

KAMALA HARRIS' TWENTY-YEAR RECORD OF PRO-ISRAEL STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS



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Throughout her career, Vice President Kamala Harris has demonstrated her steadfast commitment to Israel's security and to combatting the alarming rise in antisemitism.

Over the next few months, you're going to hear a lot of lies and distortions about her record. This booklet will provide the facts—just the facts—about her record on Israel issues over the last 20 years.

Since 2020, the Vice President has helped lead the most pro-Israel administration in American history, standing shoulder to shoulder with Israel as it has faced unprecedented attacks on its homeland and people.

Vice President Harris has delivered on the promises she's made to the pro-Israel community.

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Consistent Defender of Israel Throughout Her Career

1. 3/9/15: Harris said, “We have a clear bond with Israel and a clear priority in a secure Israel, and politics and elections aren’t going to change that commitment.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, 03/09/15]
2. 4/16/15: Harris said, “I also strongly believe that the relationship with Israel should be absolutely nonpartisan ... and the relationship with Israel is not based on the relationship with any one individual, it’s based on the relationship between these two nations.” [SFGate, [4/16/15](#)]
3. 6/3/16: Harris said, “Lasting peace can only be found through bilateral negotiations that protect Israel’s identity, ensure security for all people and include the recognition of Israel’s right to exist as a Jewish state.” [Jewish News of Northern California, [6/3/16](#)]
4. 8/10/16: “Harris does not support actions imposed from without, intended to cajole Israel and the Palestinians to negotiations toward a two-state solution, and agrees with Netanyahu that Palestinian leadership should recognize Israel as a Jewish state.” [Jerusalem Post, [8/10/16](#)]
5. 2017: Harris said, “I believe the bonds between the United States and Israel are unbreakable, and we can never let anyone drive a wedge between us,’ she said. ‘And I believe Israel should never be a partisan issue, and as long as I’m a United States senator, I will do everything in my power to ensure broad and bipartisan support for Israel’s security and right to self-defense.” [Intercept, [3/7/18](#)]
6. 3/25/19: Harris said, “Great...to discuss the need for a strong U.S.-Israel alliance, the right of Israel to defend itself, and my commitment to combat anti-Semitism in our country and around the world.” [Harris tweet, [03/25/19](#)]
7. 4/16/19: “Kamala Harris is resisting pressure from the left flank of her Democratic party to take a more critical stance on the Israeli government...

her centrist positions on Israel could help her hit back against inevitable attacks from the Trump campaign,” reported McClatchy. Harris’ spokesperson said “She is firm in her belief that Israel has a right to exist and defend itself, including against rocket attacks from Gaza...She’ll continue to support the U.S.-Israel alliance and peace through a two-state solution as a senator, as a candidate, and as president. For the senator, Israel should not be a partisan issue.” [McClatchy, [4/16/19](#)]

8. 6/3/19: Harris said “I will do everything in my power to insure broad and bipartisan support for Israel’s security and right to self-defense. That is why I strongly support America’s security assistance to Israel, and I am committed to strengthen the American Israeli security and defense relationship.” [American Jewish Committee speech, [06/03/19](#)]

9. 6/6/19: NYT Editorial Board: “Do you think Israel meets international standards of human rights?” Harris: “Overall, yes.” [New York Times, [06/06/19](#)]

10. 8/11/20: Harris “has not broached the idea of conditioning aid to Israel to influence its policies.” [JTA, [8/11/20](#)]

11. 8/12/20: Harris supports “continuation of American military aid to the Jewish state.” [Times of Israel, [8/12/20](#)]

12. 8/12/20: “Jerusalem heaved a sigh of relief when Harris was selected ... Harris stood up to pressure during her ... presidential run to take a more critical position toward Israel. She came out against aid cuts to Israel and refused to join those candidates slinging insults at Israel’s government and leaders.” [Jerusalem Post Editorial Board, [8/12/20](#)]

13. 8/17/20: “Harris said Israel remains ‘a critical ally and friend and its security is a top priority.’” [Newsweek, [8/17/20](#)]

14. 8/27/20: Harris pledged to “sustain our unbreakable commitment to Israel’s security,” including “unprecedented military and intelligence cooperation” and “qualitative military edge.” [Jerusalem Post, [8/27/20](#)]

15. 8/27/20: Harris “stressed that she was opposed to making military aid to Israel conditional on Israel’s policies.” [Jerusalem Post, [8/27/20](#)]
16. 9/16/20: “Biden is a friend of Israel, and so is his running mate, Kamala Harris.” [Jerusalem Post Editorial Board, [9/16/20](#)]
17. 2020: Harris said “Israel is a critical friend and ally to the United States. I stand with Israel, both because of our shared values, which are so fundamental to the founding of both our nations, and I believe the bonds between the people of the United States and the people of Israel are unbreakable, and we can never let anyone drive a wedge between us. And I believe Israel should never be a partisan issue. I will do everything in my power to ensure broad and bipartisan support for Israel’s security and right to self-defense. That is why I strongly support America’s security assistance to Israel, and I am committed to strengthen the American-Israeli security and defense relationship.” [DMFI, [2020](#)]
18. 6/7/23: Harris said “For millennia, a homeland for the Jewish people was just a dream. A dream that lived in the hearts of generations of Jews. A dream that was sustained through displacement and discrimination, through struggle and sacrifice, and through one of the most horrific atrocities in the history of the world. Yet, as a famous quote from Theodor Herzl reminds us, ‘If you will it, it is no dream.’” [WH Transcript, [6/7/23](#)]
19. 6/7/23: Harris said “At the core of the U.S.-Israel relationship is America’s ironclad commitment to the security of Israel. This commitment — (applause) — this commitment endures not only because it is in America’s strategic interest, but because it is the right thing to do. And this is why I was proud to vote for unprecedented security assistance to Israel, almost \$4 billion per year, every year that I served in the United States Senate. And this is why our administration continues to provide this assistance and added another \$1 billion in the wake of the 2021 conflict with Hamas. And know this: Whether replenishing Iron Dome, working together to develop a new laser defense system, or countering Iran and its proxies, the commitment of the United States and its commitment to Israel’s security will remain unwavering.” [WH Transcript, [6/7/23](#)]

