

NJ Congressional District 12 Candidate Questionnaire (2026)

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Candidate: Brad Cohen

What steps would you support at the federal level to prevent antisemitic crimes, strengthen enforcement, and ensure that antisemitic incidents are properly investigated and prosecuted?

Almost immediately following the October 7th attack, there was a rapid and sustained rise in acts of antisemitism. These acts were not just spread throughout the Middle East, but the United States, Europe, and a growing presence in other parts of the world.

As a student of history, we all know that when our leaders and law enforcement fail to hold anyone accountable or there are no consequences for such behaviors, violence will continue to escalate.

Preventing antisemitism requires more than just condemnation; it requires a robust federal framework that combines rigorous law enforcement with proactive community protection. I believe we must approach this as a public safety priority that demands zero tolerance.

In Congress, I would support the following steps to strengthen our response to antisemitic incidents:

Mandatory and Accurate Hate Crime Reporting

The current voluntary nature of hate crime reporting leaves huge gaps in our data. I support the Improving Reporting to Prevent Hate Act, which would:

Condition Federal Funding: Require local law enforcement agencies to report credible hate crime data to the FBI to remain eligible for certain federal grants.

Audit Local Jurisdictions: Ensure that large municipalities are not underreporting or misclassifying antisemitic incidents, providing a clear "diagnosis" of the problem so we can apply the right resources.

Strengthening Federal Enforcement and Prosecution

I support the work of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Task Force to Combat Antisemitism and would advocate for increased appropriations to ensure they have the personnel to:

Aggressively Prosecute Violence: Use the full force of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act to prosecute those who target individuals based on their Jewish identity.

Investigate Obstruction: As we've seen in recent federal cases, we must also prosecute those who attempt to obstruct justice or provide false testimony during hate crime investigations.

Protecting Vulnerable Institutions

Enforcement is the cure, but prevention is the primary care of public safety.

Expand the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP): I will fight to increase funding to \$1 billion annually so that synagogues, day schools, and community centers can afford the physical security and professional training needed to deter attacks.

Enforce Title VI Protections: I support the aggressive use of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act by the DOJ and Department of Education to investigate and settle cases where schools and universities fail to address hostile environments for Jewish students.

Codifying Standards

To ensure consistency across federal agencies, I advocate for the formal adoption of a clear, unified definition of antisemitism. This provides investigators and prosecutors with a standardized toolkit to identify when rhetoric or actions cross the line into criminal bias.

By ensuring that every incident is properly identified, reported, and prosecuted, we send a clear message: antisemitism has no place in our society, and those who practice it will be held accountable under the full weight of federal law.

What message would you send to campus groups and administrators when anti-Israel activism becomes antisemitic or creates an unsafe or hostile environment for Jewish students?

My message to campus groups and administrators would be clear: there is no room for hate in our house of learning. While free speech and robust political debate are the lifeblood of our universities, they can never be used as a shield for harassment, intimidation, or the targeted exclusion of Jewish students.

I believe in the "Do No Harm" principle. When activism shifts from policy critique to targeting individuals for their identity or religious beliefs, it crosses a dangerous line into antisemitism. Administrators have a moral and legal obligation under Title VI to ensure that every student, including Jewish students, can walk to class, study in the library, and participate in campus life without fear of hostility or physical threat.

I would call for the following immediate actions:

- Enforcement of Codes of Conduct: Policy must be applied equally. If a protest disrupts the ability of students to learn or creates a "no-go zone" for any protected group, administrators must act decisively to restore order and safety.
- Clear Definitions: I advocate for universities to use the IHRA working definition of antisemitism as a guide to identify when political rhetoric descends into hate speech or classical tropes.
- Active Dialogue and Education: We must invest in programs that bridge divides rather than deepen them. I want to see administrators fostering environments where disagreement is handled with civility, not vitriol.

We cannot wait for a tragedy to happen before we take campus safety seriously. We must protect the rights of all students to an education free from discrimination, and that begins with standing up firmly against antisemitism whenever and wherever it appears.

How would you support and strengthen the relationship between the United States and the State of Israel as a member of Congress?

