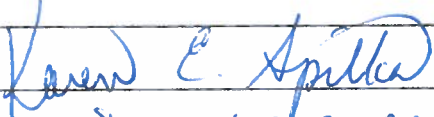


**DISCLOSURE BY ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE  
OF TRAVEL EXPENSES SERVING A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC PURPOSE  
AS REQUIRED BY 930 CMR 5.08(2)(d)2**

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ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION	
Name of elected public employee:	Karen E. Spilka
Title/ Position	State Senator
Agency/ Department	Senate Committee on Ways and Means
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Office phone:	617 – 722- 1481
Office e-mail:	Karen.spilka@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>
<b>ACTIVITY THAT SERVES A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC PURPOSE</b>	
Describe the activity which is the reason for traveling.	I am participating in a community leaders study tour of Israel.
Describe your participation in the activity.	I will be part of a study tour of 10 state senators taking an in-depth look into political, cultural, security and economic challenges and successes in Israeli society. We will travel throughout the country, learning from government officials and religious, academic, media and business leaders.
Date, time and location of activity.	December 3-13, 2015 in Israel
Please explain how the activity will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality.	The tour will focus on growing economic ties between Israel and Massachusetts and explore best practices in water innovation and entrepreneurship and new opportunities for business connections, especially in the research, development and tech sectors.

	<b>TRAVEL EXPENSES</b>
Identify the person or organization that offered to reimburse, waive or pay your travel expenses.	Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of Greater Boston
Address of person or organization.	JCRC Boston 126 High St, 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> Transportation \$1,015.36
Lodging:	<i>Overnight accommodations.</i> See Other
Meals:	<i>Breakfast, lunch, dinner, special events.</i> See Other
Admission:	<i>Registration, admission, tickets, etc.</i> See Other
Other (please list):	<i>Refreshment, instruction, materials, entertainment, etc.</i> Ground transportation, food, driver, guide, hotel, speakers, site visits \$3,430.00 Pre-trip orientation and meal \$40.00 Post-trip meal \$21.00
Total:	Pre-paid by me: Enrolment Fee - \$200 Tip for driver and guide - \$135  Total Subsidy \$4,171.36
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:	December 3, 2015

Attach additional pages if necessary.

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program dated: November 19 , 2015

## JCRC BOSTON COMMUNITY LEADERS STUDY TOUR December 3-13, 2015

Day One: Thursday, December 3, 2015

### DEPARTURE

- 8:15 p.m. Depart the U.S.A.

Overnight: Flight

Day Two: Friday, December 4, 2015

### ARRIVAL

- 2:15 p.m. Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport on LY 016.
- Welcome by our representative and assistance with arrival formalities.
- Meet with **Mike Hollander**, your tour educator, and depart the airport for **Jerusalem**.
- **Welcome to Jerusalem** - ברוכים הבאים: Enter the vibrant and colorful ancient city of Jerusalem, and experience the convergence of the old and the new.
- Check into the hotel.
- 7:00 p.m. **Home Hospitality Shabbat dinner** with Ruti and Yossi Yudkovitz.

Overnight: Dan Panorama, Jerusalem

## Day Three: Saturday, December 5, 2015

### THE LAYERS OF JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:30 a.m. *Israeli Society @ 2015: Dialogue with scholar Paul Liptz of Tel Aviv University and the Hebrew Union College*, at hotel.
- Walking tour through the **Old City**, for guided visits to the **Cardo**, and the First Temple Period **Broad Wall** in the Jewish Quarter. Continue to the Christian Quarter, part of the **Via Dolorosa**, the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, high perches and deep caverns. (final touring TBA- according to security)
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch on your own in the Old City.
- 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.
- 6:30 p.m. *Ethics & Dilemmas in the Field: Dialogue with Col. Benzi Gruber, Deputy Commander of an Armored Corps brigade*, at hotel.
- Dinner on your own.

