



**1. Do you believe there is a concerning rise in antisemitism on the [Right or Left], including in your own party? How do you propose to address this issue?**

Yes. I am a Jewish American who has seen antisemitism up close. I saw it when swastikas were spray painted on my synagogue as a young child. I've seen it in slurs directed my way and ignorant comments from a young classmate who asked if I really had horns. I saw it when every high holiday service I would ask my parents why we needed police cars and security details to guard the entrances to the synagogue when we walked in. And now I see it fostered and enflamed during the Trump Administration, when cemeteries have been vandalized, Jews have been murdered in synagogues and homes, and the President initially refused to condemn those participating in a neo-Nazi march. This antisemitism and white supremacy is representative of centuries of oppression that Jews have endured and continue to endure. I lost family members in the Holocaust, have family in Israel, including some who have made Aliyah, and visited the country half a dozen times, including to see my father, a university professor, receive an honorary degree at Hebrew University in Jerusalem in 1997.

As someone who has been involved with the Anti-Defamation League for years and who, in the Attorney General's Office, helped promote our hate crimes hotline, worked with our Civil Rights Division on protecting vulnerable communities, and served as a liaison to Jewish congregations and communities in the aftermath of the Tree of Life mass shooting and the rise of antisemitic incidents in this country, I know how to stand up every single day in Congress against antisemitism. That work starts by fully funding the Non-Profit Security Grant Program to assist synagogues with security, passing laws like the Khalid Jabara and Heather Heyer National Opposition to Hate, Assault, and Threats to Equality Act (also known as the NO HATE Act), working with Jewish organizations and non-profits to fight against antisemitism and identify domestic terrorist organizations, and passing the George Floyd Education Act, a bill I will propose that will help teach the true history of this country to our students, from Black history to the history of Jewish Americans and the prejudice and discrimination we still face. I will also oppose the boycott, divestment, and sanctions movement against Israel (commonly known as "BDS"). This movement must be condemned given its antisemitic roots, and I would have been proud to support H.Res 246 which passed in the House in 2019.

At the same time, I believe the work to fight antisemitism must involve creating a broader culture of inclusivity and understanding, and standing up to hatred and bigotry in all its forms. The reasons Jewish communities are under attack and that our congregations are afraid every Shabbat about who might come in and do us harm are related to the reasons Muslims are afraid to worship in mosques and Black Americans are not safe bird watching, jogging, or just living their lives. White supremacy and hatred is our common enemy, one we must fight together.



- 2. Do you think a two-state solution will facilitate peace between Israelis and Palestinians? If so, what are the basic parameters? If not a two-state solution, what do you suggest? What do you agree or disagree with about the Trump peace plan?**

I believe that a two-state solution is the only long-term path to stability, peace, and a Jewish and democratic Israel. Our shared goal is peace. A permanent two-state end to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict based on the 1967 lines and security guarantees is the only way to guarantee a peaceful, prosperous, and stable future for Israel. That's why I will oppose unilateral actions that obstruct the path toward two states on either side of the conflict, including demanding the Palestinian government abide by its international commitments by recognizing Israel and renouncing violence as a means of achieving its goals, while also opposing the potential Israeli settlement expansion activities on the West Bank that would make peace harder to achieve.

I have a profound appreciation for the State of Israel and the ironclad alliance between our two nations. I will never forget shortly after the Gulf War when our family friends in Jerusalem showed us the room in their apartment where months before they had sheltered as Iraqi missiles exploded and sirens wailed. Especially at a moment of rising antisemitism around the world, I'm proud to support Israel. Unfortunately, the Trump peace plan does not do that in a serious way. In fact, I believe the Trump peace plan unwisely reverses progress towards diplomatic negotiation and makes a genuine, lasting peace harder to achieve.

Ultimately, it is up to the Israelis and the Palestinians to make the difficult choices to achieve peace, but leadership and encouragement from the United States will be indispensable to any successful peace plan. With steady and thoughtful leadership from the United States, we can help build a bridge to a future filled with peace and prosperity in both Israel and Palestine.

- 3. Why would you re-enter or stay out of the JCPOA with Iran? If re-enter, under what conditions or changes? How should the United States deal with Iran on an ongoing basis? Should the U.S. military maintain a presence in the Middle East?**

Yes, I believe a nuclear-armed Iran remains the single biggest existential threat to Israel and the stability of the Middle East. I support the complete and unobstructed implementation of the JCPOA to block Iran's path to a nuclear weapon. I believe President Trump's abandonment of the JCPOA — with no alternative and no apparent strategy to prevent Iran from restarting their nuclear program — was a terrible miscalculation and betrayal of our own allies and members of the Israeli security establishment.



We must prioritize diplomatic re-engagement with Iran and ensure that both the US and Iran come back into compliance with the deal.

No one seems to understand what the Trump Administration's strategy is for Iran — not leaders in Congress, not our allies, and perhaps not even the President himself. The danger behind the President's belligerent actions is why I support continued efforts in Congress to make clear that the President does not have unilateral authority to engage in such military operations and that any military actions are undertaken after Congressional leaders approve the plan of action alongside relevant intelligence and information.

I am honored that Ben Rhodes and other experienced national security leaders have endorsed me in this race. With so many lives on the line, we cannot afford anything but informed and educated action.

**4. Should the U.S. increase, maintain, or decrease the amount of foreign aid to Israel and other countries in the Middle East? Should the U.S. condition its aid for specific results? What does the U.S. benefit from its relationship with Israel?**

I support the historic \$38 billion security package to Israel passed by the Obama Administration, as well as continued aid and support. Military and intelligence collaboration benefits both Israeli and American national security, and I support efforts to maintain Israel's military edge so that the country can defend itself from terrorist attacks and rocket bombardment. I support increasing funding as new threats and technology emerge, so that the Iron Dome missile defense system can effectively continue saving Israeli lives. However, as necessary as aid is to Israel's safety, the BDS movement threatens to prevent aid from reaching the hands of the Israeli people. This movement must be condemned given its anti-semitic roots, and I would support legislation like H.Res 246 which passed in the House this year and combats the BDS.

Aid is a cost-effective way to use soft power to promote our own security and economic priorities. A strong, resilient Israel helps stabilize the region, while our economy in the 4th District and across the United States directly benefits from Israeli business. I support aid to protect Israel, and also believe there should be transparency to ensure it has its intended results.