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U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Ethics

MEMBER / OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual Financial Disclosure Statement. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. Please do not file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

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

1. Name of Traveler: Juan Vargas

2. a. Name of accompanying relative: Adrienne Vargas or None

b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: August 4, 2013 Return: August 13, 2013

b. Dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_ or None

4. Departure city: San Diego, CA Destination: Israel Return city: San Diego, CA

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

6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary):  
The trip educated Members of Congress about the U.S.-Israel relationship.

7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box):

- a.  a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;
- b.  the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor prior to the trip, including all attachments and Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
- c.  page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the Member or officer; and
- d.  the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.

8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda. (Signify that statement is true by checking box):

b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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 on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form 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: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 8/29/2013

Note!  
Return date is one day later than originally approved to a cancell flight.

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**SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM**

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

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- Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
- Travel Destination(s): Israel
- Date of Departure: August 4, 2013 Date of Return: August 13, 2013
- Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Juan Vargas and Adrienne Vargas  
(NOTE: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.)
- Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in response to Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	5621.95	1710.66	1003.57	1264.74
Accompanying Relative	5621.95	1710.66	1003.57	1264.74

- All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. (Signify statement is true by checking box):   
I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: [Signature]  
Name: Richard Fishman Title: Executive Director  
Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

I am an officer of the above-named organization (signify statement is true by checking box):   
Address: 251 H Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20001  
Telephone number: (202) 639-5233  
Email Address: rfishman@aiefdn.org

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.  
If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at (202) 225-7103.

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)**  
**Educational Seminar in Israel**  
**U.S. Democratic Members of Congress**  
**August 4-12, 2013**

**Breakdown of Other Expenses**

Security: \$313.79 per person

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

Room Rentals: \$223.52 per person

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

Tour Guide/Driver/Speaker Hotels and Meals: \$226.54 per person

Speaker Fees: \$125.14 per person

-Honoraria for guest speakers

Tour Guide: \$123.10 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.

Tips: \$45.33 per person

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

Entrance Fees: \$34.40 per person

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

Photography: \$33.41 per person

-Professional photos are taken at meetings with dignitaries, including the Prime Minister and President

Other: \$139.51 per person

-Water, snacks

-Briefing materials

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**U.S. House of Representatives  
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**TRAVELER FORM**

1. Name of Traveler: Rep. Juan Vargas
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 August 4, 2013 Date of return: August 12, 2013  
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  Yes  No  
If yes, dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a relative at the sponsor's expense?  Yes  No  
b. If yes:  
(1) Name of accompanying relative: Adrienne Vargas  
(2) Relationship to traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age:  Yes  No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (*i.e.*, travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)?  Yes  No  
b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms:  Yes  No  
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.  
As a member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, this trip will serve as an educational tool in learning more about US/Israeli relations.  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip?  Yes  No

10. **FOR STAFF TRAVELERS:**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:**

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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U.S. House of Representatives  
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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

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

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

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): \_\_\_\_\_  
American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (signify that the statement is true by checking box):
3. Check only one: I represent that:
  - a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip  *or*
  - b. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds  *or*
  - c. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.
 If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):  
Please see attached
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)?  Yes  No
6. Date of departure: August 4, 2013 Date of return: August 12, 2013
7. a. City of departure: San Diego  
b. Destination(s): Tel Aviv  
c. City of return: San Diego
8. I represent that (check one of the following):
  - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965:  *or*
  - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent:  *or*
  - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. Check one of the following:
  - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above:
  - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging:
  - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night:  *or*
  - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights:
 If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) (indicate agenda is attached by checking box):

11. Check one:

- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (signify that the statement is true by checking box):  or
- b. N/A – trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

AIEF is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization with the fundamental purpose of educating policy makers and opinion leaders about the U.S.-Israel relationship. AIEF is solely responsible for recruiting, coordinating, executing and funding all aspects of the trip.

13. Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.

