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U.S. House of Representatives
110th Congress

EMPLOYEE
POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources 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 annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those persons required to file them. 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 publicly available 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 Employee (print or type): Russ Vought

Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): _____

Relationship to Employee: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____

Date of Departure and Date of Return: Jan. 5 - Jan. 13, 2008

Dates at Personal Expense: _____

Itinerary (cities of departure - destination - return): DC → Jerusalem → Tel Aviv → Jerusalem → D.C.

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

Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): See attached

itinerary

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 employee; *and*
3. the Committee on Standards' 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: _____

HENSARLING

TRAVEL EXPENSES:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For employee:	\$ 3,566.70	\$ 2,149.00	\$ 712.97
For accompanying family member:			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For employee:	\$ 930.32	security, speaker workshop, tour guide, entrance fees, etc.
For accompanying family member:		

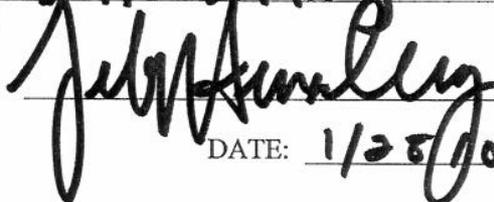
I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE: 

DATE: 1/28/2008

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed above were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

NAME OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Job Hensarling

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: 

DATE: 1/28/08

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AIEF CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MISSION TO ISRAEL
JANUARY 6TH – JANUARY 12TH, 2008
FINAL ITINERARY

Sunday, January 6, 2008

Tel Aviv - Jerusalem

- 5:20 PM Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport
Transfer to Jerusalem
Check into the Jerusalem Sheraton Hotel
- 7:30 PM "*Israel's Political Landscape*"
With Wendy Singer, Director of AIPAC, Jerusalem office
And Devorah Patt, Director of Missions of AIPAC, Jerusalem office
- at the hotel
- 8:00 PM "*The Faces of Israel*"
Dinner with Rabbi Danny Gordis
Vice President, The Shalem Center
- at the hotel

Overnight at the Jerusalem Sheraton Hotel

Monday, January 7, 2008

Jerusalem

- 8:30 AM "*Assessing Israel's Political Scene*"
Breakfast with David Horovitz
Editor-in-Chief, The Jerusalem Post
- at the hotel
- 9:45 AM Depart for Strategic Survey of Jerusalem
Visit strategic overlooks and security barrier
- 10:30 AM Visit the Jerusalem District Bomb Squad

Lunch en route
- 1:00 PM Depart for Prime Minister's Office
- 2:00 PM "*View from the Prime Minister's Office*"
Meeting with Shalom Tourgeman,
Foreign Policy Advisor to Prime Minister
- at PM's Office
- 4:00 PM Depart for Knesset
- 5:00 PM Meeting with the Hon. Avi Dicter
Minister of Public Security
- at the Knesset
- 6:15 PM Return to hotel and break
- 6:45 PM Depart for dinner

7:00 PM *"Israel's Strategic Concerns"*
Dinner with Ambassador Dore Gold
Chair, The Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs
- at Canella

Overnight at the Jerusalem Sheraton Hotel

Tuesday, January 8, 2008

Jerusalem

8:00 AM *"History of Israel's Borders"*
Breakfast briefing with Asher Afriat

8:30 AM Depart for a tour of Jerusalem Old City

9:00 AM Tour of the Old City

11:15 AM Depart for the Knesset

12:00 PM *"View from the Knesset"*
Working lunch with Knesset Members:
Ephraim Sneh, Labor Party
Yoel Hasson and Zachi Hanegbi, Kadima Party
Limor Livnat, Likud Party
- at the Knesset

2:00 PM Depart for Foreign Ministry

2:45 PM *"Democracy and the War against Terror"*
Meet with Dr. Daniel Taub
Director, General Law Division
- at Foreign Ministry

4:00 PM *"The Iranian Threat"*
Inter-agency intelligence briefing
- at Foreign Ministry

5:30 PM Return to hotel and break

7:30 PM Depart for dinner

8:00 PM *"The Israeli Economy and Technological Innovations"*
Dinner with Jon Medved, CEO, Vringo
- at Beit Hama'ayan

