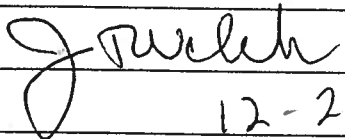


**DISCLOSURE BY ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE  
OF TRAVEL EXPENSES SERVING A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC PURPOSE  
AS REQUIRED BY 930 CMR 5.08(2)(d)2.**

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ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION	
Name of elected public employee:	James T. Welch
Title/ Position	State Senator
Agency/ Department	Massachusetts State Senate
Agency address:	Room 416A State House Boston, MA 02133
Office phone:	617-722-1660
Office e-mail:	James.welch@masenate.gov
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.	Participating in the Greater Boston Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) Study Tour in Israel for Community Leaders
Describe your participation in the activity.	Participant and attendee
Date, time and location of activity.	December 3, 2013 – December 13, 2013
Please explain how the activity will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality.	The purpose of this trip is to further promote relations including trade and cultural exchanges between Israel and the New England region including Massachusetts

	TRAVEL EXPENSES
Identify the person or organization that offered to reimburse, waive or pay your travel expenses.	Jewish Community Relations Council
Address of person or organization.	126 High Street Boston, MA 02110
Provide information in as much detail as possible:	<b>Itemization and explanation of amounts offered:</b>
Transportation:	<i>Air, train, bus, and taxi fare and rental car hire, etc.</i> <b>Airfare - \$1,590.97</b>
Lodging:	<i>Overnight accommodations.</i> See below
Meals:	<i>Breakfast, lunch, dinner, special events.</i> <b>Pre-trip food cost - \$23.64 per person</b>
Admission:	<i>Registration, admission, tickets, etc.</i>
Other (please list):	<i>Refreshment, instruction, materials, entertainment, etc.</i> <b>Land Cost</b> (Bus, food, driver, guide, hotel, speakers, site visits) - \$3,235 per person <b>Single Room additional cost</b> - \$615 per person <b>Orientation Materials</b> - \$16.19 per person
Total:	\$5,500. The JCRC shall pay \$3,250 of the total and the Committee to elect James Welch shall pay the remaining balance of \$2865.
Write an X beside any relevant statement.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>I have attached the relevant itinerary.</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>I have attached the relevant agenda.</b>
For the exemption to apply, check off <u>both statements</u> .	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:	
Date:	12-2-13

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.

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**BOSTON JCRC  
COMMUNITY LEADERS  
ISRAEL STUDY TOUR  
Dec 3-13, 2013**

**DAY ONE: Tuesday, December 3, 2013**

**DEPARTURE**

- Depart the U.S.A. on UA 84

**Overnight: Flight**

**DAY TWO: Wednesday, December 4, 2013**

**ARRIVAL**

- 9:20 a.m. Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport.
- Welcome by Da'at representative and assistance with arrival formalities.
- Depart for the north.
- 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.
- 12:00 p.m. Enjoy a dairy lunch at **Aresto**, located in the picturesque port of Caesarea.
- Continue north to Haifa.
- 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.
- 6:00 p.m. Reception at **Beit Hagefen** with Haifa partners
- Group walking tour of Wadi Nisnas
- 7:30 p.m. **Israel @ 2013; where do we stand** orientation by your tour educator over Dinner at **Fatush** restaurant
- **Optional:** Ride the **Carmelit**, Israel's only subway.

**Overnight: Colony, Haifa**

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### **DAY THREE: Thursday, December 5, 2013**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:00 a.m. Regional overview with **speaker from the University of Haifa**, at the hotel.
- Meeting with **Eli Kulas**, Head of the Public Relations Committee and members of the city council, at the Municipality and **Abdu Hisham**.
- Drive to the Upper Galilee & Golan.
- Explore Israel's security situation on the **Golan Heights**. Overlooking the Hula Valley from former Syrian fortifications, discuss the challenges Israel faced leading up to the Six-Day War. Cross the Golan plateau to the border with Syria, and a view of the abandoned city of Kuneitra and the nearby United Nations outpost, the **Helicopter memorial & Tel Facher**.
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch at the **Charolais Restaurant**, situated at the foot of the Golan Heights, *The Balance of Power on Israel's Northern Border: Dialogue with Colonel (Res) Kobi Marom*, former Northern Brigade Commander.
- Possible visit to an army base.
- Stop at the **Mt. Bental** (overlooking the abandoned Syrian town of Kuneitra) give sharp insights into Israel's security situation.
- Drive back to Haifa.
- 6:00 p.m. Press Link for Senator (TBA)
- 7:30 p.m. Dinner with **Shiluvim** representatives

**Overnight: Colony, Haifa**

### **DAY FOUR: Friday, December 6, 2013**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out the hotel.
- Possible visit to an High tech company in Nazareth – TZOFEN- (TBC)
- Visit **Nazareth** and walk through the colorful marketplace to the Church of the Annunciation.
- Meet with **Mohammad Darwashe** of the Abraham Fund and visit Iksal, his village
- **Welcome to Jerusalem – ברוכים הבאים**
- **Private Shabbat diner** at the hotel.

