

**DISCLOSURE BY ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
OF TRAVEL EXPENSES SERVING A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC PURPOSE
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ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION	
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Write an X to confirm each statement.	I am filing this disclosure because: ☒ 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 ☒ A non-public entity (but not a lobbyist) has offered to reimburse, waive or pay travel expenses and costs worth more than \$50.
ACTIVITY THAT SERVES A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC PURPOSE	
Describe the activity which is the reason for traveling.	JCRC of Greater Boston Community Leaders Study Tour
Describe your participation in the activity.	I will visit with government, educational and business officials and participate in tours of historic and cultural sites.
Date, time and location of activity.	December 7 to 17, 2017 Israel
Please explain how the activity will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality.	The trip will strengthen the partnership with Israel on a number of topics that are important to the Commonwealth, including, but not limited to, tourism, energy and higher education.

TRAVEL EXPENSES	
Identify the person or organization that offered to reimburse, waive or pay your travel expenses.	Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston
Address of person or organization.	126 High St. 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> \$1,220.58
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> \$3,576.52 (JCRC combined estimate for ground transportation, food, driver, guide, hotel, speakers, site visits)
Total:	\$4,142.10
Write an X beside any relevant statement.	☒ I have attached the relevant itinerary. ☒ I have attached the relevant agenda.
For the exemption to apply, check off <u>both statements</u> .	Having disclosed the facts above, I determine that: ☒ 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 ☒ 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:	12-4-17

Attach additional pages if necessary.

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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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program dated: November 1, 2017

**JCRC of Greater BOSTON
COMMUNITY LEADERS STUDY TOUR
December 1-11, 2016**

ITINERARY

**Day One: Thursday, December 7, 2017
DEPARTURE**

- Depart the U.S.A.

Overnight: Flight

**Day Two: Friday, December 8, 2017
ARRIVAL**

- 3:00 p.m. Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport on EL AL flight #016.
- Welcome by our representative and assistance with arrival formalities.
- Meet **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: Tryp Batsheva, Jerusalem



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Day Three: Saturday, December 9, 2017
THE LAYERS OF JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:30 a.m. *Religions & Ethnicities of Jerusalem*: Dialogue with **speaker**, at the hotel.
- Depart the hotel for a walking tour through the **Old City**, for guided visits to the Cardo, the First Temple Period Broad Wall in the Jewish Quarter, and Jerusalem's famous Old City Market (shuk). Continue to the Christian Quarter, including the Via Dolorosa, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, high perches and deep caverns.
- 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.
- Return to the hotel.
- Enjoy a night out, and dinner on your own, at the **Old Train Station Plaza**, with its fashionable restaurants featuring local and international cuisine.

Overnight: Tryp Batsheva, Jerusalem



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Day Four: Sunday, December 10, 2017
GEOPOLITICS FROM THEORY TO FACT

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:00 a.m. *Being a Commander and a Soldier in the IDF - Ethics & Dilemmas in the Field*: Presentation and dialogue with Brigadier General Benzi Gruber, chief scholar and trainer on the topic of Ethics at the IDF Officers Academy, at the hotel.
- 9:30 a.m. Depart the hotel.
- 10:00 a.m. Visit the **Alyn Hospital**, the only center in Israel for the rehabilitation of children and one of the leading centers for the diagnosis and rehabilitation of a wide range of physical disabilities that treats children of all religions and nationalities and visit the **Alyn Innovation Center** specializing in building startup designed to increase the Quality of life for people with disabilities.
- **LaDa'at The Geopolitics of Jerusalem** - וירושלים: גבליכה חומה - Travel through the city of Jerusalem, exploring some of its political and diplomatic complexities – including the 'Security Barrier' – to gain a behind-the-headlines insight into current developments.
- Depart for Gush Etzion.
- 12:30 p.m. Meet with representatives of **Shorashim, Friends of Roots**, a program that brings West Bank Palestinians and Israeli neighbours together, despite walls of fear that separate them, including lunch.
- 2:00 p.m. Dialogue with **Shmil Atlas**, CEO of Keren Efrat (Efrat Foundation) & local resident of Gush Etzion, followed by a tour of Efrat.
- Return to Jerusalem.
- 5:00 p.m. Visit **MassChallenge**, an accelerator for over 1,000 startups around the world and a networking of high-impact, including meetings, followed by reflection time.
- Diner at restaurant in the Market area.

