

**NEW HAMPSHIRE GENERAL COURT
LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE
COMPLAINT FORM**

WE, the undersigned, do allege that, in OUR personal knowledge, the following individual(s):

Representative Robert Lynn, Representative Joe Alexander, Senator Kevin Avar and Senator Tim Lang, who hold the position of NH House Representatives and Senators,

did commit a violation of law, or of a guideline, rule or regulation of the General Court. In support of OUR complaint, WE offer the following statement of facts. WE understand that the filing of this complaint is confidential and that the initial review and preliminary investigation of this complaint shall be conducted in nonpublic session unless otherwise requested by the individual(s) complained against. WE further understand that unauthorized disclosure of confidential matters or materials contrary to RSA 14-B:4, is punishable in accordance with RSA 14-B:4-a.

STATEMENT (May include reference to the provision(s) allegedly violated): The above-named Representatives and Senators violated the New Hampshire General Court ethics rules, specifically RSA 14-C:3 (Prohibition on Gifts) , RSA 14-C:4 (Reporting Requirements) , RSA 14-C:7 (Penalty for False Reports) , and the Legislative Ethics Committee's Guidelines on Gifts, by knowingly accepting prohibited gifts from the Government of Israel to attend the "50 States, One Israel" event during the week of September 14 to 19, 2025.

No Advisory Opinion Was Sought

In 2015, Senators Dan Feltes and Donna Soucy sought and received an advisory opinion from the Legislative Ethics Committee before their trip to Israel. The Committee approved that trip only after reviewing a detailed educational agenda demonstrating that the trip was a bona fide educational program covering topics relevant to New Hampshire.

The legislators in this complaint did not follow the same process. In response to a Right-to-Know request, the Legislative Ethics Committee confirmed that no advisory opinions were issued to Representatives Lynn or Alexander and no requests for advisory opinions were submitted by them regarding the "50 States, One Israel" trip. (A separate request for Senators Avar and Lang remains pending.) Unlike the 2015 trip, the "50 States, One Israel" event was not an educational program—it was a lobbying event where Israeli officials asked for legislation favorable to Israel.

While RSA 14-B:3, I(c) does not require legislators to request advisory opinions, the absence of any such request here is significant. The legislators cannot claim they relied on an advisory opinion. They never asked for one. And the 2015 precedent does not excuse their conduct because the 2025 trip was fundamentally different—it was lobbying, not education.

The gifts included:

- **Round-trip travel on chartered flights between JFK Airport in New York City and Tel Aviv, Israel;**
- **Four nights lodging in luxury, 5-star hotels in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv;**
- **Meals, internal travel in Israel, and tourist/guided programming events.**

The Definition of "Gift" Under RSA 14-C:2, IV

(1) Money in any amount, whether in the form of cash, check, or any other negotiable or non-negotiable instrumentality for the transfer of money.

(2) Any other tangible thing, intangible thing, service, or the use thereof having an individual value of greater than \$50.

(3) Multiple tangible things, intangible things, services, or the use thereof having an individual value \$50 or less with an aggregate value greater than \$250 from any single source during any calendar year. **(value was given as \$6500/per attendee)**

The gifts accepted by the legislators (from a foreign entity) —round-trip chartered airfare, four nights of luxury hotel lodging, all meals, internal transportation, and guided tours—constitute "tangible things, intangible things, [and] services" with an individual value far exceeding \$6500 per attendee falls squarely within the definition of a "gift" under RSA 14-C:2, IV(a). This amount is 130 times the \$50 threshold, making it undeniably significant and prohibited. We allege that an all expense paid junket to Israel is a prohibited "gift" under section 14-C: 2.

RSA 14-C:3, III(a) states: "It shall be unlawful for any legislator or legislative employee to solicit or to knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, any gift, as defined in this chapter." By accepting the gifts described above, the legislators violated this prohibition.

The Legislative Ethics Committee Guidelines further state that a legislator shall not accept anything of value if the legislator knows or has reason to believe the donor's purpose is **"the influencing of an action, decision, opinion, recommendation, or other official activity."** As demonstrated below, the legislators knew the gifts were given for the express purpose of influencing their legislative actions regarding anti-BDS laws and other policies favorable to the Israeli government.