As a lifelong supporter of the U.S.-Israel relationship, a long-standing member of AIPAC, and as a Jew, I believe deeply in maintaining bipartisan commitment to Israel's security.

I unequivocally support the State of Israel and will champion any legislation or action that ensures present and future generations of Jews can live in safety and peace in their ancestral homeland.

I view the relationship between the United States and Israel not just as a strategic alliance, but as an indispensable partnership based on shared democratic values and a common commitment to innovation. In Congress, I will work to ensure this bond remains unshakable.

I would focus on the following pillars to strengthen this relationship:

1. Ensuring Security and Regional Stability

Israel's security is non-negotiable. I fully support the FY 2026 Defense Appropriations, which includes vital funding for the Iron Dome, David's Sling, and Arrow 3 missile defense systems. These aren't just military assets; they are humanitarian tools that protect civilian lives. I will also advocate for:

- Anti-Tunnel and Counter-UAS Cooperation: Expanding federal funding for joint programs that detect and neutralize underground threats and unmanned aerial systems.

- Maintaining Israel's Qualitative Military Edge (QME): Ensuring Israel has the resources necessary to defend itself against threats from Iran and its regional proxies.

2. Expanding Economic and Technological Partnerships

As someone with a background in life sciences, I am particularly excited by the potential for deeper collaboration in research and technology. I support the U.S.-Israel FUTURES Act of 2026, which establishes a formal framework for joint research in:

- Biotechnology and Healthcare: Partnering on the next generation of medical breakthroughs and pandemic preparedness.

- Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Defense: Integrating our innovation ecosystems through the Pax Silica initiative to ensure the technologies of the future are developed by sovereign, democratic allies.

3. Promoting Peace and Countering Delegitimization

I believe the path to peace is through engagement, not isolation. I will continue to be a vocal opponent of the BDS movement and any efforts to delegitimize Israel on the global stage. I support the expansion of the Abraham Accords, which have proven that regional cooperation can lead to unprecedented economic and security benefits for all involved.

4. Protecting the Community at Home

A strong U.S.-Israel relationship also means protecting the vibrant Jewish community here in NJ-12. I will fight for expanded funding for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) and support the Antisemitism Awareness Act to ensure that our synagogues and institutions are safe from violence and harassment.

By focusing on these areas (security, innovation, and mutual respect) we can ensure that the United States and Israel continue to build a future defined by prosperity and peace.

Do you support adoption or use of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism as a tool for identifying and addressing antisemitism? Why or why not?

Yes.

As a member of Congress, I would combat antisemitism by advocating for worldwide acceptance of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of Antisemitism. In no way does this prohibit free speech.

Healthy dialogue and debate are the hallmarks of any democracy. I would advocate for federal security grants that have helped fund the extraordinary costs incurred by synagogues, Jewish schools, and Jewish Community Centers throughout our country.

It is unfortunate that such systems and technology are needed, but recent events have shown that these sacred facilities are simply targets.

Would you support passage of Rep. Gottheimer's Antisemitism Awareness Act?

I fully support the Antisemitism Awareness Act.

Protecting our community from hate is a non-partisan issue. By providing a clear framework for what antisemitism looks like in the 21st century, we can better ensure that our schools and public institutions remain safe, inclusive spaces for everyone.

What is your position on calls for boycott and divestment from Israeli companies and on efforts to terminate partnerships with the State of Israel or Israeli institutions?

I am firmly opposed to the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement and any efforts to terminate partnerships with the State of Israel. As a physician and a proud Jew, I believe that dialogue and cooperation are the only paths to progress, and isolationist tactics like boycotts only serve to deepen divides and push a peaceful, negotiated two-state solution further out of reach.

My opposition is rooted in three key principles:

1. **Promoting Peace, Not Division:** The BDS movement seeks to delegitimize Israel's right to exist rather than fostering the mutual recognition necessary for peace. We should be building bridges between our research institutions and businesses, not burning them.
2. **A "Physician's Approach" to Diplomacy:** In medicine, we don't solve complex problems by walking away from the patient. Similarly, maintaining strong partnerships with Israel, especially in fields like life sciences, IT, cyber security, environmental innovation, and food innovation, is essential for global innovation and shared security.
3. **Protecting Against Bias:** Too often, these calls for divestment cross the line into antisemitism, creating hostile environments in our schools and communities. I support the Antisemitism Awareness Act and other federal efforts to ensure that political activism does not become a pretext for targeting Jewish students or institutions.