Overnight: Tryp Batsheva, Jerusalem



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Day Five: Monday, December 11, 2017
MEMORY & RENEWAL

- Private breakfast at the hotel.
- 9:30 a.m. *The Labyrinth of Israeli Politics*: Dialogue with **Prof. Reuven Hazan** of the Political Science Department at Hebrew University, at the hotel.
- Drive through the Israeli 'Capitol Hill' – along the **Knesset** - Israel's parliament; the Famous Menorah; the **Supreme Court** building; the Prime Minister's office; Israel National Bank & the Israeli National Library.
- 11:00 a.m. Guided tour of the **Knesset**, Israel's parliament followed by a dialogue with **MK (Names TBA)** (*Rachel Azaria- Aliza Lavie*)
- 1:00 p.m. *The Memory of the Holocaust in Contemporary Israeli Society*: Dialogue with Holocaust scholar, **Dr. Rachel Korazim**, over lunch.
- 2:00 p.m. Guided visit through **Yad Vashem**, the Jewish National Memorial to the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust, including:
 - **The Historical Museum**
 - **The Children's Memorial**
- 5:00 return to hotel & free time
- 7:00 p.m. **Private dinner at the Anna Restaurant**, with Jerusalem social activists. (to be elaborated) Sara, Ahmad, Betzalel

Overnight: Tryp Batsheva, Jerusalem

Day Six: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 Hanukah Eve
BUILDING A SHARED SOCIETY

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out and depart the hotel.
- 8:00 a.m. Meet with journalist **Rami Nazzal** and drive to **Ramallah**.
- *Road Signs of Understanding the Middle East*: Tour **Ramallah**, including meetings and dialogues with Palestinian personalities, followed by lunch.
- 1:30 p.m. 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 a 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.
- *Israel a Mosaic of Communities*: Meet with a representative of the **Druze** community- Possibly judge, followed by **home hospitality dinner**. (BTC) or Ethiopian
- Check into the hotel in **Haifa**.
- Join **Hag HaHagim** - Festival of lights, celebrating, coexistence in Haifa

Overnight: Colony Hotel, Haifa



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Day Seven: Wednesday, December 13, 2017
HAIFA TO TEL AVIV

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:30 a.m. Check out and depart the hotel.
- 9:00 a.m. Visit the **Yad BeYad (Hand in Hand) Bilingual School**, dedicated to bringing together Jewish and Arab children in a positive and natural learning environment in Haifa.
- Drive towards the **Golan**.
- 11:00 a.m. *Balance of Power on Israel's Northern Border*: Seminar and dialogue with **Avi Melamed**, former Senior Advisor on Arab Affairs to former Jerusalem mayors, and founder of *Feenjan-Israel Speaks Arabic*, a new cutting-edge educational initiative. The seminar will include stops at the Lebanon and Syrian borders.
- Lunch en route.
- Drive south.
- Enter **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 and evening at leisure.

Overnight: Tal, Tel Aviv

Day Eight: Thursday, December 14, 2017
INNOVATION IN ISRAELI SOCIETY

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 9:00 a.m. *Challenge, Question, Engage and Enlighten*: Visit **Bina**, the Secular Yeshiva, which represents the Secular Jewish Renaissance and *Yahadut Hevratit (Jewish Social Activism)* in Israel. Participate in a **Tikkun Olam** study session exploring the sources of this important trait. Migrants & seekers
- 11:30 a.m. *Local Leadership Challenges and Achievements*: Meet with **Eytan Schwartz**, Senior Advisor for International Affairs to Tel Aviv-Yafo's Mayor Ron Huldai, possibly at **We Work Jaffa**.
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch on own in Jaffa.
- 2:30 p.m. *Urban Culture Tours of Tel Aviv, Combining Street Art, Language & Graffiti*: Join **Niro Taub**, a local resident, to explore the urban culture of the city.
- Stop at **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.
- Free time.
- 7:00 p.m. Enjoy private dinner and the elegant atmosphere at **Liliyot**, which offers an attractive menu mixing Mediterranean and Californian cuisine. *Liliyot works together with the Elem Association, employing youth with difficulties and donating part of their profits to the association.*

Overnight: Tal, Tel Aviv



Day Nine: Friday, December 15, 2017
CHALLENGES IN THE SOUTH

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to the **South**.
- 9:30 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 **Raz Shmilovich**, a local resident.
- 11:00 a.m. Drive back to **Tel Aviv-Jaffa**.
- 12:00 p.m. *From Dream to Reality – The Fragile Coexistence of Jaffa*: Walk through the city of **Jaffa** hearing insights and stories about a city in the midst of a socio-economic change, including the renovated and famous **Jaffa Flea Market - Shuk Hapishpishim**.
- Lunch on your own.
- Free time.

OR

- Walking tour through colorful **Neve Zedek**, one of Tel Aviv's earliest neighborhoods. Today it is a cultural mecca, with many small boutiques and galleries, and the **Suzanne Delal Dance and Theater Center**.
- 6:30 p.m. **Shabbat Dinner** at the **Hadar Haochel** restaurant in Tel Aviv.

Overnight: Tal, Tel Aviv



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Day Ten: Saturday, December 16, 2017
SHABBAT AT THE DEAD SEA

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:00 a.m. Depart for the **Dead Sea** basin.
- 10:30 a.m. 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 defense and its current significance in modern Israel.
- 1:00 p.m. 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.
- 5:00 p.m. Wrap-up session at hotel.
- Late check-out from the hotel.
- 7:00 p.m. Enjoy Farewell dinner at the **Decca** restaurant in Tel Aviv.
- 9:15 p.m. Transfer to Ben Gurion International Airport.

Overnight: Flight

Day Eleven: December 17, 2017
RETURN

- 12:15 a.m. Depart on EL Al flight #15 to Boston.
- 5:30 a.m. Arrival in Boston.



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