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U.S. House of Representatives  
112<sup>th</sup> 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): Reid J. Ribble

Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): DeaNa M. Ribble

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

Date of Departure and Date of Return: January 7 - January 15, 2012

Dates at personal expense: 0

Itinerary (cities of departure – destination – return): Washington, DC - Tel Aviv - Washington, DC

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

Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Meetings with both Israeli and Palestinian officials and speakers representing diverse views across the political spectrum.

Final itinerary is attached.

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:	5130.66	1086.25	702.97
For accompanying family member:	5130.66	1086.25	702.97

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For Member or Officer:	2769.82	Please see addendum
For accompanying family member:	2769.82	Please see addendum

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: \_\_\_\_\_



DATE: 1/30/12

## Dorn, Teri

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**Subject:** ] AIEF Post-Trip Ethics - Rep. Ribble

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**From:** Julie Peretz [mailto:jperetz@aiefdn.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2012 1:31 PM  
**To:** Dorn, Teri  
**Cc:** Rachel Levin; Keith Blatt; Daniels, Mckay; Julie Peretz  
**Subject:** RE: AIEF Post-Trip Ethics - Rep. Ribble

Dear Teri,

Per your request, here is the explanation for the difference in our good faith estimates versus the actual expenses.

AIEF's good faith estimate is based on the anticipated costs at the time our staff and vendors schedule the educational seminar. We try to come as close as possible to the expected costs.

However, due to the fluctuation in travel prices and vendor costs some variations may occur. Listed below is a further explanation. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions.

**Total transportation expenses (air and ground): \$5130.66 per person**

- Flight - \$4672.65
- Ground - \$458.01
- Total = \$5130.66

Our actual ground transportation cost was \$38.01 higher than our projection. Ground transportation includes the tour bus and cabs.

**Total lodging expenses: \$1086.25 per person**

- David Citadel Jerusalem \$363 per double room per night; \$181.50 per person per night
  - X 4.5 nights (50% charge for late check-out on final day)
- Sheraton Tel Aviv \$315 per double room per night; \$157.50 per person per night
  - X 1 night
- Kfar Blum Tiberias \$224 per double room per night; \$112 per person per night
  - X 1 night

Please note that while the hotel costs came in higher than we anticipated, they were still considerably less than the cumulative per diem allowed pursuant to GSA guidelines.

**Total meal expenses: \$702.97**

The meal expenses came in under our estimate.

**Other expenses: \$2769.82**

Our other expenses were slightly higher than we anticipated. The difference was only \$33.18. These costs are by nature variable and fluctuate slightly depending on the particular schedules of the individual delegations.

Here is a breakdown of the other expenses:

Hotel (Security, Tour Guide, etc.):	\$305.85
Meals (Security, Tour Guide, etc.)	\$194.02
Entrance Fees	\$42.71
Speaker Honoraria	\$292.31
Water	\$18.39
Photography	\$56.56
Room Rentals	\$181.15
Security	\$1,153.97

Snacks	\$18.06
Tips	\$95.61
Tour Guide	\$340.95
Miscellaneous (briefing materials, etc.)	\$70.02

Thank you,

**Julie Peretz**

*Grassroots and Missions Director*

202-639-5192 • Fax 202-347-5232

[jperetz@aiefdn.org](mailto:jperetz@aiefdn.org)

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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):
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: January 7-15, 2012
7. Cities of departure - destination - return: Washington, D.C. - Tel Aviv - Washington, D.C.
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: \_\_\_\_\_

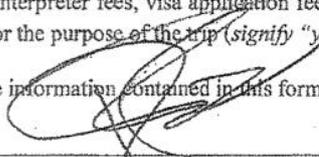
11. If the trip is not sponsored by an institution of higher education, I represent that a federally-registered lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (*signify "yes" by checking box*):
12. Private sponsors must have a direct and immediate relationship 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): \$121
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; Sheraton Tel Aviv; Kfar Blum Upper Galilee
19. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): \_\_\_\_\_  
David Citadel Jerusalem \$303; Sheraton Tel Aviv \$317; Kfar Blum Upper Galilee \$216
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	\$4,672.65(air)/\$420(ground)	\$948.25	\$850
For each accompanying family member	\$4,672.65(air)/\$420(ground)	\$948.25	\$850

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$2,736.64	Please see addendum
For each accompanying family member	\$2,736.64	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)

AIEF Educational Seminar in Israel  
U.S. Members of Congress  
January 7-15, 2012  
Addendum

3. Our Congressional trip program is funded entirely by unrestricted donations made by our members to either our general operating fund or to our general trip fund.

21. Specific nature of other expenses:

Security: \$800 per person

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

Tour Guides: \$300 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.