The "Purpose of Influencing" Rule – A Direct Violation of Ethics Guidelines

The Legislative Ethics Committee's own guidelines state that a legislator shall not accept anything of value if the legislator knows or has reason to believe the donor's purpose is "the influencing of an action, decision, opinion, recommendation, or other official activity." **This rule is rooted in the same principles as RSA 15-B:3, II, which explicitly prohibits gifts given with a "purpose of influencing or affecting the official conduct" of public officials. While RSA 14-C governs legislators, it is informed by the same ethical principles.**

The evidence in this complaint demonstrates that the legislators knew or had reason to believe the gifts were given for the purpose of influencing their official actions. The Israeli Foreign Minister's explicit request for anti-BDS legislation (quoted at length below) proves this beyond any doubt. The gifts were not incidental hospitality—they were a tool of legislative influence.

These Exceptions Do Not Apply

RSA 14-C:2, IV(b) lists specific exceptions to the definition of "gift." The legislators may argue that the trip falls within one of these exceptions. However, none of the exceptions apply to these gifts. Because these provisions are narrow exceptions to the prohibition on gifts to public servants, they must be applied only when all their statutory conditions are satisfied. Here, one or more of those conditions are not met. In addition, the circumstances of the trip created the appearance of a violation.

In view of the possibility that the Ethics Committee might find these gifts acceptable please consider the following exceptions as well as the appearance of unethical conduct.

Exception (6) Money in any form, an object, or any tangible or intangible thing or service of economic value, where the donor's act of giving is purely private and personal in nature and the money, object, or tangible or intangible thing or service of economic

value would have been given and received even if the person were not a legislator or legislative employee.

This exception does not apply. The gifts were extended exclusively to individuals holding the title of "State Legislator," explicitly because of their legislative authority. The Israeli government did not offer this trip to private citizens or non-legislators; it was specifically targeted at lawmakers to influence legislation. The legislators would **NOT** have been given this gift if they were not a legislator.

Exception (10): Expense Reimbursement, Definition

RSA 14-C:2, III "Expense reimbursement" shall mean any price, charge, fee, expense, or other cost which is waived, forgiven, reduced, prepaid, or reimbursed in any form for the reasonable expenses of attendance, registration, travel, meals, or lodging related to a bona fide conference, meeting, seminar, or educational, cultural, or informational program, or an event to which the recipient is invited in his or her official capacity as a representative of the senate or the house of representatives of which the recipient is a member. "Expense reimbursement" shall not include any expense reimbursement made by the general court to a legislator, legislative officer, or legislative employee.

This exception does not apply for these reasons:

The gifts were not wages, salary, benefits, or mileage. They were not received in the legislator's regular course of employment. They were received specifically because of the legislator's positions. (there were no official duties incorporated into this trip);

The event was not a "bona fide conference, meeting, seminar, or educational, cultural, or informational program." Its chief purpose was lobbying by Israeli government officials, who requested that legislation be enacted in each of the 50 American states to benefit Israel. The Prime Minister asked for support;

Nor do the exceptions allow gifts unrelated to the event itself, such as site-seeing and tourist activities.¹ Although the Israeli Consulate described the "50 States, One Israel" event as a "five-day study tour," it cannot legitimately be characterized as training or education. The event was not "in the interest of the [New Hampshire] public servant's agency or department," i.e., the legislature. The event, as previously mentioned, was only in the interest of the attendees (the individual legislators) and the gift-giver (the government of Israel) and, therefore, does not meet the requirement of the exception.

¹ A Jerusalem Old City Tour has a market price of \$75. <https://www.nativeisrael.com/things-to-do/jerusalem-old-city-tour>

The legislators were not invited "in his or her official capacity as a representative of the senate or the house of representatives." The legislators were not delegated by the Governor, the Speaker of the House, or the Senate President to represent New Hampshire's interests. They conducted no legislative hearings, drafted no bills, and held no official state meetings while in Israel. Their participation in no way advanced the interests of the State of New Hampshire, nor does their mandate as legislators include representing the State of New Hampshire in foreign affairs. They were there as individuals.

The event was a lobbying event, not an educational or "charitable, cultural, political, or civic event." Its chief purpose was lobbying by Israeli government officials, who requested that legislation be enacted in each of the 50 American states to benefit Israel.

The legislators accepted an invitation from the Israeli Foreign Ministry to attend an event called "50 States, One Israel" that took place, including flights, from September 14 to 19, 2025. Associated with that event, the legislators accepted gifts of travel to, from, and within Israel, including chartered flights, lodging in 5-star hotels, meals, and tourist/"guided programming" events, all paid for by the Israeli government.