Overnight at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel

Wednesday, January 9, 2008

Jerusalem – Tel Aviv

Breakfast on own at hotel
Check-out of the hotel

8:30 AM Depart for Yad Vashem

- 9:00 AM Guided tour of Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Museum
- 11:30 AM Depart for Tel Aviv
- 1:00 PM *"Outlook for 2008: Intelligence and Planning Assessment"*
Lunch with Brig. Gen. Udi Dekel
Former Chief, IDF Strategic Planning Division
- at the Sheraton City Tower hotel, Madrid Hall
- 2:30 PM *"Integrating New Immigrants into Israeli Society"*
Meet with new immigrants and NGO's working with new immigrants
- at the Sheraton City Tower hotel, Madrid Hall
- 3:15 PM Depart for Ministry of Defense
- 3:45 PM *"Strategic Regional Overview"*
Meet with Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Amos Gilad
Head of the Political Military Bureau, Ministry of Defense
- at Ministry of Defense
- 4:45 PM Depart for Tel Aviv
- 5:45 PM Check in to the Dan Tel Aviv hotel
- 6:15 PM Depart for dinner
- 6:30 PM *"Assessing the Palestinian Street"*
Dinner with Avi Issacharoff
Arab Affairs Correspondent, Haaretz
- at Lilith
- Overnight at the Dan Tel Aviv hotel

Thursday, January 10, 2008

Tel-Aviv – Israel's North – Tiberias

- Breakfast on own at hotel
Check-out of the hotel
- 7:30 AM Depart for Israel's North
En route: Study tour of the security barrier
- 9:30 AM *"Residential Education in Israel"*
Visit to the Yemin Orde Youth Village
With Dr. Haim Peri, Director Emeritus
- 10:30 AM Continue up North
Lunch en route
- 1:00 PM Tour of Christian religious sites around the Sea of Galilee
- Mount of Beatitudes
- Capernaum
- Fishes & Loaves Church

- 4:00 PM Survey ends/Depart for hotel
- 4:30 PM Check into the Galei Kinneret hotel/Break
- 7:30 PM Dinner
- at Decks
- Overnight at the Galei Kinneret Hotel

Friday, January 11, 2008

Tiberias – Misgav Am - Golan Heights – Jordan Valley – Jerusalem

- Breakfast on own at hotel
Check-out of the hotel
- 8:00 AM “*Strategic survey of the Israel-Lebanon border*”
Visit to an overlook into Lebanon
- 10:30 AM “*Strategic tour of Golan Heights and Israel-Syrian Border*”
Visit points on the Golan Heights and border with Syria
- 12:15 PM Lunch
- at Yardenit Baptismal Site
- 2:00 PM Depart for Jerusalem via Jordan Valley
- 2:30 PM Tour of the Beit She’an Archaeological Park
- 3:15 PM Depart for Jerusalem
En route: Survey of the Jordan Valley
- 5:00 PM Welcome the Sabbath at the Western Wall
- 6:00 PM Check in at the Sheraton Plaza hotel
- 7:00 PM “*The U.S.-Israel Relationship: A Historical View*”
Traditional Sabbath dinner with Michael Oren
Senior Fellow, The Shalem Center
- at the David Citadel hotel
- Overnight at the Sheraton Plaza hotel

Saturday, January 12, 2008

Jerusalem – Sderot area – Dead Sea – Jerusalem

- Breakfast on own at the hotel
- 7:00 AM Depart for Israel's South
- 9:00 AM Strategic survey of Israel's border with Gaza Strip
- Briefing: Threat Assessment of Qassam Rockets
- Meet with Residents of the town of Sderot
- 10:30 AM Depart for the Dead Sea area

En route: "*The Creeping Desertification*"
Discussion of Israel's efforts in fighting the growth of desert areas

