

**DISCLOSURE BY ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
OF TRAVEL EXPENSES SERVING A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC PURPOSE
AS REQUIRED BY 930 CMR 5.08(2)(d)Z. ETHICS COMMISSION**

	ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION 2012 DEC -7 AM 11:12
Name of elected public employee:	Michael J. Rodrigues
Title/ Position	State Senator
Agency/ Department	Massachusetts State Senator
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Write an X to confirm each statement.	<p>I am filing this disclosure because:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am going to engage in an activity that serves a legitimate public purpose, i.e., it is intended to promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality; and</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A non-public entity (but not a lobbyist) has offered to reimburse, waive or pay travel expenses and costs worth more than \$50.</p>
	ACTIVITY THAT SERVES A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC PURPOSE
Describe the activity which is the reason for traveling.	2012 Community Leaders Study Tour to Israel.
Describe your participation in the activity.	Engage with Foreign leaders on a wide range of issues, and meet the people of Israel to gain a better understanding of the complexities and challenges facing the country and the region. To experience the rich culture, dynamic history, and the innovative high tech economy of Israel. To learn more about the long relationship the Jewish community has had with my Portuguese heritage and culture
Date, time and location of activity.	December 10, 2012 - December 19, 2012
Please explain how the activity will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality.	The Study Tour will join the Massachusetts Water Innovation Mission to Israel and allow participants to be part of this important follow-up to Governor Patrick's Trade Mission to Israel last spring.

TRAVEL EXPENSES	
Identify the person or organization that offered to reimburse, waive or pay your travel expenses.	Jeremy Burton Executive Director Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)
Address of person or organization.	126 High Street Boston, MA 02110
Provide information in as much detail as possible:	Itemization and explanation of amounts offered:
Transportation:	<i>Air, train, bus, and taxi fare and rental car hire, etc.</i>
Lodging:	<i>Overnight accommodations.</i>
Meals:	<i>Breakfast, lunch, dinner, special events.</i>
Admission:	<i>Registration, admission, tickets, etc.</i>
Other (please list):	<i>Refreshment, instruction, materials, entertainment, etc.</i> Scholarship \$3,250.00 and Insurance Subsidy \$169.00
Total:	\$3,419.00
Write an X beside any relevant statement.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have attached the relevant itinerary. <input type="checkbox"/> I have attached the relevant agenda.
For the exemption to apply, check off both statements.	Having disclosed the facts above, I determine that: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acceptance of the reimbursement, waiver or payment of travel expenses will serve a legitimate public purpose i.e., it will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality; AND <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Such public purpose outweighs any special non-work related benefit to me or to the person providing the reimbursement, waiver or payment.
Employee signature:	<i>Michael J. Rodriguez</i>
Date:	<i>12-6-12</i>

Attach additional pages if necessary.

Elected state or county employees – file with the State Ethics Commission.

Members of the General Court – file with the House or Senate clerk or the State Ethics Commission.

Elected municipal employee – file with the City Clerk or Town Clerk.

Elected regional school committee member – file with the clerk or secretary of the committee.



*Jewish Community Relations Council
of Greater Boston*

**Greater Boston JCRC
Study Tour in Israel for Community Leaders
December 10th – 19th, 2012**



December 10th DEPARTURE:

The group is departing from Boston Logan Airport at 10:28 AM on United Airlines #765 to Newark located in Terminal A. Please arrive at the airport 2.5 hours prior to departure, at 8:00 AM. Jeremy Burton and Aviva Berezin will greet you at the airport. If you encounter any problems on the day of departure, please contact Jeremy or Aviva at (413) 519- 2478.

The flight will arrive at Newark at 11:55 AM. The group will then depart from Newark on United Airlines Flight #84 at 3:55 PM and will arrive in Tel Aviv at 9:20 AM on December 11th.

December 19th RETURN:

The group departs Israel from Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv on United Airlines Flight #91 at 11:10 PM on December 19th and will arrive at Newark at 4:30 AM. The group will then depart from Newark on United Airlines Flight #785 at 6:43 AM and will arrive at Boston Logan airport at 8:06 AM.

If you have an alternative return flight, the flight information will be in your binder

ACCOMMODATIONS

**Tuesday,
December 11th**

Colony Hotel
Sderot Ben Gurion
28
Haifa, Israel
+972 4-851-3344

**Wednesday, December
12th – Saturday,
December 15th**

Dan Panorama
39 Keren Hayesod St
Jerusalem 94188
+972-2-5695695

**Sunday, December 16th –
Monday, December 17th**

Dan Panorama
Charles Clore Park
Tel Aviv, 68012
+972-3-5190190

**Tuesday, December
18th**

Dan Panorama
39 Keren Hayesod St
Jerusalem 94188
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**BOSTON JCRC
COMMUNITY LEADERS
ISRAEL STUDY TOUR
DECEMBER 10- 20, 2012
PROPOSED ITINERARY
(NOVEMBER 1, 2012)**

DRAFT ITINERARY- PENDING AVIALABILITY & CONFIRMATIONS

DAY ONE: Monday, December 10, 2012

DEPARTURE

- Depart the U.S.A.