Strategic Tour of Syrian Border: \$30 per person

Entrance Fees: \$20 per person

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

Speaker Fees: \$253.33 per person

-Honoraria for guest speakers

Room Rentals: \$466.66 per person

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

Tips: \$66.66 per person

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

Photographer: \$133.33 per person

Meals for security/tour guide/drivers/speakers/staff: \$200 per person

Hotel for security/tour guide/drivers/speakers/staff: \$326.66 per person

Miscellaneous: \$140 per person

-Briefing materials

-Water

-Snacks

**AIEF Educational Seminar in Israel**  
**January 7-15, 2012**  
**Invitee List**

The American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF) strives to provide educational programming about the U.S.-Israel relationship to all members of Congress. The following invitees were invited because they are each current members of Congress.

Rep. Sandy Adams (R-FL) and John Adams (spouse)  
Rep. Bill Flores (R-TX) and Gina Flores (spouse)  
Rep. Joe Heck (R-NV) and Lisa Heck (spouse)  
Rep. Randy Hultgren (R-IL)  
Rep. Bill Johnson (R-OH)  
Rep. Raul Labrador (R-ID) and Rebecca Labrador (spouse)  
Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) and Brian Rodgers (spouse)  
Rep. Reid Ribble (R-WI) and DeaNa Ribble (spouse)  
Rep. Martha Roby (R-AL)  
Rep. Robert Turner (R-NY) and Margaret Turner (spouse)  
Rep. Joe Walsh (R-IL)

**Republican Members of Congress  
Educational Seminar in Israel  
January 7-15, 2012  
Sponsored by the American Israel Education Foundation**

**Final Itinerary**

**Saturday, January 7, 2012**

8:55 PM Depart JFK

**Sunday, January 8, 2012**

3:15 PM Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport

Transfer to Jerusalem

Check in to the David Citadel Hotel

7:00 PM *Setting the Stage*  
Orientation and Political Update with  
Tom Sawicki, Director of Programming  
- at the hotel, Lion Jaffa Gate Hall

7:45 PM *The Pulse of Israel Today*  
Dinner with David Horowitz  
Author and Journalist  
- at the hotel, Lion Jaffa Gate Hall

9:30 PM Depart for walking tour of the Old City

11:00 PM Overnight at the David Citadel Hotel

**Monday, January 9, 2012**

8:00 AM *Israel's Political System*  
Breakfast with Prof. Reuven Hazan  
Political Science Department, The Hebrew University  
- at the hotel, Zion Flower Gate

9:30 AM Depart for Strategic Survey of Jerusalem

Part One:  
Old City and the Holy Basin

12:15 PM Depart for the Knesset

Security Check

- 1:00 PM Meeting with the Hon. Yoel Hasson  
Knesset Member, Kadima Party  
- at the Knesset, Public Petitions Committee Hall
- 1:45 PM Meeting with the Hon. Moshe Ya'alon  
Minister of Strategic Affairs  
- at the Knesset, Public Petitions Committee Hall
- 2:30 PM Depart
- 2:45 PM Lunch  
- in the Old City
- 3:45 PM Strategic Survey of Jerusalem  
  
Part One Continues: Old City and the Holy Basin
- 6:00 PM Return to hotel
- 7:30 PM Depart for dinner
- 8:00 PM *The Changing Season in the Middle East*  
Dinner with Dr. Tal Becker  
Senior Fellow, The Washington Institute  
- at La Guta
- 10:00 PM Overnight at the David Citadel Hotel

**Tuesday, January 10, 2012**

- 7:30 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel
- 8:30 AM Depart for Yad Vashem
- 9:00 AM *Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust*  
Guided tour of Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Museum
- 11:00 AM Depart
- 11:30 AM *Israel's Experience in Integrates New Immigrants*  
Visit to Mevasseret Zion Immigrant Absorption Center and meet new immigrants
- 12:45 PM Depart

- 1:00 PM Lunch on own  
- at Fortuna
- 1:45 PM Strategic Survey of Jerusalem  
Part Two: Outlying Neighborhoods and the Security Barrier
- 3:15 PM Arrive at Prime Minister's Office  
  
Security check
- 4:00 PM Meeting with the Hon. Binyamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel  
- at Prime Minister's Office
- 5:15 PM Depart for hotel
- 7:45 PM Depart for dinner
- 8:00 PM *Start-Up Nation*  
Dinner and panel discussion with
  - Alan Feld, Vintage Venture Partners
  - Yosi Frenkel, Ness Technologies
  - Tal Keinan, KCPS
- at the King David Hotel, Reading Room
- 10:00 PM Overnight at the David Citadel Hotel

**Wednesday, January 11, 2012**

- 7:00 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel
- 7:45 AM Depart for Ramallah
- 9:00 AM *Perspective from the Palestinian Authority*  
Meeting with the Hon. Salam Fayyad, Prime Minister of the Palestinian Authority  
- at his office in Ramallah
- 10:00 AM Depart for Israel's border with Gaza Strip  
  
En route:  
*The Valley of Ella*  
Survey of the historical route connecting the Coastal Plan with the Judean Hills
- 12:45 PM Overlook into Gaza  
Drive through the town of Sderot