12:30 PM Lunch/Free time at the Dead Sea
- at Hod hotel

2:30 PM Tour of the Massada National Park

4:00 PM Depart for Jerusalem

5:15 PM Arrive in Jerusalem
Check out of hotel

7:00 PM Farewell dinner
- at Darna

8:30 PM Depart for Ben-Gurion Airport

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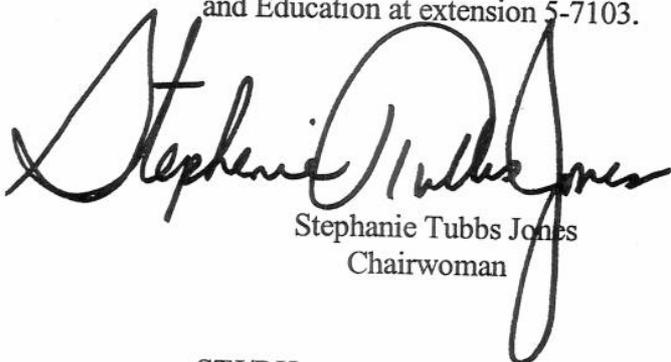
Mr. Russell Vought
Office of the Honorable Jeb Hensarling
132 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Vought:

Pursuant to House Rule XXV, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel scheduled for January 5 to 13, 2008 sponsored by the American Israel Education Foundation.

You must complete an Employee Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) 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 all attachments. You must also include a copy of the Traveler Form completed by you and signed by your employing Member. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$305 from a single source on Schedule VII of that statement.

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



Stephanie Tubbs Jones
Chairwoman

Sincerely,



Doc Hastings
Ranking Republican Member

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U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

PRIVATELY-SPONSORED TRAVEL APPROVAL FORM
For Members, Officers and Employees
(submit directly to the Committee)

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 XXV, 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.

Members, officers and employees seeking approval for travel are urged to submit all forms to the Committee 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. A copy of this form will be made available for public inspection. Please type form. Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 226-7172.

1. Name of Member, officer or employee (traveler): Russell Voight
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation
3. a. Dates of travel: Jan. 5-13
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No
If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
4. If travel is for participation a one-day event (per trip sponsor question 10), check one of the following:
a. Approval for one-night's lodging and meals is being requested: or
b. Approval for two-nights' lodging and meals is being requested: _____
If "b" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____
5. Travel destination(s): Jerusalem, Tel Aviv
6. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to your official or representational duties:
The trip will provide education on the U.S. - Israel relationship.
7. Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments (signify "yes" by checking box):

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

Signature: TC VA

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For staff, name of employing Member/Committee: Rep. Sub Hensley

Office address: 132 Cannon HOB

Phone number: 202-225-3484

Email address: ross.vogel@hous.mil.house.gov

Committee staff may contact you if additional information is required.

**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.

Rep. Hensley
Signature of Employing Member

Date: 12/7/07

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

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
U.S. House of Representatives
HT-2, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (general fax)
(202) 226-7172 (fax for travel approvals)

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PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM
(provide directly to each House invitee)

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers or employees under House Rule 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): See enclosed list
6. Dates of travel: January 5-13, 2008
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 is responsible for recruiting, coordinating, and executing all aspects of this 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):
- 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
 - 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): _____
17. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: This trip will be in Israel to educate congressional staff on the U.S.-Israel relationship.
18. Name of hotel or other lodging facility: Inbal, Galei Kinneret, Tel Aviv Hilton
19. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): Inbal = \$217/night, Galei Kinneret = \$200/night, Tel Aviv Hilton = \$237/night
20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: Location and affordability

AIEF Congressional Mission to Israel, January 5-13, 2008
Mission Invitees

The following House employees were invited on the AIEF mission to Israel for their roles on various committees or to various Members relating to the U.S.-Israel relationship.

