



January 7, 2026

Sent via Email (No Original to Follow): [councillor\\_paternak@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_paternak@toronto.ca)

James Pasternak  
Councillor, York Centre  
Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen St. W., Suite A22  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Councillor Pasternak:

**Re: Sponsored Travel by the consulate of Israel for the Canadian Political Leadership Mission from November 23 to 28, 2025**

Thank you for providing me with a Travel Declaration Form for the above-noted trip. I confirm that the information submitted is in compliance with section 4.2(6) of Article 4 (Gifts and Benefits) of the Code of Conduct for Members of Council, as travel was sponsored by the consulate of Israel and you attended in your official capacity as a member of City Council.

I form this view based on my review of:

1. Travel Declaration Form received December 18, 2025;
2. Invitation email dated November 5, 2025 from Consulate General of Israel;
3. Email dated December 18, 2025 from Government Relations, Consulate of Israel to Jenya Drazman confirming breakdown of costs;
4. Itinerary
5. Search of the Lobbyist Registry confirming that the trip sponsor is not a registered lobbyist nor a client of a registered lobbyist.

This letter, the Travel Declaration Form, and attached supporting material will be posted on the Integrity Commissioner's website, [toronto.ca/integrity](http://toronto.ca/integrity), in accordance with the *Code of Conduct for Members of Council*.

If you have any questions about the disclosure of gifts and benefits, please do not hesitate to contact this Office.

Yours truly,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact a signature.

Paul Muldoon  
Integrity Commissioner

Enclosures (3): Travel Declaration Form received December 18, 2025

Invitation Email

Email confirming breakdown of costs

Itinerary

Cc: Lesley Ruscica, Manager, Council & Support Services  
Mike Pacholok, Deputy City Clerk, Member Services & Program Support



**Gift Disclosure Statement  
Travel Declaration**

This form is used in the declaration of travel costs provided by a third party for Council Members in the performance of their duties if the value exceeds \$300, or if total value received from any one source during a calendar year exceeds \$300.

**INFORMATION TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNCIL MEMBER**

<b>Council Member:</b>	James Pasternak
<b>Purpose of Trip:</b>	Represent Toronto on an intergovernmental delegation, city building and fact finding mission
<b>Travel Destination:</b>	Israel
<b>Travel Dates:</b>	November 23 - 28, 2025
<b>Additional Information:</b>	Met with municipal and religious leaders, visited hightech solutions for cities and gave two briefings on City of Toronto issues.

**Travel Expenses Covered by Third Party (please complete all that apply)**

<b>Sponsor of Travel:</b>	Name: Consulate General of Israel in Toronto and Western Canada Type of Sponsor (check all that apply): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Other organization <input type="checkbox"/> Conference Organizer
<b>Registration Fees:</b>	\$ none
<b>Travel:</b>	\$ none
<b>Accommodation:</b>	\$ 2,299.44 CAD
<b>Ground Transportation:</b>	\$
<b>Per Diem/Sundry Expenses:</b>	\$ 1,290.87 CAD for meals
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$ 3,590.31 CAD
<b>Expenses Paid from Council Business Travel Budget</b>	\$
<b>Expenses Paid from Constituency Services &amp; Office Budget or the annual operating budget for the Office of the Mayor</b>	\$ 2,624.95
<b>Expenses paid from other City of Toronto sources</b>	\$ none <b>Source:</b>

Please attach all pertinent information (e.g. from event organizer, copies of receipts, etc.)

Signed by Council Member:

The personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, ss. 107 and 159, and By-Laws 1076-2006, 154-2007 and 861-2008. The information is used to ensure compliance with the Code of Conduct for Members of Council and will be made public. The information will be provided to the Office of the City Clerk to report the donation as a Gift and Benefit. Questions about this collection can be directed to the Integrity Commissioner, 375 University Avenue, Suite 202, Toronto ON M5G 2J5, at 416-392-3826, or at [integrity@toronto.ca](mailto:integrity@toronto.ca).

