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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: Matthew R. Goulding
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: \_\_\_\_\_ or None   
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: June 27, 2015 Return: July 5, 2015  
 b. Dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_ or None
4. Departure city: DCA Destination: TLV Return city: DCA
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_  
See attached itinerary: all events attended
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: 7-16-2015

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

**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.

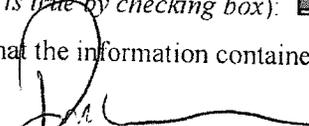
**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
2. Travel Destination(s): Israel
3. Date of Departure: June 27, 2015 Date of Return: July 5, 2015
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Please see attached  
(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	\$2,504.24	\$2,720.00	824.57	\$2,257.90 (please see attached)
Accompanying Relative	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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: 

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.

#### 4. Names of Travelers

1. Liz Amster, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Kathleen Rice (D-NY)
2. Trey Baker, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-MS)
3. Jeff Billman, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Peter Roskam (R-IL)
4. Melissa Buchanan, Legislative Director, Rep. Ed Whitfield (R-KY)
5. Michael Essington, Legislative Counsel, Rep. Adam Kinzinger (D-IL)
6. Carly Frame, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Brendan Boyle (D-PA)
7. Matthew Goulding, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA)
8. Sarah Moxley, Legislative Director, Rep. Pete Olson (R-TX)
9. Carson Middleton, Legislative Director, Rep. Joe Pitts (R-PA)
10. Angel Nigaglioni, Legislative Counsel, Rep. Jose Serrano (D-NY)
11. Andrew Noh, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Linda Sanchez (D-CA)
12. Jennifer Shaprio, Legislative Director, Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO)
13. Steven Snodgrass, Legislative Director, Rep. Seth Moulton (D-MA)
14. William Tranghese, Communications Director, Rep. Richard Neal (D-MA)
15. Sarah Trister, Legislative Director, Rep. David Cicilline (D-RI)
16. Ryan White, Senior Legislative Assistant, Rep. David Schweikert (R-AZ)

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)**  
**Educational Seminar in Israel**  
**U.S. Congressional Staff**  
**June 27-July 5, 2015**

**Breakdown of Other Expenses**

Security: \$1,026.31 per person

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

Speaker Fees: \$421.05 per person

-Honoraria for guest speakers

Tour Guide: \$202.70 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.

Tour Guide/Driver/Security Hotels: \$194.91 per person

Tour Guide/Driver/Security/Speaker Meals: \$144.28 per person

Room Rentals: \$86.16 per person

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

Other: \$58.98 per person

-Water, snacks

-Briefing materials

Transportation for individualized tour of Syrian/Israel border \$48.84 per person

Entrance Fees: \$38.18 per person

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

Tips: \$36.49 per person

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

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)  
Educational Seminar in Israel  
U.S. Congressional Staff  
June 27-July 5, 2015**

**Breakdown of Other Expenses**

Security: \$900 per person

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

Speaker Fees: \$350 per person

-Honoraria for guest speakers

Tour Guide: \$182.50 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.

Tour Guide/Driver/Security Hotels: \$150 per person

Room Rentals: \$102.50 per person

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

Other: \$97.50 per person

-Water, snacks

-Briefing materials

Tour Guide/Driver/Security/Speaker Meals: \$90 per person

Tips: \$75 per person

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

Transportation for individualized tour of Syrian/Israel border \$40 per person

Entrance Fees: \$25 per person

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

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TRAVELER FORM

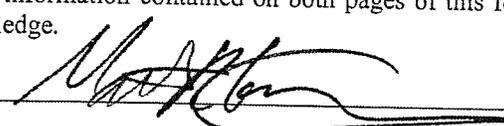
This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, 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](mailto: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: Matthew Goulding

**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: 

Name of signatory (if other than traveler): \_\_\_\_\_

For staff, name of employing Member or committee: Rep. Darrell Issa

Office address: 2269 RHOB

Telephone number: 202-225-3906

Email address of contact person: matthew.goulding@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](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov)