The exceptions listed do not (and should not) allow gifts to be extravagant, such as a charter flight. Pre-event communication from the Israeli consulate in Boston to event attendees included this statement: "As part of the preparations for your upcoming trip, we are pleased to inform you that we will be chartering a dedicated flight for all participating legislators."² (Emphasis added.) Even if transportation to and from the event is an allowable gift, the extravagance of a dedicated chartered flight is not (and should not) be allowed.

Even if the exceptions allowed extravagant travel, which it does not, the itinerary received by the legislators in advance of the trip advised them that they would be spending the first two nights of their visit at a luxury, 5-star hotel in Jerusalem and the final two nights at a luxury, 5-star hotel in Tel Aviv.³

² See pages A-9 and A-10, email with subject, "Re: [External] 50 States One Israel Preliminary light details" [sic]

³ According to the itinerary included in pages A-1 through A-5, the Representatives were to spend the nights of September 14 and 15 at either the King David Hotel or the Inbal Hotel in Jerusalem. The Representatives were to spend the nights of the 16th and 17th at either the Dan Tel Aviv Hotel or the Jaffa Hotel. All four are rated as 5- star hotels. The market price of a room at the King David in mid-September is \$765/night. The market price of a room at the Inbal is \$448/night. The market price of a room at the Dan Tel Aviv is from \$445 - \$490/night. The market price of a room at the Jaffa Hotel is \$453/night. <https://www.booking.com>

BY ANY REASONABLE STANDARD, THESE OFFICIALS KNOWINGLY ACCEPTED LUXURIOUS GIFTS AS DEFINED IN THIS CHAPTER with the express purpose of lobbying at the state legislative level for policies that benefit Israel.

The value of these gifts is \$6500,⁴ according to the Israeli Foreign Ministry.⁵ The value massively exceeds the statutory threshold for incidental or insignificant value, making them clearly prohibited under the plain language specified under RSA 14-C:3 and are unacceptable for public servants.

The legislators were not attending in their official capacity representing the state. Their participation in no way advanced the interests of the state of NH, nor does their mandate as legislators include representing the state of NH in foreign affairs. We know this is the clause that has previously been used to approve of such trips but it is so broad as to invite abusive behavior. This “50 States, One Israel” junket illustrates it very well.

State legislators were lobbied by the prime minister, the President of Israel, the foreign minister, and the Speaker of the Knesset, plus meetings were arranged for them with private-sector business leaders and NGO representatives.⁶ Israel expressed its gratitude for past legislative acts by U.S. state legislators and pressed for future political influence and legislative favors. For example:

- In his address welcoming the delegation of U.S. state legislators to Israel on September 15, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said, “I thank you for coming here to stand up with Israel. Democrats and Republicans alike. We value and cherish your support.”⁷
- Foreign Affairs Minister Gideon Sa’ar provided the particulars of the legislation the Israeli government wanted the assembled legislators to enact in their states. Sa’ar equated boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) campaigns directed at Israel with a

⁴ This cost may not include the gift of air travel from Boston to New York City or baggage fees that may have been incurred. See supplement (breakdown of expenses for omission)

⁵ See pages A-1 through A-5, email with subject, “[External] Update – 50 States One Israel: Itinerary, travel guidance ethics information”

⁶ See pages A-7 and A-8, program overview titled “50 States, One Israel: Bipartisan Delegation of U.S. State Legislators to Israel.”

⁷ “Netanyahu welcomes largest-ever delegation of US lawmakers to Israel”, Sept. 16, 2025, <https://www.jns.org/netanyahu-welcomes-largest-ever-delegation-of-us-lawmakers-to-israel/>.

“new form” of antisemitism and “delegitimization,” and asked legislators for assistance as Israel fights “in a fierce battle of delegitimization.” He called on the legislators to “ensure your home states have laws” against delegitimization and against BDS. He further urged the legislators to promote engagement and investments in Israel. Here are excerpts from the text of Foreign Minister Sa’ar’s remarks⁸ to the state:

The best answer against BDS, until this day - has been anti-BDS legislation by your States. You did it. And thank you for that.

But now we are witnessing a new wave. A stronger wave. An increased use of this tool.

Israel can defend itself, by itself, on the battlefield. We demonstrated that time and again. But we need your assistance in the fierce battle of delegitimization.

The boycotters - must be boycotted.

Those who delegitimize - must themselves be delegitimized.

The tools may be new, but the name of this campaign is very ancient: It's antisemitism.

And its new form is the delegitimization of the State of Israel, the only Jewish state.

