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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 undertaken in connection with 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 House Rule 25, clause 5, 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 the second page of this form publicly available as soon as possible after it is filed.

Name of Traveler (print or type): Rachel June Carter

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

SIGNATURE OF TRAVELER: Rachel June Carter

DATE: January 5, 2009

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on this form 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: Rep. Kay Granger (TX-12)

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Kay Granger

DATE: January 5, 2009

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2. a. Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): n/a
   b. Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____

3. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: 12/6/08 - 12/14/08
   b. Dates at personal expense (if any): _____

4. Itinerary (cities of departure – destination – return): 12/6 Washington D.C. to Jerusalem, Israel; 12/10 Jerusalem to Tel Aviv; 12/11 Tel Aviv to Metoulah; 12/12 Metoulah to Jerusalem; 12/13 Jerusalem to Wshington, D.C.

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

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

7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (*signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*):
   a. ☑ the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by the trip sponsor, including all attachments;
   b. ☑ the Traveler Form completed by the employee; ***and***
   c. ☑ the Committee on Standards' letter 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: _____

9. TRAVEL EXPENSES: *Obtain actual dollar amounts from the sponsor. If exact dollar amounts are unavailable by the due date, provide a good faith estimate and file an amended form once the correct amounts are received.*

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For employee:	$1,360.00	$1,802.00	$742.71
For accompanying family member:	n/a	n/a	n/a

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (*e.g.*, taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For employee:	$1,253.26	Security ($495); Tour Guide ($117); Entrance and Speaker Fees ($300); Ro
For accompanying family member:	n/a	n/a

Room Rentals ($123); Tips ($20); Misc ($300)

Final numbers

U.S. Congressional Staff

Mission to Israel

December 7-13, 2008

Sponsored by
The American Israel Education Foundation

Sunday, December 7, 2008
Ben-Gurion Airport – Jerusalem

3:50 PM	Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport
	Transfer to Jerusalem
	Check in at the Inbal Hotel
7:00 PM	*Setting the Stage* Welcome and Orientation with Devorah Patt Director of Missions, AIPAC/Israel - at the hotel, Galil Hall
8:00 PM	*Peace Process Update* Dinner with Gil Hoffman Chief Political Correspondent and Analyst *The Jerusalem Post* - at the hotel, Galil Hall
	Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

Monday, December 8, 2008
Jerusalem

8:15 AM	*Policy and Decision Making during an Election Campaign* Breakfast with Prof. Reuven Hazan Professor of Political Science Hebrew University of Jerusalem - at the hotel, Galil Hall
9:30 AM	Depart for Strategic Survey of Jerusalem Part one: Old City and the Holy Basin
	Lunch en route
	Part two: Outlying Neighborhoods and the Security Barrier
3:00 PM	Depart for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
4:00 PM	*Israel's Foreign Policy Agenda* Meet with Eran Etzion Head of Policy Planning Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs -at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dekel Hall
5:30 PM	Return to hotel and break
7:30 PM	*The Israeli Economy* Dinner with Jon Medved CEO, Vringo, and Venture Capitalist - at Spoons
	Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

Tuesday, December 9, 2008
Jerusalem

7:00 AM	Breakfast on own at the hotel
8:00 AM	Departure
8:45 AM	Visit to Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial
10:45 AM	Departure
11:15 AM	*Ingathering of Exiles: How Israel Integrates New Immigrants* Visit to Mevasseret Zion Immigrant Absorption Center and meet new immigrants
1:00 PM	*The Battle for Human Rights in the Palestinian Territories* Lunch with Bassem Eid Human Rights Activist - at the American Colony hotel, Pasha Hall
2:15 PM	Depart for the Knesset
2:45 PM	*The Knesset: Visit to Israel's Parliament* Hosted by Shlomi Kofman Diplomatic Advisor to Speaker of the Knesset - at the Knesset, Foreign Relations Hall
3:45 PM	Depart
4:15 PM	*Iran and other Strategic Threats* Meeting with Col. (Ret.) Itamar Yaar Former Head, National Security Council - at the Holiday Inn Crown Plaza Hotel

Tuesday, December 9, 2008 (cont.)

