fees, security, tour guide, and tips

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 OR OFFICER: _____

Allen Blumenthal

DATE: 9/9/11

Version date 1/2011 by Committee on Ethics

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

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 XXV, 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. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee.

Private sponsors are urged to submit this form to each House invitee at least 30 days before travel is scheduled to begin. The failure to provide the Committee with adequate time to review the form and attachments may result in the invitee not receiving approval for the trip. The submission of an incomplete form will delay the review process. Before completing this form, sponsors are urged to carefully review the Committee's private travel guidelines and advisory memoranda detailing the rules and restrictions for private travel, as well as the instructions for completing this form. Sponsors should call the Committee with any questions prior to submitting the form. Please type 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 "yes" 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 "yes" by checking box): *Please see addendum*
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
6. Dates of travel: August 20-28, 2011
7. Cities of departure – destination – return: Fort Lauderdale - Tel Aviv - Fort Lauderdale
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 federally registered lobbyist or registered foreign agent: or
 - c. The trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist 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. One-night's lodging and meals are being offered: or
 - b. Two-nights' lodging and meals are being offered:If "b" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____

11. If the trip is not sponsored by an institution of higher education, I represent that a federally-registered lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box):
12. Private sponsors must have a direct and immediate relationship to the purpose of the trip or location being visited. Describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip: _____
 AIEF's fundamental purpose is to maintain and further the relationship between the U.S. and Israel.
 AIEF is solely responsible for recruiting, coordinating, executing and funding all aspects of the trip.
13. Describe each sponsor's organizational interest in the purpose of the trip: _____
 AIEF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the mission of providing educational programming about the U.S.-Israel relationship.
14. Describe the type and class of the transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first-class transportation will be provided. In addition, for travel via aircraft, please indicate if travel is being offered on a commercial flight, chartered flight or on an aircraft operated or paid for by a carrier not licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration to operate for compensation or hire (i.e., a private aircraft). If first-class fare is being provided, or if travel is via chartered or private aircraft, please provide an explanation describing why such travel is warranted: _____
 Business class on a commercial airline.
15. 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 "yes" by checking box):
16. 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 or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:
 If "b" is checked, detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \$142
17. 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.
18. Name of hotel or other lodging facility: David Citadel Jerusalem; Scots Tel Aviv
19. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): _____
David Citadel - Single: \$346, Double: \$363; Scots Tel Aviv - Single: \$368, Double \$400
20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: Location and affordability

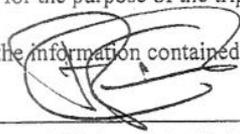
21. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<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	\$6,013.94(air)/\$192.25 <i>(ground)</i>	\$1,561.25	\$1,000
For each accompanying family member	\$6,013.94(air)/\$192.25 <i>(ground)</i>	\$1,561.25	\$1,000

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$1,638.03	Please see addendum
For each accompanying family member	\$1,638.03	Please see addendum

22. I represent that reimbursement for miscellaneous travel expenses for the trip, such as travel to and from airports, security costs, interpreter fees, visa application fees, and similar expenses, will be for actual costs incurred and are necessary for the purpose of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box):

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

Signature: 

Name and title: Richard Fishman, Executive Director

Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

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

Telephone number: (202) 639-5233

Fax number: (202) 347-5232

Email Address: rfishman@aiefdn.org

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

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 (fax)

Version date 3/2011 by Committee on Ethics

**AIEF Educational Seminar in Israel
Republican Members of Congress
Educational Seminar in Israel
August 20-28, 2011**

Trip Itinerary

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20TH 2011

7:25 PM Depart JFK
OR
10:50 PM Depart Newark

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST, 2011

1:10 PM Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport
OR
4:15 PM Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport
Transfer to Jerusalem and Check-in at
David Citadel Hotel
7:45 PM Depart for the Mamilla Hotel
8:00 PM *Orientation & Political Update*
Majority Leader Eric Cantor & Israel Staff
- at the Mamilla Hotel, ABC Hall
8:45 PM *Setting the Stage*
Opening dinner with Ari Sacher
System Development, Short Range Missile Defense
Rafael Industries
-at the Mamilla Hotel, ABC Hall
Overnight at the David Citadel Hotel