- a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
- b. Class of travel: Coach  Business  First  Charter  Other  (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
- c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (signify that the statement is true by checking box):

15. I represent that either (check one of the following):

- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees:  or
- b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation:

If "b" is checked:

1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \_\_\_\_\_  
\$129 per day

2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: \_\_\_\_\_  
The trip will take place in Israel in order to educate members of Congress and Congressional staff about the U.S.-Israel relationship.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel name:	<u>King David Hotel</u>	City:	<u>Jerusalem</u>	Cost per night:	<u>\$388s/\$412d</u>
Reason(s) for selecting:	<u>location and affordability</u>				
Hotel name:	<u>Scots Hotel</u>	City:	<u>Tiberias</u>	Cost per night:	<u>\$382s/\$412d</u>
Reason(s) for selecting:	<u>location and affordability</u>				
Hotel name:	<u>Merom Golan</u>	City:	<u>Merom Golan</u>	Cost per night:	<u>\$168</u>
Reason(s) for selecting:	<u>dayroom to prepare for departure</u>				

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

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$5,970.83	\$ 2,490	\$ 900
For each accompanying relative	\$5,970.83	\$ 150	\$ 900

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$1,766.32	Please see attached
For each accompanying relative	\$1,766.32	Please see attached

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19. Check one:

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

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

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

Signature:

Name: Richard Fishman

Title: Executive Director

Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

Address: 251 H Street NW, Washington DC, 20001

Telephone number: (202) 639-5233

Email address: rfishman@aiefdn.org

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

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 1015 Longworth House Office Building  
 Washington, DC 20515  
 (202) 225-7103 (phone)  
 (202) 225-7392 (general fax)

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## U.S. House of Representatives

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The Honorable Juan Vargas  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1605 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 August 4 to 12, 2013, sponsored by the American Israel Education Foundation.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. 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,

  
K. Michael Conaway  
Chairman

  
Linda T. Sánchez  
Ranking Member

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**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)**  
**Educational Seminar in Israel**  
**U.S. Democratic Members of Congress**  
**August 4-12, 2013**

**Breakdown of Other Expenses**

**Security:** \$500 per person

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

**Room Rentals:** \$266.67 per person

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

**Tour Guide/Driver/Speaker Hotels and Meals:** \$226.67 per person

**Tour Guide:** \$174.17 per person

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

**Briefing Materials and misc:** \$166.67 per person

**Speaker Fees:** \$116.67 per person

-Honoraria for guest speakers

**Tips:** \$107.14 per person

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

**Entrance Fees:** \$85.71 per person

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

**Water and snacks:** \$64.29 per person

**Photographer:** \$58.33 per person

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)  
Educational Seminar in Israel  
U.S. Democratic Members of Congress  
August 4-12, 2013**

**Final Itinerary**

**Sunday, August 4, 2013**

11:56 PM Depart JFK

**Monday, August 5, 2013**

5:10 PM Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport  
Transfer to Jerusalem  
Check in to the King David Hotel

8:00 PM *Setting the Stage*  
Orientation and Political Update  
- at the hotel, Ambassador's Hall

8:45 PM *The Pulse of Israel Today*  
Dinner with David Horowitz  
Editor, *The Times of Israel*  
- at the hotel, Ambassador's Hall

10:15 PM Overnight at the King David Hotel

**Tuesday, August 6, 2013**

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

8:00 AM *Understanding Israel's Political Mosaic*  
- at the hotel, Jaffa Hall

8:30 AM *Neighborhood Overview: Strategic Threat Assessment*  
Meeting with Maj.-Gen. (Ret.) Amos Yadlin  
Head, Institute for National Security Studies  
Former Head, IDF Intelligence  
- at the hotel, Jaffa Hall

9:45 AM Meeting ends

10:15 AM Depart

10:45 AM *Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust*  
Guided tour of Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Museum

1:00 PM Depart

1:30 PM Lunch  
- at Imma's

2:30 PM *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem*  
Part One: Outlying Neighborhoods

3:45 PM Depart for Prime Minister's Office

5:00 PM Meeting with the Honorable Binyamin Netanyahu  
Prime Minister of Israel  
- at the Prime Minister's Office

6:40 PM Depart for hotel

7:30 PM Depart for dinner

8:00 PM *Israel's Peace-Making Efforts*  
Dinner with Dr. Tal Becker  
Principal Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
- at 28 King David Events Gallery

