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# LOBBYING REPORT

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<b>1. Registrant Name</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization/Lobbying Firm <input type="checkbox"/> Self Employed Individual									
AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE									
<b>2. Address</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported									
Address1	165 EAST 56TH STREET	Address2							
City	NEW YORK	State	NY	Zip Code	10022 - 2746	Country	USA		
<b>3. Principal place of business (if different than line 2)</b>									
City		State		Zip Code	-	Country			
<b>4a. Contact Name</b>				<b>b. Telephone Number</b>		<b>c. E-mail</b>		<b>5. Senate ID#</b>	
Mr. JEFFREY SINENSKY				(212) 751-4000				2720-12	
<b>7. Client Name</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self <input type="checkbox"/> Check if client is a state or local government or instrumentality								<b>6. House ID#</b>	
AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE								310940000	

**TYPE OF REPORT** 8. Year 2008 Q1 (1/1 - 3/31)  Q2 (4/1 - 6/30)  Q3 (7/1-9/30)  Q4 (10/1 - 12/31)

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report

10. Check if this is a Termination Report  Termination Date \_\_\_\_\_ 11. No Lobbying Issue Activity

## INCOME OR EXPENSES - YOU MUST complete either Line 12 or Line 13

12. Lobbying	13. Organizations
<b>INCOME</b> relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:	<b>EXPENSE</b> relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:
Less than \$5,000 <input type="checkbox"/>	Less than \$5,000 <input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	\$5,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ <u>53,086.98</u>
Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$10,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).	<b>14. REPORTING</b> Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Method A.</b> Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Method B.</b> Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Method C.</b> Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

Signature  Digitally Signed By: Jeffrey Sinensky

Date 07/21/2008

Printed Name and Title Jeffrey Sinensky, Director, Domestic Policy and Legal Affairs

**LOBBYING ACTIVITY.** Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Add additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code  Civil Rights/Civil Liberties (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Employment Non-Discrimination Act (HR 2015); DC Voting Rights Act (HR 1905, S. 1257); ADA Restoration Act.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies  Check if None

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE, White House Office,

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

First Name	Last Name	Suffix	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
Richard	Foltin		Legislative Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brooke	Menschel		Associate Legislative Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
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19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above  Check if None

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15. General issue area code 

EDU	Education
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 (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

DC Vouchers; Oppose Extension of Public Funding of Private Schools (as part of DC Appropriations); Vouchers; Tuition Tax Credits; Strengthening Communities through English and Integration Act.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies  Check if None

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE,

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Richard	Foltin		Legislative Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brooke	Menschel		Associate Legislative Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
Debra	Feuer		Counsel for Special Projects	<input type="checkbox"/>
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15. General issue area code   (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Waiver for State Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards; America's Climate Security Act of 2007 (S.3036); US-Israel Energy Cooperation; Global Warming Bill (S.2555); Energy Tax Credits; Energy Use in Developing World; Biofuel Tariffs; Energy Efficient Tax Incentives (HR 6049).

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies  Check if None

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE, Energy - Dept of, White House Office

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

First Name	Last Name	Suffix	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
Richard	Foltin		Legislative Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brooke	Menschel		Associate Legislative Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amiel	Greener		Legislative Assistant/Energy Specialist	<input type="checkbox"/>
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15. General issue area code   (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Economic Sanctions Against Iran; Education Curriculum in Saudi Arabia and Palestinian Authority; Efforts to Advance Middle East Peace and Avoid Legitimizing Hamas; European and Global Anti-Semitism; Greek-Israeli Relations; Iran Sanctions Enabling Acts (S.1430, HR 2437); Iran Counter-Proliferation Act (S.970/HR 1400); Israel-Turkey Relations. . .[cont. next page]

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies  Check if None

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE, Defense - Dept of (DOD), State - Dept of (DOS), Treasury - Dept of, White House Office, Natl Security Council (NSC)

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**Printed Name and Title** Jeffrey Sinensky, Director, Domestic Policy and Legal Affairs

Israel-US-Turkey Trilateral Relations; Issues Facing Israel at the UN; Issues relating to conditions for Palestinian statehood; Jewish Refugees of Arab Countries (H.Res.185); Jubilee Act (S.2166) and other Africa-related Aid Policy; Oppose Divestment from Israel; Action on Sedition Trial of Bangladehi Journalist; Sudan Crisis, including Darfur; Support for Israel and Middle East peace generally; Iranian influence in Latin America; Support for USADF in 2009 Budget; Terrorism in the Middle East, Latin America, etc.; UN Reform Legislation; US-India Relations; UNRWA Issues; PEPFAR; U.S. Global AIDS bill (HR 5501); Administration Role in Civil Lawsuit Against PLO; Durban II; Holocaust Insurance Bill (HR 1746); Support of Letter urging designation of Hamas TV station as SOGT; support for international affairs funding; Child Soldier Accountability Act (S.2135); Support for letter urging Swiss president to annul Iran gas deal; H.Con.Res.362 urging heightened effort to prevent Iran acquiring nuclear weapons; H.Con.Res.235 urging World Bank to cut off finances to Iran; Provisions with regards to Israel of HR 5916, Security Addistance of Arms Control Act; Merida Initiative; FY08 Supplemental--support for peace-keeping operations in Sudan; FY09 Budget--support for humanitarian assistance, peace-keeping efforts, diplomatic efforts; issues concerning Armenian history; Resolutuion Condemning Rocket Attacks Against Israel (H.Res.951); dangers of a nuclear Iran and possible sanctions/measures to halt Iran's nuclear program; Support for Funding of Warsaw Museum of Polish Jewish History.