Overnight: Dan Panorama, Jerusalem

## Day Four: Sunday, December 6, 2015

### GEOPOLITICS FROM THEORY TO FACT

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:00 a.m. *Is the Two State Solution Still Viable?* Meet with **Gershon Baskin**, founder of the Israel/Palestine Center for Research and Information (IPCRI), at the hotel.
- 9:30 a.m. Depart the hotel.
- 10:00 a.m. Meet with **Shuli Dichter**, Hand in Hand as its executive director & visit the **Yad BeYad (Hand in Hand) Bilingual School**, dedicated to bringing together Jewish and Arab children in a positive and natural learning environment.
- 11:15 a.m. *Settlements and settlers: Drive to Etzion Bloc*
- 12:00 p.m. Meet with **Davidi Pearl**, head of the Gush Etzion Regional Council, and with **Shani Abrams Simkovitz**, Director at Gush Etzion foundation (TBC), at lunch at **Gavna restaurant**.
- Drive to Bethlehem.
- 2:00 p.m. Meet with Journalist, **Rami Nazzal** & with Political leaders in Bethlehem, possibly **Mayor Vera Barum**, and **Ziad Abu- Amr**, Deputy Prime minister & minister of Culture or with political community leaders, (names TBA & TBC)
- 4:00 p.m. Visit the city of **Bethlehem**, site of Jesus's birth and the Church of the Nativity.
- Return to Jerusalem and to the hotel.
- 6:00 p.m. Group discussion at the hotel.
- Dinner on own.

Overnight: Dan Panorama, Jerusalem

**Day Five: Monday, December 7, 2015 – Hanukah First Candle lighting**

**MEMORIES FOR THE FUTURE & REALITY ON THE GROUND**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:00 a.m. *The Memory of the Holocaust in Contemporary Israeli Society*: Dialogue with Holocaust scholar, **Dr. Rachel Korazim**.
- 9:30 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
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own, en route.
- 1:00 p.m. *The Geopolitics of Jerusalem* - ירושלים: גבליבה חומה - Travel through the city of Jerusalem exploring some of the political and diplomatic complexities of recent years; drive around the seam zone, with an in-depth study seminar on the ramifications of current developments with **Col. (Res.) Danny Tirza**, one of the seam zone's designers.
- 3:30 p.m. Visit **SifTech**, the Jerusalem Entrepreneurship Club, located in the **JVP Media Quarter** and gain insight into the world of Israeli startups and meeting with members.
- 7:00 p.m. *Challenges and Achievements: Dinner* at the **Piccolino restaurant**, with members of the Yerushalmit movement, and with Rabbi **Aaron Leibovitz**, City Council Member, together with **Jerusalem activists**. (names TBC)

Overnight: Dan Panorama, Jerusalem

**Day Six: Tuesday, December 8, 2015**

**BUILDING A SHARED SOCIETY**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out of the hotel.
- 8:00 a.m. *The Labyrinth of Israeli Politics*: Dialogue with **Prof. Reuven Hazan** of the Political Science Department at Hebrew University.
- 10:00 p.m. Take a VIP tour of the **Knesset** (Israel's parliament) and meet with **MK Roy Folkman from Kulanu party and MK (TBA)** to discuss current political issues. (Michael Oren, Avi Dichter, Ofir Akunis, Yuli Edelstein, Anat Berko) (TBC)
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own.
- Drive north along the **Trans-Israel Highway** for a close-up view of the 'Security Barrier' along the seam zone between Israel and the Palestinian Territories.
- 2:30 p.m. *Living as a Minority in the Jewish State*: Meet with **Professor Dalia Fadila**, President of the Technology and Science College of Baqa al Garbia, for a tour of the campus and conversation on the reality of Arabs living in Israel, success and challenge and what it means to be the first Arab woman to be nominated president of an institution of higher education in Israel.
- Stop on the top of **Mount Carmel** for a panoramic view of Haifa Bay.
- Check into the hotel in Haifa.
- 7:00 p.m. Processing session over a private **dinner** at the **Fatush restaurant** in Haifa.