I believe in a strong U.S.-Israel relationship based on shared democratic values. In Congress, I will stand against these counterproductive movements and ensuring that NJ-12 remains a leader in international partnership and mutual respect.

Do you support continued and expanded federal funding for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, which helps protect synagogues, Jewish institutions, and other vulnerable nonprofits from violent attacks? Please explain.

I fully support the continued and expanded funding of the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP). In an era where hate crimes and targeted violence are on the rise, protecting our Jewish houses of worship, community centers, and schools is a fundamental duty of government.

As a physician and local leader, I see this through two lenses: community health and public safety. When people feel unsafe gathered in prayer or in a classroom, it fractures the social fabric of our neighborhoods.

Why I Advocate for Expanded NSGP Funding:

- **Meeting the Demand:** Currently, the demand for these grants far exceeds the available federal funds. I have seen firsthand in New Jersey how many institutions apply only to be waitlisted. I would advocate for increasing the national funding level (joining the bipartisan call for \$1 billion in funding) to ensure that every high-risk nonprofit that qualifies can actually receive the support they need.
- **Target Hardening and Training:** These grants are essential for "target hardening" by installing physical security like reinforced doors, lighting, and camera systems. Beyond equipment, I support using these funds for security training for staff and congregants, which is often the most critical factor in saving lives during an active threat.
- **Protecting Diverse Institutions:** While Jewish institutions have been forced to become leaders in security due to the horrific rise in antisemitism, this program is a lifeline for all vulnerable groups, including mosques, LGBTQ+ centers, and HBCUs. Safety is a universal right.
- **Reducing the Burden on Local Budgets:** When federal grants cover these large-scale security investments, it allows our local police departments and municipal budgets to stay focused on day-to-day community policing and emergency response.

As your representative, I will be a vocal proponent for the NSGP to ensure that NJ-12 remains a place where everyone can worship, learn, and gather without fear. No one should have to look over their shoulder while in a house of worship.

What actions would you take in Congress to protect access to health care for vulnerable communities and ensure that Medicare and Medicaid remain strong and sustainable?

As a physician, I see healthcare as a human right, and my priority in Congress will be to protect the most vulnerable by ensuring Medicare and Medicaid remain strong while we transition toward a Universal Healthcare system. This system would ensure that basic, essential care is a guaranteed right for every American, regardless of their employment status or income. By establishing a federal floor for primary and preventative care, we can ensure that no one in our community is forced to choose between a doctor's visit and their monthly rent.

To achieve this and maintain sustainability, I will advocate for making ACA premium tax credits permanent and fighting federal efforts to impose restrictive Medicaid work requirements. I also support site-neutral payment reforms to lower costs and aggressive transparency for Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) to curb skyrocketing drug prices. My goal is a "whole person" approach, integrating universal basic care with strengthened public programs, to shift our focus from expensive emergency room interventions to proactive health that saves lives and taxpayer dollars.

How would you work across the aisle to restore faith in government and address the serious challenges facing our country?

I believe that restoring faith in government requires moving past performative politics and focusing on the "kitchen table" issues like healthcare costs and infrastructure that affect every American regardless of party. As a physician, I treat patients based on their symptoms, not their politics, and I would bring that same diagnostic, results-oriented approach to the Problem Solvers Caucus. By prioritizing dialogue over demagoguery and seeking the "60% solution" rather than partisan deadlock, we can prove that our government is still capable of delivering for the middle class.

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Candidate: Kyle Little

What steps would you support at the federal level to prevent antisemitic crimes, strengthen enforcement, and ensure that antisemitic incidents are properly investigated and prosecuted?

Some steps that I would support at the federal level to prevent anti-Semitic crimes and ensure that anti-Semitic incidents are properly investigated and prosecuted include strengthening protections for civil rights and ensuring that hate crimes are taken seriously at every level of government. No one should ever face discrimination because of their race, creed, religion, sexuality, or background. Acts of anti-Semitism and violence targeting the Jewish community must be fully investigated, prosecuted aggressively, and charged appropriately under federal and state hate crime laws. I also support improving coordination between law enforcement agencies and community organizations so threats can be identified earlier, and communities can feel safe practicing their faith openly and freely.

