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If source is a Corporation or other Entity:

Name of Corporation or Entity: AMERICAN ISRAEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Name of Corporate/Entity Representative: NATE BEECHER

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Value of Honorarium: \$10438.89 Date Received: 7/12/15 - 7/19/15

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EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR IN ISRAEL, 7/12/15 TO 7/18/15

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# **State Democratic Leaders Educational Seminar in Israel**

**July 12 – 18, 2015**

**Sponsored by  
The American Israel Education Foundation**

Participants

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Vice President, Cornerstone Government Affairs  
Des Moines, IA

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**Becky Strapp**  
Educational Seminar Leader  
Jerusalem Office

**Avi Ben-Hur**  
Tour Guide  
Israel

**Sunday, July 12, 2015**

Ben-Gurion Airport – Jerusalem

5:35 PM Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport

Transfer to Jerusalem

Check in to the Mamilla Hotel

7:45 PM Depart hotel

8:00 PM *Setting the Stage*  
Welcome and Orientation  
- at Spoons

8:30 PM *Why a Jewish State*  
Dinner with Dr. Einat Wilf  
Former Member of Knesset and  
Senior Fellow, Jewish People Policy Institute  
- at Spoons

10:00 PM *Shalom Jerusalem*  
Walking tour of Yemin Moshe

Overnight at the Mamilla Hotel

**Monday, July 13, 2015**  
Jerusalem

**PLEASE BRING YOUR PASSPORT**

7:45 AM	Breakfast is served - at the hotel, Meeting Room AB
8:00 AM	<i>Israeli Politics Primer</i> Breakfast with Prof. Reuven Hazan Professor of Political Science The Hebrew University of Jerusalem - at the hotel, Meeting Room AB
9:00 AM	Depart for Strategic Survey of Jerusalem
9:15 AM	<i>Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part I:</i> Tour of the Old City and Holy Basin
12:30 PM	Depart
12:45 PM	<i>Minorities in Israel:</i> <i>The Arab-Israeli Experience</i> Lunch with Muhamamd Darawshe Director, Planning, Equality and Shared Living Givat Haviva Educational Institute - at Piccolino
2:00 PM	Depart
2:15 PM	<i>Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part II:</i> Tour of Jerusalem's Outlying Neighborhoods
3:15 PM	Depart for the Knesset  Security check

**Monday, July 13, 2015 (cont.)**

4:00 PM *The Israeli Knesset*  
Greetings by the Hon. Naftali Bennet  
Minister of Education  
Meetings with Knesset Members

- The Hon. Merav Michaeli  
Knesset Member, Zionist Union Party
- The Hon. Rachel Azaria-  
Knesset Member, Kulanu Party

- at the Knesset, Shprintzak Hall

5:30 PM Depart for hotel

7:15 PM Depart for dinner

7:30 PM *The Pulse of Israel Today*  
Dinner with Matti Friedman  
Author and Journalist  
- at Touro

Overnight at the Mamilla Hotel

**PLEASE PACK FOR NEXT MORNING'S CHECK  
OUT**



**Tuesday, July 14, 2015**  
Jerusalem – Tel Aviv

**PLEASE BRING YOUR PASSPORT**

6:00 AM	Optional: Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre
	Check out
	Luggage in the lobby
7:45 AM	Breakfast on own - at the hotel, Main Dining Hall
8:30 AM	Depart hotel
9:00 AM	<i>Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust</i> Guided tour of Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum
11:15 AM	Depart for Ramallah
	Lunch boxes en route
12:30 PM	<i>The Palestinian Perspective</i> Meeting with Dr. Saeb Erekat Head, Negotiation Department, PLO - at the Movenpick Hotel, Allegro Hall
1:45 PM	<i>Palestinian Perspective: From the Ground Up</i> Meeting with Dr. Salam Fayyad Former Prime Minister The Palestinian Authority - at the Movenpick Hotel, Allegro Hall
2:45 PM	Depart for Jerusalem

Tuesday, July 14, 2015 (cont.)