<u>FIRST</u>	<u>LAST</u>	<u>EXPLANATION FOR INVITATION</u>
David	Adams	Staff Director of the Middle East Subcommittee of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs
Stacey	Alexander	Chief of Staff to Representative Jim Matheson (D-UT)
John	Ariale	Chief of Staff to Representative Ander Crenshaw (R-FL)
Lanier	Avant	Chief of Staff to Representative Bennie Thompson (D-MS)
Jeremy	Bash	Chief Counsel of the House Select Committee on Intelligence
James	Bates	Staff Director to House Committee on Budget
Jonathan	Beeton	Chief of Staff to Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL)
George	Behan	Chief of Staff to Representative Norm Dicks (D-WA)
April	Boyd	Chief of Staff to Representative Ellen Tauscher (D-CA)
Neil	Bradley	Policy Director to the House Minority Whip Roy Blunt (R-MO)
Dee	Buchanan	Chief of Staff to Representative Jeb Hensarling (R-TX)
Ed	Cassidy	Floor Director to House Minority Leader John Boehner (R-OH)
Shana	Chandler	Chief of Staff to Representative Adam Smith (D-WA)
Chris	Chwastyk	Chief of Staff to Representative Chet Edwards (D-TX)
Rosaline	Cohen	Chief Counsel of the House Committee on Homeland Security
Lisa	Cohen	Chief of Staff to Representative Diana DeGette (D-CO)
Michael	Collins	Chief of Staff to Representative John Lewis (D-GA)
Erin	Conaton	Staff Director of the House Armed Services Committee
Frank	Cushing	Staff Director of the House Committee on Appropriations
Mike	Delaney	Staff Director of the House Select Committee on Intelligence
Debra	Dixon	Chief of Staff to Representative Xavier Becerra (D-CA)
Kenneth	Edmonds	Chief of Staff to Representative Jesse Jackson (D-IL)
Perry	Finney Brody	Chief of Staff to Representative Silvestre Reyes (D-TX)
Denis	Fleming	Chief of Staff to Representative Ben Chandler (D-KY)
Kevin	Fogarty	Chief of Staff to Representative Pete King (R-NY)
Harry	Glenn	Chief of Staff to Representative Bill Young (R-FL)
John	Gonzalez	Chief of Staff to Representative Melissa Bean (D-IL)
Libby	Greer	Chief of Staff to Representative Allen Boyd (D-FL)
Bob	Hagedorn	Chief of Staff to Representative Ike Skelton (D-MO)
Clayton	Hall	Chief of Staff to Representative Jim McCrery (R-LA)
Hugh	Halpern	Staff Director of the House Committee on Rules
Christina	Hamilton	Chief of Staff to Representative David Obey (D-WI)
Larry	Hanauer	Professional Staff Member of the Terrorism Subcommittee of the House Select Committee on Intelligence
Steve	Haro	Communications Director to Representative Xavier Becerra (D-CA)
Bill	Harris	Chief of Staff to Representative Mac Thornberry (R-TX)
Betsy	Hawkings	Chief of Staff to Representative Chris Shays (R-CT)
Robert	Head	Chief of Staff to Representative Kay Granger (R-TX)
Jessica	Herrera-Flanigan	Staff Director of the House Committee on Homeland Security
John	Hess	Chief of Staff to Representative Jane Harman (D-CA)
Cathy	Hurwit	Chief of Staff to Representative Janice Schakowsky (D-IL)
Corliss	James	Chief of Staff to Representative G.K. Butterfield (D-NC)
Mathew	Joyner	Chief of Staff to Representative Adam Putnam (R-FL)
Thomas	Kahn	Staff Director of the House Budget Committee
Jeff	Kahrs	Chief of Staff to Representative Todd Tiahrt (R-KS)
Robert	King	Staff Director of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs
Christine	Kojac	Staff Director of the Foreign Operations Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee
James	Lariviere	Staff Director of the House Committee on Veteran Affairs
Larry	Lavender	Staff Director of the House Committee on Financial Services
John	Lawrence	Chief of Staff to Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)
Karen	Lehman Hass	Executive Director of the House Republican Conference
Terry	Lierman	Chief of Staff to Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD)
Diane	Liesman	Chief of Staff to Representative Ray LaHood (R-IL)
Brett	Loper	Staff Director of the House Committee on Ways & Means
Don	MacDonald	Staff Director of the Terrorism & Nonproliferation Subcommittee of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs
Linda	Macias	Chief of Staff to Representative Joe Baca (D-CA)
Steve	Marchese	Professional Staff Member of the Foreign Operations Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee
Janice	Mays	Staff Director of the House Committee on Ways & Means
Michael	Meermans	Staff Director of the House Select Committee on Intelligence
Vicki	Middleton	Chief of Staff to Representative Duncan Hunter (R-CA)
Lorraine	Miller	Clerk of the House
Kari	Moe	Chief of Staff to Representative Keith Ellison (D-MN)
Mikael	Moore	Chief of Staff to Representative Maxine Waters (D-CA)
Dave	Morrison	Majority Clerk of the Defense Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee
Sean	Murphy	Chief of Staff to Representative Tom Cole (R-OK)
Rob	Nabors	Staff Director of the House Committee on Appropriations
Julie	Nickson	Chief of Staff to Representative Barbara Lee (D-CA)
Dawn	O'Connell	Chief of Staff to Representative John Spratt (D-SC)
Robert	O'Connor	Staff Director of the House Committee on Homeland Security
Spivey	Paup	Senior Policy Advisor to Representative John Carter (R-TX)