- 1:15 PM *Life Under the Threat of Kassam Rockets*  
Lunch with Chen Abrahams  
Local resident  
- at Kibbutz Kfar Aza Dining Hall
- 3:00 PM Depart for Tel Aviv
- 5:00 PM **Members Only:**  
*Israel's Strategic Concerns*  
Meeting with Maj.-Gen. Yair Naveh, Deputy IDF Chief of Staff  
- at the Ministry of Defense
- 4:30 PM **Other Trip Participants:**  
Tour of Tel Aviv and Historic Jaffa
- 6:00 PM **Group Rejoins:**  
Check in to the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel
- 7:10 PM Depart for dinner
- 7:30 PM *The Israeli Mosaic*  
Dinner with Israelis from different walks of life
  - Saar Dickman
  - Dita Roman Kohl
  - Binyamin Zomer
  - Itay Weiss
- at Spoons
- 10:00 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

**Thursday, January 12, 2012**

- 8:30 AM *U.S. Middle East Policy*  
Breakfast with the Hon. Dan Shapiro  
U.S. Ambassador to Israel  
- at the hotel, Topaz Hall
- 9:30 AM Depart for Israel's North
- 10:30 AM *Future Israel-P.A. Borders – Strategic Implications*  
Visit to Alfei Menashe
- 11:30 AM Depart

- 12:30 PM *Israel's Experience in Residential Education For Youth at Risk*  
Visit to Yemin Orde Youth Village  
Lunch with students
- 2:00 PM Depart
- 3:30 PM *U.S.-Israel Cooperation in Missile Defense*  
Visit to Rafael Advance Defense Systems  
Briefing with Ari Sacher, System Development, Short Range Missile Defense  
- at Rafael HQ
- 5:00 PM Depart  
En route:  
*Life on the border with Lebanon and Syria*
- 6:30 PM Check in to Pastoral Hotel, Kfar Blum
- 7:15 PM Depart for dinner
- 7:30 PM *Water as a Strategic Asset*  
Dinner with Tom Sawicki  
- at Hatachana
- 9:30 PM Overnight at Pastoral Hotel

**Friday, January 13, 2012**

- 7:00 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel
- 8:15 AM Depart for Metulla
- 8:30 AM Strategic briefing on Israel-Lebanon Border
- 9:30 AM Depart for survey of historical sites around the Sea of Galilee
- 11:15 AM Depart for the Golan Heights  
Strategic briefing on the Golan Heights
- 2:00 PM Lunch  
- at Kibbutz Ein Gev
- 3:00 PM Depart for Jerusalem  
  
En route:  
*Israel's Relations with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan*  
Strategic briefing on Israel's border with Syria

- 6:00 PM Arrive at the David Citadel Hotel
- 7:15 PM *Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem*  
Festive Sabbath Eve dinner with Noam Zion  
Senior Fellow, The Shalom Hartman Institute  
- at the hotel, Ballroom A
- 9:30 PM Overnight at the David Citadel Hotel

**Saturday, January 14, 2012**

- 8:30 AM Depart hotel
- 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
- 10:30 AM *Geopolitics of the Roman Empire – Lessons for Today*  
Tour of Masada National Archaeological Site
- 12:15 PM Depart
- 12:30 PM Lunch and exploration of the Dead Sea region  
- at Hod Hotel
- 2:30 PM Depart for Jerusalem
- 4:30 PM Return to hotel
- Check out
- 6:15 PM Depart hotel
- 6:30 PM *Bringing it all Together – the U.S.-Israel Relationship*  
Closing dinner  
- at Cielo
- 8:30 PM Depart for the airport

**Sunday, January 15, 2012**

- 12:05 AM Depart Tel Aviv
- 5:15 AM Arrive at JFK

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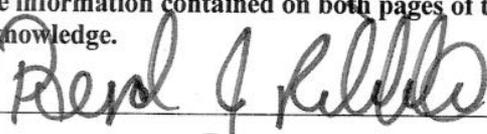
PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM  
For Members, Officers, and Employees

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: Reid J. Ribble

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: 1513 Longworth House Office Building

Phone number: 202-225-5665

Email address of contact person: teri.dorn@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 Ethics  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1015 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 225-7103 (phone)  
(202) 225-7392 (fax)

**U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Ethics**

**PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM**

1. Name of Traveler: Reid J. Ribble
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: January 7 - 15, 2012
- 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: DeaNa M. Ribble
- 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, I'm expected to know the important issues involved in the U. S. - Israel relationship.  
This educational opportunity will allow further insight into the complexities of this relationship.

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*

Michael T. McCaul, Texas  
K. Michael Conaway, Texas  
Charles W. Dent, Pennsylvania  
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Joe Courtney, Connecticut



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## U.S. House of Representatives

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January 3, 2012

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The Honorable Reid J. Ribble  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1513 Longworth House Office Building  
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 January 7 to 15, 2012, 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

JB/LTS:tn