4:00 PM A View from the Prime Minister's Office  
Meeting with Herb Keinson  
Senior Diplomatic Correspondent  
The Jerusalem Post  
With the Midwest African American Leaders  
- at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Masada Jericho Hall

5:00 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

6:15 PM Check in to the David Intercontinental Hotel

7:30 PM Depart for dinner

8:00 PM Israelis from Different Walks of Life  
Dinner with

- Avi Samuels  
Director, SHALVA
- Avital Shabirou-Shapira  
Director of International Department  
General Federation of labor in Israel
- Dan Slyper  
LGBTQ Caucus, Yesh Atid Party
- Pnina Tamano-Shata  
Former Member of Knesset and  
Ethiopian Rights Activist

- at Deca

Overnight at the David Intercontinental Hotel

**Wednesday, July 15, 2015**

Tel Aviv – Israel's South – Tel Aviv

7:45 AM	Breakfast is served - at the hotel, Gallery Hall
8:00 AM	<i>The Palestinian Street</i> Breakfast with Avi Issacharoff Middle East Analyst, <i>The Times of Israel</i> - at the hotel, Gallery Hall
9:15 AM	Depart for Israel's South
10:45 AM	<i>Life in the Shadow of Rocket Fire</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Overlook at Kibbutz Nir Am</li><li>▪ Tour of Sderot, including Sderot rocket graveyard</li></ul>
11:45 AM	Tour of Kibbutz Kfar Aza and lunch With Ralph Lewinsohn Local resident - at Kibbutz Kfar Aza Dining Hall
1:00 PM	Depart for Tel Aviv
2:15 PM	<i>Defensible Borders: A Bird's Eye View</i> Briefing from the rooftop of Azrieli Tower
2:45 PM	<i>Reflections on Operation Protective Edge</i> Meeting with Maj. Gilad Pasternak Company Commander, Nahal Brigade - at The 38 <sup>th</sup> floor, Azrieli Triangle Building
4:00 PM	Depart for hotel

**Wednesday, July 15, 2015 (cont.)**

7:00 PM Depart hotel

7:30 PM *Israel's Global Footprint*  
Dinner with

- Naty Barak  
Chief Sustainability Officer, Netafim
  - Gal Lousky  
CEO, IFA Israel Flying Aid
  - Chaim Motzen  
Managing Director, Gigawatt Global
  - Dana Naor-Mande'el  
Director of the Legal Department  
Israel Women's Network
- at Lumina

Overnight at the David Intercontinental Hotel

**PLEASE PACK FOR NEXT MORNING'S CHECK  
OUT**

**Thursday, July 16, 2015**

Tel Aviv – Israel's North

Check out

Luggage in the lobby

7:45 AM	Breakfast is served - at the hotel, Gallery Hall
8:00 AM	<i>Understanding the Threat of Nuclear Iran</i> Breakfast with Dr. Emily Landau Senior Research Associate and Director of the Arms Control and Regional Security Program, Institute of National Security Studies - at the hotel, Gallery Hall
9:15 AM	Depart for Israel's North
9:30 AM	<i>Coping with Terror</i> Visit to NATAL Israel's Trauma Center for Victims of Terror and War
10:30 AM	Depart
11:00 AM	<i>Israel's Narrow Waistline</i> Strategic briefing at Alfei Menashe Overlook
11:30 AM	Depart
12:45 PM	<i>Israeli Humanitarian Aid</i> Visit to Rambam Health Care Campus Lunch will be served
3:15 PM	Depart

Thursday, July 16, 2015 (cont.)

5:00 PM	<i>Israel's Northern Borders Concerns, Part I:</i> Briefing on Israel's border with Lebanon with Maj. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi Northern Border Expert - at Dovev
5:45 PM	Depart
6:45 PM	Check in to Galei Kinneret Hotel
7:45 PM	Depart
8:00 PM	Dinner With the Midwest African American Leaders - at Decks
	Overnight at the Galei Kinneret Hotel

**Friday, July 17, 2015**

Israel's North – Jerusalem

Check out

Luggage in the lobby

7:30 AM

Breakfast on own  
- at the hotel, Main Dining Hall

8:30 AM

Depart hotel

9:00 AM

*Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee*  
Tour of Historical and Religious sites  
around the Sea of Galilee

11:00 AM

Depart

12:00 PM

*Israel's Northern Borders Concerns, Part II:*  
Strategic briefing on Israel's border with Syria  
- at Kibbutz Ein Zivan