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Committee on Ethics

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Matthew Goulding
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 June 27, 2015 Date of return: July 5, 2015  
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: \_\_\_\_\_  
(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.  
I advise Congressman Issa in the areas of Foreign Affairs and Trade.  
Israel is a very important ally and trading partner from which the US  
benefits. This trip will help me to learn more about our relationship.
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: 5/28/15



Signature of Employing Member

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

**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](http://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: June 27, 2015 Date of return: July 5, 2015
7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C.  
b. Destination(s): Israel  
c. City of return: Washington, D.C.
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: \_\_\_\_\_

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 this 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:  
n/a  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
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): \_\_\_\_\_  
\$120 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 congressional staff about the U.S.- Israel relationship.  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:  
 Hotel name: Mamilla City: Jerusalem Cost per night: \$406  
 Reason(s) for selecting: location and affordability  
 Hotel name: Sheraton City: Tel Aviv Cost per night: \$315  
 Reason(s) for selecting: location and affordability  
 Hotel name: Nof Ginosar City: Kibbutz Ginosar Cost per night: \$205  
 Reason(s) for selecting: location and affordability  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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):

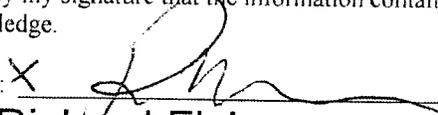
18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$2.461.00	\$2.459	\$840
For each accompanying relative			

	<i>Other</i> Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$2.012.50	breakdown attached
For each accompanying relative		

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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: X 

Name: Richard Fishman

Title: Executive Director

Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

Address: 251 H Street NW. Washington D.C. 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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 U.S. House of Representatives  
 1015 Longworth House Office Building  
 Washington, DC 20515  
 (202) 225-7103 (phone)  
 (202) 225-7392 (general fax)

American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)  
 Educational Seminar in Israel  
 U.S. Congressional Staff  
 June 27– July 5, 2015

List of Invitees

TITLE	MOC FIRST	MOC LAST	FIRST	LAST	FPLA NOTES	Explanations
Rep.	Steve	Scalise	Darren	Achord	Deputy Chief of Staff, Legislative Director	Handles foreign policy issues for Majority Whip Steve Scalise. AIEF strives to provide education programming to all congressional staff that work in relevant issue fields.
Rep.	Kathleen	Rice	Liz	Amster	Legislative Assistant	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. Kathleen Rice, a member of the relevant House Homeland Security Committee.
Rep.	Peter	Roskam	Jeff	Billman	Legislative Assistant	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. Peter Roskam. AIEF strives to provide education programming to all congressional staff that work in relevant issue fields.
Rep.	Ed	Whitfield	Melissa	Buchanan	Legislative Director	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. Ed Whitfield. AIEF strives to provide education programming to all congressional staff that work in relevant issue fields.
Rep.	Kyrsten	Sinema	Michelle	Davidson	District Director, Pheonix	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. Kyrsten Sinema. AIEF strives to provide education programming to all congressional staff that work in relevant issue fields.
Rep.	Adam	Kinzinger	Michael	Essington	Legislative Counsel	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. Adam Kinzinger. AIEF strives to provide education programming to all congressional staff that work in relevant issue fields.
Rep.	Darrell	Issa	Matthew R.	Goulding	Legislative Assistant	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. Darrell Issa, a member of the relevant House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Rep.	Joe	Pitts	Carson	Middleton	Legislative Director	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. Joe Pitts. AIEF strives to provide education programming to all congressional staff that work in relevant issue fields.
Rep.	John	Carter	Jonas	Miller	Chief of Staff	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. John Carter, a member of the relevant House Appropriations Committee.
Rep.	Jose	Serrano	Angel	Nigaglioni	Legislative Assistant	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. Jose Serrano, a member of the relevant House Appropriations Committee.
Rep.	Linda	Sanchez	Andrew	Noh	Legislative Assistant	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. Linda Sanchez. AIEF strives to provide education programming to all congressional staff that work in relevant issue fields.
Rep.	Emanuel	Cleaver	Jennifer	Shapiro	Legislative Director	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. Emanuel Cleaver. AIEF strives to provide education programming to all congressional staff that work in relevant issue fields.
Rep.	Seth	Moulton	Steven	Snodgrass	Legislative Director	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. Seth Moulton, a member of the relevant House Armed Services Committee.
Rep.	Richard	Neal	William	Tranghese	Press Secretary	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. Richard Neal. AIEF strives to provide education programming to all congressional staff that work in relevant issue fields.
Rep.	David	Cicilline	Sarah	Trister	Legislative Director	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. David Cicilline, a member of the relevant House Foreign Affairs Committee.
Rep.	David	Schweikert	Ryan	White	Senior Policy Advisor	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. David Schweikert. AIEF strives to provide education programming to all congressional staff that work in relevant issue fields.