Overnight: Flight

DAY TWO: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 – Hanukkah 3rd day

ARRIVAL

- 9:30 a.m. Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport.
- Welcome by Da'at representative and assistance with arrival formalities.
 - Drive to Haifa.
 - Stop on the way in Caesarea.
- 11:30 a.m. Guided visit to **Caesarea**, one of the Land of Israel's most important cities during the Roman Period; visit the Herodian Theater and new excavations along the Mediterranean shore concluding with a visit to the 900-year-old crusader city built on the same site.
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch in Caesarea
- Drive to Haifa.
- 3:00 p.m. View the **Bahai Gardens** and Shrine, one of the holiest sites of the Bahai religion, while standing atop Mount Carmel.
- Check into hotel and time to rest.
- 7:30 p.m. Dinner at the **Fatush** Restaurant with Haifa partners and orientation.

Overnight: Colony Hotel, Haifa

DAY THREE: Wednesday, December 12, 2012 Hanukkah 4th day

THE NORTH, A MOSAIC OF COMMUNITIES

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast at the hotel,
- 8:30 a.m. Regional overview talk with **Professor Amazia Baram**
- 9:30 a.m. Check out the hotel.
- 10:00 a.m. Visit **Shiluvim**, a program of the Boston-Haifa Connection to empower the Ethiopian Israeli Community in Haifa, for a briefing with **Gabi Nagussi**, Director.
- 11:30 a.m. Meetings with municipal officials, including **Mayor, Yonah Yahav** and **city councilors**.
 - Depart Haifa for **Iksal**.
 - Lunch en route.
- 2:30 p.m. Meet with **Mohammad Darwashe** of the **Abraham Fund** and visit **Iksal**, his village.
 - Drive along the Trans-Israel Highway for a close up view of the 'Security Barrier' along the seam zone between Israel and the Palestinian Territories.
 - **Welcome to Jerusalem – ברוכים הבאים** Enter the vibrant and colourful 3,000 year old city of Jerusalem and experience the convergence of the old and the new.
 - Stop at **Mount Scopus** to say the traditional "shehechiyanu" blessing, recited upon entering Jerusalem.
 - Check into the hotel.
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner at the **Olive & Fish** restaurant with Former Consul General of Israel to New England **Nadav Tamir**.

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem

DAY FOUR: Thursday, December 13, 2012 Hanukkah 5th day

GEOPOLITICS FROM THEORY TO FACT

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:00 a.m. Introduction to the visit to Ramallah with **Felice & Michael Friedson** of *The Media Line.*, at the hotel.
- 8:30 a.m. Drive to Ramallah with **Felice Freidson** of *Media Line* followed by meeting with **Saed Nashef** founder & **Yadin Kaufman** of the **Sadara Foundation** and meet with a Palestinian government representative. (TBC)
- 12:00 p.m. Drive to Jerusalem.
 - Lunch en route.
- 2:30 p.m. Visit the city of **Bethlehem**, site of the birth of Jesus and the **Church of the Nativity** followed by a possible meeting with **Victor Batarseh, Bethlehem Mayor** or other city representatives.
 - Return to Jerusalem.
 - Reflection time.
 - Dinner on your own.

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem

DAY FIVE: Friday, December 14, 2012 Hanukkah 6th day

THE POWER OF MEMORY

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:00 a.m. *The Memory of the Holocaust in Contemporary Israeli Society*: Dialogue with Holocaust scholar **Rachel Korazim**, over a private breakfast at the hotel.
- 10:00 a.m. Guided visit through **Yad Vashem**, the Jewish National Memorial to the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust, including:
 - The new **Historical Museum**
 - The **Children's Memorial**
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch & debrief at the **Ima** restaurant, located near the Machane Yehuda market, offering a menu of Middle-Eastern, Kurdish-style food.
 - Free time.
- 7:00 p.m. **Shabbat dinner** with Lone soldiers, at hotel.

Overnight: Dan Panorama hotel, Jerusalem

DAY SIX: Saturday, December 15, 2012 Hanukkah 7th day

LAYERS OF JERUSALEM

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at the hotel.
- 9:00 a.m. *Israel in 2012 – a Religious Mosaic*: Dialogue with scholar **Paul Liptz** of Tel Aviv University and the Hebrew Union College over private breakfast at the hotel.
- 10:30 a.m. Walking tour through the **Jewish Quarter** of the Old City of Jerusalem, for guided visits to the **Cardo**, the First Temple Period **Broad Wall**, the **Kotel**, Jerusalem's famous **Old City Market** (*shuk*) and a visit to the **Christian Quarter** of the Old City of Jerusalem including the **Via Delarosa**, the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, high perches and deep caverns.
- Lunch on your own.
 - Free time.
 - Return to the hotel.
- 5:30 p.m. *The Labyrinth of Israeli Politics*: Dialogue with **Prof. Reuven Hazan** of the Political Science Department at Hebrew University.
- Reflection time at the hotel.
 - Dinner on your own.
- 9:30 p.m. *Optional* evening visit to the **Western Wall Tunnel**, the underground continuation of the Western Wall alongside the Temple Mount.