10:00 PM Overnight at the King David Hotel

**Wednesday, August 7, 2013**

7:00 AM Breakfast is served  
- at the hotel, Main Terrace

8:00 AM Depart hotel

8:15 AM Security check

- 9:00 AM Reception with the Honorable Shimon Peres  
President of Israel
- Special address by the President
  - Response by Mr. Hoyer
- at the President's Residence
- 10:15 AM Depart for Ramallah
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- at the Movenpick Hotel, Yabus Hall
- 1:00 PM *The Israeli-Palestinian Peace Talks – The Palestinian Perspective*  
Meeting with Dr. Saeb Erekat  
Head of Negotiation Department for the PLO
- at the Movenpick Hotel, Yabus Hall
- 2:15 PM Depart for Jerusalem
- 3:20 PM Press Conference
- at the hotel, Jaffa Hall
- 4:15 PM *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem*  
Part Two: The Old City and the Holy Basin
- Southern Wall Excavations
  - The Western Wall
  - Church of the Holy Sepulchre
- 7:30 PM Depart for dinner
- 8:15 PM *New Faces on Israel's Political Stage*  
Dinner with the Honorable Yair Lapid  
Minister of Finance
- at Tour Sinai Farm
- 9:50 PM Overnight at the King David Hotel

**Thursday, August 8, 2013**

- 7:30 AM Breakfast is served
- at the hotel, Jaffa Hall
- 8:30 AM Depart hotel, travel south

- 10:30 AM     *Southern Exposure*  
Strategic tour of Israel's border with the Gaza Strip
- Overlook into the Gaza strip
  - Visit to fortified playground
- 12:30 PM     *Living With the Threat of Rockets*  
Lunch with residents of Kibbutz Kfar Aza  
Chen Abrahams and Ralph Lewinsohn  
- at Netachim
- 2:00 PM     Depart
- 2:30 PM     *America's Role in Protecting Israel*  
Visit to an Iron Dome battery  
- at Ashkelon Base
- 4:30 PM     Depart for Tel Aviv
- 5:30 PM     *Israel's Strategic Environment – A Bird's Eye View*  
360° View of the State of Israel from atop the Azrieli tower
- 6:20 PM     *Regional Strategic Concerns*  
Meeting with Maj.-Gen. Yossi Baidatz  
Head, IDF Command and Staff College  
- at the Crown Plaza City Center Hotel, 11th Floor
- 7:30 PM     Depart
- 8:25 PM     *Tikkun Olam – Repairing the World*  
Dinner with Israeli Human Rights Activists and Innovators
- Professor Arnon Afek, Ministry of Health
  - Avi Barliya, Space IL
  - Tzameret Feurst, Pre-Pex
  - Gil Friedlander, Tawkon
  - Danny Glicksberg, Ayalim Foundation
  - Mike Granoff, Entrepreneur
  - Gal Lousky, Israel Flying Aid
  - Etai Pinkas, LGBT Rights Activist
  - Miri Polachek, Israel Brain Technologies
  - Uri Rivner, BioCatch
  - Wendy Singer, Start Up Nation Institute
  - Eytan Stibbe, Vital Capital Fund
  - Racheli Yaso, Yemin Orde
- at RiverSide

- 10:00 PM Depart for Jerusalem
- 11:00 PM Overnight at the King David Hotel

**Friday, August 9, 2013**

- 7:30 AM Breakfast is served  
- at the hotel, Jaffa Hall
- 8:00 AM *U.S. Middle East Policy*  
Breakfast with the Hon. Daniel Shapiro  
U.S. Ambassador to Israel  
- at the hotel, Jaffa Hall
- 9:00 AM Depart for Masada and the Dead Sea  
En route: *Making the Desert Bloom –  
Israel's Experience in Eco-Agriculture in Arid Areas*
- 10:30 AM *Geopolitics of the Roman Empire – Lessons for Today*  
Tour of Masada National Archaeological Site
- 12:00 PM Depart
- 12:30 PM *Exploration of the Dead Sea Region*  
Lunch  
- at Hod Hotel
- 3:00 PM Depart for Jerusalem
- 4:30 PM Return to hotel
- 6:15 PM Depart for the Old City
- 6:45 PM *Welcome the Sabbath at the Western Wall*
- 7:30 PM Depart

- 8:00 PM      *Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem*  
Traditional Sabbath Eve dinner hosted by Jerusalem families
- Chani and Nati Ron
  - Susie and Tom Sawicki
  - Hava and Josh Schoffman
  - Wendy and Saul Singer
- at their homes in Jerusalem
- 10:15 PM      Overnight at the King David Hotel

