

Name

Rebecca Bennett

Email

info@rebeccabennettforcongress.com

1. Antisemitism is rising across the United States, yet incidents often result in short-lived reactive responses rather than a proactive national strategy. 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?

We have to make sure that people feel safe being who they are and worshipping how they want to in this country. We already have many important laws on the books here but we need a Department of Justice that sees antisemitism as a serious problem, not a cudgel to be used against perceived enemies. This also means we must actually investigate white nationalism rather than pretending the problem doesn't exist, as this Administration does.

2. Colleges and universities across the country have seen growing hostility toward Israel that, in some cases, has crossed the line into harassment and intimidation of Jewish students and faculty. What is your message to campus groups and administrators when anti-Israel activism becomes antisemitic or creates an unsafe or hostile environment for Jewish students?

We can protect free speech and also ensure that campuses are safe for all students. It was tragic to see some campuses become literally dangerous for Jewish students under the last administration and it is wrong for this one to use anti-Semitism as a pretext to attack higher education. No group can use their voice to threaten or endanger other students.

3. Jewish Federations are committed to strengthening the U.S.-Israel relationship through cultural, economic, educational, and security partnerships. As a member of Congress, how would you support and strengthen the relationship between the United States and the State of Israel?

I have seen firsthand how important Israel is as an ally to the United States during my time serving in the military as a Naval Aviator and experimental test pilot. We need members of Congress who understand the importance of our allies around the world and work to repair the damage this Trump administration has done to our standing on the world stage. We also need to make sure we are holding Israel to the standard of U.S. law.

4. Do you support adoption or use of the IHRA International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of antisemitism as a tool for identifying and addressing antisemitism?

Why or why not? Would you support passage of Rep. Gottheimer's Antisemitism Awareness Act?

Yes, it is extremely important that we actually define the problem in an actionable way in order to fight it.

5. What is your position on calls for boycott and divestment from Israeli companies, and on efforts to terminate academic, research, economic, or industrial partnerships with the State of Israel or Israeli institutions?

BDS is the wrong approach and I do not support it.

6. Would you support continued and expanded federal funding for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program to help protect houses of worship and other nonprofits?

Absolutely- the freedom to worship safely is a fundamental right of all Americans.

7. Medicare and Medicaid are vital to the health and stability of millions of Americans, including children, parents, seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income families. What would you do in Congress to protect access to health care for vulnerable communities and ensure that Medicare and Medicaid remain strong and sustainable?

First, we must undo the damage from Tom Kean Jr.'s disastrous OBBB cuts to Medicaid, SNAP, and ACA subsidies. We should also add a public option to give people choice to buy into a government-run program. We also need to expand Rx negotiations to include most Americans, including those on private insurance. We also must fight for a fairer payment system and stop industry consolidation.

8. Politics in this country have become fiercely partisan and bitterly divisive. How would you work across the aisle to restore faith in government and address the serious challenges facing our country?

I served our nation in the military for over 15 years because I love this country and I believe in America. I know what we're capable of at our best. Too many people, including my opponent, Tom Kean Jr., put politics first and support politicians that corrode faith in this country. I believe in putting country over party, always.

9. Final question, and an opportunity to set the record straight: During this campaign, has there been any information that has come out about you, your public statements, or your voting record that you would like to clarify?

Not at this time.

Name

Michael Roth

Email

michaelroth@michaelrothforcongress.com

1. Antisemitism is rising across the United States, yet incidents often result in short-lived reactive responses rather than a proactive national strategy. 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?

As the grandson of Holocaust survivors, I know antisemitism must never be ignored. I'll support stronger DOJ/FBI enforcement, hate-crime reporting, Holocaust education, security funding, and accountability for platforms that amplify hate.

2. Colleges and universities across the country have seen growing hostility toward Israel that, in some cases, has crossed the line into harassment and intimidation of Jewish students and faculty. What is your message to campus groups and administrators when anti-Israel activism becomes antisemitic or creates an unsafe or hostile environment for Jewish students?

Criticism of any government is protected speech. But threats, harassment, exclusion, or holding Jewish students responsible for Israel is antisemitism. Administrators must enforce rules, protect safety, and comply with Title VI.

