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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 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: Marshall Sanford

2. a. Name of accompanying relative: Maria Belen Chapur ***or*** None ☐
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ■ Other (specify): Fiancee

3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: 8/10/2013 Return: 8/18/2013
   b. Dates at personal expense: _____ ***or*** None ■

4. Departure city: Charleston Destination: Tel Aviv Return city: Charleston

5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): AIEF

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

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: 9/2/2013

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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.

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

1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
2. Travel Destination(s): Israel
3. Date of Departure: August 10, 2013 Date of Return: August 18, 2013
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Mark Sanford and Belen Chapur
   (NOTE: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.)
5. 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	5642.78	1338.00	1039.96	1465.52
Accompanying Relative	5228.78	1338.00	1039.96	1465.52

6. 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.

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American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
U.S. Republican Members of Congress
August 10-18, 2013

Breakdown of Other Expenses

Security: $321.62 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: $267.07 per person
-The cost of renting rooms at hotels and restaurants for meetings and meals with speakers.

Tour Guide/Driver/Speaker Hotels and Meals: $227.44 per person

Speaker Fees: $147.48 per person
-Honoraria for guest speakers

Tour Guide: $142.83 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.

Entrance Fees: $80.83 per person
-Several sites require an entrance fee, including the southern Western Wall excavations and the holy sites around the Sea of Galilee.

Tips: $45.57 per person
-It is customary to tip the driver and tour guide that accompany trip participants.

Photography: $27.40 per person
-Professional photos are taken at meetings with dignitaries, including the Prime Minister and President

Other: $205.28 per person
-Water, snacks
-Briefing materials

MARK SANFORD
1ST DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA

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June 10, 2013

The Honorable Michael Conaway
Chairman
House Committee on Ethics
U.S. House of Representatives
1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On August 10-18, 2013 I will be traveling to Israel to participate in an educational seminar sponsored by the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF). Pursuant to § 403.2 of the Travel Guidelines and Regulations of the House Committee on Ethics, I respectfully request that the Committee grant permission for my fiancée, Maria Belen Chapur, to accompany me, as AIEF has made an unsolicited offer to pay for the expenses of her travel. Should you need any further information, please contact my scheduler, Martha Morris, at 5-3176.

Sincerely,

Mark Sanford
Member of Congress

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TRAVELER FORM

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 trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. ***Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392, sent or delivered to the Committee at 1015 Longworth, or e-mailed to travel.requests@mail.house.gov.***

YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 30 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.

Name of Traveler: Marshall C. Sanford

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

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

Signature: [signature]

Name of signatory (if other than traveler): Martha Susan Morris

For staff, name of employing Member or committee: _____

Office address: Cannon 322 HOB Washington, DC 20515

Telephone number: 202.225.3176

Email address of contact person: martha.morris@mail.house.gov

☐ Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

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

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

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

Committee on Ethics
1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (fax)
Travel email: travel.requests@mail.house.gov

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Committee on Ethics

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Marshall C. Sanford

2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip):
American Israel Education Fandation

3. Travel destination(s): Israel

4. a. Date of departure August 10 Date of return: August 18
   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: Maria Belen Chapar
   (2) Relationship to traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☒ Other (specify): Fiancé
   (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.
Educational purposes.

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 10, 2013 Date of return: August 18, 2013
7. a. City of departure: Charleston (Rep); fiancé New York
   b. Destination(s): Tel Aviv
   c. City of return: Charleston (Rep); fiancé New York
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: King David Hotel City: Jerusalem Cost per night: $388s/$412d
    Reason(s) for selecting: location and affordability
    Hotel name: Galei Kinneret City: Tiberias Cost per night: $348s/$410d
    Reason(s) for selecting: location and affordability
    Hotel name: _____ City: _____ Cost per night: _____
    Reason(s) for selecting: _____

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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:

☐ actual amounts ■ good faith estimates	Total *Transportation* Expenses per Participant	Total *Lodging* Expenses per Participant	Total *Meal* Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	$5,880.40	$2,482	$900
For each accompanying relative	$5,880.40	$194	$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