Antisemitism was out of fashion after the Holocaust. But it has come back now stronger than ever. And this new antisemitism has unfortunately found its way also into the United States. Which is something we didn't see in the past.

*The new antisemites who think they can cleverly hunt Jews through economic means - must be deterred. **There are still some States without BDS laws.** We call on you: **ensure your home states have laws to protect Israel and Jews against this modern antisemitism.** [Emphasis added.]*

To those who already have anti-BDS laws, that's majority [sic] - we thank you. But each and every one of you have the ability to set a personal and powerful example: To fight BDS - by turning it on its head.

Instead of boycotting Israel – promote engagement with Israel.

Instead of divesting from Israel - promote investments in Israel.

⁸ Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, <https://www.gov.il/en/pages/fm-sa-ar-addresses-delegation-of-250-us-state-legislators-15-sep-2025>.

And instead of sanctioning the only Jewish state - speak out clearly against those who use this age-old hatred in a modern way.

Thus, the Israeli government gave the Representative the gifts not for participating in a “charitable, cultural, political, or civic” event, as allowed by the exceptions, but for the purpose of lobbying the Representative to get legislation favorable to the Israeli government adopted in New Hampshire. Bear in mind, too, that the “50 States, One Israel” event came at a time when Israel finds itself credibly accused of genocide at the International Court of Justice, and by prominent human rights organizations worldwide, including two in Israel (B’Tselem⁹ and Physicians for Human Rights – Israel¹⁰).

The event also took shape as boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) efforts are intensifying in response to Israel’s horrific actions in Gaza and its ongoing military operations and illegal settlement activities in the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem, and after the country’s prime minister had been indicted for war crimes by the International Criminal Court.

With international condemnation and opprobrium of Israel growing at an unprecedented level, and its economy and reputation threatened by the BDS movement, the Netanyahu government urgently sought to strengthen and expand its legislative influence and protection in the United States. The “50 States, One Israel” event was for this purpose. In the Upper Valley (VT & NH)¹¹ articles published in the wake of the “50 States, One Israel” event, certain reporters noted that Israel expected legislative payback from the Representative[s] – and from the Representative’s colleagues at the event. Take the editorial board of the Valley News. The “reasonable Vermonters” at this newspaper, after reviewing the relevant facts, explicitly raised the matter of a “desired quid pro quo” by Israel. The paper wrote in an October editorial titled “Legislators’ fact-finding mission to Israel raises ethical concerns”.

It also appears that the Israeli government was not shy about identifying the desired quid pro quo for its largesse, which included airfare, lodging, meals, and transportation within the country. It has been reported that Israeli officials asked the lawmakers directly to spread “the Israeli narrative.” That narrative consists at least in part of equating any criticism of the Israeli government’s policies and actions with antisemitism

⁹ “Our Genocide”, B’Tselem, https://www.btselem.org/publications/202507_our_genocide

¹⁰ “Genocide in Gaza”, Physicians for Human Rights – Israel, <https://www.phr.org.il/en/genocide-in-gaza-eng/>

¹¹ <https://vnews.com/2025/10/03/vermont-new-hampshire-lawmakers-israel-trip/>

AIPAC affiliate has funded lavish trips to Israel for dozens of Congress members since 7 October, filings reveal ¹²

“These trips have been a standard tool for building support for Israel on Capitol Hill,” said Stephen Walt, a professor of international relations at Harvard’s Kennedy School who has written widely about the pro-Israel lobby.

APPENDIX of SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

A1 - A11 Travel Guidance Ethics information (additional itemized list)

A12 Valley News commentary on trip

A13 - A19 Honorarium or Expense Reimbursement Report RSA 14-C)

Sharon Racusin, 35 Cummings Rd., #172, Hanover, NH 03755

Signed: _____

On this the _____ day of _____, 20____, before me,

_____,

the undersigned officer, the above-named signatory/signatories personally appeared and took oath that the foregoing document by him/her/them subscribed is true.

Title of Officer: _____

Mohammad Dana, 8 Grove St., unit 208, Dover, NH 03820

Signed: _____

On this the _____ day of _____, 20____, before me,

_____,

the undersigned officer, the above-named signatory/signatories personally appeared and took oath that the foregoing document by him/her/them subscribed is true.