3. Jewish Federations are committed to strengthening the U.S.-Israel relationship through cultural, economic, educational, and security partnerships. As a member of Congress, how would you support and strengthen the relationship between the United States and the State of Israel?

My grandparents escaped to Palestine when the world turned away Jews. I'll strengthen U.S.-Israel security, intelligence, and economic partnerships. I'll be a voice to younger generations on why Israel's existence and security matter.

4. Do you support adoption or use of the IHRA International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of antisemitism as a tool for identifying and addressing antisemitism? Why or why not? Would you support passage of Rep. Gottheimer's Antisemitism Awareness Act?

Yes. I support IHRA as an important tool to identify antisemitism, including when anti-Israel rhetoric becomes harassment or discrimination. I would support the Antisemitism Awareness Act with First Amendment protections.

5. What is your position on calls for boycott and divestment from Israeli companies, and on efforts to terminate academic, research, economic, or industrial partnerships with the State of Israel or Israeli institutions?

I oppose BDS and efforts to isolate Israel or end academic, research, economic, or industrial partnerships. I support engagement, dialogue, and partnerships that advance peace, security, innovation, and shared prosperity.

6. Would you support continued and expanded federal funding for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program to help protect houses of worship and other nonprofits?

Yes. I remember how scared I was the first time I had to go through security at my synagogue, and how grateful I was when that security protected us during a bomb threat. I strongly support expanding security grants.

7. Medicare and Medicaid are vital to the health and stability of millions of Americans, including children, parents, seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income families. What would you do in Congress to protect access to health care for vulnerable communities and ensure that Medicare and Medicaid remain strong and sustainable?

Healthcare is a right, not a political pawn. I'll protect Medicare and Medicaid, restore healthcare subsidies, lower drug costs, crack down on PBMs and healthcare monopolies, and move toward universal healthcare.

8. Politics in this country have become fiercely partisan and bitterly divisive. How would you work across the aisle to restore faith in government and address the serious challenges facing our country?

I've built bipartisan coalitions before, including 26 Senators on housing. I'll work with anyone to lower costs, protect communities, and deliver for NJ, while never compromising on democracy, civil rights, or safety.

9. Final question, and an opportunity to set the record straight: During this campaign, has there been any information that has come out about you, your public statements, or your voting record that you would like to clarify?

I've been clear: I support Israel's right to exist and defend itself, oppose antisemitism and BDS, and believe Jewish and Palestinian safety, dignity, and self-determination all matter. I have always been a strong supporter of Federation and Israel.

Name: Brian Varela

Email: brian@brianvarela.com

1. Antisemitism is rising across the United States, yet incidents often result in short-lived reactive responses rather than a proactive national strategy. 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 believe that in order to counter antisemitism, we must strive for preventative, lasting policy instead of reactionary ones. To achieve this, I would support H.R. 6806, the “Antisemitism Response and Prevention Act of 2025.”

This bill establishes a National Coordinator within the Department of Justice to lead a whole-of-government strategy to combat antisemitism, creates a centralized Hate Crime Reporting Center, and fully funds the Nonprofit Security Grant Program to protect at-risk nonprofits and houses of worship, all while explicitly grounding enforcement in civil rights law and protections for free speech and civil liberties

2. Colleges and universities across the country have seen growing hostility toward Israel that, in some cases, has crossed the line into harassment and intimidation of Jewish students and faculty. What is your message to campus groups and administrators when anti-Israel activism becomes antisemitic or creates an unsafe or hostile environment for Jewish students?*

As the son of immigrants, I understand what it feels like to come from a community that can sometimes feel vulnerable, stereotyped, or targeted during moments of political tension. That’s part of why I believe so strongly that every student deserves to feel safe and respected on campus, including Jewish students facing antisemitism.

There is a clear difference between criticizing the policies or actions of the Israeli government and engaging in antisemitism, harassment, intimidation, or targeting Jewish students because of their identity. Universities have a responsibility to protect free speech and peaceful protest, but they also have a responsibility to ensure that campuses do not

become hostile environments where students feel threatened or excluded. We cannot allow rising polarization to normalize hatred against any community. Campuses should be places of learning, debate, and safety for everyone.