**Saturday, August 10, 2013**

- 7:30 AM      Breakfast on own  
- at the hotel, Main Dining Hall
- 9:15 AM      Depart for Bethlehem
- 9:45 AM      *Visit to Bethlehem*
- Church of the Nativity
  - Manger Square
  - Milk Grotto
- 12:00 PM      Depart
- 12:30 PM      Lunch  
- at the Levanonit Restaurant
- 1:30 PM      Depart, travel north
- 2:30 PM      *Israel's Narrow Waistline*  
Briefing at Alfei Menashe
- 3:45 PM      Depart
- 6:45 PM      *Northern Exposure: Strategic tour of Israel's northern borders*  
Part One: Hizballah Next Door  
Briefing at Israel's border with Lebanon  
With Col. (Res.) Miri Eisin  
- at Dovev Lookout
- 7:45 PM      Depart

8:45 PM Dinner  
- at Decks

10:00 PM Dinner ends

10:15 PM Check in to the Scots Hotel  
Overnight at Scots Hotel

**Sunday, August 11, 2013**

7:30 AM Check out  
Breakfast is served  
- at the hotel, Orangery Hall

8:30 AM Breakfast with Maj. Jonathan Conricus  
IDF Golan Heights Division  
- at the hotel, Orangery Hall

9:00 AM *Survey of religious and historical sites around the Sea of Galilee*  
▪ Mount of Beatitudes  
▪ Church of the Primacy of Peter

10:30 AM Depart, travel up to the Golan Heights

11:30 AM *Northern Exposure: Strategic tour of Israel's northern borders*  
Part Two: Bashar Assad and Al Qaeda Next Door  
Briefing at Israel's border with Syria  
- at Kuneitra Lookout

1:30 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

Lunch boxes on the bus

5:00 PM Prepare for departure  
- at the Sheraton and the Dan Tel Aviv Hotels

6:00 PM *The U.S.-Israel Relationship – Bringing it All Together*  
Closing dinner  
- at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel, Diamond Hall

8:00 PM Depart for the airport

**DELTA FLIGHT IS CANCELLED AFTER 4 HOUR DELAY**

**Monday, August 12, 2013**

5:00 AM      Depart for day rooms in Tel Aviv

***Please note:***

***AIEF had to pay for two nights stay due to the early check-in and the late check-out***

7:00 PM      Depart for airport

10:45 PM     Depart Tel Aviv

**Tuesday, August 13, 2013**

3:11 AM      Arrive JFK

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)  
Educational Seminar in Israel  
U.S. Democratic Members of Congress  
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**Invitees**

TITLE	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	P	ST	D
Representative	Ron	Barber	D	AZ	2
Representative	Karen	Bass	D	CA	37
Representative	Joyce	Beatty	D	OH	3
Representative	Ami	Bera	D	CA	7
Representative	Bruce	Braley	D	IA	1
Representative	Julia	Brownley	D	CA	26
Representative	Cheri	Bustos	D	IL	17
Representative	Tony	Cardenas	D	CA	29
Representative	Joseph	Crowley	D	NY	
Representative	Suzan	DelBene	D	WA	1
Representative	Lois	Frankel	D	FL	22
Representative	Tulsi	Gabbard	D	HI	2
Representative	Joe	Garcia	D	FL	26
Representative	Gene	Green	D	TX	29
Representative	Michelle Lujan	Grisham	D	NM	1
Representative	Colleen	Hanabusa	D	HI	1
Democratic Whip	Steny	Hoyer	D	MD	5
Representative	Jared	Huffman	D	CA	2
Representative	Hakeem	Jeffries	D	NY	8
Representative	Bill	Keating	D	MA	9
Representative	Joe	Kennedy	D	MA	4
Representative	Dan	Kildee	D	MI	5
Representative	Derek	Kilmer	D	WA	6
Representative	Ann McLane	Kuster	D	NH	2
Representative	Alan	Lowenthal	D	CA	47
Representative	Sean Patrick	Maloney	D	NY	18
Representative	Grace	Meng	D	NY	6
Representative	Patrick	Murphy	D	FL	18
Representative	Rick	Nolan	D	MN	8
Representative	Beto	O'Rourke	D	TX	16
Representative	Scott	Peters	D	CA	52
Representative	Mark	Pocan	D	WI	2

Representative	Raul	Ruiz	D	CA	36
Representative	Brad	Schneider	D	IL	10
Representative	Kyrsten	Sinema	D	AZ	9
Representative	Eric	Swalwell	D	CA	15
Representative	Mark	Takano	D	CA	41
Representative	Dina	Titus	D	NV	1
Representative	Juan	Vargas	D	CA	51
Representative	Marc	Veasey	D	TX	33
Representative	Henry	Waxman	D	CA	33
Senior Policy Advisor, Democratic Whip Hoyer	Mariah	Sixkiller	D	MD	5
Whip Director and Senior Advisor, Democratic Whip Hoyer	Brian	Romick	D	MD	5
Deputy Press Secretary, Democratic Whip Hoyer	Mariel	Saez	D	MD	5