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Yleem	Poblete	Staff Director of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs
Brian	Romick	Members Services Director to Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD)
Jeanne	Roslanowick	Staff Director of the House Committee on Financial Services
Kimberly	Rudolph	Chief of Staff to Representative Carolyn Kilpatrick (D-MI)
Jon	Samuels	Deputy Floor Director to Majority Whip James Clyburn (D-SC)
Dan	Scandling	Chief of Staff to Representative Frank Wolf (R-VA)
Phil	Schiliro	Chief of Staff to Representative Henry Waxman (D-CA)
Elizabeth	Sears Smith	Chief of Staff to Representative Rahm Emanuel (D-IL)
John	Shank	Staff Director of the Defense Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee
George	Shevlin	Staff Director of the House Democratic Caucus
Mike	Shields	Chief of Staff to Representative Dave Reichert (R-WA)
Malcom	Shorter	Staff Director of the House Committee on Veteran Affairs
Bob	Simmons	Staff Director of the House Armed Services Committee
Bill	Smith	Chief of Staff to Representative Mike Pence (R-IN)
Elizabeth	Stanley	Chief of Staff to Representative Nita Lowey (D-NY)
Sean	Sweeney	Executive Director of the House Democratic Caucus
Daniel	Turton	Staff Director of the House Committee on Rules
Martin	Van Valkenburg	Chief of Staff to Representative Thaddeus McCotter (R-MI)
Sally	Vastola	Chief of Staff to Representative Tom Reynolds (R-NY)
Russell	Vought	Executive Director of the House Republican Study Committee
Vickie	Walling	Chief of Staff to Representative John Tanner (D-TN)
Jennifer	Walsh	Chief of Staff to Representative Dennis Cardoza (D-CA)
Yelberton	Watkins	Chief of Staff of Majority Whip James Clyburn (D-SC)
Daniel	Weiss	Chief of Staff to Representative George Miller (D-CA)
Arlene	Willis	Chief of Staff to Representative Jerry Lewis (R-CA)
Kate	Winkler	Chief of Staff to Representative Joseph Crowley (D-NY)
Eve	Young	Legislative Director to Representative Ed Pastor (D-AZ)

AIEF CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MISSION TO ISRAEL
JANUARY 6TH – JANUARY 12TH, 2008
NOTIONAL ITINERARY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 2008

- 5:00 PM Arrive in Israel
Transfer to Jerusalem
Check-in at hotel
- 7:00 PM Welcome & orientation with AIPAC Israel Staff
- 8:00 PM *"The Current Political Scene in Israel"*
Dinner & discussion with David Horowitz, Editor, The Jerusalem Post

MONDAY, JANUARY 7TH, 2008

- 8:00 AM *"Israel's Strategic Environment"*
Breakfast and discussion with Ehud Ya'ari,
Channel Two TV Arab World Analyst
- 9:30 AM Depart for Strategic Survey of Jerusalem
- Visit strategic overlooks & the security barrier
- Briefing & demonstration by the Jerusalem District Bomb Squad
- Walking tour of historical and religious sites

Lunch en route
- 3:30 PM Survey ends/Depart for the Prime Minister's Office
- 4:00 PM *"Annapolis, the Peace Process, and the Regional Outlook for Peace"*
Meeting with Shalom Turgeman,
Foreign Policy Advisor to Israel's Prime Minister
- 6:00 PM Discussion ends/Return to hotel/Break
- 8:00 PM *"Israel's Strategic Concerns from the Opposition"*
Dinner & discussion with Ambassador Dore Gold
President of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8TH, 2008

- 8:00 AM *"Israel's Perspective on the Ground"*
Breakfast & discussion with Yossi Klein Halevi,
Senior Fellow at the Shalem Center and
Contributing Editor, The New Republic
- 9:30 AM Departure
- 10:00 AM *"Assessing the U.S. Peace Initiative – A Palestinian Perspective"*
Meeting & discussion with Sa'eb Erekat, Palestinian Authority negotiator
- 11:15 AM Depart for the Knesset