Title of Officer: _____

¹² [https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2026/jun/02/aipac-aief-congress-israel-travel?](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2026/jun/02/aipac-aief-congress-israel-travel?CMP=GTUS_email)
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Cc: Political Israeli
Subject: [External] Update- 50 States One Israel: Itinerary, travel guidance, ethics information
Date: Friday, September 5, 2025 1:48:38 PM
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50 States One Israel Delegation- Itinerary.docx.pdf

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I hope this email finds you well.

It was a pleasure to see you at Wednesday's Zoom call with Consul General Sharoni and Deputy Consul General Liron Finkelstein. Liron will be travelling with you through Israel.

By now you should have received connecting flight tickets if you are using them as well as your tickets to Israel.

PLEASE ensure that your personal details are listed correctly, exactly as they appear in your passport.

As you prepare for the upcoming delegation trip to Israel in mid-September, I wanted to share a few important details, including the itinerary (attached), *which is still subject to change*.

General Travel Guidance

Israel is a culturally rich and informal country. This guide outlines attire suggestions, event details, and practical tips to ensure a respectful and comfortable visit.

Dress Code & Attire

Tours (Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, the South, etc.):

- Comfortable clothing suitable for walking is recommended in Tel Aviv and during most daytime tours.
- In Jerusalem and Yad Vashem, please avoid sleeveless tops, shorts, and short skirts out of respect for local customs.

Formal Events:

- **Monday & Wednesday Evenings** -including meetings at the Knesset, with the Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the President:

APPENDIX - Supporting documentation

- Formal attire is required: jacket and tie.
- **Thursday Event:**
 - Semi-formal attire is appropriate: a jacket is recommended, but no tie is necessary.

Footwear:

- Comfortable walking shoes are strongly recommended for all tours.

Weather in Israel – Mid-September

Expect warm, dry conditions throughout the country. Below is a general overview:

Location	Daytime High	Nighttime Low	Rainfall	Conditions
Tel Aviv	27–31°C (81–88°F)	19–22°C (66–72°F)	Minimal	Mostly sunny
Jerusalem	28–34°C (82–93°F)	19–21°C (66–70°F)	Minimal	Warm and dry

Humidity ranges from 30–60%, and sunshine averages 11 hours per day. Sunscreen and plenty of water are recommended.

Currency:

The local currency is the Israeli New Shekel (ILS); credit cards are widely accepted

- ATMs are available, notify your bank of international travel to avoid card blocks.

Electrical Adapters:

Israel uses plug types **C, H, and M**, with a standard voltage of **230V** and frequency of **50 Hz**.

- Travelers from North America will need a **plug adapter**, and possibly a **voltage converter** if their devices are not dual-voltage.

Mobile Phones:

- Please check with your mobile provider regarding international plans
- Free WiFi is widely available, and apps like WhatsApp, Signal, and FaceTime work well over WiFi for calls and messaging.

Ethics Disclosure

- **Trip Cost:** Approximately \$6,500 per person covering flights, lodging, meals, and local transportation..
- **Organizing Party:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs Sderot Yitshak Rabin 9 Jerusalem, 9195022 Israel



Director of Political Affairs

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States One Israel Delegation- Itinerary 50

Sunday, September 14th

19:50- Landing at Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport (TLV)- (El Al 14 from Boston).

VIP Airport clearance

21:30- Arrive at hotel (King David and Inbal). Dinner.

Monday, September 15th

08:00-11:00- Tour of the Old City of Jerusalem, including the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and the Western Wall.

11:30-13:30- Yad Vashem - the World Holocaust Remembrance Center- including a Guided tour in English of the Holocaust History Museum by a Senior Yad Vashem guide and a Memorial Ceremony in the Hall of Remembrance.

13:45-15:00- Lunch at hotels.

15:30-16:45- Briefing by the Foreign Minister Gideon Saar at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

17:00-19:30 visit at the Knesset and official welcome ceremony with the Speaker of the Knesset, the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister.

20:00-22:00- "A Jerusalem Night"- festive opening Reception.

Tuesday, September 16th

09:30-11:30- Tour of the Communities Impacted on October 7th in the south

12:00-12:30- visit the Nova Site.

13:30-14:30 Memorial Ceremony and Tree Planting- Ofakim.

14:30-16:00- lunch with local youth.

05:30pm- Arrive at Hotel, Tel Aviv (Dan Tel Aviv or The Jaffa).

18:30-19:30- Dinner at the hotel.



