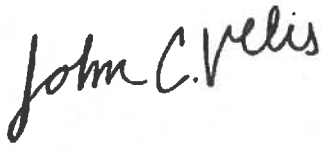


**DISCLOSURE BY ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
OF TRAVEL EXPENSES SERVING A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC PURPOSE
AS REQUIRED BY 930 CMR 5.08(2)(d)2.**

	ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
Name of elected public employee:	John C. Velis
Title/ Position	State Senator
Agency/ Department	Massachusetts State Senate
Agency address:	State House 24 Beacon Street, Room 513 Boston, MA 02133
Office phone:	(617) 722-1415
Office e-mail:	John.velis@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.	The Consulate General of Israel to New England and the State of Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has invited me to participate in their upcoming study tour to Israel.
Describe your participation in the activity.	<p>I will travel to Israel with the New England Office of the Consulate General of Israel and other elected officials from the New England region to meet with and engage in discussions with elected officials, government leaders, security experts, and civilian organizations in Israel. This trip will provide the opportunity to discuss many issues of importance between the Commonwealth and Israel including amongst others addressing antisemitism and efforts to combat veteran suicide rates.</p> <p>This trip will also provide the opportunity to strengthen the Commonwealth's relationship with Israel, an important political, economic, and cultural partner of the Commonwealth.</p>
Date, time and location of activity.	January 25 –31, 2025 Israel
Please explain how the activity will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality.	As the Senate Chair of the Special Commission on Combatting Antisemitism, this trip will inform my policy work on the commission, including our final report on recommendations to combat antisemitism in Massachusetts. The trip will further inform my understanding of the issue and, in particular, how events in Israel over the

	<p>last two years, as well as the views of those on both sides of the Israel-Palestine conflict, impact antisemitism in Massachusetts.</p> <p>Additionally, having served as Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, this trip will help inform future legislation and potential policy reforms on best practices for suicide prevention among veterans in Massachusetts as Israel has invested heavily in suicide prevention programs over the past two years to combat veteran suicide rates.</p>
	TRAVEL EXPENSES
Identify the person or organization that offered to reimburse, waive or pay your travel expenses.	State of Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Address of person or organization.	Yitzhak Rabin Boulevard, Kiryat HaLeom, Jerusalem 9103001
Provide information in as much detail as possible:	<i>Itemization and explanation of amounts offered:</i>
Transportation:	<p><i>Air, train, bus, and taxi fare and rental car hire, etc.</i></p> <p>Airfare: \$2,750 Ground Transportation: \$6,620.93</p>
Lodging:	<p><i>Overnight accommodations.</i></p> <p>Hotel: \$ 928</p>
Meals:	<p><i>Breakfast, lunch, dinner, special events.</i></p> <p>Meals: \$1,035</p>
Admission:	<p><i>Registration, admission, tickets, etc.</i></p> <p>Tour guides, entrance fees, and lecturers: \$689.68</p>
Other (please list):	<i>Refreshment, instruction, materials, entertainment, etc.</i>
Total:	12,023.61
Write an X beside any relevant statement.	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X I have attached the relevant itinerary.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I have attached the relevant agenda.</p>
For the exemption to apply, check off both statements.	<p>Having disclosed the facts above, I determine that:</p> <p><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</p> <p><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.</p>

Employee signature:	
Date:	January 23, 2024

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.