## Integrity

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**From:** Jenya Drazman  
**Sent:** December 18, 2025 2:45 PM  
**To:** Kate Zavitz  
**Cc:** Integrity; Paul Muldoon  
**Subject:** FW: An Invitation to Israel – Leadership Delegation, November 2025

Hi, Kate,

Please see below a letter of invitation for Councillor Pasternak from the Consulate of Israel. I will also forward the itinerary and the email with the cost.

Thanks,

**Jenya Drazman**  
Chief of Staff  
Office of Councillor James Pasternak | York Centre | [www.jamespasternak.ca](http://www.jamespasternak.ca)  
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**From:** Government Relations - Consulate of Israel - Toron  
**Sent:** November 5, 2025 11:41 AM  
**To:** Jenya Drazman  
**Subject:** [External Sender] An Invitation to Israel – Leadership Delegation, November 2025

Hi Jenya,

See below the letter of invitation. Let me know if this is sufficient.

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Dear Councillor James Pasternak,

The Consulate General of Israel in Toronto and Western Canada warmly invites you to take part in a select leadership delegation to Israel from November 23 to November 28, 2025.

A carefully chosen group of public leaders from across Canada will travel together for a fully hosted visit centered on learning, exchange, and collaboration. You will explore historic sites, witness a dynamic democracy in action, and meet the individuals shaping Israel's complex and compelling story.

This journey comes at a pivotal moment, as the conversation around Israel in Canada continues to evolve. Across campuses, media, unions, and public discourse, nuance is often replaced by polarization. This

delegation offers the opportunity to step into lived realities, engage with diverse voices and return with insight grounded in direct experience.

You'll hear from policymakers, speak with survivors and first responders of the October 7 massacre, visit innovation hubs developing cutting-edge solutions in sectors such as health and emergency preparedness, and explore initiatives focused on social resilience and coexistence. The program includes visits to communities affected by recent conflict and time in cities layered with history and identity.

There will also be space for reflection, connection, and cultural exploration — sharing meals in Haifa, walking through Jerusalem's sacred quarters, visiting Bedouin and Druze communities, and experiencing the energy and complexity of everyday life in Israel.

Ground travel in Israel, accommodations, meals, and program costs are provided by the Consulate of Israel.

Sincerely,

**Stav Nitka**

Director of Government Relations  
Consulate General of Israel in Toronto and Western Canada

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**From:** [Jenya Drazman](#)  
**To:** [Kate Zavitz; Integrity](#)  
**Cc:** [Paul Muldoon](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Delegation Information Email and Google Form Link  
**Date:** December 18, 2025 2:50:33 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.jpg](#)

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Hi, Kate,

Below is the email about costs. Councillor Pasternak says he did not attend 3 of the 5 dinners. Please let me know if anything else is needed. Itinerary is coming.

Thanks,

**Jenya Drazman**

Chief of Staff

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**From:** Government Relations - Consulate of Israel - Toron

**Sent:** December 18, 2025 8:49 AM

**To:** Jenya Drazman ; James Pasternak

**Subject:** [External Sender] RE: Delegation Information Email and Google Form Link

Good morning, Councillor,

Here is the breakdown of the per person, on the ground cost for the delegation:

On November 28, **1 ILS was 0.429 CAD.**

Hotels:

5 nights at 1072 ILS per night = 5360 ILS.

In CAD 1072 ILS = \$459.89

For 5 nights, the total for accommodations would be **\$2,299.44**

Note that the hotel costs included breakfast.

Meals:

4 Lunches at 276 ILS per meal = 1104 ILS

In CAD 276 ILS = \$118.40, so total for lunches would be \$473.62

5 Dinners at 381 ILS per meal = 1905 ILS

381 ILS = \$163.45, so total for dinners would be \$817.25

Total for meals would be **\$1290.87**

Meals + Accommodations would therefore total **\$3,590.31**

Please let me know if you need any further details!