Rep.	Pete	Olson	Sarah	Whiting	Legislative Director	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. Pete Olson. AIEF strives to provide education programming to all congressional staff that work in relevant issue fields.
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Charles W. Dent, Pennsylvania  
*Chairman*  
Linda T. Sánchez, California  
*Ranking Member*

Patrick Meehan, Pennsylvania  
Trey Gowdy, South Carolina  
Susan W. Brooks, Indiana  
Kenny Marchant, Texas

Michael E. Capuano, Massachusetts  
Yvette D. Clarke, New York  
Ted Deutch, Florida  
John B. Larson, Connecticut



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## U.S. House of Representatives

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June 23, 2015

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Mr. Matthew Goulding  
Office of the Honorable Darrell Issa  
2269 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Goulding:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel<sup>1</sup> scheduled for June 27 to July 5, 2015, sponsored by American Israel Education Foundation.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) 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. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$375 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$375] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value 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.

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<sup>1</sup> The U.S. Department of State has issued a warning concerning travel to Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza, available at <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings/israel-travel-warning.html>. You may wish to contact the State Department regarding the safety of your proposed trip.

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

Sincerely,



Charles W. Dent  
Chairman



Linda T. Sánchez  
Ranking Member

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**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)  
Educational Seminar in Israel  
U.S. Congressional Staff  
June 27– July 5, 2015**

**Itinerary**

**Saturday, June 27, 2015**

Afternoon Depart from various cities to Newark airport

10:45 PM Depart Newark airport

**Sunday, June 28, 2015**

4:20 PM Arrive at Ben-Gurion International Airport  
Transfer to Jerusalem  
Check in at the Mamilla Hotel

7:00 PM *Setting the Stage*  
Welcome & Orientation  
-at Spoons

7:30 PM *Israel Today*  
Dinner with Matti Friedman  
Author and Journalist  
- at Spoons

**Israel Today**

The opening dinner features Matti Freidman, a renowned reporter with a career that has taken him from Lebanon to Morocco, Cairo, Moscow and Washington, D.C., and to conflicts in Israel in the Caucasus. Mr. Friedman is a dynamic and insightful speaker who will provide the group an illuminating synthesis of domestic political trends, current international affairs and the general state of mind of the Israeli citizens.

9:00 PM *Shalom Jerusalem*  
Walking tour in Jerusalem's historic basin

10:00 PM Overnight at the Mamilla Hotel

**Monday, June 29, 2015**

7:45 AM Breakfast is served

8:00 AM                    *Israeli Politics Primer*  
Breakfast with Prof. Reuven Hazan  
Political Science, Hebrew University  
- at the hotel

### **Professor Reuven Hazan**

Professor Reuven Hazan is scheduled to speak from 8:00-9:15 am. It is critical for trip participants to have an understanding of the parliamentary system in Israel. Professor Hazan explains how the parliamentary party system works, how coalitions rise and fall, and how Israeli politics differ from American politics. Since the group will be visiting with government officials throughout the week, and the new coalition government will have just come to power, we believe it's important to provide this overview early in the seminar.