MONDAY, AUGUST 22ND, 2011

8:00 AM Breakfast served
8:30 AM *The Pulse of Israel Today*
Briefing & discussion with David Horovitz

Author and Journalist
- at the hotel, Ballroom A

9:30 AM *Hamas Next Door*
Coffee with Chen Abrahams
Gaza border area resident
-at the hotel, Ballroom A

10:15 AM Depart for strategic tour of Jerusalem

Part One:
- Jerusalem's outlying neighborhoods

12:00 PM Depart for the Office of the Prime Minister

Security Check

1:00 PM Meeting with the Hon. Binyamin Netanyahu
Prime Minister
- at Prime Minister's Office

2:15 PM Depart

2:30 PM *Defensible Borders*
Lunch and Discussion with Dr. Dore Gold
President, Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs
- at Imma's

3:30 PM Depart

3:45 PM Arrive at the President's Residence

4:30 PM Reception with the Hon. Shimon Peres
President of the State of Israel
-Special address by the President
-Response by Majority Leader Cantor
-at the President's Residence

5:30 PM Depart for hotel

7:00 PM Depart for dinner

7:30 PM *Terror from Gaza and Sinai:
Impact on September at the U.N.*
Dinner with Ron Dermer
Senior Advisor to the Prime Minister
- at The Harp of David

Overnight at the David Citadel Hotel

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23rd, 2011

- 7:30 AM Breakfast is served
- at the hotel, Ballroom A
- 8:00 AM Breakfast with Dr. Michael Oren
Israel's Ambassador to the U.S.
- at the hotel, Ballroom A
- 9:15 AM Depart for the Yad Vashem Museum and
Memorial to the Victims of the Holocaust
- 9:45 AM *Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust*
Guided tour of Yad Vashem
- 12:00 PM Depart
- 12:30 PM Lunch
- in the Old City
- 1:30 PM Depart for strategic tour of Jerusalem

Part Two:
- The Old City & the Holy Basin
- 5:00 PM Tour of the City of David and newly discovered 2,000
year old tunnel
- 6:15 PM Depart for hotel
- 6:30 PM Press Conference
- at the Inbal Hotel, Zion A Hall
- 7:30 PM Depart for dinner
- 8:00 PM *The Israeli Mosaic*
Dinner with Israelis from different walks of life
- at 28 King David

Overnight at the David Citadel Hotel

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24TH, 2011

- 8:00 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel
- 8:30 AM Depart hotel
- 9:15 AM Tour of Bethlehem

12:00 PM Depart

12:30 PM Lunch
- at Montefiore

1:15 PM *Historical Overviews: The Jewish People and the Land of Israel and the Arab-Israeli Conflict*
With Dr. Ian Stern, Archaeologist
And Asher Afriat, Educator
-at Mishkenot Shaananim Conference Center

2:15 PM Depart for the Ministry of Defense
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ONLY

En route: Visit to the Armored Corps Memorial at Latrun

5:00 PM *Israel's Strategic Concerns and The Arab Spring*
- Intelligence assessment by Lieut.-Gen. Benny Gantz
Chief of Staff of the IDF
- at the Kirya

NON-MEMBERS OF CONGRESS
Free time In Jerusalem

6:00 PM Depart

GROUPS REJOIN

7:00 PM *U.S. Middle East Policy*
Dinner with the Hon. Daniel Shapiro
U.S. Ambassador to Israel
- at the Ambassador's Residence, Herzliya

9:30 PM Depart for Jerusalem

Overnight at the David Citadel Hotel

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25TH, 2011

8:00 AM *View from the Opposition*
Breakfast with the Hon. Avi Dicter
MK, Kadima Party
- at the hotel, Ballroom A

