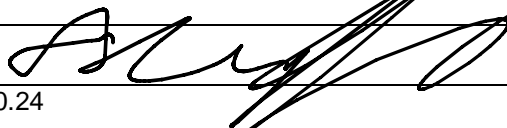


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Write an X to confirm each statement.	<p>I am filing this disclosure because:</p> <p><u> X </u> I am going to engage in an activity that serves a legitimate public purpose, i.e., it is intended to promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality; and</p> <p><u> X </u> A non-public entity (but not a lobbyist) has offered to reimburse, waive or pay travel expenses and costs worth more than \$50.</p>
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Describe your participation in the activity.	I will travel to Israel with other elected officials to meet with Israeli political and cultural experts to discuss issues of importance to both Israel and the Commonwealth.
Date, time and location of activity.	August 3 - 11, 2024 Israel
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Provide information in as much detail as possible:	<i>Itemization and explanation of amounts offered:</i>
Transportation:	<i>Air, train, bus, and taxi fare and rental car hire, etc.</i> Airfare: \$7,304 Ground Transportation: \$500
Lodging:	<i>Overnight accommodations.</i> \$2,128
Meals:	<i>Breakfast, lunch, dinner, special events.</i> \$1,250
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American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
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August 3-11, 2024

Saturday, August 3rd

Afternoon Flights depart the US

Sunday, August 4th

Afternoon Flights arrive at Ben Gurion Airport
Transfer to Jerusalem
Check in to the Mamilla Hotel

4:30 – 5:00 PM **Welcome to Jerusalem**
-at Executive Lounge A, Mamilla Hotel

6:00 PM Depart for the Old City

6:15 – 7:00 PM **Strategic Survey of Jerusalem pt. I: The Old City of Jerusalem**

- Southern Wall excavations
- Western Wall

The Western Wall, a remnant of the Second Temple in Jerusalem, is Judaism's holiest site and the heart of the Jewish people's 3,000-year connection to the Land of Israel. King David established Jerusalem as the capital of ancient Israel circa 1,000 B.C.E., and his son Solomon built the First Jewish Temple on what is known today as the Temple Mount. This Temple became the focal point of ancient Judaism, drawing religious pilgrims from throughout the region. There are more than 850 references to Jerusalem in the Hebrew Bible and innumerable references to the city throughout more than 2,000 years of post-biblical literature.

Even after the destruction of the Second Jewish Temple by the Roman Empire in 70 C.E., Jews maintained a continuous presence in Jerusalem. Jerusalem has been central to the Jewish people through daily prayer and ritual expressing the aspiration to return there. For 2,000 years, Jews prayed for the rebuilding of the Holy City, and to this day, Jews throughout the world face Jerusalem and pray to return to this holy place. The centuries-old Jewish dream of reestablishing Jerusalem as the Jewish capital was partially realized in 1948, when the western half of the city became the capital of the new State of Israel. However, the armistice agreement following Israel's War of Independence left Jerusalem divided in half by the "Green Line" between Israel and Jordan.

Between 1949 and 1967, Jordan controlled the parts of Jerusalem east of the Green Line, severely limiting access to Jews from Judaism's holiest sites, and completely denying access for Israeli Jews to the Old City or the Western Wall, a key remnant of the Second Temple. Furthermore, Christians living in Israel were only allowed to visit churches and holy sites in eastern Jerusalem once a year. Thousands of Jews, some of whose families had been living there

for centuries, were expelled from eastern Jerusalem. During the period of Jordanian occupation of eastern Jerusalem, synagogues were destroyed and Jewish burial grounds were desecrated. When Israel gained control of eastern Jerusalem after the Six-Day War, the Jewish state immediately abolished Jordanian restrictions on access to the city, allowing all Jews, Christians and Muslims to worship at their holy places. Israel later incorporated the eastern half of the city and declared unified Jerusalem to be the capital of Israel.

7:15 PM Depart for the Mamilla Hotel

8:45 – 10:15 PM **Welcome Dinner and Orientation**
-at Meeting Hall A, Mamilla Hotel

During the welcome and orientation, staff will lead a discussion about the objectives for the week ahead.