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Wednesday, September 17th

8:30-17:00- Israeli innovation Day:

Including:

- a Tour at the Peres Peace Center or Start up nation Central
- meetings at leading Israeli companies and NGO's
- lunch at a local restaurant

19:30-21:30- Presidential Dinner hosted by the President of the state of Israel (including Celebrating 5 years to the Abraham Accords)

Thursday, September 18th

09:00-11:00- Strategic Briefing by the Foreign Minister Gideon Saar

13:30-15:30 Closing Reception with the U.S Ambassador to Israel

16:00-20:00 Free time

20:00- Check in to flight at the hotel

00:05- Departure on flight LY003 to JFK .

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From: Political - Consulate General of ISRAEL in Boston <Political@boston.mfa.gov.il>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 10:53 AM
To: rjlynn4@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Five years on, the Abraham Accords still light the path forward
Attachments: Delegation Cost Estimate.xlsx

Dear Rep. Lynn-

Attached please find the information that you requested. The attachment is labeled Estimated costs, but they are actual.

Respectfully,
 Erin

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 הקונסוליה הכללית של ישראל לניו אינגלנד

From: rjlynn4@gmail.com <rjlynn4@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 5:20 PM
To: Political - Consulate General of ISRAEL in Boston <Political@boston.mfa.gov.il>
Subject: RE: Five years on, the Abraham Accords still light the path forward

Dear Ms. Gubert,

I'm writing to inquire when the state legislators who traveled to Israel this month may expect to receive some documentation from the Israeli government as to the cost of the trip for each legislator. Under the ethics rules applicable to me as a New Hampshire legislator, I must file a report regarding the cost of the trip with the New Hampshire Secretary of State by the end of October 2025. Therefore, there is some time sensitivity to receiving the documentation.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Best regards,

Robert J. Lynn
 State Representative


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הקונסול הכללי של ישראל לניו אינגלנד
Consul General of Israel to New England



50 States, One Israel

Bipartisan Delegation of U.S. State Legislators to Israel

(Leaving September 13th) September 14–19, 2025

On behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel and the Consulate General of Israel to New England we would like to thank you for choosing to be part of the “*50 States, One Israel*” - historic bipartisan delegation uniting state legislators from all across the United States for an unforgettable journey through Israel.

We have prepared a five day program designed to be meaningful and deeply impactful. You will meet with leadership of the State of Israel, visit sites of profound historical and spiritual significance, experience Israel’s innovative ecosystem and connect with Israelis from all walks of life.

Here is a glimpse of what lies ahead:

- **Welcome Ceremony at the Israeli Parliament- the Knesset**
At Israel’s parliament, you will be formally welcomed by the Speaker of the Knesset and engage with Israeli legislators from across the political spectrum. This exchange will offer a closer look at Israel’s democratic institutions and the shared challenges of representative governance.
- **Meeting with the Prime Minister of Israel**
This conversation will provide direct access to Israel’s head of government, who will share strategic insights into the region, current security priorities, and Israel’s evolving role in the global arena.
- **Gala Evening Hosted by the Minister of Foreign Affairs**
This special evening will feature Israeli music, cuisine, and cultural performances in celebration of the enduring friendship between our nations. It will also be an opportunity to connect with fellow delegates and Israeli counterparts.
- **Dinner with the President of Israel**
Hosted by the President, this meeting will provide a broader civic perspective on Israeli society, democracy, and national identity.
- **Tour of Jerusalem’s Old City**
Explore the heart of a city sacred to millions around the world. As you walk through Jerusalem’s Old City, you will encounter historic and spiritual sites central to Judaism,

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Christianity, and Islam, gaining insight into the unique realities of coexistence and shared heritage.

- **Visit to Yad Vashem – The Holocaust Remembrance Center**
This visit offers a profound reflection on the horrors of antisemitism, racism, and the consequences of silence. It serves as a powerful reminder of the moral responsibility shared by all public leaders to protect human dignity and stand up against hate.
- **Visit to the Southern region communities that were Attacked on October 7th**
Witness firsthand the human impact of ongoing regional conflict. This visit includes a tour of affected communities, meetings with survivors of the October 7th attacks and the Nova music festival massacre, and a memorial ceremony honoring those who were lost.
- **Meetings and Tours focused on Innovation, Communities and Business**
Engage with Israeli innovators, educators, civil society leaders, and entrepreneurs tackling real-world challenges in areas such as bio-tech, climate, technology, health, and inclusion. These conversations will highlight Israel's dynamism while offering space for candid dialogue.
- **Visit to the Peres Center for Peace and Innovation**
Named for one of Israel's visionary leaders, this center showcases how technology and cooperation can advance peace and prosperity. You'll explore how Israeli innovation is fostering cross-border partnerships and long-term solutions.
- **Closing event with the U.S. Ambassador to Israel**
Our journey will conclude with a conversation with the U.S. Ambassador to Israel, offering a space for reflection and discussion.