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Educational Seminar in Israel  
U.S. Democratic Members of Congress  
August 4-12, 2013**

**Itinerary**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2013**

Afternoon Members of Congress travel to JFK or Newark from various cities

10:45 PM United flight to Tel Aviv departs from Newark

11:50 PM Delta flight to Tel Aviv departs from JFK

**MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2013**

**Ben-Gurion Airport – Jerusalem**

4:20 PM United flight arrives

5:20 PM Delta flight arrives

Transfer to Jerusalem

*Shalom Jerusalem*: First look at the Holy City from Mt. Scopus

Check in at the King David Hotel

7:00 PM *Setting the Stage*  
Welcome and Orientation

7:45 PM *The Pulse of Israel Today*  
Dinner with David Horovitz  
Editor, *The Times of Israel*

10:00 PM Dinner ends  
Overnight at the King David Hotel

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2013**

**Jerusalem**

8:00 AM Breakfast served

8:30 AM *Understanding Israel's Political Mosaic*  
Meeting with Professor Reuven Hazan, The Hebrew University

9:45 AM *Neighborhood Overview: Strategic Threat Assessment*  
Meeting with Maj.-Gen. (ret.) Amos Yadlin  
Director, Israel's Institute for National Security Studies  
and Former Chief of Israeli Defense Intelligence

11:00 AM Depart for Strategic Survey of Jerusalem

11:15 AM Part One: *The Old City & the Holy Basin*  
Lunch en route

2:15 PM Survey ends / return to hotel

3:15 PM Depart for the Office of the Prime Minister  
(security check for non-Member participants)

4:30 PM Meeting with the Hon. Binyamin Netanyahu,  
Prime Minister of the State of Israel,  
And Maj. Gen. (res.) Yaacov Amidror,  
Director, National Security Council

5:30 PM Depart

6:00 PM Arrive at the Residence of the President (security check)

6:30 PM Reception with the Hon. Shimon Peres  
President of the State of Israel  
- Special address by Mr. Peres  
- Response by Mr. Hoyer

7:30 PM Depart for Dinner

8:00 PM *Israel's Peace-making Efforts*  
Dinner with Dr. Tal Becker, Principal Legal  
Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

10:00 PM Dinner ends  
Overnight at the King David Hotel

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2013**

**Jerusalem – Ramallah – Jerusalem**

7:45 AM Breakfast served

8:15 AM *New Faces on Israel's Political Stage – Part One*  
Meeting with the Honorable Shelly Yachimovitch  
Chair, Labor Party, and Head of the Opposition  
-at the hotel

9:15 AM Depart hotel

9:45 AM *Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust*  
Guided tour of Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Educational Center

11:30 AM Depart

12:00 PM *Ingathering of the Exiles: Israel's Experience with Immigrant Absorption*  
Visit to Mevasseret Zion Immigrant Absorption Center  
Meet with residents

1:00 PM Depart for Ramallah

2:00 PM Lunch  
- at Movenpick

Private Meeting for Mr. Hoyer and the Honorable Salam Fayyad  
Former Prime Minister, Palestinian Authority

3:00 PM Meeting with the Honorable Mahmoud Abbas  
President, Palestinian Authority, and  
The Honorable Rami Hamdallah  
Prime Minister, Palestinian Authority

4:00 PM Depart

5:00 PM Strategic Survey of Jerusalem  
Part Two: *Outlying Neighborhoods*

6:00 PM Return to hotel

7:15 PM Depart for dinner

- 7:30 PM *New Faces on Israel's Political Stage – Part Two*  
 Dinner with Members of Knesset and Coalition Partners  
 The Honorable Yair Lapid, Chair, Yesh Atid and Minister of Finance  
 The Honorable Naftali Bennett, Chair, Jewish Home  
 -at the Jerusalem Cinema Garden
- 9:30 PM Dinner ends  
 Overnight at the King David Hotel

