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Strengthening Israeli Ties in North Hempstead

MY CONNECTION WITH ISRAEL

My family, like many Jewish families, has long standing ties to Israel. My father of blessed memory, when in high school, served as president of the New Jersey Young Judaea Zionist youth movement and also studied in Israel briefly in the 1950s. My sister, also of blessed memory, studied at the University of Tel Aviv and made Aliyah to Israel where she married and lived for almost 20 years.

Here at home, I engage in my support for Israel through activities associated with my temple, my community and other supportive organizations. From a halakhic perspective, while I have chosen a different path, there are three Rabbi Kaimans serving congregations in various American cities and others in my family who have made and continue to make significant contributions to Israel and the Jewish story.



Jon Kaiman and his sister Chana, of blessed memory

ISRAEL AND THE TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD

As Supervisor, I will support educational programming and cultural festivals to edify and enrich our entire population. With antisemitism on the rise, it is more important than ever to elect a Supervisor with a deep and lasting connection to Israel. I consider it a personal obligation to provide educational opportunities about Jewish heritage through the Town government. Even in New York, some schools do not devote nearly enough time to discussing the political and moral failures that enabled the Holocaust. The statistics are alarming; 63 percent of Gen Z Americans do not know that six million Jews died in the Holocaust. Even more disquieting; 20 percent of the same demographic believe that Jews were responsible for the genocide. We must not sit idly by as extremists try to erase our history. As Town Supervisor, I will proudly present the Israeli flag at Town Hall on Israeli Independence Day. Further, I will ensure our North Hempstead Television (NHTV) channel features interviews with local Holocaust survivors, their children, or biographers throughout January, the month of International Holocaust Memorial Day.

An Open Letter of Resolution to the United States Government in Defense of Israel's Borders

WHEREAS, the Town of North Hempstead has within its jurisdiction over 225,000 residents, many of whom are personally and/or spiritually connected to the State of Israel...

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we who have attached our names to this Resolution and who collectively represent thousands of Americans, do hereby re-affirm that Israel's borders may not be negotiated away by other nations or peoples, including our own; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the United States of America recognizes Israel's right to exist as a sovereign state among the nations of the world, and as a Jewish state, situated forever in the land of Israel and, therefore, its borders must reflect that reality now and forever;

THEREFORE, we who are signatories to this Resolution believe that peace in the Middle East... can only be achieved when all involved understand that the existence of Israel as a Jewish state, the survival of Israel as a nation, and the security of the Israeli people, are not negotiable.

Dated: Great Neck, New York, May 26, 2011


Supervisor Jon Kaiman

As Town Supervisor, Jon Kaiman authored a resolution (excerpts above) to reassert Israel's right to determine its own borders

REPUDIATING BDS

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is complex and requires careful consideration and deliberation between the parties before it can ever be resolved. But there are those who choose to unfairly blame Israel for this conflict, despite continued terrorist attacks and stubborn refusal to cooperate from Palestinian leadership. The Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) Movement in particular has been waging a sustained campaign to vilify, isolate, pressure, and delegitimize Israel by convincing nations and businesses to sanction and boycott all Israeli products and institutions. They cloak themselves in the language of international law, but in fact they selectively choose what laws and provisions they purport to represent in a bid to undermine Israel at all costs. In 2017, Town Supervisor Judi Bosworth passed legislation to prevent the Town of North Hempstead from working with any contractors that support BDS. If elected, I would seek to expand this legislation to include sub-contractors, as well, so that residents can rest easy knowing that none of their taxpayer money is going to intolerant groups.



Jon Kaiman with Israel Nitzan, Fmr. Acting Consul General of Israel in New York, at the 2023 Israel Day Parade