Overnight: Dan Panorama hotel, Jerusalem

DAY SEVEN: Sunday, December 16, 2012 Hanukkah 8th day

THE DEAD SEA BASIN

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:00 a.m. *Ethics & Dilemmas in the Field*: Dialogue with **Col. (Res.) Benzi Gruber**, Deputy Commander of an Armored Corps brigade, at hotel.
- Check out of the hotel.
- 9:30 a.m. Explore the Jewish and Israeli judicial traditions at the **Supreme Court** building, including a meeting with a judicial personality (Arab and a Jewish **Supreme Court** justice (TBC)).
- 11:30 a.m. Descend to the **Dead Sea Basin**.
 - Bathe in the relaxing and healthy sulphur springs at a **Dead Sea Resort Hotel** and float in the Dead Sea, including **lunch** at the hotel.
 - Arrive at **Masada** and ascend this wilderness mountain fortress in a cable car; walk through the remains of the palace, water cisterns and fortifications built by King Herod and hear about the Zealots who lived here until the bitter end.
- 3:30 p.m. Drive to Tel Aviv.
 - Check into the hotel.
 - Dinner on own.
- 7:00 pm Talk with *Eilon Schwartz* – Executive Director of the Heschel Center for Environmental Learning and Leadership and involved in Shacharit

Overnight: Dan Panorama hotel, Tel Aviv

DAY EIGHT: Monday, December 17, 2012

SOCIAL CHALLENGES IN TEL AVIV

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:00 a.m. *Israel in the Mid-East Arena*: Dialogue with **Col. (Ret.) Miri Eisin**, former advisor on the foreign media to the Prime Minister
- 9:30 a.m. Morning learning about **LGBT movement** and Social Protest: meetings with leaders of the movement in Tel Aviv. (*Michael Hamel, Irit Zvieley Efrat, Mickey Gitzin, Elon Schwartz- TBC*)
- 11:30 AM Drive to Sderot
- 1:00 PM Lunch at JFNA restaurant
- 2:00 PM Visit Sderot, including meeting with a representative from the trauma center
Visit to a solar farm
- 5:00 PM Drive back to Tel Aviv
- 7:00 PM Dinner with Minister Landau and the Water Innovation Mission

Overnight: Dan Panorama hotel, Tel Aviv

DAY NINE: Tuesday, December 18, 2012

REALITY ON THE GROUND

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast at hotel.
- 8:00 a.m. Check out of the hotel.
 - Depart Tel Aviv.
- 9:30 a.m. Visit **Neve Shalom**- a cooperative village of Jews and Palestinian Arabs of Israeli citizenship with possible dialogue with members of the community.
 - Drive to Jerusalem.
- 12:00 p.m. Take part in a VIP tour of the **Knesset** and meet with a member of Knesset to discuss current political agendas. (MK Horowitz TBA)
 - Lunch on your own.
 - Visit the renewed **Israel Museum**, one of the most creative and innovative museums in the world with a wide and eclectic collection, ranging from Judaica and archaeology to Renaissance and contemporary Israeli art, concluding with a visit to the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Shrine of the Book and the Second Temple Period Model of Jerusalem.
 - Check into hotel.
 - Debriefing at the hotel.
 - Dinner on your own.

Overnight: Dan Panorama hotel, Jerusalem

DAY TEN: Wednesday, December 19, 2012

WRAPPING UP

7:30 a.m. Breakfast at the hotel.

- *Join the **Water Innovation Conference** for the morning.*
 - 9:00 – “Governments Role in Enabling Water Innovation” with *Avi Hasson (Chief Scientist of Israel), Uzi Landau (Minister of Energy & Water), Zohar Yinon (CEO Hugibon Ltd), and Shachar Hilawi (CEO, Mei Netanya)*
 - 11:00 – *Bringing It Back Home (group debriefing)*
- Lunch on your own.
- Free time.
- OR
- Ethnic, cultural and tasting journey through the hustle and bustle of Jerusalem's **Machaneh Yehudah** open air market; enjoy the sites, smells, and tastes as well as the stories and personal interactions with shopkeepers who add so much to this colourful pre-Shabbat experience.

7:00 p.m. **Festive Farewell Dinner** at the **Little Jerusalem** Restaurant in the quaint Anna Ticho House.

- Transfer to Ben Gurion International Airport.
- Departure flight to the U.S.A. (11:00 p.m.)

Overnight: Flight

DAY ELEVEN: Thursday, December 20, 2012

- Arrive in the US.