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

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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July 24, 2013

The Honorable Mark Sanford
U.S. House of Representatives
322 Cannon 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 fiancée's proposed trip to Israel, scheduled for August 10 to 18, 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

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Linda T. Sánchez
Ranking Member

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July 24, 2013

The Honorable Mark Sanford
U.S. House of Representatives
322 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

This responds to your letter of June 10, 2013, seeking permission for your fiancée, Ms. Maria Belen Chapur, to accompany you at private expense on an officially-connected trip to Israel from August 10 to 18, 2013. Subject to the guidance below, we grant your request.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

This trip to Israel is sponsored by the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF). The purpose of the trip is to provide you with a better understanding of a wide range of topics relating to national and regional security and economic development in Israel. You have separately requested that the Committee approve the invitation to you from the AIEF to participate in this trip and to pay for all related expenses. According to your letter, the AIEF made an unsolicited offer to Ms. Belen Chapur to pay for her expenses to accompany you.

LEGAL BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS

The House gift rule generally permits a Member to be accompanied by a relative at the private sponsor's expense when participating in privately-funded, officially-connected travel, but the provision does not permit the Member to be accompanied by anyone other than a relative.[1] This provision is enacted as § 402.3 of the Committee's Travel Guidelines and Regulations, which were issued on December 27, 2012, to provide comprehensive guidance on the rules governing privately-funded, officially connected travel. Section 104(x) defines the term "relative" for purposes of the travel rules as being:

> [a]n individual of at least 18 years of age who is related to the traveler as spouse, parent, child or step-child, grandchild, sibling or half-sibling, father-in-law, or mother-in-law. Fiancés/fiancées and unmarried significant others are not "relatives" for purposes of these [travel] regulations.

[1] *See* House Rule 25, cl. 5(b)(4)(D).

However, § 403.1 of the Travel Regulations permits travelers to seek advance, written permission from the Committee to be accompanied by a non-relative on such a trip at the sponsor's expense. In addition, a provision of the gift rule also permits the Committee to grant a waiver of the rule's restrictions in "an unusual case,"[2] provided "there is no potential conflict of interest or appearance of impropriety."[3]

Having considered your request, it is our determination that Ms. Belen Chapur may accompany you on this AIEF trip to Israel, pursuant to Travel Regulation § 403.1. That permission is based on your statement that the AIEF made an unsolicited offer to Ms. Belen Chapur and is contingent on the Committee's approving your own travel. The Post-Travel Disclosure Forms that you are required to file with Clerk following the trip must include the expenses incurred by the sponsor for Ms. Belen Chapur's travel and other expenses incurred on the trip. You would also have to list the trip on Schedule VII (Travel) of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement, and should indicate that your fiancée was included on the trip.

LIMITATIONS

The response above constitutes an advisory opinion concerning the application of House Rule 25, clause 5, and the Committee's Travel Guidelines and Regulations. The following limitations apply to this opinion:

- This advisory opinion is issued only to Representative Mark Sanford, the requestor of this opinion. This advisory opinion cannot be relied upon by any other individual or entity.

- This advisory opinion is limited to the current provisions and interpretation of the House rules and guidelines specifically noted above. No opinion is expressed or implied herein regarding the application of any other federal, state, or local statute, rule, regulation, ordinance, or other law that may be applicable to the proposed conduct described in this letter.

- This advisory opinion will not bind or obligate any entity other than the Committee on Ethics of the United States House of Representatives.

- This advisory opinion is limited in scope to the specific proposed conduct described in this letter, the specific facts represented to the Committee, and the understanding of those facts to the extent indicated in this letter, and does not apply to any other conduct or facts, including that which appears similar in nature or scope to that described in this letter. Should this letter misstate any facts in this matter, the opinion and advice may no longer apply and you should inform the Committee as soon as possible to determine if the advice and opinion in this letter applies to the accurate factual basis.

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[2] House Rule 25, cl. 5(a)(3)(T).

