

Len Hill Education Program

J STREET EDUCATION FUND CONGRESSIONAL MISSION TO ISRAEL AND THE WEST BANK



The J Street Education Fund (JSEF) Len Hill Education Program runs unique, eye-opening five-day educational trips to Israel and the Palestinian Territory. This program is dedicated to providing American policy makers, congressional staffers and opinion leaders with balanced information that lays the groundwork for pursuing Israeli-Palestinian peace through diplomacy.

Grounded in strong support for safeguarding Israel's future and committed to uncovering complexity, embracing nuance and covering a wide range of diverse perspectives, these trips provide an incredible 360° view of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and what it will take to resolve it. Rather than focus on any one-sided view, they explore how different narratives shape each other and lie at the root of today's political and policy challenges.

The trips offer an opportunity to engage firsthand with Israelis and Palestinians of many different backgrounds and to learn from their experiences. To date, nearly 50 Members of Congress have traveled to Israel and the West Bank with JSEF.



JSEF's Missions to Israel and the West Bank provide:

- Discussions with individuals from across the political continuum who are working to shape the reality on the ground
- A relevant and responsive itinerary that best captures the current state of affairs in the face of shifting politics, policies and conditions
- Opportunity to build working relationships with Israeli and Palestinian leaders, experts and activists
- Options for a tailored itinerary that best meet Members' interests and preferences



If you are interested in or would like to learn more about JSEF's educational travel, please contact Jordan Newmark at the J Street Education Fund at: jordannewmark@jstreet.org.



Action Agenda

JSEF trips strive to cover both traditional regional “highlights” and to explore corners of Israel and the Palestinian Territory that are more off the beaten path. While agendas are constantly evolving to respond to the most pressing issues and events of the moment, trips often include:

- Meetings with senior Israeli politicians and officials at the Knesset; meetings with Palestinian Authority officials in Ramallah
- Briefing from Israeli security officials on the situation in Gaza; tour of a Southern Israeli border community that has faced rocket attacks; meetings with Israeli activists campaigning for diplomacy and coexistence with Gaza
- Travel to the West Bank to learn about the occupation with experts from leading human rights groups; visit to a major Israeli settlement to meet with its leaders; meeting with residents of a Palestinian village to hear about daily life under the specter of demolition; tour of the model, planned Palestinian city of Rawabi with its CEO and young entrepreneurs
- Visit to Jerusalem's Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Center; heading to the city's eastern Palestinian neighborhoods to hear from activists and local leaders

