**MABAL Itinerary - June 10th-13th, 2018**

**Sunday, June 10th**

8:30 pm/9:15 pm Group arrives in Chicago on 2 American Airlines flights.Matan will arrive earler unday afternoon to arrange bus (pd. by Embassy).

**Hotel:** [Best Western Grant Park](http://www.guestreservations.com/best-western-grant-park-hotel-chicago/booking)- 1100 South Michigan Ave. Chicago. Reservations: [1-866-238-4218](tel:18662384218). Reservation by Embassy in DC.

**Monday, June 11th**

7:30 am Breakfast on own

8:30 am-11:00 am **Chicago Council on Global Affairs.**

Conference Center, 130 East Randolph. **Contact:** Matt Abbott,Director, Government and Diplomatic Programs; Tel: +1 312-256-8506 │ e-mail: [mabbott@thechicagocouncil.org](mailto:mabbott@thechicagocouncil.org). **Program/Discussion (tentative):**

**Introduction: What CCGA does, Projects and Initiatives. (Ivo?)**

[**Richard C. Longworth**,](https://www.thechicagocouncil.org/expert/richard-c-longworth) Distinguished Fellow, Global Cities. Author: Caught in the Middle: America’s Heartland in the Age of Globalism, on the impact of globalization on the American Midwest.

**Break: 10 minutes**

[**Dina Smeltz**,](https://www.thechicagocouncil.org/expert/dina-smeltz), Senior Fellow, Public Opinion and Foreign Policy. Oversees CCGA [Annual Survey: American Public Opinion and Foreign Policy](https://digital.thechicagocouncil.org/what-americans-think-about-america-first?_ga=2.83216278.1642518295.1525973951-765105153.1417038680)..

11:15 am Met at CCGA by **Lorenzo Young**, representative of TURN Center (next destination) who will join group for brief tour. Lunch will also be delivered to bus by [**Zelda’s Catering**](https://www.zeldascatering.com/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIhPKfiLaN2wIVFBMbCh1JSQ8UEAAYASAAEgLqpPD_BwE) (Matan to order directly).

Noon Arrive at [**Bright Star Community Outreach, Inc**. **(BSCO**](https://www.brightstarcommunityoutreach.com/about/)**),**

4021 South State. **Presentation: About BSCO and** [**TURN Center**](https://www.brightstarcommunityoutreach.com/overview/)**, based on Israel models** [**(NATAL)-**](https://www.brightstarcommunityoutreach.com/new-page/)[**Pastor Rodney Carter, Jr., COO**](https://www.brightstarcommunityoutreach.com/staff/)

**Contact:**, Mobile: (773) 663-5370; [Rodney@BrightStarCommunityOutreach.com](mailto:Rodney@BrightStarCommunityOutreach.com)

**Noon:** Lunch; **12:20** pm: Presentations of BSCO and TURN based on Israeli models w/videos ([NATAL](https://www.natal.org.il/en/)); **12:45 pm**: Q&A. **1:00 pm**: Panel discussion- Chicago Urban Community Issues; **1:30 pm**: Q&A discussion

2:00 pm Depart Bright Star for Chicago Police Headquarters.

2:30 pm Arrive **Chicago Police Headquarters**, 3510 South Michigan**.**

**Contact:** Tina Skahill, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel, CPD. Mobile: (312) 848 – 7602; E-mail: [tskahill@aol.com](mailto:tskahill@aol.com).

**Program**: Panel on Community Policing, Crime prevention and solution using social media analysis and hi-tech surveillance. (30-40 minutes). Tour of high tech analysis center at HQ.

4:00 pm Depart Police HQ and return to hotel by 4:30 pm.

Evening Free time on own

**Tuesday, June 12th**

*8:30- 10:15 am Possible meeting with Illinois Official- Governor Rauner (requested) and/or Illinois National Guard Representative*

10:30 am Drive to Hyde Park. U. of Chicago campus

11:00 am-1:00 pm **U. of Chicago, Booth School of Business**. Charles M. Harper Center. 5807 S. Woodlawn Ave. **Room TBD**

**Presentations by Professors** [**Austan Goolsbee**](https://www.chicagobooth.edu/faculty/directory/g/austan-d-goolsbee) and [**Steven Kaplan.**](https://www.chicagobooth.edu/faculty/directory/k/steven-neil-kaplan)

**Topics: Goolsbee:** “Forecasts for US Economy based on President Trump’s domestic and foreign economic policies”;

**Kaplan:** “Characteristics that make a successful CEO/leader”.

Contact: Holly Stauffer, EA to Dean Rajan. Tel: (773) 702-6680; [Holly.Stauffer@chicagobooth.edu](mailto:Holly.Stauffer@chicagobooth.edu) .

1:00 pm Walking tour of main Quads

1:30 pm**Newberger Hillel Center**5715 S Woodlawn Ave.