What message would you send to campus groups and administrators when anti-Israel activism becomes antisemitic or creates an unsafe or hostile environment for Jewish students?

Some messages that I would share with campus groups are the importance of protecting both student safety and freedom of expression. Anti-Israel activism crosses the line when it becomes anti-Semitic, targets Jewish students, or creates an unsafe and hostile environment on campus. Every student deserves to feel safe, respected, and able to participate fully in campus life without fear of harassment or intimidation.

This issue is personal to me because, as an adjunct college professor at Kean University, I believe all students should be protected and supported regardless of their background or beliefs. At the same time, colleges and universities must continue to uphold freedom of speech and open dialogue, because every student deserves the right to be heard. We can defend free expression while also making clear that hate, threats, and discrimination against Jewish students or any community are unacceptable.

How would you support and strengthen the relationship between the United States and the State of Israel as a member of Congress?

As a member of Congress, I believe the United States and Israel should continue to maintain a strong relationship built on security, diplomacy, and shared democratic values. At the same time, supporting the Israeli people does not mean that we cannot criticize the actions of the current government under Benjamin Netanyahu. I believe his government has mishandled the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and must fully abide by ceasefire agreements and international law.

I strongly condemn anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and all forms of hatred or bigotry directed at any group of people. Jewish, Muslim, Israeli, and Palestinian civilians all deserve safety, dignity, and peace. It is possible to support Israel's right to exist and defend itself while also speaking out against policies and military actions that have caused immense suffering for innocent civilians in Gaza. The path forward must include accountability, protection of civilian life, humanitarian aid, and a renewed commitment to a lasting peace.

Do you support adoption or use of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism as a tool for identifying and addressing antisemitism? Why or why not?

I agree with about 90% of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of anti-Semitism. I cannot say that I agree with it 100% because, in today's political climate, I do believe the term anti-Semitism is sometimes applied too broadly, particularly when it comes to criticism of the Israeli government. I have heard a wide range of perspectives on this issue, including from members of the Jewish community themselves.

To me, anti-Semitism means bigotry, hatred, discrimination, or violence directed at Jewish people because they are Jewish. Any form of bigotry is unacceptable. As a Black gay man, I understand what discrimination and prejudice can look like, and I take these issues seriously. Blaming all Jewish people for the actions of the Israeli government, using hateful or dehumanizing rhetoric, or committing threats and acts of violence against Jewish people is unquestionably anti-Semitic and should be condemned.

At the same time, I do not believe that every criticism of the state of Israel or its government automatically constitutes anti-Semitism. People should be able to engage in good-faith discussion and criticism of government policies while still respecting and protecting Jewish people. That is why I would say I generally support the IHRA framework while also believing there must be room for nuance and open dialogue.

Would you support passage of Rep. Gottheimer's Antisemitism Awareness Act?

I have mixed views on Representative Josh Gottheimer's Anti-Semitism Awareness Act, and I would say I support it about 50/50. I strongly support Israel's right to exist, and I believe Jewish students absolutely deserve to feel safe and protected on college campuses. Anti-Semitism, harassment, threats, and discrimination against Jewish students should never be tolerated.

At the same time, I also believe students must remain free to express their views and criticize the policies and actions of the Israeli government, particularly regarding the war in Gaza. Criticism of a government or its policies should not automatically be labeled as anti-Semitism when it is expressed in good faith and without hatred toward Jewish people.

My position is rooted in balancing two important principles: protecting Jewish students from genuine anti-Semitism while also defending freedom of speech and open political discussion on college campuses.

What is your position on calls for boycott and divestment from Israeli companies and on efforts to terminate partnerships with the State of Israel or Israeli institutions?

I can support some boycotts involving Israeli companies or the state of Israel if there is credible evidence that those companies are directly aiding in the harming or killing of innocent civilians in Gaza. At the same time, I do not believe all Israeli-owned companies should automatically be boycotted simply because they are Israeli.