9:00 AM *Perspective from the Palestinian Authority*
Meeting with Dr. Salam Fayyad
Prime Minister of the Palestinian Authority
- at the hotel, Ballroom A

10:00 AM Depart hotel

11:30 AM *Future Israel-P.A. Borders: Strategic Implications*
 Visit to Alfei Menashe
 Strategic briefing by David Kreizelman
 Foreign Policy Associate, Jerusalem Office

12:30 PM Depart / travel north

Lunch
 - at Terra

*En route: Jezreel Valley: Traditional Land Bridge
 Between Asia and Africa: Strategic Lessons for Today*

5:30 PM *Hizballah Next Door*
 IDF Strategic briefing on Israel's border
 with Lebanon
 Maj. Jonathan Conricus
 - at Kibbutz Misgav Am Lookout

6:30 PM Depart / travel to Tiberias on the Shore of the
 Sea of Galilee

7:45 PM Check-in at the Scots Hotel, Tiberias

8:45 PM Dinner
 - at Decks

Overnight at the Scots Hotel

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26TH, 2011

7:30 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel

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

11:30 AM Depart / travel up to the Golan Heights

12:30 PM *Bashar Assad Next Door*
 Strategic briefing on Israel's border with Syria

1:30 PM Lunch
 - at Gilli's

3:30 PM Depart / head back to Jerusalem

En route: Strategic survey of Jordan Valley

- 5:30 PM Arrive at David's Citadel Hotel
- 7:00 PM *Bringing it All Together: The U.S.-Israel Relationship*
Closing dinner
- at the Mamila Hotel, Rooftop Restaurant
- Overnight at the David Citadel Hotel

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH, 2011

- 7:00 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel
- 7:30 AM Depart for Masada and the Dead Sea area
- 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
- 9:30 AM *Geopolitics of the Roman Empire – Lessons for Today*
Tour of Masada National Archeological Site
- 12:00 PM Lunch and Exploration of Dead Sea Region
- at Hod Hotel
- 2:30 PM Depart for Jerusalem
- 4:30 PM Return to hotel and check out
- 5:45 PM Load luggage on bus
- 6:15 PM Depart for dinner
- 6:30 PM *Reflections on Jerusalem and Washington*
Dinner with Noam Zion
Senior Fellow, Shalom Hartman Institute
- at the King David Hotel

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH, 2011

UNEXPECTED SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAMMING FOR MEMBERS AND SPOUSES WHO WERE UNABLE TO DEPART DUE TO CANCELLED FLIGHTS CAUSED BY HURRICANE IRENE

Breakfast on own at the hotel

9:00 AM Depart hotel
9:45 AM Guided tour of Herodion archaeological site
11:00 AM Depart for Jerusalem
12:00 PM Lunch
- at the Israel Museum
1:00 PM Visit to the Israel Museum
3:00 PM Return to hotel and break
6:45 PM Depart for dinner
7:00 PM Dinner
- at Darna

Overnight at the David Citadel Hotel

MONDAY, AUGUST 29TH, 2011

Breakfast on own at the hotel

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

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: Allen B. West

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

Signature: Allen B. West

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For staff, name of employing Member/Committee: _____

Office address: 1708 Longworth HOB, Washington, DC 20515

Phone number: 202-225-3026

Email address of contact person: JoBeth.Banas@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:

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PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Allen B. West
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
3. Travel destination(s): Tel Aviv
4. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: August 20, 2011; August 28, 2011
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: Dr. Angela Graham West
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:
This trip is to learn about the US-Israel relationship and how it pertains to the Jewish constituency within the 22nd district of Florida.

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.

Jo Bonner, Alabama
Chairman
Linda T. Sánchez, California
Ranking Member



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The Honorable Allen B. West
U.S. House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your spouse's proposed trip to Israel, scheduled for August 20 to 28, 2011, 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 \$350 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 \$350] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of \$350 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,

Jo Bonner
Chairman

Linda T. Sánchez
Ranking Member

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