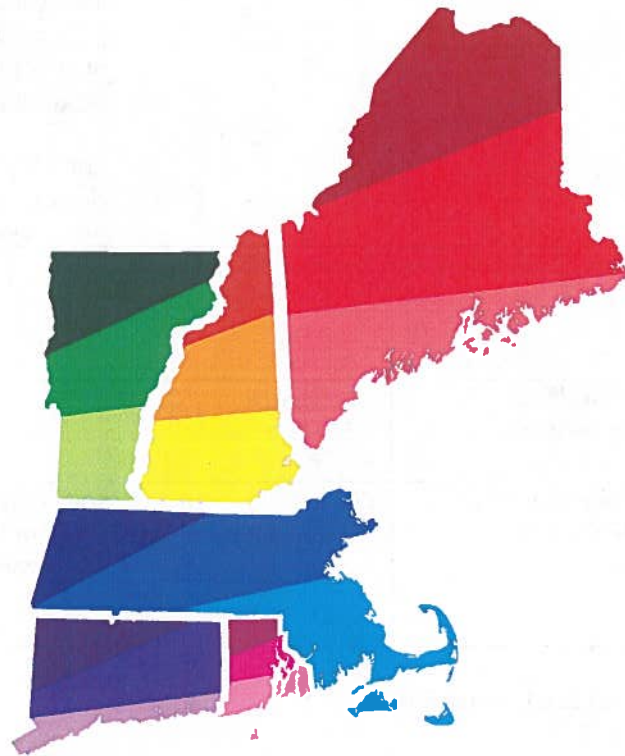
Elected regional school committee member – file with the clerk or secretary of the committee.



Consulate General of Israel
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הקונסוליה הכללית של ישראל לניו אינגלנד

New England Legislators' Delegation



January 25-31 Israel

New England Legislators' Delegation Itinerary

Sunday, 01/26- Ben Gurion Airport + Jerusalem:

Time (TLV)	Location	Activity	Notes	Dress code
4:05pm	Ben Gurion Airport-Terminal 3	Flight arrival	Meeting with a VIP representative who will escort you through customs and baggage claim. Please follow the ground VIP service holding the sign " New England Legislators' Delegation " Irit will meet the delegation at the airport after baggage claim.	Casual
5:30-6:30pm	Ben Gurion Airport	Drive to the hotel		
6:30-7:30pm	Inbal Hotel Jerusalem.	Hotel check-in		
7:30pm	Inbal Hotel Jerusalem.	Dinner-O2 restaurant	Joined by Nadav Zysblat, Director US Consulates Department, North America Division.	

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem.
Ze'ev Jabotinsky St 3

Monday, 01/27- Jerusalem: (Please bring your passport today)

International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Time (TLV)	Location	Activity	Notes	Dress code
7:00-7:40am	Inbal Hotel	Breakfast		
7:40am		Depart hotel		
7:40-8:00am		Drive to the Old City		
8:00-10:30am	Jerusalem Old City	Tour of the Old City of Jerusalem	There will be a short time window to purchase souvenirs.	<u>Please wear comfortable shoes</u> (preferably sports shoes)- the paths in the old city are made from Jerusalem Stone, and can be slippery. Please note that straight after our tour of the old city we will be heading to Yad Vashem. We would recommend coming in dress pants and shirt with sports shoes and leaving suite jackets at our bus with an additional pair of shoes.
10:30-11:00am		Drive to Yad VaShem Museum	The delegation will have the honor of visiting Yad VaShem on Int' Holocaust Remembrance Day and take part in a special wreath laying ceremony.	
11:00am-12:30pm	Yad VaShem Museum	Tour of Yad Va Shem- the World Holocaust Remembrance Center + Wreath laying ceremony.	www.yadvashem.org	
12:30-1:00pm		Drive to the Knesset (Israeli Parliament)	https://m.knesset.gov.il/EN	
1:00-3:30pm	The Knesset (Israeli Parliament)	The Knesset: 1:00-2:15: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour • Meetings with members of the Knesset. 2:15-03:45: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Lunch, accompanied by members of the Knesset. 	We might have an opportunity for a photo with the Speaker of the Knesset- Amir Ohana Members of the Knesset – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MK Moshe Tur-Paz - MK Dan Iluz 	Business Casual

3:30-4:00pm		Drive to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)		Business Casual
4:00-5:30pm	Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet with the Division of North American Affairs, MFA. - Meet with the Division of Strategic Affairs, MFA 		
		Drive to Mahane Yehuda Market		
6:30pm	Mahane Yehuda Market	Jerusalem's Bustling Culinary Scene: Dinner at the Mahane Yehuda Restaurant.		

Overnight: Inbal Hotel Jerusalem.

