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Inquiry: John Wetzel and Oct 17-23 Israel delegation (deadline Mon. 10/5)

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Nathaniel Story <nathanielstory@gmail.com> Tue, Sep 29, 2026 at 5:16 PM
To: gowdey-backus@masstech.org

Hello,

I'm an independent writer working on an article about the upcoming "50 States One Israel" Flightech delegation to Israel, scheduled October 17-23. I understand MassTech's John Wetzel was invited.

I'm looking for a statement from MassTech. I'm hoping you can answer:

1. Did Mr. Wetzel receive an invitation, and has he accepted or declined?
2. Will Mr. Wetzel or any other MassTech staff attend?
3. If so, what is the purpose of their participation?
4. Who will pay for travel, lodging, and meals?

Separately, could you confirm Mr. Wetzel's current title? This page says "Director of Enablement & Integration" but his LinkedIn lists "Director, Strategic Investment and Business Operations"

Please reply by Monday, October 5, at 3pm so I can include your response.

Thank you,
Nathan Story
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Emily Gowdey-Backus <gowdey-backus@masstech.org> Wed, Sep 30, 2026 at 11:08 PM
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Hi Nathaniel - thank you for your email. We will be in touch soon.

Best,
Emily

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Emily Gowdey-Backus <gowdey-backus@masstech.org> Mon, Oct 5, 2026 at 8:44 PM
To: nathanielstory <nathanielstory@gmail.com>

Hi Nathan - MassTech Director of Enablement & Integration John Wetzel was invited to attend the 50 States One Israel event, but will not be attending.

Thank you,
Emily

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Nathaniel Story <nathanielstory@gmail.com> Mon, Oct 5, 2026 at 8:47 PM
To: Emily Gowdey-Backus <gowdey-backus@masstech.org>

Thank you, Emily. I appreciate you looking into this for me.

Nathan

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> On Oct 5, 2026, at 1:44 PM, Emily Gowdey-Backus <gowdey-backus@masstech.org> wrote:
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