**Program:** **Lunch and Panel on “Israel on Campus/BDS challenges”.** Presentation by **John Lowenstein,** JUF's Vice President of Campus Affairs, **Emily Briskman,** Assistant Vice President, Campus Affairs /Executive Director, JUF’s Israel Education Center **and** [**Anna Levin Rosen**](https://www.uchicagohillel.org/about1-c5ao)**,** Rabbi andExecutive Director, U. of C. Hillel, with students.

**Topics:** Trends, challenges (intersectionality, public perception of Israel amongst college students etc.), positive activism, breadth of Jewish life on campus etc.+ O&A. **Contact:** Emily Briskman,. Tel: 312-357-4671;

e-mail: [emilybriskman@juf.org](mailto:emilybriskman@juf.org).

3:15 pm Board bus for trip back downtown.

4:00 PM **Meet with Chicago** [**Mayor Rahm Emanuel**](https://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/mayor/supp_info/about_the_mayor.html) at City Hall, 121 North LaSalle St.; Room TBD. Contact: Jordan Miller, Deputy Director, Strategic Partnerships and Global Affairs. Tel: (312) 350-3140. (M);

E-mail: [Jordan.Miller@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Jordan.Miller@cityofchicago.org).

Article: [Mayor Emanuel Signs Agreement to Establish Innovative Partnership Between Chicago's Current and Israel's Technion.](https://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/mayor/press_room/press_releases/2017/september/TechnionCurrent.html)

5:30 pm Reception at CGs. Per Einat Ezra, start time of dinner can be flexible.

**Wednesday, June 13th**

8:30 am- 9:00 Presentations at the **JUF/Jewish Federation of Metro Chicago**. Focus on the Federation’s activities in the Jewish and non-Jewish communities of the Chicago region; Israel, international and domestic political advocacy, education, etc. Contact: [Steve Dishler](https://www.linkedin.com/in/steve-dishler-57859a4/). Tel: (312) 357-4674; E: [stevedishler@juf.org](mailto:stevedishler@juf.org)

9:00-10:30 am Panel: Relationship between North American Jewish diaspora ad Israel. Panelists TBD.

10:30 am Depart for Kankakee for visit to Nucor Steel factory Take lunch with (catered by Zelda’s).

Noon Stop for lunch at [**Kankakee River State Park**](https://www.stateparks.com/kankakee_river.html) (a few miles from Nucor)

1:15 pm[**Nucor Steel**](http://www.nucor.com/products/) **One Nucor Way, Bourbonnais, IL.**

**Presentation: Story of Nucor and the Midwest Steel Industry.**

**Tour of Factory. Contact:** Johnny Jacobs, VP and General Manager. Tel: (815) 939-5518; e-mail: [Johnny.Jacobs@nucor.com](mailto:Johnny.Jacobs@nucor.com).

2:30 pm At end of Tour 30 minute wrap-up session in room at Nucor.

3:00 pm Depart for O’Hare Airport. 3 flights. 1st leaves at 6:25 pm (Jet Blue)

Directions and Drive time: <https://www.mapquest.com/directions/list/1/us/illinois/nucor-steel-kankakee-inc-351948932/to/us/illinois/ohare-international-airport-terminal-5-372048805>

**Additional Bios and Background Information**

**JUF Hillel Speakers**

**John Lowenstein**

John Lowenstein is currently Vice President for Campus Affairs and Student Engagement, JUF/JF, and additional title of Executive Director, Hillels of Illinois. He is a former YLD president and has served on the JUF/JF Board of Directors since 2005.

His major responsibilities have included Vice Chairman, member of the Executive Committee and the Overall Planning and Allocation Committee, Chairman of the Israel and Oversees Commission, Chairman of the Community Building and Continuity Commission, and a lead solicitor for Jewish Day School Guarantee Trust Fund as well as the End of Year JUF Campaign Chairman.

Beyond his work with JUF, John has served as chair of the Midwest Region of Friends of the I.D.F. and as chairman of the capital campaign for the Ida Crown Jewish Academy. John has served on the boards of both Hillel at Northwestern University and the Hillels of Illinois Governing Commission.

John received his B.A. from Tufts University and his J.D. from the Northwestern University School of Law.

His varied professional background includes eight years at Sportmart, where he rose to be its Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Through these significant professional and volunteer roles, John has demonstrated strong management and fundraising skills and an abiding commitment to building a Jewish identity that is imbued with strong ties to the community and to Israel among today’s college youth.

**Emily Briskman** is Assistant Vice President/Executive Director of the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago’s Israel Education Center (IEC). Her responsibilities include oversight of IEC’s diverse programs for high school and college students which engage the next generation with Israel through education and advocacy and inspire them to build a strong commitment to the Jewish state. Her mission is to ensure every Jewish student leaves campus with Israel at the heart of their Jewish identity and every non-Jewish student has an opportunity to make Israel personally meaningful to them. Emily’s portfolio includes policy setting and curriculum development; strategic planning for tackling the delegitimization of Israel on college campuses; relationship management with faculty/administrators and on-campus/national Israel organizations; and educational resource development. Emily is a graduate of the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science.