3. Jewish Federations are committed to strengthening the U.S.-Israel relationship through cultural, economic, educational, and security partnerships. As a member of Congress, how would you support and strengthen the relationship between the United States and the State of Israel?*

The U.S.-Israel relationship is one of the most important we have, and I would work to strengthen it across the dimensions that have made it durable for decades. That includes security cooperation, economic and scientific partnership that creates jobs here in New Jersey, robust people-to-people ties, and a shared commitment to democratic institutions.

4. Do you support adoption or use of the IHRA International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of antisemitism as a tool for identifying and addressing antisemitism? Why or why not? Would you support passage of Rep. Gottheimer's Antisemitism Awareness Act?*

Antisemitism is real, it is rising, and it demands serious action. I support the IHRA working definition as a descriptive tool. It helps educators, administrators, and law enforcement identify antisemitism in its many forms, and federal agencies and allied governments already rely on it.

I have concerns about the Antisemitism Awareness Act as currently drafted. The authors of the IHRA definition cautioned that it was built for identification, not as a legal standard, and I share their worry that codifying it into Title VI enforcement could produce outcomes none of us want, including ones that distract from the urgent work of protecting Jewish students and families.

Rather than the bill as written, I would push for a package that delivers protection now like full and expanded funding for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program that protects synagogues, day schools, and JCCs; serious Title VI enforcement with real resources behind the Office for Civil Rights; sustained Holocaust and antisemitism education, building on the work New Jersey already leads; and stronger hate crime tracking and prosecution.

5. What is your position on calls for boycott and divestment from Israeli companies, and on efforts to terminate academic, research, economic, or industrial partnerships with the State of Israel or Israeli institutions?*

I do not support the BDS movement. Boycotts and divestment aimed at Israel as a whole do not advance peace. They harden positions on both sides, set back the prospects for a two-state solution, and harm ordinary Israelis and Palestinians whose livelihoods depend on these economic and academic ties.

Engagement, dialogue, and international collaboration are stronger tools for advancing peace, innovation, and mutual understanding, and academic and research partnerships in particular create rare opportunities for cooperation across communities that political processes have failed to deliver.

6. Would you support continued and expanded federal funding for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program to help protect houses of worship and other nonprofits?*

Every community deserves to feel safe practicing their faith, gathering, or serving others without fear of intimidation or attack. At a time when hate crimes and politically motivated threats are rising, these grants help vulnerable organizations strengthen security, prepare for emergencies, and protect the people they serve. I support these investments because public safety and religious freedom go hand in hand, and because the government has a responsibility to help protect communities facing credible threats regardless of race, religion, background, or belief system.

7. Medicare and Medicaid are vital to the health and stability of millions of Americans, including children, parents, seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income families. What would you do in Congress to protect access to health care for vulnerable communities and ensure that Medicare and Medicaid remain strong and sustainable?*

I have protested against Medicaid cuts across New Jersey many times since the beginning of 2025, including going to Tom Kean Jr.'s office at least ten times. Medicaid is a lifeline for millions of children, educators, and working families, and I will fight any attempt to cut, cap, or block-grant the program. The One Big Terrible Bill made the largest Medicaid cuts in the program's history, and I will work to reverse those cuts.

In Congress, I will oppose work requirements that function as bureaucratic barriers designed to strip coverage from people who are already working or who are unable to work. Ultimately, the long-term solution is Medicare for All. I support a single-payer system that would guarantee healthcare as a right for every American. Until we get there, I will fight to protect and strengthen Medicaid so that no one falls through the cracks.

8. Politics in this country have become fiercely partisan and bitterly divisive. How would you work across the aisle to restore faith in government and address the serious challenges facing our country?*

I have spent years organizing in some of the most Republican-leaning parts of New Jersey, and what I have learned is that the voters there are not the caricatures cable news makes them out to be. They want their kids to be able to afford a home in the town they grew up in, healthcare that does not bankrupt them, and a government that works. Those are not partisan demands.