Each company and situation should be evaluated based on its actions, policies, and involvement. I believe people have the right to engage in peaceful protest and consumer activism, but those decisions should be grounded in facts, accountability, and a commitment to human rights rather than broad generalizations about an entire country or its people.

Do you support continued and expanded federal funding for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, which helps protect synagogues, Jewish institutions, and other vulnerable nonprofits from violent attacks? Please explain.

I would absolutely support federal funding for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, which helps protect synagogues, Jewish institutions, and other vulnerable nonprofits from violent attacks. Violence and hate directed at any community are unacceptable, and the Jewish community in the state of New Jersey should be able to practice their faith and participate in community life safely and without fear.

Jewish institutions deserve the same protections and security as any other religious or community group. Strengthening security measures, improving coordination with law enforcement, and ensuring vulnerable

nonprofits have access to federal resources are important steps in preventing hate crimes and protecting lives. Full stop

What actions would you take in Congress to protect access to health care for vulnerable communities and ensure that Medicare and Medicaid remain strong and sustainable?

One issue that I am deeply committed to fighting for in Congress is universal health care. Programs like Medicare and Medicaid are fundamental to the everyday lives of millions of Americans, and I believe health care is a human right that every person deserves, regardless of age, race, sexuality, gender identity, income, or background.

As an openly gay man, this issue is deeply personal to me because I understand how vulnerable communities are often treated and how quickly rights and protections can feel uncertain. I currently receive health insurance through my husband, and if marriage equality were ever overturned, I could potentially lose access to my health care coverage. No one in the United States should have to fear losing medical care because of politics, discrimination, or changes in the law.

That is why I support strengthening and expanding access to affordable health care so every American can receive the care they need with dignity and security.

How would you work across the aisle to restore faith in government and address the serious challenges facing our country?

I will work across the aisle to help restore faith in government and address the serious challenges facing our country by focusing on the needs of everyday Americans instead of partisan politics or corporate interests. Too many people feel ignored by Washington while struggling with rising health care costs, student loan debt, child care expenses, housing prices, grocery bills, and concerns about continued conflicts overseas.

I believe elected officials, Republicans and Democrats alike, should be accountable first and foremost to the people they represent, not to political personalities, special interests, or large corporations. That means finding common ground where possible and working with anyone willing to put constituents ahead of party loyalty.

I will always stand up for my values and hold leaders accountable when I believe they are failing the American people, including leaders in both parties. But I also believe progress requires honest dialogue, bipartisan cooperation when possible, and a commitment to solving real problems that affect working families every day.

Is there any information about you, your public statements, or your voting record that has come out during the campaign that you would like to clarify or address?

No, not to my knowledge.

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Candidate: Shanel Robinson

What steps would you support at the federal level to prevent antisemitic crimes, strengthen enforcement, and ensure that antisemitic incidents are properly investigated and prosecuted?

Since the era of Jim Crow Jews have stood alongside the Black community, and the same laws that protect the Black community from hate should also be protecting the Jewish community from antisemitism. We need an independent and fully staffed DOJ that is directed to investigate and prosecute incidents of antisemitism that violate these laws.

What message would you send to campus groups and administrators when anti-Israel activism becomes antisemitic or creates an unsafe or hostile environment for Jewish students?

It is important to educate the entire community on the damage hate of any kind causes to our culture and society and individuals, and in particular given the current level of antisemitism focusing on addressing the impact on the Jewish community and individuals as potential hate crimes. Schools and colleges have an obligation to protect free speech, but when crimes are committed due to hate and bigotry they cannot be tolerated.

How would you support and strengthen the relationship between the United States and the State of Israel as a member of Congress?

All Judeo Christian faiths and people share a common tradition and culture, and need to support each other. As a deacon in my church I understand the relationship between the United States and Israel and good Christian and good Jewish people has been strong historically and should remain strong. This is understandably difficult given the current administrations governing both countries, but as a member of Congress who opposes much of what our administration is doing I will work to build relationships with Israeli leaders who wish to change direction in Israel. This will maintain good connections and discussions until changes at the top of our governments and allow both countries to move forward in a stronger, more beneficial relationship when the administrations are more amenable.

