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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, absolutely. Antisemitism has historically been the canary in the coalmine for intolerance in Western societies.

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

By educating the public through visual educational programs, historical public mural-type displays, and the history of local antisemitism here in Canada, North America, and Europe more generally.

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?

Yes. The Jewish community, like any threatened community, deserves to worship in peace and security.

Q4 . Are you in favour of continued funding for the Ottawa Police Services Hate Crimes unit?

Yes, from what I know.

Q5. The governments of both Canada and Ontario, as well as some municipalities, have adopted the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's definition of antisemitism. Would you be supportive of Ottawa adopting this definition of antisemitism as well?

I unambiguously support Holocaust remembrance and awareness, and I do find the aforementioned definition of antisemitism to be problematically broad and needlessly politically-charged by incorporating Israeli politics in its examples/definitions. This is ultimately counterproductive for Ottawa's Jewish communities. It makes as much sense to equate Jewish identity with the state of Israel as it does to equate Muslim identity with the states of Egypt, Pakistan or Iran, despite either states' discriminatory policies towards its inhabitants. To rhetorically shield such states from legitimate international criticism is incongruous with the stated aims of combatting antisemitism as hateful discrimination. I believe we should come together in empathy and mutual help, not defer to divisive external geopolitics. I would facilitate interfaith and intercultural outreach between Jews,

Muslims, and Arabs to celebrate and promote commonalities over differences.

Q6. Tamir is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting developmentally disabled people and those with autism. Plans for upgrades and expanded services stalled due to COVID. Will you be an ally and advocate for Tamir to receive help in upgrading their facilities?

As a father of an autistic son, absolutely.

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?

By connecting Jewish and Muslim charitable organizations who would be willing to ensure steady supplies of kosher/halal meals. Also, increase public awareness of such traditions, given that there are political reactionary voices that would seek to disparage such traditions.

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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?

The problems of discrimination and hate crimes are very serious. Antisemitism must be addressed as seriously as problems affecting other communities. It must be addressed firmly with all the means at the disposal of the City of Ottawa.

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

The fight against discrimination must be a real struggle and not a slogan. Resources must be provided for training, awareness raising and specialised police units.

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?

All members of all communities should be entitled to the same level of peace and quiet. It is important to distinguish between the normal level of security that is a private responsibility and the surplus that another group would not need to deploy as many resources. It is a collective responsibility of the municipality to ensure that everyone has the right to the same level of security and to deploy the necessary resources to ensure that this is the case.

Q4 . Are you in favour of continued funding for the Ottawa Police Services Hate Crimes unit?

I believe that more energy should be put in place by the Ottawa Police to combat these crimes which are particularly on the rise on the internet. In order to do so, the police must have the necessary financial resources.

Q5. The governments of both Canada and Ontario, as well as some municipalities, have adopted the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's definition of antisemitism. Would you be supportive of Ottawa adopting this definition of antisemitism as well?

I share the Canadian government's vision of de-defining antisemitism as defined in "Building a Foundation for Change: Canada's Anti-Racism Strategy 2019-2022" and its adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's definition of antisemitism. I believe that the City of Ottawa should adopt the same vision.

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For personal reasons I am very sensitive to this cause. I believe in the importance of being able to offer better services in appropriate facilities.

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Having been a senior advisor to Canada's first minister for seniors, I understand these issues very well. The problems of unaffordable housing are significantly increasing the pressure on a growing portion of seniors in Ottawa to have adequate incomes to feed themselves. The city needs to work with community stakeholders to develop a multi-stakeholder, multi-problem strategy. This strategy must incorporate specific actions for ethnocultural communities.



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Yes

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

Raise awareness and stand in solidarity with the Jewish community

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If it is not part of anti-racism training already ongoing, I would support this absolutely.

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I would like to ensure commemorative naming after Lilian Freiman. She is amazing!

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?

Yes, however given the seriousness of the threats I would ask for RCMP help as well.

Q4 . Are you in favour of continued funding for the Ottawa Police Services Hate Crimes unit?

My priority is to ensure that OPS get training on online threats and bullying. I would make sure the Hate Crimes Unit is included.

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I will always advocate for better outcomes for those living with disabilities.

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Yes, alongside halal, vegetarian, gluten free and other similar options.

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