5:30 PM	*The Palestinian Perspective* Meeting with Hana Siniora Co-CEO, Israel/Palestine Center for Research and Information - at the Holiday Inn Crown Plaza Hotel
6:45 PM	Depart for dinner
7:00 PM	*The Israeli Political Map Today* Dinner with Advisors to Politicians from the Spectrum of Israeli Politics Mati Gill, Ari Harow and Eran Schafferman - at Darna Restaurant
	Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

Wednesday, December 10, 2008
Jerusalem – Tel Aviv

Check out

8:00 AM — *Defensible Borders*
Breakfast with Dr. Dan Diker
Senior Policy Analyst
Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs
- at the hotel, Galil Hall

9:15 AM — Departure

11:00 AM — *Life Under Threat of Qassam Missiles*
Visit to town of Sderot, bordering the Gaza Strip
Meet with Residents Tamar Polat and Zohar Avitan
- at Nir Am Reservoir

11:45 AM — Departure

12:15 PM — *Trauma and First Response: Medical Care Under Fire*
Tour of Barzilai Hospital, hosted by
Lea Malul, Hospital Spokesperson

Lunch with Hospital Staff

2:00 PM — Departure

2:30 PM — *Israel's Missiles Defense System*
Visit to Palmachim Airbase
Meet with Brig.-Gen. Itai Rise
Base Commander

Wednesday, December 10, 2008 (cont.)

3:45 PM	Visit the Command Post of the Arrow Missile Site
4:15 PM	Departure
5:15 PM	Check in to the Sheraton Tel Aviv hotel
	Break
6:30 PM	*The Peace Process: The U.S. Perspective* Meet with Mark Sievers Chief, Political Section United States Embassy - at the Sheraton hotel, Shapir Hall
7:45 PM	*Israelis from Different Walks of Life* Dinner at Tel Aviv Port with Sheana Shachterman, Yafit Marom, Shahar and Rachel Zehavi, Ofir Fisher, Karen Brunwasser, Matan Dahan, Danny Glicksberg - at Boya
	Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

Thursday, December 11, 2008
Tel Aviv – Metullah

	Breakfast on own at the hotel
	Check out
7:00 AM	*Strategy for Securing Israel's Borders* Depart for Israel's North En route: Study tour of the Security Barrier
11:00 AM	*Residential Education for Youth at Risk* Visit to Yemin Orde Youth Village Meet with students
12:30 PM	Continue north Lunch en route
3:30 PM	*Israel's Northern Border Concerns* Strategic tour of the Israel-Lebanon Border Strategic tour of the Israel-Syria Border and the Golan Heights
7:00 PM	Check in to Metullah Arazim Hotel
8:00 PM	Dinner - at Dag Al Hadan
	Overnight at Arazim Hotel

Friday, December 12, 2008
Metillah – Jerusalem

7:00 AM	Breakfast on own at the hotel
8:00 AM	*Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee* Depart for tour of historical sites around the Sea of Galilee
12:30 PM	Lunch - at Yardenit
1:30 PM	*From Roman Ruins to Strategic Buffer* Depart for Jerusalem
	En route: Strategic Survey of Jordan Valley Tour of Bet She'an Archaeological Site
5:00 PM	Return to hotel and break
6:00 PM	*Shabbat in Jerusalem* Depart for the Old City Welcome the Sabbath at the Western Wall
7:30 PM	*Reflections on Sabbath in Jerusalem* Festive traditional Sabbath Eve dinner with Prof. Paul Liptz Hebrew University of Jerusalem - at Beit Shalom
	Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

Saturday, December 13, 2008
Jerusalem – Dead Sea – Jerusalem – Ben Gurion Airport

	Breakfast on own at the hotel
9:00 AM	Depart for Masada and Dead Sea
	En route: *The Creeping Desertification* Discussion of Israeli advances in fighting the growth of desert areas
10:00 AM	Tour of Qumran – Discovery Site of Dead Sea Scrolls
11:00 AM	Tour of Masada
1:30 PM	Lunch and free time at the Dead Sea - at Hod hotel
3:30 PM	Depart for Jerusalem
5:00 PM	Return to hotel and break
6:00 PM	*Bringing It All Together: The Importance of the U.S.-Israel Relationship* Closing dinner with Wendy Singer Director, AIPAC Jerusalem Office - at the hotel, Galil Hall
8:00 PM	Depart for the Airport