10:15 PM Overnight at the Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem

Monday, August 5th

7:30 AM **Breakfast on Own**
-at Main Dining Hall, Mamilla Hotel

8:30 – 9:30 AM **Pulse of the Nation**
Briefing by David Horowitz
Founding Editor, *The Times of Israel*
-at Meeting Hall A, Mamilla Hotel

David Horovitz is the founding editor of *Times of Israel*, the leading current affairs website in Israel. Mr. Horovitz will provide staff with a synthesis of domestic political trends, current international affairs, and the general state of mind of the Israeli voters.

9:45 AM Depart for the Old City of Jerusalem

10:15 AM – 11:30 AM **Strategic Survey of Jerusalem pt. II: The Old City of Jerusalem**
• City of David

Jerusalem's City of David, more than any other site, represents the complexity of the Arab-Israeli conflict. The City of David is the site most archeologists agree to be the ancient city of Jerusalem that later became the capital of the united Israelite tribes under King David. This area is one of the most intensively excavated sites in the wider region. To Jewish Israelis, the site represents the beginning of their physical and emotional attachment to Jerusalem that has continued for over three thousand years. At the same time, much of the site is located in the predominantly Arab neighborhood of Silwan. The residents of Silwan, and the Palestinian Authority leadership are opposed to the archeological efforts being carried out in the City of David. In several instances, homes in Silwan were purchased and then destroyed to open up more areas for excavations. Palestinian leadership has denied the existence of any Jewish connection to Jerusalem. The professionally guided survey will educate trip participants on the historical impact and the role in today's political discussions.

11:30 AM Depart for the Mount of Remembrance

12:00 – 2:00 PM **Role of the Holocaust in Israeli Society**

Tour Yad Vashem's Holocaust History Museum

One cannot understand Israel's worldview 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 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 delegation through the main exhibit hall and the children's memorial.

2:00 PM Depart

2:15 – 3:15 PM **Lunch**

-at Cafit, Botanical Gardens

3:15 PM Depart for the Mamilla Hotel

6:30 – 7:45 PM **Israel, the Palestinians, and the Peace Process: From Oslo to October 7th**

Briefing by Dr. Shany Mor

Lecturer, Reichman University

-at Meeting Hall A, Mamilla Hotel

Shany Mor will provide an overview of the history of the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, from the birth of the Palestinian national identity to the Oslo Accords to the current moment in time. She will discuss the obstacles to peace from before October 7, and the role of the United States and the international community. She will also lay out the complexities of "the day after" and some possibilities for how Israelis and Palestinians can move forward.

7:45 PM Depart for Dinner

8:00 – 9:30 PM **Dinner and Group Processing**

-at Joy

9:45 PM Depart for the Mamilla Hotel

10:00 PM Overnight at the Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem

Tuesday, August 6th

7:15 AM **Breakfast on Own**

-at Main Dining Hall, Mamilla Hotel

8:00 – 8:30 AM **October 7th Invasion Overview**

Presentation by Gabi Duec
-at Meeting Hall A, Mamilla Hotel

In order to frame the conversations of the upcoming week, Mr. Duec will provide an overview of the events of October 7, the Israeli response, and the current war against Hamas in Gaza.

8:30 – 9:30 AM **Regional Threats Overview: Israel and its Neighbors**

Briefing with Jonathan Spyer
Analyst, writer, and journalist of Middle Eastern affairs
-at Meeting Hall A, Mamilla Hotel

In order to understand the strategic threats facing Israel, participants must understand the unique situation facing Israel at the borders with the Gaza Strip, Lebanon, and Syria, all Iranian proxies. This briefing will provide an overview of each border, as well as the malign activity from Iran contributing to unrest in the region.

9:45 AM Depart for the South

10:00 – 11:00 AM **En-route briefing: Historical Survey – Israel and the Gaza Strip**

This en route briefing will provide an overview of the border between the Gaza Strip and Israel. The guides will cover Israel's unilateral disengagement from Gaza in 2005, and Israel's efforts to deal with the onslaught of rockets from the terrorist group Hamas, in control of the Gaza Strip since 2007. They will also discuss the humanitarian situation in Gaza and Israel's efforts to improve it.