9:15 AM                    Depart

9:30 AM                    *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem - Part I:*  
The Old City and Holy Basin

### **Jerusalem**

Throughout its 4000 year history, the city of Jerusalem has changed hands many times. As home to the world's three great monotheistic religions -- Judaism, Christianity and Islam -- each of which has its imprint on the city, Jerusalem is probably the most disputed city in history. Today, the status of Jerusalem remains the most contentious issue in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Jerusalem has been at the heart of all recent Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, from the Oslo Accords to the Camp David Summit to the Taba negotiations, and to the most recent talks under the auspices of the U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry. To understand the current political issues, it is critical to understand Jerusalem's history and the role it has played in shaping the Middle East. This seminar will include site visits to various locations in and around Jerusalem to gain a first-hand look at the historic significance of the city, as well as its geographic layout.

### **Old City of Jerusalem & the Holy Basin**

The Old City of Jerusalem is home to the holiest shrines of the three monotheistic religions, including the Temple Mount, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, and the Al-Aqsa Mosque. During the Camp David II talks, the Palestinians and Israelis differed on the Jerusalem question, namely the Old City, the status of Arab neighborhoods just outside the Old City, and religious sites such as the Temple Mount.

The Holy Basin is the historic location of Jerusalem and refers to the land surrounding the Old City, including the Mount of Olives, which is believed to be the departure point for Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem and where Jews have been burying their dead for 2,500 years. The Holy Basin also includes the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site, and the Temple Mount (Haram al-Sharif), sacred ground for Jews, Muslims, and Christians. Control over these sensitive areas remains among the largest disputes in the Middle East.



- 5:30 PM            *A View From the Prime Minister's Office*  
Coffee with Jonathan Shachter  
Media Advisor, Office of the Prime Minister  
- at the Knesset
- 6:30 PM            Return to hotel
- 7:30 PM            Depart for Dinner
- 8:00 PM            *The Different Faces of Israel*  
Dinner and roundtable with representatives of organizations  
engaged in social change
- Attorney Muhammad Darawshe, Givat Haviva
  - Dana Naor Mande'el, Director of the Legal Department, The Israel Women's Network
  - Amir O'hana, LGBT Caucus Head, Likud Party
- at Touro

**The Different Faces of Israel**

The Different Faces of Israel will be a dinner discussion with Israelis representing some of the various societal sectors – all integral parts of the fabric of Israeli society and broader identity. The evening will be an opportunity to gain insight into the Israeli population as a whole, what governs the perspective and decisions of various sectors and to explore how each of the sectors represented fits into Israeli society and informs the collective national narrative.

- 10:00 PM            Overnight at the Mamilla Hotel
- PLEASE PACK FOR NEXT DAY'S DEPARTURE

**Tuesday, June 30, 2015**

- 7:00 AM            Luggage in the lobby  
Breakfast on own
- 8:15 AM            Depart for Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and  
Educational Center
- 8:45 AM            *Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust*  
Guided tour of Yad Vashem

**Yad Vashem**

One cannot understand Israel's position on Iran's nuclear development program without understanding the trauma of the Holocaust. Israelis view threats to its destruction in light of the events of the 1930s and 1940s, when the German government's threats to exterminate the Jewish people were not taken seriously by the international community. This museum provides

an important reference point as to how Israelis interpret the threat of an Iranian nuclear program and Iranian leaders committed to Israel's destruction.

Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, was established in 1953 by an act of the Israeli Knesset. Since its inception, Yad Vashem has been entrusted with documenting the history of the Jewish people during the Holocaust period, preserving the memory and story of each of the six million victims, and imparting the legacy of the Holocaust for generations to come through its archives, library, school, museums and recognition of the Righteous Among the Nations. Located on Har Hazikaron (the Mount of Remembrance) in Jerusalem, Yad Vashem is a sprawling complex of museums, exhibits, archives, monuments, sculptures, and memorials.

Every foreign leader that travels to Israel visits Yad Vashem. Yad Vashem has become a symbol of the Jewish people and its transformation from total helplessness to self-reliance and strength. Thus, a visit to Yad Vashem provides a historical context for the Jewish state. The museum's professional docent will guide the group through the main exhibit hall and the children's memorial.

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| 11:00 AM | Depart  |
| 11:30 AM | <i>Ingathering of Exiles: How Israel Integrates New Immigrants</i><br>Visit to the Mevasseret Zion Immigrant<br>Absorption Center           |
| 12:45 PM | Depart for Ramallah   |
| 1:45 PM  | <i>A View From the Palestinian Street</i><br>Lunch with Dr. Saeb Erekat<br>Chief Negotiator, Palestinian Authority<br>- at Moevenpick Hotel |
| 3:15 PM  | Depart, travel to Tel Aviv  |
| 4:45 PM  | Check in at Tel Aviv Sheraton Hotel   |
| 5:30 PM  | <i>Why a Jewish State?</i><br>Meeting with Dr. Einat Wilf<br>Senior Fellow, The Jewish People Policy Institute<br>- at the hotel            |

7:30 PM                    *Colleague to Colleague*  
Dinner with Knesset staffers

- Chen Arieli, Zionist Union party
- Dafna Ezrachi, Meretz party
- Uri Perednick, Likud party
- Omri Sheinfeld, Kulanu party

-at Olive Leaf

9:00 PM                    Overnight at Tel Aviv Sheraton

**Wednesday, July 1, 2015**

7:45 AM                    Breakfast on own

8:30 AM                    Depart

9:00 AM                    *Save a Child's Heart - Cardiac Care for Children*  
Visit to Wolfson Medical Center, followed by visit to  
the children's rehabilitation center

10:45 AM                  Depart, travel south

11:45 AM                  *Gaza and the Hamas Rule*

- Drive through the town of Sderot
- Visit to Sderot Police Station
- Briefing at an overlook into the Gaza Strip

**Israel's Southern Front**

Since 2001, Israeli communities bordering the Gaza Strip have been living under the threat of rocket fire. And since the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip in 2005 and the Hamas takeover of the Gaza Strip in 2007, the volume, range and accuracy of the rockets has only increased. The summer of 2014 witnessed Operation Protective Edge, which returned the issue of rocket fire from Gaza to international headlines. The visit to Kibbutz Kfar Azza and meeting with a local resident will be an opportunity to better understand the reality of living just kilometers from Israel's border with Gaza, to learn how almost 15 years of rocket fire has shaped those living in the communities most affected, to discuss the advent of Hamas "terror tunnels" into Israel's border towns and how communities have sought to cope with the threat on their doorstep, both physically and psychologically.

1:00 PM                    *Life in the Shadow of Rocket Fire*  
Visit to Kibbutz Kfar Azza & meeting & lunch with residents

2:30 PM                    Depart

3:00 PM *U.S. – Israel Cooperation in the Defense Sphere*  
Briefing at the Iron Dome battery

### **The Iron Dome**

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) typically honors our request to visit an Iron Dome battery, the joint U.S.-Israel funded rocket defense program. The military typically approves any visit to an Iron Dome location the week before the trip due to the constantly shifting security situation on the ground. A visit to an Iron Dome battery includes meeting with the soldiers and the commanding officer. For security reasons, we do not receive the names of the IDF soldiers meeting with the group.