[3] *2008 House Ethics Manual* at 71, *quoting* House Bipartisan Task Force Report on Ethics, *Report on H.R. 3660*, 101st Cong., 1st Sess. (Comm. Print, Comm. on Rules 1989), *reprinted in* 135 Cong. Rec. 30740, 30743 (1989).

The Committee will take no adverse action against you in regard to any conduct that you undertake, or have undertaken, in good faith reliance upon this advisory opinion, so long as you have presented a complete and accurate statement of all material facts relied upon herein, and the proposed conduct in practice conforms with the information you provided, as addressed in this opinion.

Changes or other developments in the law (including, but not limited to, the Code of Official Conduct, House rules, Committee guidance, advisory opinions, statutes, regulations, or case law) may affect the analysis or conclusions drawn in this advisory opinion. The Committee reserves the right to reconsider the questions and issues raised in this advisory opinion and to rescind, modify, or terminate this opinion if required by the interests of the House. However, the Committee will rescind an advisory opinion only if relevant and material facts were not completely and accurately disclosed to the Committee at the time the opinion was issued. In the event that this advisory opinion is modified or terminated, the Committee will not take any adverse action against you with respect to any action taken in good faith reliance upon this advisory opinion so long as such conduct or such action was promptly discontinued upon notification of the modification or termination of this advisory opinion.

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

Sincerely,

K. Michael Conaway M.C.
Chairman

Linda T. Sánchez
Ranking Member

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American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
U.S. Republican Members of Congress
August 10 – 18, 2013

Itinerary

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2013
Ben-Gurion Airport – Jerusalem

4:20 PM	United flight arrives
5:20 PM	Delta flight arrives
	Transfer to Jerusalem *Shalom Jerusalem*: A first look at the Holy City from Mt. Scopus Check in to the King David Hotel
7:00 PM	*Setting the Stage* Welcome and Orientation
7:45 PM	*The Pulse of Israel Today* Meeting with David Horovitz, Editor, *The Times of Israel* -at the King David hotel
9:45 PM	Dinner ends Overnight at the King David Hotel

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2013
Jerusalem

7:45 AM	Breakfast served
8:00 AM	*Understanding Israel's Political Mosaic* Breakfast with Professor Reuven Hazan, The Hebrew University

9:15 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

10:15 AM Meeting ends

10:30 AM Depart for the Office of the Prime Minister
(Security check for non-Member participants)

11:30 AM Meeting with the Honorable Binyamin Netanyahu,
Prime Minister of the State of Israel,
and Maj. Gen. (res.) Yaacov Amidror,
Director, National Security Council

12:30 PM Depart

1:00 PM Lunch
-at Golden Panoramic

1:45 PM Depart for Strategic Tour of Jerusalem
Part One: *The Old City and the Holy Basin*
- City of David
- Southern Wall Excavations
- The Western Wall
- Church of the Holy Sepulchre
- Via Dolorosa

5:30 PM Survey ends, return to hotel

7:00 PM Depart for dinner

7:15 PM *Israel's Peace-making Efforts*
Dinner with Dr. Tal Becker,
Principal Deputy Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

9:45 PM Dinner ends
Overnight at the King David Hotel

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2013
Jerusalem

7:45 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel

8:30 AM Depart for the *Yad Vashem* Holocaust Memorial and Educational Center

9:00 AM *Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust*
Guided tour of *Yad Vashem*

11:15 AM Depart for Strategic Tour of Jerusalem
Part Two: *Outlying Neighborhoods*
Guided by Ambassador Dore Gold
Director, Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs and former Israel's UN Ambassador

1:00 PM Return to hotel
Lunch

5:00 PM Depart for the Residence of the President

6:00 PM Reception with the Honorable Shimon Peres
President of the state of Israel
- Special Address by Mr. Peres
- Response by Mr. Cantor

7:00 PM Depart for dinner

7:30 PM *The Israeli Mosaic*
Dinner at the Home of Simon and Jana Falic
Welcoming Remarks by the Honorable Nir Barkat, Mayor of Jerusalem
Dinner with Israelis from different walks of life
- at the Falic's home in Jerusalem

