



The bond of brotherhood between the United States and the State of Israel has been solidified for over 60 years. The mutual respect both nations hold for democracy, human rights, and religious freedom has created an unwavering alliance fueled by individual liberty and a dedication to the rights of all mankind.

Israel, as a nation-state, stands as the one ally in the Middle East that the U.S. cannot afford to replace. As the last bastion of democracy in a war-torn and tumultuous region, Israel represents both an ideal ally, in terms of values shared, and a necessary partner in America's march towards securing a peaceful region.

This moment in time represents a crucial turning point in U.S.-Israeli policy. America cannot afford to take a back seat on regional issues that impact Israeli citizens abroad and American citizens at home. As a wave of tyranny sweeps across the Middle East, propagated by religious extremists, it is incumbent upon both the United States and Israel to stand resolute together and face the coming storm. This nation cannot afford to allow states like Syria or Yemen to become hotbeds for terror; this nation cannot well afford to ignore the growing geopolitical threat originating from the Iranian regime, and this nation has very little hope of effectively solving these problems without help from our one ally in the region, Israel.

We can solve these threats and others by:

- 1. Supporting the President's decision to move the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem.**

I support President Donald J. Trump's powerful and important decision to follow through on the promises of our U.S. Congress and implement the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995. Jerusalem has always been Israel's rightful capital and I am honored to support the President in his action on this issue. The day that Donald Trump announced the move, I was in Israel on a holy

tour. I was able to witness firsthand the joyous response from its citizens and saw just how impactful such a move can be in bolstering U.S.-Israeli relations.

2. Ensure Israel's Qualitative Military Edge (QME)

If all of Israel's enemies in the region laid down their arms, the conflict between them and Israel would cease immediately. If Israel were to lay down its arms, there would be a genocide. It is because Israel's very survival is tied to military superiority that I support the approval of the US-Israeli Security Memorandum of Understanding. It is essential that Israel, our most important ally in the region, has the capabilities and the technology to maintain significant military superiority over its enemies in the region. This imperative ensures that Israel has the most up-to-date missile defense systems and cyber capabilities, as well as guaranteeing joint training exercises between the Israeli and U.S. armed forces. This would benefit our country in a number of different ways, (1) supporting America's military-industrial complex, (2) guaranteeing a military edge in the region, as Israel and the U.S. often work hand in hand on military operations, (3) providing front line deterrence against Iran and its military threat.

3. Reject BDS and the Anti-Israel Narrative

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 for equitable and honest treatment of the Israeli people and the state of Israel.

4. Promote Peace and Security

This country has a duty to enable the peace process between Israel and the PA. America is the only nation in the world with the credibility to broker such a negotiation. Although peace is the goal, peace at any cost is not an option.

Israel must be guaranteed the safety and security she has long fought for and rightfully deserves. Any final agreement must ensure Israel's right to exist and guarantee their place in the region as a bastion of hope and democracy. Having traveled through Israel myself, I have seen the passion of its hardworking citizens and their urgent desire for peace with their neighbors. America has a duty to work hand in hand with the Israeli people and guarantee the peace agreement that they have so long fought to achieve.

5. Shut Down Mutual Threats

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. Both nations, working together, have a duty to take the fight to groups like ISIS, and Hamas. These purveyors of terror must be held accountable for the destruction of American lives and property. Hamas must be unmasked for what it truly is, a terrorist organization profiting from the power vacuum in Palestine and siphoning away the rights and liberties of the Palestinian people. This nation must take a stand against terror and tyranny in the Middle East. America can accomplish its goals by focusing efforts on curtailing Iran and taking bold 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 an Iranian regime that has killed its citizens by the thousands and threatens the safety and security of America's closest ally, Israel.