We are honored to walk this path with you and look forward to exploring our shared values enduring partnership and steadfast friendship.

With deep appreciation,

Benjamin (Benny) Sharoni

Consul General of Israel to New England



From: Gina M. Galfetti
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■, I would like to travel from BTV.

Thanks so much and looking forward to this experience.

Kind Regards
Representative Gina Galfetti



Washington/Orange
Co-Chair: Sportsmen's Caucus
Co-Chair: Flood Caucus
New Member Liaison
Mobile: ■

From: Political - Consulate General of ISRAEL in Boston <Political@boston.mfa.gov.il>
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We hope this message finds you well. As part of the preparations for your upcoming trip, we are pleased to inform you that we will be chartering a dedicated flight for all participating legislators.

Departure to Israel:
September 14, 2025 - (JFK → TLV) Flight LY014, 02:30 AM EST- 07:50 PM

Return to the U.S.:
September 19, 2025 - (TLV → JFK) Flight LY003, 00:05 AM- 04:55 AM EST

To ensure a smooth and convenient travel experience, we are also coordinating connecting flights from/to Boston Logan airport and JFK. If you would prefer to travel from Portland, ME or Burlington, VT, rather than Logan Airport, please let us know, and we will make the necessary arrangements.

Our goal is to make your travel as seamless and comfortable as possible. Additional details regarding departure times, check-in procedures, and itinerary will be shared soon.

We look forward to supporting your journey and thank you for your continued service.

Respectfully,

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Director of Political Affairs
Consulate General of Israel to New England

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Expenses Item	Notes	Estimated	Estimated Total Cost of
Flight connection to New York	Roundtrip	N/A	\$700
Flight from New York to Israel	Roundtrip	N/A	\$2,000
Meals	Accounting for 3 meals/day	\$300	\$1,200
Transportation (Bus rentals,	Accounting for transportation to	\$100	\$500
Hotel Accommodations	Accounting for 5 nights	\$420	\$2,100
		Estimated Total	\$6,500
			6500

VALLEY NEWS

EDITORIALS

Editorial: Legislators' fact-finding mission to Israel raises ethical concerns



by Valley News Editorial Board
October 3, 2025

Ill-advised is the most charitable description we can think of for the participation of Vermont and New Hampshire lawmakers in last month's "50 States, One Israel" junket that was bought and paid for by the Israeli government. It can be justified as a fact-finding mission only if facts are defined as those found, selected and presented by the Netanyahu regime.

VtDigger reports that 250 legislators representing all 50 states went on the trip. According to the Israeli government, they "witnessed the magnitude of the October 7 tragedy, experienced Israel's innovation and cutting-edge technology, tasted our incredible cuisine, and met with Israel's leaders." They also listened to a musical performance dedicated to Charlie Kirk.

Certainly, being exposed to the savagery of Hamas' Oct. 7, 2023, terrorist attacks through a visit to the site of the Nova Music Festival massacre must have been moving as well as educational, both in the factual and moral sense. It also provides important context for Israel's response.

But it is beyond our powers of imagination to understand how American lawmakers could enjoy that "incredible cuisine" in the certain knowledge that the Israeli government is inflicting a humanitarian catastrophe on Palestinians in Gaza, employing American-made and -supplied munitions to rain death and destruction on civilians and the infrastructure of civic life.

That is also a brand of savagery, one that the legislators were not allowed to witness. Nor can this blackout have been a surprise to those who took the trip since Israel has denied access to independent foreign journalists throughout its campaign in Gaza.

One of the Vermont legislators who participated, state Rep. Will Greer, D-Bennington, described the trip as an opportunity to share with Israeli leaders concerns raised by his constituents, including the lack of food being allowed into Gaza. However well-meaning, this strikes us as

incredibly naive, especially in comparison with the propaganda bonanza the trip yielded to the Israeli government.

It also appears that the Israeli government was not shy about identifying the desired quid pro quo for its largesse, which included airfare, lodging, meals and transportation within the country. It has been reported that Israeli officials asked the lawmakers directly to spread “the Israeli narrative.” That narrative consists at least in part of equating any criticism of the Israeli government’s policies and actions with antisemitism. This is a dangerous idea already being peddled by the Trump administration.