Best,

**Stav Nitka**

Director of Government Relations

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2025

**CANADIAN  
POLITICAL  
LEADERSHIP  
MISSION TO  
ISRAEL**

**ITINERARY**

# DAY 1: Saturday November 22nd



18:30

## **Flight from Toronto to Vienna**

Toronto Pearson International Airport

Flight number: Air Canada AC886

***Note: Baggage will be transferred directly to TLV***

# DAY 2: Sunday November 23rd



08:45

## **Arrival in Vienna**



10:20

## **Flight from Vienna to Tel Aviv**

Flight number: AC6172 (operated by Austrian)



14:45

## **Arrival in Tel Aviv**



15:30

## **Departure to Jerusalem**



16:30

## **Check-in at the Orient Hotel, Jerusalem**



19:30

## **Dinner at the restaurant Station 9**



21:30

## **Return to the hotel**

## **DAY 3: Monday November 24th**

- 07:30 **Breakfast at the hotel**
- 08:15 **Departure from the hotel**  
Please bring your ID
- 08:45 **Briefing at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs**
- 10:45 **Visit of Israel's Parliament - the Knesset**
- 13:00 **Lunch at the restaurant “Modern”**  
Located in the Israel Museum, Ruppin boulevard 11
- 14:30 **Visit of Yad Vashem**  
The World Holocaust Remembrance Center
- 17:15 **Guided tour of the Old City of Jerusalem**  
Including the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Western Wall
- 19:30 **Dinner at the restaurant “Eucalyptus”**
- 21:00 **Return to the hotel**

## DAY 4: Tuesday November 25th

- 06:45 **Breakfast at the hotel & check-out**
- 07:15 **Departure from the hotel**
- 09:15 **Visit to Kerem Shalom border crossing**
- 10:00 **Visit of the Nova music festival memorial site**
- 12:00 **Visit of Kibbutz Nir Oz, one of the sites of the October 7th massacre**
- 14:00 **Lunch at the restaurant “Oryosss” in Sderot**
- 15:30 **Visit of the Police Station Memorial in Sderot**
- 16:30 **Departure to Tel Aviv**  
Check-in at the Royal Beach Hotel in Tel Aviv
- 19:30 **Optional dinner at the hotel and free evening**

## DAY 5: Wednesday November 26th

- 08:00 **Breakfast at the hotel**
- 08:30 **Departure from the hotel**
- 09:30 **Visit of the “Balcony of the Country”**
- 11:30 **Visit of the Magen David Adom control centre in Ramla**  

National command hub for emergency medical coordination and response, home to the largest subterranean blood bank in the world
- 13:00 **Lunch with the MDA teams**
- 14:45 **Visit of the Municipal Innovation Center (MIC)**  

Leading hub for smart city development and municipal innovation
- 16:40 **Visit of the Peres Center for Peace & Innovation**  

Showcasing innovation as a vector for peace in the Middle East and honouring the legacy of the late President Shimon Peres
- 17:30 **Night tour and dinner in Jaffa**  

Conclusion of the day in the ancient Levantine port, today a captivating blend of cultures, offering world-class gastronomy, a vibrant art scene, and buzzing nightlife
- 21:00 **Return to the hotel**

## **DAY 6: Thursday November 27th**

- 07:00 **Breakfast at the hotel**
- 07:30 **Departure from the hotel**
- 09:00 **Stop in Yokne'am**
- 09:45 **Departure to Majdal Shams**
- 11:45 **Visit of Majdal Shams**
- 12:30 **Traditional Druze Lunch**
- 13:45 **Arrival at soccer field & wreath laying ceremony**
- 14:45 **Departure to Metula**
- 15:45 **Visit of Metula**
- 16:45 **Departure to Somek Winery**
- 17:30 **Wine tasting & dinner at Somek Winery, Zichron Yaakov**
- 21:00 **Return to the hotel in Tel Aviv**

## **DAY 7: Friday November 28th**

### **Breakfast at the hotel and check-out**

*Transportation to the airport will be arranged individually according to the different departure times.*