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15. General issue area code   (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Nonprofit Reform

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies  Check if None

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15. General issue area code   (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Treatment of Detainees; Treatment of Foreign Visitors; Visa Waiver Program; FISA Extension; FISA Amendments (HR 6304).

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies  Check if None

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE, White House Office, Justice - Dept of (DOJ), Homeland Security - Dept of (DHS)

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15. General issue area code 

IMM
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 Immigration (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

AGJOBS Bill; Caps on Refugee Admissions; Comprehensive Immigration Reform; Consular Identification Cards; DREAM Act (S.774, HR 1585); Due Process Concerns; Implementation of USCIRF Asylum Recommendations; Material Support Issue; Protecting Eligible Refugees & Asylum Seekers; Protection of Iraqi Asylum Seekers; Refugee Funding; Supplemental Security Income 9S.821); TPS Issues, SAVE Act (HR 4088); New Employee Verification Act (HR 5515).

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies  Check if None

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE, Homeland Security - Dept of (DHS), Justice - Dept of (DOJ), White House Office, Commerce - Dept of (DOC), U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom

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Richard	Foltin		Legislative Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
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15. General issue area code 

INS	Insurance
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 (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

LIFT Act

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies  Check if None

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE

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Brooke	Menschel		Associate Legislative Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
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15. General issue area code   (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Cutting Off Terrorism Funding; LLEEA and Hate Crimes Prevention Act; Terrorism Prevention and Prosecution

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies  Check if None

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE, Homeland Security - Dept of (DHS), Justice - Dept of (DOJ), White House Office, Treasury - Dept of

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Richard	Foltin		Legislative Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
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15. General issue area code 

REL	Religion
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 (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Faith-Based Initiative; Implementation of Jewish American Heritage Month; Religious Accommodation-Enforcement Issues and Proposed Guidelines on Religion and the Workplace; Role of Chaplains and Religious Expression in the Miliatry; Support of Existing Civil Rights and Church-State Protections; Workplace Religious Freedom Act (HR 1431); Oversight of Charitable Choice; Reauthorization of Charitable Choice in SAMHSA.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies  Check if None

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE, Defense - Dept of (DOD), Justice - Dept of (DOJ), White House Office, U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)

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Richard	Foltin		Legislative Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brooke	Menschel		Associate Legislative Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
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15. General issue area code  Trade (Domestic/Foreign) (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Treatment of Israel on Intellectual Property Issues; Colombia Free Trade Agreement; Guatemala Free Trade Agreement; South Korea Free Trade Agreement.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies  Check if None

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE, U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), White House Office, Commerce - Dept of (DOC), State - Dept of (DOS)

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Richard	Foltin		Legislative Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brooke	Menschel		Associate Legislative Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
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15. General issue area code 

WEL	Welfare
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 (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

SSI Extension; Support for National Service.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies  Check if None

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE

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**Information Update Page - Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.**

20. Client new address

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

21. Client new principal place of business (if different than line 20)

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

22. New General description of client's business or activities

**LOBBYIST UPDATE**

23. Name of each previously reported individual who is no longer expected to act as a lobbyist for the client

	First Name	Last Name	Suffix		First Name	Last Name	Suffix
<b>1</b>	Brooke	Menschel		<b>3</b>			
<b>2</b>				<b>4</b>			

**ISSUE UPDATE**

24. General lobbying issue that no longer pertains

**AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS**

25. Add the following affiliated organization(s)

Internet Address:

Name	Address				Principal Place of Business (city and state or country)
	Street Address	State/Province	Zip	Country	
	City				City
					State
					Country
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					Country

26. Name of each previously reported organization that is no longer affiliated with the registrant or client

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
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**FOREIGN ENTITIES**

27. Add the following foreign entities

Name	Address			Principal place of business (city and state or country)	Amount of contribution for lobbying activities	Ownership percentage in client
	Street Address	State/Province	Country			
	City			City		
				State		
				Country		%

28. Name of each previously reported foreign entity that no longer owns, or controls, or is affiliated with the registrant, client or affiliated organization

<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>

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