And The Jerusalem Post reported that the Americans were urged to pass state laws to block the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement that aims to exert economic pressure on Israel. This is not to suggest that lawmakers can be bought for so cheap a price as an all-expense paid trip, but it will necessarily cloud any support they offer for such measures in the future, even if they would have been inclined to back them without visiting Israel.

We can certainly understand the impulse for Israeli leaders to extend this invitation to American lawmakers at a time when that nation’s moral authority is at low ebb internationally as a result of its actions in Gaza. Whether those actions meet the definition of genocide, crimes against humanity or ethnic cleansing is not our call to make at present, but we do assert that they are morally abhorrent to many who have long regarded Israel not only as a state, but also as an idea and an ideal.

That disappointment and dismay is reflected in a new New York Times poll indicating that a majority of Americans now oppose providing more economic and military aid to Israel and that for the first time, more Americans sympathize with Palestinians than with Israelis, albeit by a small margin. Both results reflect a dramatic decline in support for Israel from the end of 2023.

While there’s no substitute for seeing for yourself, the legislators who went on the trip should have realized that seeing only half a picture is a distortion of reality in which they were wittingly or unwittingly complicit.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Honorarium or Expense Reimbursement Report (RSA 14-C)
For Legislators and Legislative Employees



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Name: Robert J Lyon Cell Work Phone #: 603-235-7952
First Middle Last

Work Address: 107 N. Main Street, Concord, NH 03301

Office/Appointment/Employment held: State Representative, Rock. Dist. 17

Source of Expense Reimbursement, Honorarium, Ticket or Free Admission, or Meals and/or Beverages

List the full name, post office address, occupation, and principal place of business, if any, of the source of any reportable expense reimbursement, honorarium, ticket or free admission to a political, charitable, or ceremonial event, or meals or beverages consumed at a meeting or event, the purpose of which is to discuss official business, with a value greater than \$50.

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Name of Source: _____
First Middle Last

Post Office Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Principal Place of Business: _____

If the source is a Corporation or other Entity:

Name of Corporation or Entity: Government of Israel

Name of Person Representing the Corporation/Entity: Eric Gubert, Office of the Consulate
General of Israel to New England

Work Address of Person Representing the Corporation/Entity: 1 Washington St, Boston, MA 02108

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See attached trip itinerary and attached schedule of expenses.

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This was a one week trip to Israel sponsored by the Israeli government and attended by 250 state legislators from all 50 U.S. states. It was designed to recognize the historic friendship and alliance between our countries, and to provide us with a first hand perspective of the current situation in the region.
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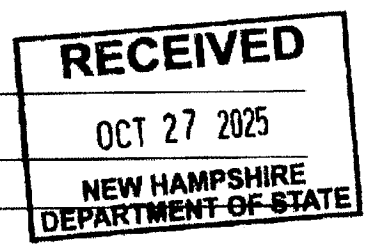
Name: J. H Alexander Work Phone #: 603 856-5227
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Name of Corporation or Entity: Israel Foreign Affairs General Consulate of NE
Name of Person Representing the Corporation/Entity: Evin Gubert
Work Address of Person Representing the Corporation/Entity: 20 Park Plaza # 1020 Boston, MA 02116

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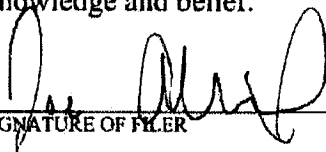
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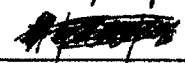
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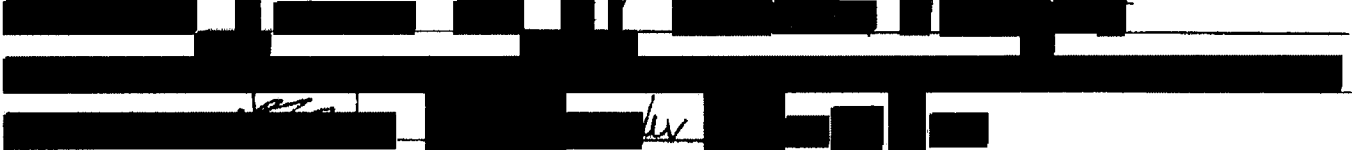
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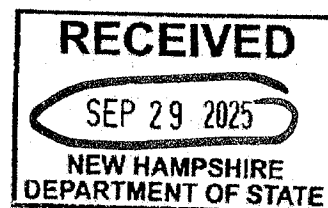
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