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM **October 7th from Civilian Eyes: Remnant of a Massacre**

Tour of Nachal Oz with Oshrit Sabag
Resident of Nachal Oz
-at Kibbutz Nachal Oz

On October 7, the Jewish communities living along the Gaza border were destroyed, thousands were killed, and hundreds kidnapped. During the visit to the Kibbutz, participants will bear witness to the Hamas invasion and massacre. They will hear what happened to the community on October 7, and how the IDF regained control. They will meet with resident Chen Abrahams who will walk them through the events that started the war.

1:15 PM Depart for Lunch

1:45 – 2:45 PM **Lunch**
Hummus Eliyahu
-at Sderot

2:45 PM Depart for Re'im

3:00 – 3:30 PM **Understanding Hamas' Goals: The Nova Music Festival**

Visit the memorial site of the Nova Festival
-at Re'im

When Hamas terrorists infiltrated Israel on October 7, they also massacred and kidnapped hundreds of young civilians at a music festival taking place in the Gaza envelope area. Since then, family members created a moving memorial to their loved ones that will help the participants understand the enormity of the events of the days and the trauma experienced by Israeli society.

3:30 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

3:45 – 5:00 PM **En Route Briefing: Israeli Approaches to Social Issues**

5:00 PM Check in to the Sheraton Hotel

6:30 – 7:45 PM **October 7th Sexual Violence: Israel's Plight to a Silent World**

With Ayelet Razin Bet Or
Lawyer; Former CEO, Authority for the Advancement of the Status of Women
-at Sheraton Hotel

Among the atrocities committed during the massacre and kidnappings were acts of gender-based violence, including rape. Many of the victims were killed during and after, thus silencing them and creating challenges in bringing forth these stories. Ms. Razin Bet Or will help the group understand the tragic events that took place and the work in the international arena, including in the United States, to raise awareness of the Israeli victims

8:00 PM Depart for Dinner

8:15 – 9:45 PM **Start Up Nation: Israeli Rebuilding After Crisis**

- Danielle Abraham, Executive Director, Volcani International Partnerships ReGrow
- Lauren Guy, CTO, Asterra

-at Flame, Carlton Hotel

Israel is a giant when it comes to innovation: a global leader in R&D spending and Venture Capital investment, and home to global R&D centers for the likes of Google, Apple and IBM. This session will include a discussion with entrepreneurs representing Israeli innovation and ingenuity that has had enormous impact both in Israel and abroad.

10:00 PM Depart for the Sheraton Hotel

10:15 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv

Wednesday, August 7th

7:00 AM Breakfast on own
-at dining hall, Sheraton Hotel

8:00 – 9:00 AM **The Story of Gaza: Israeli Withdrawal and Hamas' Power**
Briefing by Colonel (ret.) Miri Eisin
Managing Director, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism,
Reichman University
-at Sheraton Hotel

Col. (Res.) Miri Eisin is an Israeli security expert, speaking on regional geo-politics and security related issues in the media worldwide. Col. Eisin served in the Israeli intelligence community and retired from active duty at the rank of full colonel in 2004. Over her twenty-year career in the military, she served as the deputy head of the combat intelligence corps, the personal assistant to the Director of Military intelligence and as the intelligence officer in combat units and research departments. During this session she will discuss Israel's withdrawal from the Gaza Strip in 2005, the rise of Hamas in Gaza, and the implications for close to two decades of terrorism on the Palestinian people.

9:00 – 10:00 AM **How We Got Here & How We Move Forward**
Conversation with Einat Wilf
Author and Former Member of Knesset
-at Sheraton Hotel

Dr. Einat Wilf is a leading intellectual and original thinker on matters of foreign policy, economics, educations, and Israel and the Jewish people. A member of the Israeli Parliament from 2010-2013, Dr. Wilf is considered one of Israel's most articulate representatives on the international stage. She is the author of six books that explore key issues in Israel Society.

10:00 AM Depart for Beit Halochem

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM **Empowering Our Heroes: Israel's Wounded Veterans' Center**
Meet wounded soldier from October 7
Wheelchair Basketball with Wounded Veterans
-at Beit Halochem

Beit Halochem is a unique rehabilitation, sports and recreation center serving disabled veterans and their families. It provides a place for veterans to undergo various rehabilitative treatments, for as long as they need. Emphasis is placed on sport as a rehabilitative tool along with a wide array of social and cultural programs. This session will discuss how centers like Beit Halochem can serve the pressing needs of Israel's wounded soldiers and veterans.