1:30 PM

Lunch  
- at Asado

2:30 PM

Depart for Jerusalem

5:30 PM

Check in to the Mamilla Hotel

6:00 PM

Depart hotel

6:30 PM

Welcome the Sabbath at the Western Wall

7:30 PM

Depart for dinner

**Friday, July 17, 2015 (cont.)**

8:00 PM

*Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem*  
Festive Sabbath Eve dinner with  
Judy Klitsner and family  
Senior Lecturer  
Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies  
- at their home in Jerusalem

Overnight at the Mamilla Hotel



**Saturday, July 18, 2015**

Jerusalem – Dead Sea Area – Jerusalem – Ben-Gurion Airport

8:00 AM	Breakfast on own - at the hotel, Main Dining Hall
9:00 AM	Depart hotel for the Dead Sea area
10:15 AM	<i>History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire: Lessons for Today</i> Guided tour of Masada National Archaeological Park
12:00 PM	Depart
12:30 PM	<i>Exploration of the Dead Sea Region</i> - at Hod Hotel
2:45 PM	Depart for Jerusalem
4:30 PM	Return to hotel and break  Check out
6:00 PM	<i>Bringing it all Together: The Importance of the U.S.-Israel Relationship</i> Closing dinner - at the hotel, Meeting Room C
8:00 PM	Depart for the airport

## Speakers:

**Dr. Einat Wilf**, a former Member of Knesset, is today a Senior Fellow at the Jewish People Policy Institute (JPPI) – a Jerusalem-based think tank that focuses primarily on world Jewry. As a Member of Knesset, Dr. Wilf represented the Labor Party and subsequently the Atzma'ut Party, and chaired the Education Committee. She is an acclaimed author and analyst, who specializes in policy and strategy. Dr. Wilf served formerly as the Foreign Policy Advisor to President Shimon Peres when he was the Vice Prime Minister of Israel. She has also worked as a strategic consultant with McKinsey & Co. in New York City and was a General Partner with Koor Corporate Venture Capital.

**Prof. Reuven Hazan** is a Professor of Political Science at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He teaches courses such as "Comparative Politics – Institutions & Processes" and "Democracies – Definitions, Explanations & Institutions." Prof. Hazan had been guest lecturer at a number of American institutions of higher learning. He is the author and editor of numerous books and articles on subjects that include electoral reform, centrist political parties, and democratic institutions. He also serves as an advisor to the Speaker of the Knesset on electoral issues.

**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. Until 2013 He served as Co-Director of The Abraham Fund Initiatives. Previously he served as Elections Campaign Manager 1988-1999 for the United Arab List. He is considered a leading expert on Jewish-Arab relations and has presented lectures and papers at the European parliament, NATO Defense College, the World Economic Forum, and Club de Madrid. He won the Peacemaker Award from the Catholic Theological Union and the Peace and Security Award of the

World Association of NGOs. In 2008 he was elected as a council member in his hometown Iksal. In 2009 he served as a member of The National Committee which drafted Coexistence Education policy.

**The Hon. Merav Michaeli** is a Member of Knesset representing the Zionist Union party. She was a journalist and communications expert until October 2012 when she entered politics, joining the Labor Party. She subsequently won fifth place on the Labor Party roster and entered the Knesset following the January 2013 national elections. During her professional career Michaeli worked as a presenter, creator and producer of radio and television programs and also wrote for the Ha'aretz daily newspaper. She was also founder and director of "Ezrat Nashim" – an organization dedicated to raising public awareness of victims of sexual assault.

**The Hon. Racehl Azaria** is a Member of Knesset with The Kulanu party, in her first term. Prior to running for Knesset, Azaria served as Deputy Mayor and member of the Jerusalem City Council, where she was party chair and held portfolios related to early childhood education and community councils. Azaria is internationally recognized for her feminist activism; in her role as a local politician Azaria won hard-fought campaigns to enforce laws prohibiting gender segregation and discrimination in Jerusalem's Ultra-Orthodox neighborhoods. An environmental activist since 1998, Azaria serves as a Board Member of Israel's largest volunteer-based environmental organization.

**Matti Friedman's** work as a reporter has taken him from Lebanon to Morocco, Cairo, Moscow and Washington, D.C., and to conflicts in Israel in the Caucasus. He has been a correspondent for the *Associated Press*, where he specialized in religion and archaeology in Israel and the Palestinian territories, for *The Jerusalem Report*, and for *The Times of Israel*. He grew up in Toronto and lives in Jerusalem. *The*

*Aleppo Codex*, his first book, was published in May 2012. The book received the prestigious Sami Rohr Prize for non-fiction for 2014.