Speakers:

Gil Hoffman is the chief political correspondent and analyst for The Jerusalem Post – Israel's foremost English-language daily. He also appears regularly as a commentator on CNN, Al-Jazeera and other news outlets. Hoffman's writing and television appearances provide a behind the scenes look at the intrigue (and humor) in the Israeli political arena. Hoffman also frequently covers diplomatic issues, traveling with the Prime Minister and reporting on efforts to achieve Mideast peace and other key international developments.

Prof. Reuven Hazan is a Professor of Political Science at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Courses include "Comparative Politics – Institutions & Processes" and "Democracies – Definitions, Explanations & Institutions." He is the author and editor of numerous books and articles on subjects that include electoral reform, centrist political parties, and democratic institutions.

Eran Etzion is the Head of Policy and Planning at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs – a position he was appointed to in May, 2008. In this capacity, he is deeply involved in all major regional and international policy issues facing the State of Israel. Since early 2000, and until his current appointment, Etzion served at Israel's National Security Council. He initially served as NSC's Chief of Staff, and in 2004 was appointed Deputy Head of NSC, in charge of the Foreign Policy Division, dealing with policy matters regarding the Palestinian Authority, Syria, Lebanon, Iran, Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and other key Middle Eastern countries.

Jonathan Medved is the Chief Executive Officer of Vringo, a mobile video ringtone sharing enterprise. He is one of Israel's leading venture capitalists and a seasoned entrepreneur; founder and general partner of Israel Seed. Founded in 1995, Israel Seed Partners has raised four funds, totaling close to

$300 million, which focus on new Israeli companies in the field of information technology and life sciences.

Bassem Eid is a prominent Palestinian journalist and activist for human rights and the Director of the Palestinian Human Rights Monitor Group (PHRMG), a non-partisan organization dedicated to exposing human rights violations by the Israeli authorities as well as by the Palestinian Authority. His articles have appeared in Palestinian and Israeli newspapers, as well as in *The New York Times, The Washington Post*, and *The Guardian*. He also worked for seven years for "B'Tzelem" – an Israeli human rights organization.

Shlomi Kofman is a career foreign service officer currently serving as the Foreign Policy Advisor to the Speaker of the Knesset, Ms. Dalia Itzik. Before his present posting Mr. Kofman served as the Chief of Staff at the Office of the Israel Ambassador in Washington, DC. His previous foreign postings included Bangkok, Thailand, and Shanghai, China. Mr. Kofman is a graduate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Cadets' Course and holds an M.B.A. from Webster University in St. Louis, and a B.A. in International Relations from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Col. (Ret.) Itamar Yaar is a consultant to governmental and other institutions in the field of national security processes, decision-making, and implementation of policies – at the national and local level. His professional experience includes five years as Deputy Director of the National Security Council and 30 years of service in the Israel Defense Forces. At the NSC, he headed the Defense and Security Policy Division and led the National Security Net Assessment process. In the IDF, he held a number of senior positions, including Commanding Officer of the Armored Brigade, and Head of the Planning Department. He holds a Master's degree in Political Science, a B.A. in History, and is also a graduate of the British Royal College of Defense Studies.

Hanna Siniora presently serves as the Co-CEO of the Israel/Palestine Center for Research and Information (IPCRI), an organization dedicated to a two-state resolution to the Israel-Palestinian conflict. He has previously served on the Palestinian National Council, as editor of the PLO newspaper *Al Fajr*, and Chairman of the Palestinian Economic and Social Council, as well as a host of other Palestinian public and private organizations.

Mati Gill is the Bureau Chief of Israel Minister of Public Security Mr. Avi Dichter, Mr. Gill is in charge of management of the Minister's office, and advises on professional, political, communications and international affairs. A reserve officer in the IDF, Mr. Gill served as Liaison Officer with United Nations Peacekeeping Forces in Lebanon and the Golan Heights, and was an advisor during the Israeli prisoner exchange with Hezbollah.