12:30 PM Depart for Lunch

1:15 – 2:00 PM Lunch
-at Pop-up Cafe

2:15 PM Depart for the Sheraton Hotel

3:15 – 4:30 PM **Israel, the Palestinians, and the Peace Process**
With Haviv Rettig-Gur
Political Correspondent, *The Times of Israel*
-at Sheraton Hotel

Journalist Haviv Rettig Gur will provide an overview of the history of the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, from the birth of the Palestinian national identity to the Oslo Accords to the current moment in time. He will discuss the obstacles to peace from before October 7, and the role of the United States and the international community. He will also lay out the complexities of “the day after” and some possibilities for how Israelis and Palestinians can move forward.

4:45 – 5:45 PM **Military Briefing: Strategic Regional Overview**
Briefing by Brig. Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel
Former Director, Counter-Terrorism Bureau at Prime Minister's Office
-at Sheraton Hotel

Brig.-Gen (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel is the past director of the Counter-Terrorism Bureau at the Office of the Prime Minister, where he served until 2012. His duties included developing a national policy for border protection, cargo and aviation security, and advanced technology for public security. He is a veteran of the “Golani” Infantry Corp; he held command positions in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and South Lebanon. Today he is a Fellow at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism at IDC Herzliya. During this session he will provide an update on the current state of the war against Hamas in Gaza, and the tensions on the northern border where Israelis face rocket fire from Hezbollah.

6:00 – 7:30 PM Break at the Sheraton Hotel

7:30 PM Depart for Dinner

7:45 – 9:15 PM **Generational Resilience: How Israelis Conquer Trauma**
Dinner with Yotam Dagan, Director of International Programming, NATAL
-at Flame

9:30 PM Depart for the Sheraton Hotel

9:45 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Hotel

Thursday, August 8th

7:45 AM **Breakfast on Own**
-at Main Dining Hall, Sheraton Hotel

9:00 – 10:00 AM **Israel and International Law**
With Pnina Sharvit Baruch
Senior Research Fellow at Institute for National Security Studies
-at Sheraton Hotel

During this session, Pnina Sharvit Baruch will address the current political climate for Israel on the international stage.

10:15 AM Depart for Hostage Square

10:30 – 11:00 AM **The Hostage Crisis Continues: Ongoing Trauma in Israeli Society**
-at Hostage Square, Tel Aviv Museum of Art

During this session, participants will tour the main site that activists are using to promote awareness of the hostages still being held captive in Gaza. They will learn about the different communities that have been impacted, and who have built a dynamic, diverse civil society project through art, religion, and activism. Participants will also meet with family members of those who were taken hostage, including American citizens.

11:15 AM Depart for Alfei Menashe

12:00 – 12:30 PM **Israel's Narrow Waistline**
Strategic briefing at Alfei Menashe Overlook
-at Alfei Menashe

Alfei Menashe is a Jewish community located on the western edge of the West Bank. Less than 10 miles from the Mediterranean Sea, Alfei Menashe provides a unique vantage point to discuss Israeli settlement policy, the routing of the security barrier, as well as Israel's narrow waistline. The sliver of Israeli land west of the West Bank is often referred to as the Hadera-Gadera rectangle, with the city of Hadera denoting the northern point, and the city of Hadera the southern point. The Hadera-Gadera rectangle is home to over 50 percent of Israel's population, as well as civilian infrastructure. The area is also home to Israel's "silicon valley", as well as Ben Gurion international airport. The discussion at Alfei Menashe will allow participants to see firsthand the proximity of Jewish and Arab neighborhoods in both Israel and the West Bank; as well as the strategic threats faced by the Israeli population living in Israel's narrow waistline.