**Dr. Saeb Erekat** holds the post of Head of the Negotiation Department in the PLO. In this position he reports directly to Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. Dr. Erekat has been at the center of negotiations with Israel for the better part of the last two decades. He was involved in crafting the Oslo accords in 1995, and was an active participant in most of Israeli-Palestinian meetings held under U.S. auspices. Dr. Erekat is also an elected Member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, representing the Jericho district. He is the author of eight books and numerous research papers on foreign policy, oil and conflict resolution. He received a BA and MA in Political Science at San Francisco University, and completed his Ph.D. in Peace and Conflict Studies at Bradford University in England.

**Dr. Salam Fayyad**, an internationally respected economist, is a Palestinian politician and former Prime Minister and Finance Minister of the Palestinian Authority. Dr. Fayyad was first appointed as Prime Minister in 2007. He won international, as well as Israeli approval for his management of the West Bank. Dr. Fayyad began his career teaching economics at Yarmouk University in Jordan. He served at the World Bank from 1987-1995, and subsequently joined the International Monetary Fund as their representative in the West Bank and Gaza. Dr. Fayyad holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Texas at Austin. His main tenets include good governance and economic opportunity.

**Herb Keinon** is the Senior Diplomatic Correspondent at *The Jerusalem Post*. For the last 20 years he has covered a variety of beats, including Jerusalem, immigration and absorption, religious parties, the ultra-Orthodox community, and settlements. He has also been a features writer and weekly columnist at the paper. Mr. Keinon is responsible for

covering the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister, and often travels with the Prime Minister on his trips abroad. As such, Mr. Keiron has up-to date knowledge of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the various diplomatic attempts to solve it.

**Avi Samuels** is the director of SHALVA, Israel's leading organization for children with special needs. SHALVA was founded by Avi's parents, Kalman and Malki Samuels in 1990, following their personal challenge in raising their son Yossi who at 11 months old was rendered deaf, blind and acutely hyperactive as a result of receiving a faulty DPT vaccination. Motivated to help other families who were dealing with a similar challenge of raising a child with special needs, Malki and Kalman initially started SHALVA as a mom-and-pop operation out of their home. Shalva grew over the years, and is today the preeminent center for children with mental and physical disabilities in Israel. After serving with distinction in the IDF, as an officer, Avi earned a degree in Finance and Business Management before forging a successful career in real estate and property management. Avi joined SHALVA in 2007 as Director of Development for the newly announced SHALVA National Center, opening in 2016.

**Avital Shapira-Shabirow** is the Director of the International Department of the Histadrut – the General Federation of Labor in Israel. In this position she is responsible for relations between the Histadrut and trade unions throughout the world, international labor bodies and NGOs dealing with labor issues, workers' rights and human rights. She also plans and manages the relationship between the Histadrut and the Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions and is responsible for designing, coordinating and implementing joint projects and agreements. Shapira-Shabirow joined the Histadrut in 1995 and served as the Director of the Arab Countries Desk in the International Department. She holds Master's and B.A. degrees in Middle Eastern Studies and Sociology from Tel Aviv University.

**Dan Slyper** is a long-time LGBTQ activist who in the 2013 elections chaired the LGBTQ section of the Yesh Atid Party and the same section in the Labor Party in the 2009 elections. Slyper is a software engineer by profession and for more than a decade worked for Israeli and Israel-based international companies in the field of information systems. He currently works for Coca Cola Israel as manager of the company's computerized sales and distribution center. Slyper also teaches Civics at a Ramat-Gan high-school.

**Pnina Tamano-Shata** is an attorney by profession and an activist working for Ethiopian immigrants' rights. She also worked as a teacher in informal education and as counsel at the Israel Discount Bank. Tamnu-Shata was a member of the last Knesset, with the centrist Yesh Atid Party, where she chaired the Lobby for Ethiopian Immigrants. She arrived in Israel at the age of three during "Operation Moses", which brought Ethiopian Jews to Israel.