**Overnight: Dan Panorama, Jerusalem**

**DAY FIVE: Saturday, December 7, 2013**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- *Israel in 2012 – a Religious Mosaic*: Dialogue with scholar, at the hotel. ( Name TBA)
- Walking tour through the Jewish Quarter of the **Old City**, for guided visits to the **Cardo**, the First Temple Period **Broad Wall**, and Jerusalem's famous **Old City Market (shuk)**. Continue to the Christian Quarter, including the **Via Delarosa**, the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**
- Lunch at the Old city.
- Free time at the Old city.
- *Ethics & Dilemmas in the Field*: Dialogue with **Col. (Res.) Benzi Gruber**, Deputy Commander of an armored corps brigade, at the hotel.
- Dinner on your own.

**Overnight: Dan Panorama, Jerusalem**

**DAY SIX: Sunday, December 8, 2013**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Introduction to the visit to Ramallah with **Felice & Michael Friedson** of Media Line, at the hotel.
- Drive to Ramallah
- Meet with an elected official in Ramallah
- Visit to Rawabi
- Meet with **Saed Nashef & Yadin Kaufman** co-founders of the **Sadara Foundation** at their office.
- Lunch at Gush Etsion
- **Gush Etsion** settlements and meet with **Eve Harrow**, a local resident of Gush Etzion.
- Visit the city of **Bethlehem**, site of the birth of Jesus and the Church of the Nativity with possible meeting with Mayor, **Prof. Vera Baboun**
- Return to Jerusalem.
- Reflection time.
- Dinner on your own.

**Overnight: Dan Panorama, Jerusalem**

**DAY SEVEN: Monday, December 9, 2013**

- Breakfast at hotel.
- *The Labyrinth of Israeli Politics*: Dialogue with **Prof. Reuven Hazan** of the Political Science Department at Hebrew University, at the hotel.
- Take a VIP tour of the **Knesset** (Israel's parliament) and meet with a Knesset member to discuss current political issues.
- Explore the Jewish and Israeli judicial traditions at the **Supreme Court** building, followed by a meeting with **Justice Salim Jubran**.
- Lunch en route.
- Meet with **Municipal officials** at the city hall.
- Meet with representatives of the **LGBT Movement** at the Open house in Jerusalem.
- Dinner on your own or possibly with **Wexner Alumni**.

**Overnight: Dan Panorama, Jerusalem**

**DAY EIGHT: Tuesday, December 10, 2013**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Descend to the Dead Sea Basin.
- Arrive at **Masada**
- Lunch on your own, en route.
- Visit the **Mineral Beach** and float in the Dead Sea.
- Short hike to **Nahal David**, the freshwater spring at the Ein Gedi Nature Reserve
- Return to Jerusalem.
- Dinner at Olive & Fish, with former Consul General of Israel to New England, **Nadav Tamir**

**Overnight: Dan Panorama, Jerusalem**



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**DAY NINE: Wednesday, December 11, 2013**

- Breakfast at hotel.
- 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**
- Lunch en route to Tel Aviv
- *The Memory of the Holocaust in Contemporary Israeli Society*: Dialogue with Holocaust scholar, **Dr. Rachel Korazim**.
- Visit to and **Hightech or Clean Tech site**
- Meet with **Municipal Official** at Tel Aviv Municipality.
- Check into hotel.
- Debriefing at the hotel.
- 7:30 p.m. **Israel in the Mid-East Arena**: Dialogue with Col. (res.) **Miri Eisin**, former Israeli Prime Minister's international media advisor, at the hotel
- Dinner at a restaurant in Tel Aviv.

**Overnight: Dan Panorama, Tel Aviv**

**DAY TEN: Thursday, December 12, 2012**

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Drive to Sderot. ("Sderote")
- Visit **Sderot**, including an overview of Gaza; view the Qassam rocket collection at the Police Station, and meet with **Talia Lebanon**, Director of the **Israel Trauma Coalition** and visit with kids at **community center**.
- Lunch en route to Tel Aviv
- Visit **Rabin Square**, a center of Tel Aviv's cultural and political life, named for Prime Minister **Yitzhak Rabin** who was assassinated here. Take a quiet moment at the **Rabin Memorial**.
- Lunch on your own.
- Free time to explore Tel Aviv
- Farewell dinner at a restaurant in Tel Aviv.
- Transfer to **Ben Gurion International Airport**.
- 11:10 p.m. Depart to the U.S.A. on UA flight # 91

**Overnight: Flight**

**DAY ELEVEN: Friday, December 13, 2013**

- Arrive in the U.S.A.

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