Do you support adoption or use of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism as a tool for identifying and addressing antisemitism? Why or why not?

It is important for law enforcement – including both the police and the courts – to have a strong definition to pursue and prosecute antisemitism, but IHRA is a working definition that adjusts over time and therefore is not the best for protecting people. A definition that changes over time can allow defendants to make claims in courts that do not change their actions but may allow them to avoid legal repercussion.

Would you support passage of Rep. Gottheimer's Antisemitism Awareness Act?

I am fully supportive of the intent of the Antisemitism Awareness Act, but I continue to have concerns regarding using a working definition to protect Jewish people from antisemitic attacks while still addressing the concerns of free speech. I would work with Rep. Gottheimer to produce legislation that was effective in achieving protection from bigotry and attacks, while protecting the civil rights of all Americans.

What is your position on calls for boycott and divestment from Israeli companies and on efforts to terminate partnerships with the State of Israel or Israeli institutions?

I do not support the BDS movement because it is too general in its focus. Boycotting specific businesses that engage in bad actions is a valid tool for any community, but a blanket policy such as that of BDS is not only unfair but ineffective in achieving necessary changes.

Do you support continued and expanded federal funding for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, which helps protect synagogues, Jewish institutions, and other vulnerable nonprofits from violent attacks? Please explain.

I most certainly do support this funding. We have used similar grants at Somerset County with Sheriff Darren Russo to build relationships with our religious communities, including synagogues and other Jewish institutions, to learn their needs and work to address their security and provide enhanced law enforcement protection as needed.

What actions would you take in Congress to protect access to health care for vulnerable communities and ensure that Medicare and Medicaid remain strong and sustainable?

I fully support maintaining the Affordable Care Act and related subsidies as we work towards implementing Medicare for All as the long term solution. Universal health care as a right for all Americans is vital to the health and security of our country, and for those who wish different coverage private supplemental insurance should remain an option. Every person in New Jersey's 12th District, and in fact every person, deserves access to quality healthcare without fear of bankruptcy or denial due to pre-existing conditions or income levels.

How would you work across the aisle to restore faith in government and address the serious challenges facing our country?

I have always had strong relationships with our Republican legislators and local government officials, and we have been able to leverage those relationships to bring funding and support to every community in our County. It is important to identify shared problems we face, and then agree to find solutions that are acceptable to all. A prime example is our Community Police Alliance that I built with the Republican Mayor of

Bridgewater, Mathew Moench, after we realized community trust in local police was fraying after local George Floyd protests. The program paired a social worker with local police to address issues before they rose to levels that required arrests, and greatly improved community support for our municipals and County governments and local law enforcement.

Is there any information about you, your public statements, or your voting record that has come out during the campaign that you would like to clarify or address?

There is not. My voting record and public statements over the years are an open book, and I am proud of my service as a veteran and an elected official.

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Candidate: Sujit Singh

What steps would you support at the federal level to prevent antisemitic crimes, strengthen enforcement, and ensure that antisemitic incidents are properly investigated and prosecuted?

I strongly believe that hate and violence targeting any community, including the Jewish community, must never be tolerated. At the federal level, I would support strengthening anti-hate crime laws and ensuring law enforcement agencies have the resources and training needed to properly investigate and prosecute antisemitic crimes swiftly and effectively.

I support increased coordination between federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to improve reporting, tracking, and response to antisemitic incidents. I also believe we must expand community security grants to help protect synagogues, schools, and community centers facing rising threats.

Beyond enforcement, prevention is equally important. I will work with faith leaders, educators, and community organizations to promote interfaith dialogue, community education, and awareness programs that combat antisemitism, extremism, and all forms of hate.

As a nation built on diversity and freedom of religion, we must stand united against antisemitism and ensure every family feels safe in their community.

What message would you send to campus groups and administrators when anti-Israel activism becomes antisemitic or creates an unsafe or hostile environment for Jewish students?

I will work proactively to repair the damage and division that has grown on some educational campuses over the past few years. As a society, we cannot allow hateful elements to spread fear, intimidation, or hostility in institutions that shape our future generations.