**Avi Issacharoff** is the Middle East analyst at *Walla!* website ([walla.co.il](http://walla.co.il)), Israel's leading Hebrew language on-line news portal, and for *The Tower* (the tower.org) a U.S.-based website which follows events in the Middle East. He is also a columnist at *The Times of Israel* ([timesofisrael.com](http://timesofisrael.com)). In the years 2005-2012 Issacharoff was the Palestinian and Arab Affairs correspondent at the Ha'aretz daily newspaper. Issacharoff is a frequent guest on Israeli news channels, including the Arab language program. He is co-author, with Amos Harel, of two books: "The Seventh War – How We Won and Why We Lost the War with the Palestinians," and "34 Days – The Story of the Second Lebanon War." A fluent Arabic speaker, he also worked as the Middle East Affairs correspondent for the Israel Public Radio.

**Ralph Lewinsohn** is a scholar of the Holy Land and a professional tour guide. Originally from Cape Town, he moved

to Israel more than four decades ago and made Kibbutz Kfar Azza his home.

**Naty Barak** is Chief Sustainability Officer of Netafim -- the pioneer and global leader in drip irrigation solutions. Netafim has 16 manufacturing facilities in 12 countries, 27 subsidiaries, and a strong global distribution network across 110 countries. Netafim combines comprehensive in-house agro-knowledge with professional engineering expertise to lead the industry. Mr. Barak has been with Netafim since 1975. As Chief Sustainability Officer, he works with governments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), academic institutions, environmental organizations, and companies on sustainability and multi-resource productivity issues. In this capacity, he focuses his efforts on water, land, energy and other agronomic inputs, and their impact on global sustainable intensification of agriculture. Mr. Barak is a member of Kibbutz Hatzerim, located in Israel's Negev desert, and has served on Hatzerim's board of directors, management committee and economic committee.

**Gal Lousky** is an experienced volunteer rescue worker and humanitarian relief provider. She founded Israeli Flying Aid ("IFA") in 2005 in order to meet the needs of people suffering in disaster areas around the world. IFA is a not-for-profit, volunteer-based, non-governmental organization that aims to provide humanitarian life-saving aid and relief to communities in areas stricken by natural disaster or territorial conflicts.

**Chaim Motzen**, Managing Director and Co-Founder of Gigawatt Global, led the successful development of the first utility-scale solar field in East Africa in record time, an 8.5 MW plant in Rwanda which reached full production in September 2014 and increased Rwanda's generation capacity by approximately 6%. Chaim is a former consultant at McKinsey and Company, where he was awarded "The Marvin," McKinsey's highest award for non-partners, recognizing exceptional work in knowledge building. He received an MBA

from Harvard Business School and an MPA from Harvard Kennedy School. Chaim is on the Board of Directors of the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation, a world leader in facilitating bone marrow transplants for children and adults suffering from life-threatening diseases.

**Dana Naor Mandel'el** is the legal counsel for the Israel Womens' Network ("IWN"), a not-for-profit organization that seeks to improve the status of women in Israel. IWN's mission is to lead social change and to achieve equality of opportunity for all Israeli women. IWN runs a free hotline providing callers with legal counseling, support and intervention for women facing gender-based discrimination in the workplace, rights during pregnancy and fertility treatments, sexual harassment in the workplace, and fair representation for women. Prior to joining IWN, Dana worked for Shatil, the capacity- building arm of the New Israel Fund as a project manager for gender-based discrimination in the workplace. Dana received her law degree from Tel Aviv University and has clerked for the Israeli Supreme Court.

**Dr. Emily Landau** is a Senior Research Associate and Director of the Arms Control and Regional Security program at the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS), Tel Aviv University. She has published and lectured extensively on nuclear proliferation, regional security and arms control efforts in the Middle East, efforts to confront the proliferation challenges posed by Iran and North Korea, Israel's nuclear image and policy, and developments in U.S. and global arms control thinking regarding weapons of mass destruction.

**NATAL – Israel's Trauma Center for Victims of Terror and War** is a multi-disciplinary treatment center for victims of terror and war-related trauma. Individuals suffering from combat stress, people injured in terrorist attacks, families who lost their loved ones in military operations, are all too common in Israel. NATALt was established in 1998 out of the collective Israeli need for a center to train professionals and to help those



suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. NATAL was awarded the 2008 Israel Presidential Award for Volunteerism.