- 12:00 PM *"Different Approaches to Israel's Strategic Concerns"*
Working lunch & discussion with Knesset Members representing:
- The Kadima Party: Yoel Hasson
 - The Labor Party: Ephraim Sneh
 - The Likud: Limor Livnat
- 2:00 PM Departure
- 4:00 PM Departure
- 4:30 PM *"The Iranian Threat"*
An inter-agency intelligence briefing
with representatives from the various agencies
- 5:30 PM Departure
- 6:00 PM A Briefing by the U.S. Consulate
With Jake Waller, Consul-General of the U.S.
- in Jerusalem
- 7:30 PM Departure
- 8:00 PM *"Israel and the International Legal Issues"*
Dinner & discussion with Daniel Taub,
Senior Legal Advisor, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 2008

- 8:00 AM Breakfast on own
- 8:30 AM Depart for the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial
- 9:00 AM Guided tour of Yad Vashem
- 11:30 AM Departure
- 12:00 PM *"Integrating New Immigrants Into Israeli Society"*
Working lunch & discussion with representatives of new immigrant groups
and NGO's working with immigrants
- 2:00 PM Depart for Tel Aviv
- 4:00 PM Briefing by the Ministry of Defense and IDF
Discussion to include:
- Regional threats assessment
 - Intelligence overview
- 6:00 PM Departure
- 7:00 PM *"The Israeli Economy & Technological Innovation"*
Dinner & discussion with Jonathan Medved, CEO, Vringo and
Dr. Zvi Stepak, Founder Managing Director, Meitav Group

9:00 PM Dinner ends/Stay overnight in Tel Aviv

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 2008

6:30 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel

7:30 AM Depart for Israel's North

En route: study tour of the security barrier

9:30 AM Visit to Yemin Orde Youth Village
- A unique residential educational program for youth at risk

10:30 AM Departure/Continue north

Lunch en route

2:00 PM Strategic survey of the Israel-Lebanon border
- Visit to an IDF listening outpost
- Visit to an overlook into Lebanon

4:00 PM Survey ends/Travel to the Galei Kinneret hotel

5:00 PM Check-in/Break

7:00 PM Depart for dinner

7:30 PM Dinner at the Sea of Galilee
- at Deck's

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11TH, 2008

7:30 AM Breakfast on own

8:00 AM Depart for tour of Christian Holy & Historical Sites
around the Sea of Galilee
- Mount of Beatitudes: "Sermon on the Mount"
- Capernaum: Peter's Village
- St. Peter's Church

10:30 AM Tour ends/Travel to the Golan Heights

11:30 AM Strategic survey of the Israel-Syria border

12:30 PM Survey ends/Depart for Jerusalem

Lunch en route at the Yardenit Baptismal Site

Visit Beit She'an National Archaeological Site (time permitting)

3:00 PM Strategic survey of the Israel-Jordan border

3:30 PM Continue to Jerusalem

- 5:00 PM Return to Jerusalem
- 6:00 PM Welcome in Shabbat
Visit to the Western Wall
- 7:00 PM *"The Meaning of the Sabbath Throughout the History of the Jewish People"*
Festive traditional Sabbath dinner with Rabbi Danny Gordis & his family
- at Spoons

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12TH, 2008

- 6:30 AM Breakfast on own
- 7:00 AM Depart for Israel's South
- 9:00 AM Strategic survey of Israel's border with the Gaza Strip
- Briefing: Threat Assessment of Rockets & Other Terror Means
- Meeting with residents of the town of Sderot, a target of Kassam rocket barrages
- 10:30 AM Depart for the Dead Sea area and Masada National Park

En route: *"The Creeping Desertification"*
Discussion of Israel's efforts in fighting the growth of desert areas
- 12:30 PM Lunch at the Dead Sea
- 2:00 PM Tour of the Masada National Archeological Park
- 4:00 PM Depart for Jerusalem
- 6:00 PM Return to hotel/Pack/Check-out
- 7:00 PM Farewell dinner: A Review & Discussion of the Mission's Program
- 8:30 PM Depart for the airport