3:45 PM Depart

5:00 PM *Missile Threats*  
Briefing at the Azrieli rooftop with Col. (Reserve) Miri Eisin

5:45 PM Depart, return to hotel

7:30 PM Depart for dinner

8:00 PM *Israel's Global Footprint*  
Invitees:

- Tzmeret Furst, Co-Founder and CEO, Circ MedTech and Developer, PrePex
- Amir Peleg, CEO, Takadu
- Tal Rabin, MADA (paramedic from Katmandu)
- Sivan Ya'ari, Founder and President, Innovation: Africa  
- at Shulchan

### **Israel's Global Footprint**

Israel's Global Footprint will be a dinner discussion with entrepreneurs representing Israeli innovation and ingenuity that has had enormous impact both in Israel and abroad. The group will be meeting with innovators that are global leaders in water conservation, fighting against HIV/AIDS through medical innovation, and bringing Israeli technology and medicine to third world countries.

9:45 PM Overnight at Tel Aviv Sheraton

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### **Thursday, July 2, 2015**

7:30 AM Luggage in the lobby

7:45 AM Breakfast served

8:00 AM	<i>Understanding the Threat of a Nuclear Iran</i> With Dr. Emily Landau, Senior Research Associate and Director of the Arms Control and Regional Security Program, The Institution for National Security Studies (INNS) - at the hotel
9:15 AM	Depart
10:15 AM	<i>Israel's Narrow Waistline</i> Briefing at Alfei Menashe
11:00 AM	Depart
1:00 PM	Lunch en route
2:00 PM	Depart
2:15 PM	<i>Treating victims of Syrian Civil War</i> Visit to Ziv Medical Center
3:45 PM	Depart
4:30 PM	<i>Northern Exposure, Part I:</i> Briefing on the border with Lebanon With Major (reserve) Sarit Zehavi -at Dovev
5:15 PM	Depart
6:15 PM	Check in at Kibbutz Nof Ginnosar
7:30 PM	Depart for dinner
8:00 PM	Dinner -at Decks
	Overnight at Nof Ginnosar

**Friday, July 3, 2015**

7:30 AM	Luggage on the bus
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- 7:45 AM            Breakfast on own
- 8:30 AM            Depart
- 9:30 AM            *Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee*  
Guided tour

**Christian Sites at the Sea of Galilee**

As part of the seminar's focus on the religious sources to today's contemporary conflict, the group will be visiting several of the most sacred sites for Christians in the Holy Land. Included is a guided tour and discussion of some of the most important events in the life of Jesus by the Sea of Galilee. Just as strategic tours in Jerusalem focused on Jewish, Muslim, and Christian history and claims to the land, the site visits to the Christian sites help provide context for the competing religious narratives for the land of Israel. For example, we will be visiting the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount, the most studied and read speech of any religion in history. Our guide will also lead discussions through Capernaum and St. Peter's Church.

- 11:30 AM            Depart, travel up to the Golan Heights
- 12:30 PM            *Northern Exposure, Part II:*  
Briefing on the border with Syria
- 1:45 PM            Lunch  
- at Habokrim
- 3:00 PM            Depart for Jerusalem, travel via the Jordan Valley  
  
En route briefing:  
*The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan:*  
*Relations with Israel in the Shadow of a Million Syrian Refugees*
- 6:00 PM            Check in at the Mamilla Hotel
- 7:00 PM            Depart for traditional Shabbat dinner
- 7:30 PM            *Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem*  
Dinner hosted by Professor Gil and Linda Troy  
- at their home
- 9:30 PM            Overnight at the Mamilla Hotel

### Saturday, July 4, 2015

- 7:30 AM Breakfast on own
- 8:00 AM Depart for Masada & the Dead Sea
- En route briefing:  
*Israel's Experience in Fighting Desertification*
- 9:30 AM *Echoes of the Roman Empire Today*  
Visit to Masada National Archaeological Park
- 11:30 AM Depart
- 12:00 PM *Exploration of the Dead Sea Region*  
-at Hod Hotel

### **Masada and the Dead Sea Region**

The Sabbath in Israel begins Friday afternoon and concludes on Saturday evening. During the Sabbath, virtually everything in the country is closed including all government offices, businesses, newspapers etc. Therefore, for years, we have used Fridays Saturdays to expose our Congressional Members and staff delegations to some of the key historical and cultural sites in Israel such as Masada. Masada, which was excavated in the 1960s, is considered one of the most important archeological sites in Israel, indeed in the whole world.