In Congress, I will work across the aisle wherever there is real common ground: lowering costs for working families, making medical care affordable, and expanding economic opportunity. But I will also be honest about where bipartisanship is not the answer. When one party is trying to dismantle Medicaid, gut Social Security, or undermine the rule of law, the right response is to fight back. Restoring faith in government means telling people the truth and delivering real results, and that is what I will do.

9. Final question, and an opportunity to set the record straight: During this campaign, has there been any information that has come out about you, your public statements, or your voting record that you would like to clarify?*

I was involved in a business dispute involving a former buyer of one of my companies. The short version is that she was sued by a vendor for an unpaid debt, and she in turn sued me claiming she did not know about that debt when she bought the business. The documentation showing she was fully informed at the time of sale is part of the record and is publicly available. The matter is resolving on the facts.

Name

Tom Kean

Email

dan@tomkean.com

1. Antisemitism is rising across the United States, yet incidents often result in short-lived reactive responses rather than a proactive national strategy. 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?

In Congress, I have long stood with the Jewish community and against all forms of antisemitism. We must strengthen federal enforcement, fully fund security grants, and improve reporting coordination to ensure that these crimes are thoroughly addressed.

2. Colleges and universities across the country have seen growing hostility toward Israel that, in some cases, has crossed the line into harassment and intimidation of Jewish students and faculty. What is your message to campus groups and administrators when anti-Israel activism becomes antisemitic or creates an unsafe or hostile environment for Jewish students?

Jewish students must feel safe on campus. I have supported measures like H.R. 798 condemning support for terrorist groups on college campuses. Schools must draw a clear line when free speech becomes harassment or intimidation and take action to protect students.

3. Jewish Federations are committed to strengthening the U.S.-Israel relationship through cultural, economic, educational, and security partnerships. As a member of Congress, how would you support and strengthen the relationship between the United States and the State of Israel?

Israel is one of our closest allies, and I remain committed to fortifying that partnership. I support robust security assistance, expanded economic ties, and Israel's right to defend itself. A strong US-Israel relationship is vital to regional stability.

4. Do you support adoption or use of the IHRA International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of antisemitism as a tool for identifying and addressing antisemitism? Why or why not? Would you support passage of Rep. Gottheimer's Antisemitism Awareness Act?

Yes, I support using the IHRA definition as a clear, practical tool to call out antisemitism. As a proud co-sponsor of the Antisemitism Awareness Act, I back its passage to help ensure incidents are properly recognized and addressed.

5. What is your position on calls for boycott and divestment from Israeli companies, and on efforts to terminate academic, research, economic, or industrial partnerships with the State of Israel or Israeli institutions?

I oppose these boycotts and efforts that harm Israel. These actions isolate our ally and undermine collaborative efforts. We should instead strengthen partnerships that drive innovation, security, and our shared prosperity.

6. Would you support continued and expanded federal funding for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program to help protect houses of worship and other nonprofits?

Yes, I strongly support continued and expanded federal funding for the NSGP and recently supported a request for \$1 billion in federal funding. Houses of worship must have the resources to adequately protect themselves and ensure people can gather safely.

7. Medicare and Medicaid are vital to the health and stability of millions of Americans, including children, parents, seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income families. What would you do in Congress to protect access to health care for vulnerable communities and ensure that Medicare and Medicaid remain strong and sustainable?

I support protecting access to care for vulnerable Americans. I voted to safeguard Medicare and Medicaid for its intended beneficiaries like low-income children and people with disabilities, and will continue to ensure resources reach those most in need.

8. Politics in this country have become fiercely partisan and bitterly divisive. How would you work across the aisle to restore faith in government and address the serious challenges facing our country?

I believe we restore trust in government by focusing on common sense solutions and working across the aisle. As a member of the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus, I consistently support practical efforts that cut the red tape and deliver real results.

9. Final question, and an opportunity to set the record straight: During this campaign, has there been any information that has come out about you, your public statements, or your voting record that you would like to clarify?

I remain a strong supporter for Jewish residents in New Jersey. I will always stand firmly against antisemitism and support policies that strengthen enforcement and protect communities from hate.