12:45 – 1:30 PM **Lunch**
-at Yulek Café

1:45 PM Depart for Northern Israel

1:45 – 2:45 PM **En-Route Briefing: The History of Hezbollah**
During the drive to Israel's border with Lebanon, we will provide an overview of Hezbollah, the Iranian-backed terrorist group based in Lebanon that is dedicated to Israel's destruction. The terrorist group's influence in Lebanese politics, massive weapons arsenal and use of Lebanese civilians as human shields make the Iranian proxy a serious threat to Israel. The group's leader, Hassan Nasrallah, refers to Israel as a "cancerous growth" and believes "The only solution is to destroy it without giving it the opportunity to surrender." Hezbollah has a global reach and has killed more Americans than any terrorist group other than al-Qaeda.

4:15 – 5:00 PM **Israel's Northern Border Concerns pt. I: Displaced in our Own Country**
Briefing with Avi Jacob
Local Resident, Kfar Giladi
-at Klika Hall, Alma

When Hezbollah started to fire on Israel on October 7, just hours after Hamas terrorists fired thousands of rockets and infiltrated the country, northern Israeli communities were

immediately at risk. The visit to Kibbutz Sasa, with an IDF spokesperson and a local resident, will demonstrate the impact on one such community and highlight for participants the displacement of tens of thousands of Israelis who were forced to evacuate while their homes are under fire from Hezbollah.

5:30 – 7:00 PM Israel's Northern Border Concerns pt. II: Hezbollah Next Door

Strategic briefing and simulation with Lt. Col. (ret.) Sarit Zehavi
Founder and Director, Alma Research Center
-at Alma Research and Education Center, Tefen

This briefing at the IDF's Northern Command Base will give participants an insider's understanding of the threat Israel currently faces from Hezbollah in Lebanon and the work the IDF is doing to secure Israel's northern border. It will also address the potential risks of an expanded war with Hezbollah, the connection to Iran and an update about potential diplomatic solutions.

7:00 PM Depart for the Magdala Hotel

7:45 PM Check in to the Magdala Hotel

8:15 PM Depart for Dinner

8:30 – 10:30 PM Dinner and Discussion
-at Pagoda Restaurant, Tiberias

10:30 PM Depart for the Magdala Hotel

10:45 PM Overnight at the Magdala Hotel, Migdal

Friday, August 9th

6:30 – 8:00 AM Tour of Magdala
with Father Kelly
-at Magdala Hotel

The ancient town of Magdala was established in the Hellenistic Period and grew to a thriving fishing village by the time the Romans invaded the Galilee in 67 AD. Situated on the shores of the Galilee along a major commercial trade route, the Via Maris, and on the way from Nazareth to Capernaum, Magdala was an active city filled with fishermen, shopkeepers and townspeople. Providentially uncovered in 2009, archaeological discoveries indicate the presence of an observant Jewish Community in Magdala, as is evidenced in its First Century Synagogue. This synagogue is one of seven in the world and the best preserved today. In the center of the synagogue archeologists found the Magdala Stone, a discovery they have quoted to be, "one of the most significant finds in the past 50 years." It is in Magdala where Jesus likely taught the multitudes and healed the afflicted including a woman who made her hometown famous, Mary Magdalene.

8:00 AM Breakfast on Own
-at Main Dining Hall, Magdala Hotel

9:00 AM Depart for Galilee

9:15 – 10:00 AM **Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee**
-at Capernaum

As part of the seminar's focus on the complex religious fabric of Israeli society, the delegation will be visiting several of the most sacred sites for Christians in the Holy Land. Included is a guided survey and discussion of some of the most important events in the life of Jesus by the Sea of Galilee. Just as strategic surveys 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

10:15 AM Depart for Givat Haviva

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM **Framework for Coexistence: The Imperative for Creating a Shared Society**

With Mohammad Darawshe
Director of Strategy, Givat Haviva Educational Institute
-at Givat Haviva

Approximately 22% of Israeli residents are part of the non-Jewish minority, which includes, among others, Muslims, Christians, and Druze. As a liberal, democratic state, Israel is rooted in liberty, the rule of law, free and fair elections, and full civil rights for all citizens. Our speaker, Mohammad Darawshe is currently the director of planning, equality and shared living at Givat Haviva Educational Institute –a non-profit organization founded in 1949 as the national education center of the Kibbutz Federation in Israel. His focus throughout his career is promoting coexistence and quality among Israel's Jewish and Arab-Palestinians citizens. He will discuss the current challenges facing minority groups in Israel, as well as ways the government of Israel and NGOs seek to address these challenges.

