

## Ward 9 • Knoxdale-Merivale (in alphabetical order)

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**Joseph Ben-Ami**

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**Q1. Increasingly, Jewish Ottawans are concerned about rising antisemitism. As a city councillor, will you advocate to ensure that antisemitism is included in all resources and training as an integral part of all municipal anti-racism programs?**

Yes

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**Q2. How are you going to push back against antisemitism in all of its forms?**

Yes

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Yes

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Yes

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Yes

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Yes

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**Q7. Food insecurity for seniors is on the rise. How will you support the city's ethnocultural (kosher/halal) meals on wheels and food bank programs to help address food insecurity for those who are most vulnerable?**

I will be a strong advocate for adequate funding for these and similar programs at all levels of government.

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**James Dean**

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This sounds like a perfectly reasonable.

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## Sean Devine

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I will absolutely support this, as I am deeply concerned about the rise of racially-motivated hate crimes all across our country, including a clear rise in anti-semitism..

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**Q2. How are you going to push back against antisemitism in all of its forms?**

First, as an elected official, I need to make sure that my messaging and communications are crystal clear when it comes to addressing hate-crimes: which is that I will not tolerate it; that I will always stand alongside victims of hate crimes; and that I will always speak out against perpetrators of hate crimes. Publicly, I would like to be seen as a close ally and supporter of Ottawa's Jewish community, so that community members feel that they have me as their ally. My support of the Jewish community needs to be transparent and visible. I would also like to support the implementation of a well-funded Anti-Hate Crime Unit within the Ottawa Police Service, which is something I've advocated for in previous political campaigns.

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**Q3. As with all at-risk communities, there are various times in the year when the Jewish community is required to hire extra security to protect our houses of worship and organizations. Will you support the use of paid duty officers to provide that needed security?**

I would need to know more about the specific requirements of this initiative. Also, if I were to support this initiative, I'd need to take a similar approach to other religious groups experiencing the same potential threats to their places of worship on their own holy days. While I'm not against this initiative, I would simply need to examine all of the demands and consider what OPS recommends.

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I don't know enough about this issue to make a determination.

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Again, I don't know enough about this organization to make any kinds of recommendation.

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**Q7. Food insecurity for seniors is on the rise. How will you support the city's ethnocultural (kosher/halal)**

**meals on wheels and food bank programs to help address food insecurity for those who are most vulnerable?**

Earlier today I responded to another survey in which I did indicate my support for increasing the City of Ottawa's support of local food banks, which are in dire need of public funding support. Further to this, I would complete support initiatives to ensure that these food bank programs have the resources they need to ensure that specific cultural communities' needs are met. It would be unethical and extremely insensitive not to do this.



**Myles Egli**

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I would advocate to ensure antisemitism is included in all resources and training as an integral anti-racism programs. I would work with all stakeholders to accomplish this goal. As well, if needed I would work with school board trustees to ensure this is done in the schools as well.

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**Q2. How are you going to push back against antisemitism in all of its forms?**

I believe education is the key to achieving this goal. I would work with community police officers and other stakeholders to ensure that the necessary information is shared with the community, I would help to create an awareness program that would start with public meetings to educate the general public on what the definition based upon the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's definition of antisemitism and on the need to report all forms antisemitism to the authorities.

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I would work with you (the Jewish Community) to ensure that you have the necessary security at the times of year when extra security is required to protect your houses of worship and organizations.

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I would work the various stakeholders, including community associations, to ensure there are food drives on a regular basis to support all of the local food banks. I would encourage local merchants to have donation boxes in their businesses that clearly indicated the ethnocultural food bank that they are supporting.

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**Peter Anthony Weber** - *no response*



**Michael Wood**

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I will advocate for that, yes.

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**Q2. How are you going to push back against antisemitism in all of its forms?**

Any hate against any group, race or religion will never be tolerated by me for a second. I will not meet with any group or person(s) that is known to promote hate.

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Everything will be on the table to keep people safe.

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I will use all resources to create as much awareness as I can to ensure that everyone knows where they can contribute and help create awareness of these programs.