Overnight: Colony Haifa

## Day Seven: Wednesday, December 9, 2015

### HAIFA TO TEL AVIV

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out of the hotel.
- 9:00 p.m. Possible meeting with Haifa Deputy Mayor. (TBC)
- 10:30 a.m. Visit the **Technion** for a tour of the campus and visits to projects of interest representing Israel's spirit of innovation.
- 12:00 p.m. Drive along the **Lebanese Border** for powerful overviews and insight into the strategic realities facing Israel in that region, with **Avi Melamed**, an independent Middle East strategic intelligence analyst.
- **Lunch** en route.
- 2:30 p.m. Visit the **Rambam Medical Center**.
- Depart for **Tel Aviv**, known as the "city that never sleeps," with its centers of culture, recreation and national history, great beaches and fine stores.
- Check into the hotel.
- Dinner on own.

Overnight: Dan Panorama, Tel Aviv

## Day Eight: Thursday, December 10, 2015

### INNOVATION IN ISRAELI SOCIETY

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:30 a.m. *Israel Start up a Nation*: Meet with **Jonathan Medved** to hear about the story of the development of Israel's high-tech industry, including a visit to, or presentations by, Israeli start-up businesses at the Google Campus or at another High tech location. (TBC)
- 11:00 a.m. Water issues: *PALMACHIM desalination plant* TAKADu or Mekorot or Waash
- Lunch en route.
- 2:00 p.m. *Local Leadership Challenges and Achievements*: Meet with a representative from the **Tel Aviv Municipality**. (deputy mayor)
- 4:00 p.m. *Innovation in Tel Aviv*: Visit the **SOSA hub** (South of Salame) is a community comprised of leaders from all walks of the entrepreneurial ecosystem who believe in propelling innovation through constant personal interactions.
- 5:30 p.m. Meet with **Shai Doitsh**, Executive Director of **The Aguda**, The Israeli National LGBT Task Force, at Gan Meir. (TBC)
- 7:00 p.m. Diner at a the **Gavna restaurant** in Tel Aviv

Overnight: Dan Panorama, Tel Aviv



## Day Nine: Friday, December 11, 2015

### CHALLENGES IN THE SOUTH AND CENTER

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to the South.
- 9:00 a.m. Meet with **Dr. Tali Levanon**, Director of Sderot's Mental Health Center, or with a representative from the Israel Trauma Coalition (ITC). (TBC)
- 11:00 a.m. *Living on the Edge*: Visit **Moshav Netiv Ha'asarah**, located on Israel's border with the Gaza Strip, for an insight into the security complexities of Israel's withdrawal from Gaza while trying to create a thriving home, including a dialogue with a resident.
- Lunch en route.
- **LaDa'at Ethnic Tasting Tour** through Tel Aviv's famous **Levinsky Market**, where you'll find a combination of foods and sweets from all over the Mediterranean and hear the unique stories of the individuals who sell them.
- Visit the **Old City of Jaffa**, ascend from the old port through the renovated alleyways to the Jaffa Overlook for an introduction to Tel Aviv at the place where it all began.
- Visit the **Nachalat Binyamin** pedestrian mall, with its bi-weekly crafts fair and eateries. Alongside is the colorful Carmel open-air market and across the way Sheinkin St., with its hip cafés and funky chic shopping.
- **Kabbalat Shabbat service** at **Kehillat Beit Daniel** in Tel Aviv, led by **Rabbi Meir Azaria**.
- 7:00 p.m. **Shabbat dinner** at hotel.

Overnight: Dan Panorama, Tel Aviv

## Day Ten: Saturday, December 12, 2015

### SHABBAT AT THE DEAD SEA

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to the **Dead Sea basin**.
- Ascend by cable-car to **Masada**, Herod's mountain palace and the site of the Jewish Zealots' last stand against the Roman legionnaires. Discuss Masada's role as a symbol of Jewish defence and its current significance in modern Israel.
- Float in the **Dead Sea**, use the spa facilities of the *Crowne Plaza Dead Sea Hotel* and enjoy a buffet **lunch**.
- Return to Tel Aviv.
- Late check-out from the hotel.
- 7:15 p.m. **Festive farewell dinner** Liliot restaurant.
- 8:45 p.m. Transfer to Ben Gurion International Airport.

Overnight: Flight

## Day Eleven: Sunday, December 13, 2015

### RETURN

- 00:05 a.m. Departure flight to the U.S.A. on LY 015
- 5:30 a.m. Arrival in Boston.

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