**Rambam Health Care Campus** is a 1,000-bed academic hospital serving the over 2 million residents of Northern Israel. Providing comprehensive medical services in all medical specialties, Rambam is the tertiary referral center for 12 district hospitals. It was recently ranked as one of the most recommended hospitals in Israel. In addition to the citizens of Northern Israel, Rambam serves the Israel Defense Forces Northern Command, UN Peacekeeping Forces, and the US 6th Fleet. Many of Rambam's physicians are world renowned in their clinical specialty. Physicians participate in cutting-edge research projects to bring new therapies and treatments not only to their patients, but the greater community of the world. Strategically located in Haifa, Rambam has become a world leader in mass trauma and casualty treatment and education; Rambam's percentage of trauma survivors is the highest in the nation.

**Maj. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi** served for over 14 years in the Israeli Defense Forces, in the Military Intelligence Corps, first at the Research and Analysis Division, followed by a stint at the Northern Command HQ. Maj. Zehavi focuses on multi-disciplinary material, based on her expertise of the Arab media, specializing in Lebanon, Turkey, and national security issues and challenges along Israel's volatile northern border. She also holds an M.A. degree on Middle East Studies from Ben-Gurion University.

**Judy Klitsner** is a senior lecturer at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies, where she has taught Bible and biblical exegesis for more than two decades. A disciple of the renowned Torah scholar Nehama Leibowitz, Judy is a popular international speaker, who regularly brings her text-based, dynamic, interactive classes to leading synagogues, JCC's and adult education programs in Israel, the US, and Great Britain. Judy is the author of *Subversive Sequels in the Bible*:

*How Biblical Stories Mine and Undermine Each Other* (first published by JPS; recently released in paperback by Koren Publishers). Her book received the 2009 National Jewish Book Award.



# State of New Hampshire

GENERAL COURT

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

State House - Room 112  
Concord, NH 03301-4951

June 3, 2015

Honorable Dan Feltes  
Legislative Office Building, Room 5  
33 North State Street  
Concord, N.H. 03301

Honorable Donna M. Soucy  
State House, Room 120  
107 North Main Street  
Concord, N.H. 03301

**Re: Advisory Opinion 2015-1**

Dear Senators Feltes and Soucy,

In response to your request please find enclosed Advisory Opinion 2015-1, which has been issued by the Legislative Ethics Committee.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the Committee's Executive Administrator, Richard Lambert. We thank you for your inquiry, and are glad to have been of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Sytek".

Donna Sytek  
Chairman

Enclosure

cc: Honorable Chuck W. Morse, President of the Senate  
Honorable Shawn N. Jasper, Speaker of the House  
Honorable Jeff Woodburn, Senate Minority Leader  
Honorable Stephen J. Shurtleff, House Minority Leader  
Kristy Merrill, Senate Chief of Staff  
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Members of the Legislative Ethics Committee

**Advisory Opinion 2015-1**  
**Response to a Request for an Advisory Opinion**  
**from Senator Dan Feltes and Senator Donna M. Soucy**

Senator Dan Feltes and Senator Donna M. Soucy have sought an Advisory Opinion about whether acceptance of payment for the costs of travel, lodging, and meals related to a proposed trip to Israel, sponsored by the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF), will qualify for exemption from the prohibition on “Gifts” under RSA 15-B:3, as “Expense Reimbursement” under RSA 15-B:5.

According to a memorandum and an agenda submitted by AIEF, the purpose of the trip is to attend an educational seminar comprised of “meetings, briefings and site visits that highlight the vital importance of the US-Israel relationship.” The educational seminar would be structured to showcase Israeli approaches to issues that are relevant to the State of New Hampshire, such as public health care, homeland and border security, law enforcement in a democratic society, protecting civil liberties, information-based economic development, comparative democracy, renewable energy, water conservation, comparative business-labor relations, the role of first responders, and the preservation of historical and natural landmarks.

Based on the information provided by Sen. Feltes and Sen. Soucy about the trip’s purpose and activities, acceptance of the payment of expenses associated with the trip would qualify for the exemption. See Interpretive Ruling 2013-1.

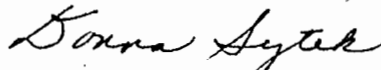
The Senators must report their attendance in accordance with RSA 15-B:6.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance.

June 3, 2015

Donna Sytek, Chairman  
Senator Sharon M. Carson, Vice Chairman  
Representative Janet G. Wall  
Senator Martha Fuller Clark  
Representative David A. Welch  
Honorable John A. Graham  
Attorney David H. Bradley

For the Committee,



Donna Sytek  
Chairman

[Vote: 7-0]