12:45 PM Depart for Jerusalem
Lunch en route

1:00 – 2:30 PM **En-Route Briefing: Bridging the Political Divide**

This briefing will provide the delegation with a synthesis of domestic political trends, current international affairs and the general state of mind of Israeli voters at this particular moment in time.

2:45 PM Check in to the Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem

3:15 – 4:15 PM **Palestinian Perspective: Fostering Peace**

Coffee With Samer Sinijlawi
Fatah Activist & Founding chairman of the Jerusalem Development Fund
-at Meeting Hall C, Mamilla Hotel

Samer Abdelrazzak Sinijlawi is founding chairman of the Jerusalem Development Fund, a public corporation aiming to facilitate the development of Jerusalem by encouraging and sponsoring

megaprojects in the city such as housing projects, hotels, commercial centers, and educational institutions. He is head of Diplomatic and International Relations and chairman and major shareholder of Group Alfasit, a regional energy investment group with branches in Jerusalem, Amman, Abu Dhabi, and Madrid. During this session he will provide an overview of Palestinian society, and Palestinian politics, marked by ongoing tension between the Palestinian Authority and Hamas.

7:45 PM Depart for Sabbath Dinner

8:00 – 10:00 PM **Traditional Sabbath Dinner**

Learn about and experience the Sabbath

Hosted by the Jonathan Price & Naomi Schachter

-at their home in Jerusalem

Israel, the only Jewish country in the world, boasts the unique tradition of honoring the Jewish Sabbath from Friday sundown until Saturday sundown. 80 percent of the Israeli population will commemorate the Sabbath, in various forms, which typically include a family dinner and special blessings. The Mercer family will explain the meaning of the Jewish Sabbath, and lead an introductory discussion on their city.

10:15 PM Depart for the Mamilla Hotel

10:30 PM Overnight at the Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem

Saturday, August 10th

8:30 AM **Breakfast on Own**

-at Main Dining Hall, Mamilla Hotel

9:00 AM Depart for Mount Herzl

9:30 – 10:30 AM **Price of Independence: Israeli Nation and Individual Sacrifice**

Tour of Mount Herzl

-at Mount Herzl, Mount of Remembrance

A critical piece of understanding Israeli society and culture, is the role of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), mandatory army service, and veterans. Mount Herzl is the site of Israel's national cemetery, named after Theodor Herzl, the founder of modern political Zionism. Israel's leaders and fallen soldiers are buried there. Every plot section in Mount Herzl has a broad plaza for memorial services. Most state memorial ceremonies for those killed in war are conducted in the National Military and Police cemetery. This visit will highlight the way Israel remembers its fallen and relates to the role of the military in as part of the fabric of the Jewish State.

10:45 AM Depart for the Israel Museum

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM **Ancient Roots in a Modern Land**

Guided tour at Israel Museum

-at Israel Museum, Jerusalem

The Israel Museum is one the world's leading art and archeological museums. Established in 1965, it is Israel's largest and foremost cultural institution.

12:30 PM	Depart for Lunch
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Lunch -at Abu Kamel, Old City
2:15 PM	Depart for the Church of the Holy Sepulchre
2:30 – 3:15 PM	Visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre
3:15 PM	Tour of Christian Quarter
4:15 PM	Return to the Mamilla Hotel
7:30 – 9:00 PM	Bringing It All Together: Closing Dinner -at Meeting Hall C, Mamilla Hotel

The closing dinner provides an opportunity for participants to process the scope of the week, from the religious center of the Judeo-Christian world in Jerusalem, to the bustling economic powerhouse of Tel Aviv; and the conflict plagued borders with Gaza, Syria and Lebanon. We will process the range of topics explored, including the U.S.-Israel strategic partnership, prospects for Arab-Israeli peace, the experience of minorities in Israel, as well as greater existential threats throughout the region. Participants will also have the opportunity to share their takeaways and ask any lingering questions that weren't covered during the week.

9:15 PM	Depart for Ben Gurion Airport
Late Night	Flights depart Ben Gurion Airport

Sunday, August 11th

Early Morning	Flights arrive in the US
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