Masada was the site of the last stand of the Jews in Israel after the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the Holy Temple in 70 A.D. A group of Jewish Zealots fled to the Judean Desert and lived in the former mountaintop fortress of King Herod known as Masada for two years resisting the onslaught of the most powerful army in the world. Determined to break the resistance, the Romans finally scaled the mountain to capture and enslave the Jewish rebels. However, when they finally arrived, they found that all the men, women and children had killed themselves as a last act of defiance. They refused to give in to the Romans and become their slaves.

The ancient story of Masada has important contemporary relevance for the modern State of Israel. "Masada shall never fall again" has become the watchword of the country which has faced existential threats since its founding in 1948. Israel's elite military units, for example, are sworn in on top of Masada in a symbolic act of defiance against Israel's contemporary enemies. These soldiers along with the thousands of Israeli school children who visit Masada each year learn the lesson that Israel should never become so weak again that it would ever face national suicide as an option.

We will spend approximately two hours atop of Masada with a professional guide. The time at Masada with the guide is focused on three areas: 1. touring the magnificent ancient excavations; 2. learning the narrative of Jewish resistance to the Romans backed by the

archeological and historical evidence; 3. discussing the importance of the Masada story to the contemporary Middle East and the threats in the region.

During our trip to the Negev, we will also visit Qumran, where most of the famous Dead Sea Scrolls were found; and the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth and a major source of minerals for both Israel and Jordan.

2:00 PM	Depart for Jerusalem
4:00 PM	Pack and prepare for departure
6:00 PM	Depart
6:30 PM	<i>The U.S.-Israel Relationship: Bringing it All Together</i> Closing dinner and discussion - at Karma
8:30 PM	Depart for the airport
11:10 PM	Depart Tel Aviv
<b><u>Sunday, July 5, 2015</u></b>	
4:15 AM	Arrive Newark
Morning	Depart from Newark to various cities

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)  
Educational Seminar in Israel  
U.S. Congressional Staff  
June 27– July 5, 2015**

**Itinerary**

**Saturday, June 27, 2015**

Afternoon                      Depart from various cities to Newark airport

10:45 PM                      Depart Newark airport

**Sunday, June 28, 2015**

4:20 PM                      Arrive at Ben-Gurion International Airport  
Transfer to Jerusalem  
Check in at the Mamilla Hotel

8:00 PM                      *Setting the Stage*  
Welcome & Orientation  
-at Spoons

8:30 PM                      *Israel Today*  
Dinner with Matti Friedman  
Author and Journalist  
- at Spoons

10:30 PM                      Overnight at the Mamilla Hotel

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7:45 AM                      Breakfast is served

8:00 AM                      *Israeli Politics Primer*  
Breakfast with Prof. Sam Lehman-Wilzig  
Chairman, School of Communication, Bar Ilan University  
- at the hotel

9:15 AM                      Depart

9:30 AM                      *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem - Part I:*  
The Old City and Holy Basin