I believe campuses must remain places of learning, open dialogue, respect, and safety for students and educators of all backgrounds and faiths. I will work at the bipartisan congressional level to aggressively pursue the tools, resources, and policies needed to promote harmony and accountability on campuses.

I will work proactively with campus groups and administrators to ensure there is continuous dialogue and a clear commitment to keeping campuses safe and welcoming for everyone. Anti-Israel activism must never cross the line into antisemitism, harassment, intimidation, or threats against Jewish students.

At the same time, we must uphold our constitutional First Amendment rights and protect peaceful protest and free expression. We can defend both free speech and student safety together. Jewish students, like all students, deserve to learn in an environment free from fear, discrimination, and hostility.

How would you support and strengthen the relationship between the United States and the State of Israel as a member of Congress?

I believe the United States must continue to protect and strengthen its long-standing alliance with Israel, one of our strongest democratic allies in the Middle East. Israel has the right to defend its people and live in security, and America should continue supporting regional stability, security cooperation, intelligence

sharing, and diplomatic partnership.

At the same time, I believe strong allies must also have honest dialogue and accountability, especially during times of conflict. The war in Gaza has caused significant civilian suffering and has also affected the global image of both Israel and the United States. America is a powerful nation with a responsibility to lead with both strength and wisdom.

As a member of Congress, I would support strong congressional oversight and accountability regarding weapons sales and military assistance to help minimize civilian harm and ensure compliance with humanitarian standards. Our role should not be to inflame conflict, but to guide diplomacy, de-escalation, and long-term regional stability.

I support renewed diplomatic efforts toward a durable two-state solution that guarantees security, dignity, and peace for both Israelis and Palestinians. Lasting peace will require strong leadership, regional cooperation, countering extremism and terrorism, and sustained diplomatic engagement from the United States.

America should remain a trusted ally to Israel while also being a responsible global leader committed to peace, stability, and protection of innocent civilians.

Do you support adoption or use of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism as a tool for identifying and addressing antisemitism? Why or why not?

Yes, I support the use of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism as an important tool to help identify, understand, and address antisemitism.

The IHRA definition provides guidance for educational institutions, law enforcement agencies, and policymakers to better recognize antisemitic incidents and patterns of hate that may otherwise be ignored or misunderstood. At a time when antisemitism is rising globally and on college campuses, we need clear tools to help protect Jewish communities and ensure incidents are properly addressed.

At the same time, I believe it is important to uphold constitutional protections for free speech and peaceful expression. The goal should be to combat antisemitism, harassment, intimidation, and violence while maintaining open dialogue and lawful expression of differing viewpoints.

I support using the IHRA definition as a practical framework for education, awareness, training, and enforcement efforts, while ensuring policies are applied fairly and consistently to protect the civil rights and safety of all communities.

Would you support passage of Rep. Gottheimer's Antisemitism Awareness Act?

Yes, I would support Rep. Josh Gottheimer's Antisemitism Awareness Act as an important tool to help address the rising antisemitism we are seeing across the country, particularly on college campuses and in educational institutions.

I believe educational institutions must remain safe environments for students of all faiths and backgrounds. The legislation would provide clearer guidance to the Department of Education by using the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism when investigating discrimination and harassment complaints under federal law.

At the same time, I strongly support constitutional protections for free speech and peaceful protest. Criticism of governments or public policy should not automatically be treated as hate speech. However, when activism crosses the line into antisemitism, intimidation, harassment, threats, or creating a hostile environment for Jewish students, institutions must act decisively.

I support a balanced approach that protects civil rights, ensures accountability, promotes education and dialogue, and keeps campuses safe for all students while respecting the First Amendment.

What is your position on calls for boycott and divestment from Israeli companies and on efforts to terminate partnerships with the State of Israel or Israeli institutions?

I do not support efforts that broadly isolate or delegitimize Israel through blanket boycotts or the termination of constructive partnerships with Israeli institutions. Israel is an important democratic ally of the United States, and collaboration in areas such as technology, healthcare, research, education, agriculture, and security has benefited both nations.

I believe engagement, dialogue, innovation, and diplomacy are more productive paths toward peace and stability than broad economic or academic isolation. Cutting off partnerships can also negatively impact educational exchange, scientific progress, and opportunities for cooperation between communities.