Tuesday 01/28 - South- Gaza Envelope:

Time (TLV)	Location	Activity	Notes	Dress code
7:00-7:45am	Inbal Hotel	Breakfast		Casual – please come with long pants and closed toe shoes.
7:45am	Depart hotel		<u>Please make sure to check-out</u>	
7:45-9:30am		Drive to Kibbutz Nir Oz		
9:30-11:00am	Kibbutz Nir Oz	Visit the Kibbutz	Accompanied by Rita Lifshitz	
11:00-11:30am		Drive to the Nova Festival Site		
11:30am-12:30pm	Nova Festival Site	Visit and Tour Nova Festival Site	Accompanied by Cap. (res.) Adam	
12:30-12:55pm		Drive to the Tekuma Site	Ittah (Spokesperson	
12:55-1:30pm	Tekuma Site	Visit and Tour of the Tekuma Site	of the southern district, Homefront command) and Mazal Tazazo, Nova survivor.	
1:30-1:45pm		Drive to Sderot for Lunch		
1:45-03:00pm	Sderot	Lunch		
3:00-3:15pm		Drive to Ibim		
3:15-4:00pm	Iron Dome	Visit to Iron Dome		
4:00-5:30pm		Drive to Tel Aviv		
5:30-7:30pm	Dan Hotel	Check-in	99 Hayarkon St. Tel- Aviv	
7:30-8:00pm	Drive	Depart for dinner		
8:00pm	Jaffa	Dinner with Dr. Einat Wilf	Kalamata -Kikar Kedumim 10	

Overnight: Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv

HaYarkon St 99

Wednesday, 01/29- North: TBD

Time (TLV)	Location	Activity	Notes	Dress Code
7:15- 8:00am	Dan Tel Aviv Hotel	Breakfast		Casual – please come with long pants and closed toe shoes.
08:00am		Depart hotel		
08:00- 11:00am		Drive to Metula		
11:00-1:00pm	Metula	Tour & Security Briefing: Northern Border	Accompanied by IDF Spokesperson Liad Diamond	
1:00-2:00pm		Drive to Majdal Shams		TBD
2:00-3:30	Lunch			
3:30-5:00	Majdal Shams	Meeting the Druze Community:		
5:00-6:00pm		Meet with Sheikh Taher Abu Salach, leader of Druze community in the Golan Heights		
6:00-8:00pm		Drive to the hotel		
8:00pm	Tel Aviv			

Overnight: Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv

Thursday, 01/30- Tel Aviv: TBD

Time (TLV)	Location	Activity	Notes	Dress Code
7:30- 8:00am	Dan Tel Aviv Hotel	Breakfast		Casual
8:00am		Depart hotel	No need to check out	
8:00-8:30am		Drive to ARC		
8:30-9:30am	ARC- The Center for Digital Innovation, Sheba Medical Center	Innovation and Healthcare- Powering Health Transformation Globally	https://arcinnovati.on.org/	
9:30- 10:00am		Drive to Beit Ha'Lochem- IDF Disabled Veterans Organization		
10:00- 11:00am	Beit Ha'Lochem- IDF Disabled Veterans Organization	Rehabilitation and Sports: Visit of Beit Ha'Lochem- IDF Disabled Veterans Organization		
11:00-11:30am		Drive to Tel Aviv University		
11:30-1:00pm	Tel Aviv University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Professor Itzhak Ben Israel • Tour of the campus • Quantum Center 		
1:00-1:30pm		Drive		
1:30-2:30pm	Lunch			
2:30-4:00pm	Hostages Square	Meet with hostage families + Visit to the Hostages Square		
4:00-4:30pm	Drive to the hotel			

4:30-8:00pm	Dan Tel Aviv Hotel	Personal Time	Please check out before dinner
8:30-10:00pm	Tel Aviv	Closing Dinner	
10:00-10:30pm		Drive to Ben Gurion Airport	
10:30pm	Ben Gurion Airport, Terminal 3		
12:45am (Jan 31 st)		Flight departure	LY 1 TLV-JFK