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2013**

**Jerusalem – Gaza Border – Tel Aviv – Jerusalem**

- 7:30 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel
- 8:30 AM Depart, travel south
- 10:30 AM *Southern Exposure*  
 Strategic tour of Israel's "Gaza Envelope" area, Israel's border with the Gaza Strip  
 - Tour of the Town of Sderot  
 - Protected children's playground  
 - Kassam rockets "graveyard"  
 - Overlook into the Gaza Strip
- 12:30 PM *Living With the Threat of Rockets*  
 Visit to Kibbutz Kfar Aza on the border with the Gaza Strip  
 Lunch with local residents
- 2:30 PM Depart
- 3:30 PM *America's Role in Protecting Israel*  
 Visit to an Iron Dome battery and meeting with IDF soldiers
- 5:00 PM *Israel's Strategic Environment – A Bird's Eye View*  
 360° View of the State of Israel from atop the Azrieli tower
- 5:30 PM Depart for Ministry of Defense and security check
- 6:00 PM *View from the Ministry of Defense*  
 Meeting with the Hon. Moshe "Bogie" Ya'alon  
 Minister of Defense  
 - at Ministry of Defense
- 7:00 PM Depart for dinner

- 7:30 PM Greetings by the Honorable Dan Shapiro  
United States Ambassador
- 7:45 PM *Tikkun Olam – Repairing the World*  
Dinner with Israeli innovators and humanitarians  
-in Old Jaffa
- 9:30 PM Dinner ends, return to Jerusalem  
Overnight at the King David Hotel

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2013**

**Jerusalem – Masada – Dead Sea – Jerusalem**

- 8:00 AM Breakfast served
- 9:00 AM Depart for Masada  
  
*En route briefing: Making the Desert Bloom –  
Israel's Experience in Eco-Agriculture in Arid Areas*
- 10:30 AM *Geopolitics of the Roman Empire – Lessons for Today*  
Tour of Masada National Archaeological Park
- 12:00 PM Depart
- 12:30 PM *Exploration of the Dead Sea Region*  
Lunch  
- at Hod Hotel
- 3:00 PM Depart
- 4:30 PM Return to hotel
- 6:30 PM Depart for the Old City  
*Welcoming the Sabbath at the Western Wall*
- 7:30 PM *Reflection on the Sabbath in Jerusalem*  
Traditional Sabbath Eve dinner hosted by Jerusalem families  
Delegation divides into smaller groups
- 9:30 PM Dinners end  
Overnight at the King David Hotel

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2013**

**Jerusalem – Bethlehem – Lebanon Border – Sea of Galilee**

- 7:30 AM Breakfast served  
Check out
- 8:30 AM Depart for Bethlehem
- 9:00 AM Visit to Bethlehem  
- Church of the Nativity  
- Manger Square  
- Milk Grotto
- 12:00 PM Depart Jerusalem
- 12:30 PM Lunch  
-at Magda, in Ein Rafa
- 1:30 PM Depart, travel north
- 2:30 PM *Israel's Narrow Waistline*  
Briefing at Alfei Menashe
- 3:15 PM Depart
- 6:00 PM *Northern Exposure*  
Strategic tour of Israel's northern borders  
Part One: *Hizballah Next Door*  
Briefing at Israel's border with Lebanon  
With Brigadier General (Res.) Eival Gilady
- 6:45 PM Depart
- 7:30 PM Check in at the Scots hotel
- 8:30 PM Depart for dinner
- 8:45 PM Dinner  
- at Decks
- 10:00 PM Dinner ends  
Overnight at the Scots

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2013**

**Sea of Galilee – Golan Heights – Tel Aviv – Ben-Gurion Airport**

- 8:00 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel
- 8:30 AM Depart for survey of historical site around the Sea of Galilee, including:  
- Mount of Beatitudes  
- Capernaum  
- Church of the Primacy of Peter
- 11:00 AM Depart, travel up to the Golan Heights
- 12:00 PM Strategic tour of Israel's northern borders  
Part Two: *Bashar Assad and Al Qaeda Next Door*  
Briefing at Israel's border with Syria  
With Maj. Jonathan Conricus, IDF Golan Heights Division
- 1:15 PM Lunch  
- at HaBokrim
- 2:15 PM Day rooms at Kibbutz Merom Golan  
Prepare for departure
- 3:00 PM Depart
- 6:00 PM *The United States – Israel Relationship*  
Closing Dinner  
-at Ad Ha'etzem in Airport City
- 9:00 PM Depart for the airport
- 11:10 PM United flight departs

**MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2013**

- 12:40 AM Delta flight departs
- 4:20 AM United flight arrives at Newark
- 5:25 AM Delta flight arrives at JFK
- Morning Members of Congress travel to various cities from JFK or Newark