At the same time, I believe allies should be able to engage in honest discussions and accountability, especially regarding civilian protection, humanitarian concerns, and long-term peace efforts. I support strong diplomacy and renewed efforts toward a sustainable two-state solution that ensures security and dignity for both Israelis and Palestinians.

I also strongly support the constitutional right of Americans to express political views peacefully under the First Amendment. My focus would be on promoting constructive engagement, combating antisemitism and hate, protecting free speech, and encouraging policies that advance peace, stability, and mutual understanding.

Do you support continued and expanded federal funding for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, which helps protect synagogues, Jewish institutions, and other vulnerable nonprofits from violent attacks? Please explain.

Yes, I strongly support continued and expanded federal funding for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program. At a time when hate crimes and threats against religious institutions are increasing, we must ensure synagogues, Jewish institutions, and other vulnerable nonprofits have the resources needed to protect their communities.

These grants help strengthen security infrastructure, improve emergency preparedness, and support coordination with local law enforcement to prevent violent attacks before they happen.

I believe every family should feel safe practicing their faith and participating in community life without fear. I will work with bipartisan leaders, faith organizations, and law enforcement to strengthen protections against antisemitism, hate crimes, and violence targeting any community.

What actions would you take in Congress to protect access to health care for vulnerable communities and ensure that Medicare and Medicaid remain strong and sustainable?

I believe health care is a human right, not a privilege. In Congress, I will work to protect and strengthen Medicare and Medicaid so seniors, children, people with disabilities, and vulnerable families continue to receive reliable and affordable care.

I support lowering prescription drug costs, expanding preventive and mental health care, strengthening home and community-based services, and increasing access to primary care in underserved communities. I also believe we must invest in innovation and technology to improve efficiency, reduce administrative waste, and lower overall healthcare costs for working families.

I will work across party lines to ensure Medicare and Medicaid remain financially strong and sustainable for future generations while protecting patients from cuts that threaten access to care.

How would you work across the aisle to restore faith in government and address the serious challenges facing our country?

I believe Americans are tired of division, political theater, and leaders who put party ahead of people. Restoring faith in government starts with listening, transparency, accountability, and delivering real results that improve everyday life.

I will work across the aisle to advance practical solutions on affordability, healthcare, infrastructure, public

safety, immigration reform, and economic growth. I believe we can disagree respectfully while still working together to solve problems for the American people.

My background in technology consulting and large-scale public sector transformation has taught me that progress happens when people collaborate, focus on facts, and stay committed to outcomes instead of ideology. In Congress, I will bring a solutions-oriented approach focused on lowering costs, creating opportunities, strengthening communities, and rebuilding trust through action and results.

Is there any information about you, your public statements, or your voting record that has come out during the campaign that you would like to clarify or address?

Over 5,000 NJ-12 residents trusted my leadership in last November's election because our campaign was built on real community relationships, grassroots engagement, and years of public service. I have lived in NJ-12 for over one and a half decades, working closely with residents, supporting nonprofit initiatives, and helping solve real problems impacting our communities.

Professionally, I bring over three decades of experience leading and implementing large-scale global transformational programs for major institutions, including public-sector organizations implementing complex federal policies and programs. My experience in technology consulting and public-sector transformation has given me a deep understanding of how government systems, innovation, and policy execution can directly improve people's lives.

My journey in public service has also been inspired by leaders like Andy Kim, whose grassroots approach and commitment to communities I deeply respect. Senator Andy Kim personally supported my mayoral campaign and came to West Windsor for our Get Out The Vote rally right here in NJ-12. Following that same grassroots path, I personally knocked on around 5,000 doors in less than three months last year, listening directly to residents and understanding their concerns.

Our campaign is powered by relationships built over many years with community leaders, volunteers, families, and neighbors across NJ-12. Trust, relationships, and community engagement cannot be built overnight with money or short election cycles. They are earned through years of service, listening, and standing with people during both difficult and successful times.

I will continue to stay rooted in our communities and be your voice in Congress, focused on affordability, opportunity, healthcare, public safety, innovation, and building a stronger future for working families across NJ-12.

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