9:30 PM Dinner ends
Overnight at the King David Hotel

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2013
Jerusalem – Ramallah – Bethlehem – Tel Aviv

7:00 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel

8:00 AM Depart for Ramallah

9:00 AM Meeting with the Honorable Mahmoud Abbas
President, Palestinian Authority

10:00 AM Depart for Bethlehem

12:00 PM Visit to Bethlehem
- Church of the Nativity
- Manger Square
- Milk Grotto
- Lunch

1:30 PM Lunch
-at Abu Issa

2:30 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

4:00 PM *Israel's Narrow Waistline*
360 view of Israel from atop the Azrieli tower

4:45 PM Depart for Ministry of Defense and security check

5:30 PM *View from the Ministry of Defense*
Meeting with the Hon. Moshe "Bogie" Ya'alon
Minister of Defense
- at Ministry of Defense

6:30 PM Depart for Old Jaffa

7:00 PM Greetings by the Honorable Dan Shapiro
United States Ambassador

7:30 PM *Start-Up Nation*
Dinner with Israel's innovators
- at Andromeda

9:00 PM Dinner ends
Return to Jerusalem
Overnight at the King David

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2013
Tel Aviv – Border with Lebanon – Sea of Galilee

6:30 AM Optional Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre

7:30 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel
BRING OVERNIGHT BAG / NO CHECK OUT

8:15 AM Depart

10:00 AM *Future Israel – Palestinian Authority Borders*
Strategic briefing at the Alfei Menashe overlook

11:00 AM Depart, travel north
En route briefing:
The Jezreel Valley – Traditional Land Bridge between Africa and Asia:
Strategic Lessons for Today

12:30 PM *The Iron Dome and the Future of Missile Defense*
Lunch and strategic briefing with Dr. Ari Sacher
Project Manager, Rafael Industries

2:00 PM Depart

3:30 PM *Northern Exposure*
Strategic tour of Israel's northern borders
Part One: *Hizballah Next Door*
Briefing at Israel's border with Lebanon

4:30 PM Depart for Tiberias

5:30 PM Check in at the Galei Kineret Hotel

7:45 PM Depart for dinner

8:00 PM Dinner at Decks

9:30 PM Dinner ends
Overnight at the Galei Kineret Hotel

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2013
Sea of Galilee – Golan Heights – Jordan Valley – Jerusalem

7:30 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel
CHECK OUT

8:30 AM Depart for survey of historical sites around the Sea of Galilee
- Mount of Beatitudes
- Capernaum
- 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 with Maj. Jonathan Conricus
IDF Golan Heights Division

1:30 PM Lunch
-at Gilli's

2:45 PM Depart for Jerusalem
En route briefing: *The Hashemite Kingdom Today*
Strategic survey of Israel's border with Jordan

5:30 PM Return to King David Hotel

6:30 PM Depart for the Old City

6:45 PM *Welcoming the Sabbath at the Western Wall*

7:30 PM *Reflection on the Sabbath in Jerusalem*
Sabbath Eve dinner with Professor Gil Troy
-at the hotel

9:30 PM Dinner ends
Overnight at the King David Hotel

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2013
Jerusalem – Masada & Dead Sea – Jerusalem – Ben-Gurion Airport

7:00 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel

7:30 AM Depart for Masada and Dead Sea
En route briefing: *Making the Desert Bloom –*
Israel's Experience in Eco-Agriculture in Arid Areas

9:30 AM *Geopolitics of the Roman Empire – Lessons for Today*
Tour of Masada National Archaeological Park

12:00 PM Lunch
- at Hod Hotel

12:30 PM *Exploration of the Dead Sea region*

2:30 PM Depart, return to Jerusalem

5:00 PM Check out

6:00 PM *Bringing it All Together: The U.S.-Israel Relationship*
Closing dinner
- at the King David Hotel

8:00 PM Depart for the airport

11:10 PM United flight departs

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 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