

JEWISH INSIDER

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

The data shows that antisemitic incidents have been on the rise in recent history across the United States. Data from the Anti Defamation League shows that the Jewish community is targeted for hate crimes more than any other group in the United States. I believe that, while Anti-Semitism exists in the Republican party, the majority is driven by left-wing movements that incorporate BDS and other anti-Jewish stances into their charters. The BDS, or Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions, movement is a propaganda and smear campaign that promulgates inaccurate, incomplete, and illegitimate information throughout college and university campuses in the United States. The goal of this hate movement is to delegitimize the Israeli state and strip Israel of its right to exist as a Jewish state. The BDS must be stripped bare and exposed for what it truly is, a hate movement, dedicated to anti-Semitic rhetoric and destructive to the peace process. This distraction to peaceful negotiations cannot be tolerated in any form. Internationally, the Anti-Israel narrative must be combatted at every turn. Over 80% of U.N. General Assembly condemnations target the Israeli state, the U.N. Human Rights Council, no bastion of human rights itself, has condemned Israel more than the rest of the world combined. I will push back against this Anti-Israel agenda and never rest in my pursuit of equitable and honest treatment of the Israeli people and the state of Israel.

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?

Like many, I truly would like to see a two-state solution in the region. However, I don't believe that the terms or parameters of such a solution should be dictated by anybody other than the primary parties involved. America should be an eager mediator of this solution, however, the parties should determine the final terms. With that said, I don't believe that any solution is possible without an official recognition by Israel's neighbors and the Palestinian people of Israel's right to exist. Further, given the history, it is important to recognize Israel's need for a qualitative military edge in order to maintain its security. With all of this said, I support a plan that would keep the state of Palestine fully demilitarized.

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 the Iranian government on an ongoing basis? Should the U.S. military maintain a presence in the Middle East?

There's a lot of questions in there. I believe the Iran nuclear deal was a failure of the previous administration and we should absolutely not re-enter the deal. I don't trust the current government of Iran and I believe it should be treated as a terrorist organization. My general belief is that our military shouldn't serve as the "world's police", however, Iran is dangerous. American influence is something that should not be removed from the middle east, but over time I'd like to see a reduction in our military presence in the middle east if possible

The enemies of Israel are the enemies of America. The Iranian threat has not gone away and will continue to exert influence and cast its shadow over the Middle East. America must work with Israel to combat Iranian overreach and control its influence in the region.

America can accomplish its goals by focusing efforts on curtailing Iran and taking hold action in the Arabian Gulf. Finally, the U.S. has an important tool, in the form of sanctions, that it ought not to be cautious to use against and Iranian regime that has killed its citizens by the thousands and threatens the safety and security of our ally Israel.

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?

Israel is our most important ally in the region. We share a number of interests with Israel. They are a military ally, we share security and defense technologies, intelligence, etc. The enemies of Israel are the enemies of America. In addition, Israel shares our values of freedom, human rights, and democracy. I certainly agree with using our influence to achieve results in the middle east, the way President Trump just did as he brokered the most important peace deal in the region in decades. The relationship with Israel is certainly mutually beneficial for the reasons listed above, and I hope we can continue to work together on mutual interests for generations to come.