Eran Schafferman is the Chief Parliamentary Advisor to Amir Peretz, a former Minister of Defense. Eran also heads the Young Labor organization in Jerusalem. Previously he served as an advisor for Member of Knesset Collette Avital, Chairperson of the Committee for Immigration, Absorption and Diaspora Affairs. Mr. Schafferman is now working on his graduate degree in Public Policy at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Ari Harrow is Chief of Staff for MK Binyamin Netanyahu, Chairman of the Opposition. Prior to that, he was the National Executive Director of American Friends of Likud. In the recent 2006 national elections, Mr. Harow acted as the Foreign Press Spokesperson and Foreign Policy Advisor for the Likud party, and was part of the Likud election strategy team, working closely with various MKs and strategists.

Dr. Daniel Diker is the Head of the "Defensible Borders Initiative" at the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs – an independent, non-profit institute for policy research and

education. Dr. Diker's most recent publications include "Ariel Sharon's Legacy for Israel" and "The Murder of Musa Arafat." He also serves as the Knesset Affairs correspondent for the Israel Broadcasting Authority English News program.

Lea Malul is the Public Affairs Director and a Spokesperson of the Barzilai Medical Center in Ashkelon and of the Southern District Public Health Office. She is also responsible for Patient Relations. The Barzilai Medical Center, established in 1961, is the only hospital in Israel's south-western region – it is located only six miles from the boarder of Gaza, and therefore a font-line hospital, serving a population of some 500,000 inhabitants of the area. The proximity to the Gaza boarder and its location makes the hospital the nearest referral center for all the injured civilians and soldiers. Ashkelon and the area are extremely prone to continuous terrorism, with daily Kassam and Grad missiles landing in people's homes, schools, synagogues and businesses. Lea a daughter of a Hasidic Rabbi, she was born in Me'ah Shea'arim in Jerusalem and is a scion of a family with 14 generations in Israel.

Marc Sievers is the Counselor for Political Affairs and Head of the Political Section at the Embassy of the United States in Tel Aviv. In this position he acts as senior advisor to the Ambassador on all political issues involving Israel and U.S.-Israeli relations. He is a senior U.S. Foreign Service officer and has served as Deputy Chief of Mission in Algiers, Algeria, and as Political Counselor in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Mr. Sievers also served, after having volunteered for the post, as Senior Advisor to the Iraqi Minister of Foreign Affairs in Baghdad.

Yemin Orde – A "Youth Aliyah" village – home to more than 500 children from around the world. "Youth Aliyah" is an organization, founded in 1933, originally dedicated to saving Jewish children following Hitler's ascent to power in Germany by bringing them to British-controlled pre-state Israel. "Yemin Orde" – named for British Major General Orde Wingate, who

supported the return of the Jewish People to the Land of Israel, was founded in 1953. Today, the 77-acre campus is home to children from many areas of conflict as well as from economically disadvantaged neighborhoods, living in 20 children's houses, each named after an historical figure. The campus includes a high-school offering a complete academic curriculum, as well as arts and music center, a computer center, and extensive sports facilities.

Prof. Paul Liptz is a social historian specializing in Middle East and Jewish history issues. He also deals extensively with African topics. He has traveled widely, and lectured and conducted workshops in numerous countries. Since 1972, he has lectured in the Department of Middle Eastern and African Studies at Tel Aviv University. Starting in 1992, he joined the academic staff of the Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem.

Wendy Singer is the Director of AIPAC's Jerusalem Office. In this capacity, she meets daily with senior Israeli government officials in order to assess political developments in Israel. She maintains contact with members of Israel's opposition as well with independent analysts, pollsters, American diplomats stationed in Israel, and Palestinian representatives. Singer monitors and analyses the peace process for AIPAC's Washington operation. In addition, she explains to Israeli policy makers relevant legislative developments from Capitol Hill.

Useful Telephone Numbers

Jerusalem area code	02 (When dialing
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Arazim hotel, Metulla	(04) 699-7143 Tel (04) 699-7666 Fax
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