12:00 PM                      Lunch  
- at Golden Panoramic

- 1:30 PM                    *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem - Part II:*  
The Security Barrier and Outlying Neighborhoods
- 3:00 PM                    Depart for the Knesset
- 3:45 PM                    *Israeli Democracy in Action*  
Meetings with Members of Knesset
  - The Honorable Benny Begin, Likud
  - The Honorable Ayoob Kara, Likud
  - The Honorable Dr. Nachman Shai, Zionist Union
- 5:30 PM                    *A View From the Prime Minister's Office*  
Meeting with Mark Regev  
Communications Advisor and Foreign Press Liaison,  
Office of the Prime Minister  
- at the Knesset
- 6:30 PM                    Return to hotel
- 7:30 PM                    Depart for Dinner
- 8:00 PM                    *Minority Rights in Israel*  
Dinner with:
  - Mohammad Darawshe, Director of Planning,  
Equality and Shared Living, Givat Haviva Educational Institute
  - Dana Naor Mande'el, Director of the Legal Department,  
The Israel Women's Network
  - Amir O'hana, LGBT Caucus Head, Likud Party
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-at Olive Leaf

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Briefing at the Iron Dome battery
- 3:45 PM Depart
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Briefing with Col. (Res.) Haim Moriya  
-at Azrieli Tower
- 5:45 PM Depart, return to hotel
- 6:00 PM Depart for hotel
- 7:30 PM Depart for dinner
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Dinner with:
  - Tzmeret Furst, Co-Founder and CEO, Circ MedTech and Developer, PrePex
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- at the hotel

9:15 AM            Depart

10:15 AM           *Israel's Narrow Waistline*  
Briefing at Alfei Menashe

11:00 AM           Depart

                      En route briefings:  
*The Jezreel Valley* – The strategic land bridge connecting Asia and Africa  
*Upper Galilee* – Potential for development

1:00 PM            Lunch en route

2:00 PM            Depart

2:45 PM            *Treating Victims of Syrian Civil War*  
Visit to Ziv Medical Center

3:45 PM            Depart

4:30 PM            *Israel's Northern Border Concerns – Part One*  
Briefing on the border with Lebanon  
With Major (reserve) Sarit Zehavi  
-at Dovev Overlook

5:15 PM            Depart

6:15 PM            Check in at Kibbutz Nof Ginnosar

7:45 PM            Depart for dinner

8:00 PM            Dinner  
-at Decks

10:00 PM           Overnight at Nof Ginnosar

**Friday, July 3, 2015**

- 7:30 AM Luggage on the bus
- 7:45 AM Breakfast on own
- 8:30 AM Depart
- 9:30 AM *Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee*
  - Galilee Boat Museum
  - Mt. of Beatitudes – Sermon on the Mount
  - St. Peter's Church
  - Capernaum – Jesus' Village
- 11:30 AM Depart, travel up to the Golan Heights
- 12:30 PM *Israel's Northern Border Concerns – Part Two*  
Briefing on the border with Syria
- 1:45 PM Lunch  
- at Habokrim
- 3:00 PM Depart for Jerusalem, travel via the Jordan Valley
- En route briefing:  
*The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan:  
Relations with Israel in the Shadow of a Million Syrian Refugees*
- 6:00 PM Check in at the Mamilla Hotel
- 7:15 PM Depart
- 7:30 PM *Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem*  
Dinner hosted by Tom Sawicki and family  
- at their home
- 9:30 PM Overnight at the Mamilla Hotel

**Saturday, July 4, 2015**

- 7:30 AM Breakfast on own
- 8:00 AM Depart for Masada & the Dead Sea
- En route briefing:  
*Israel's Experience in Fighting Desertification*

9:30 AM            *History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire*  
Visit to Masada National Archaeological Park

11:30 AM            Depart

12:00 PM            *Exploration of the Dead Sea Region*  
-at Hod Hotel

2:00 PM             Depart for Jerusalem

4:00 PM             Pack and prepare for departure

6:00 PM             Depart

6:30 PM             *The U.S.-Israel Relationship: Bringing it All Together*  
Closing dinner and discussion  
-at St. George Hotel

8:00 PM             Depart for the airport

11:10 PM            Depart Tel Aviv

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4:15 AM             Arrive Newark

Morning             Depart from Newark to various cities