20. 7/19/23: After President Herzog says during congressional address that “criticism of Israel must not cross the line into negation of the state of Israel’s right to exist,” Harris “led the chamber in a lengthy standing ovation.” [Mediaite, [7/19/23](#)]

21. 6/17/24: Harris on 10/7 atrocities: “And October 7, last year, Hamas committed horrific acts of sexual violence ... In the days after October 7, I saw images of bloodied Israeli women abducted. Then it came to light that Hamas committed rape and gang rape at the Nova Music Festival, and women’s bodies were found naked from the waist down, hands tied behind their back, and shot in the head. I’ve heard the stories from a former hostage of what she witnessed and heard in captivity. And I just met with Amit, a survivor who has bravely come forward with her account of sexual violence while she was held captive by Hamas.” [WH Transcript, [6/17/24](#)]

22. 7/25/24: Harris said “I just had a frank and constructive meeting with Prime Minister Netanyahu. I told him that I will always ensure that Israel is able to defend itself, including from Iran and Iran-backed militias, such as Hamas and Hezbollah. From when I was a young girl collecting funds to plant trees for Israel to my time in the United States Senate and now at the White House, I’ve had an unwavering commitment to the existence of the state of Israel, to its security, and to the people of Israel. I’ve said it many times, but it bears repeating: Israel has a right to defend itself, and how it does so matters. Hamas is a brutal terrorist organization. On October 7, Hamas triggered this war when it massacred 1,200 innocent people, including 44 Americans. Hamas has committed horrific acts of sexual violence and took 250 hostages. There are American citizens who remain captive in Gaza: Sagui Dekel-Chen, Hersh Goldberg-Polin, Edan Alexander, Keith Siegel, Omer Neutra. And the remains of American citizens Judy Weinstein, Gad Haggai, and Itay Chen are still being held in Gaza. I have met with the families of these American hostages multiple times now. And I’ve told them each time, they are not alone and I stand with them. And President Biden and I are working every day to bring them home.” [WH Transcript, [7/25/24](#)]

23. 7/30/24: Harris said the following after Hezbollah attacked a Druze community in the Golan Heights “I wanted to address what happened over the last few hours in terms of the Middle East and be very clear Israel has the right to defend itself.

And I unequivocally support Israel's right to remain secure and defend the security of Israel ... What we know in particular is, yes, it has the right to defend itself against the terrorist organization, which is exactly what Hezbollah is." [FOX, [7/30/24](#)]

24. 8/8/24: Harris National Advisor Phil Gordon said Harris "has been clear: she will always ensure Israel is able to defend itself against Iran and Iran-backed terrorist groups. She does not support an arms embargo on Israel. She will continue to work to protect civilians in Gaza and to uphold international humanitarian law." [Gordon Tweet, [8/8/24](#)]

Pro-Israel Votes

25. 9/18/17: Harris votes in favor of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (H.R. 2810), legislation containing funding for the Israeli's Iron Dome and David's Sling programs and extending the U.S.-Israel Anti-Tunnel program. [[Vote 199, 115th Congress](#)] [[H.R.2810 Bill Text](#)]

26. 8/23/18: Harris votes in favor of the Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2019 (H.R. 6157), legislation containing funding for Israel's Iron Dome program. [[Vote 193, 115th Congress](#)] [[H.R. 6157 Text](#)]

27. 1/21/21: Harris votes in favor of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (H.R.6395), legislation containing the United States Israel Security Assistance Authorization Act of 2020 and other programs containing aid to Israel [[Vote 292, 116th Congress](#)] [[H.R.6395 Text](#)]

28. 5/4/17: Harris votes for the "An act making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes," (H.R. 244) containing military aid for Israel and the Iron Dome program. [[Vote 121, 115th Congress](#)] [[H.R. 244 Text](#)]

29. 12/21/20: Harris votes in favor of the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021" (H.R. 133), which contained funding for Israel's missile defense systems and funds for refugees settling in Israel. [[Vote 289, 116th Congress](#)] [[H.R. 113 Text](#)]

Kamala Harris Has Visited Israel Multiple Times

30. 2004 visit: “The San Francisco district attorney was one of about a dozen mostly elected officials taken on a tour of Israel late last month by the Jewish Community Relations Council.” [Jewish News of Northern California, [12/23/04](#)]

31. During 2017 visit, Harris said “My goal is to hold together the center on Israel in the Democratic Party” with “conviction, authenticity.” [Forward, [8/12/20](#)]

32. “Harris is a first-term senator who has been on just two official trips abroad - to Israel, Jordan and Afghanistan.” [L.A. Times, [12/6/20](#)]

33. “Harris’ embrace of Israel — one of her first foreign travel destinations as senator — and her diplomatic response to some of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s most controversial policies are consistent with Democrats’ traditional support for the Jewish state.” [McClatchy, [4/16/19](#)]

Opposing Biased International Organizations

34. 2017: Harris said “I believe that when any organization delegitimizes Israel, we must stand up and speak out for Israel to be treated equally. That is why the first resolution I co-sponsored as United States senator was to combat anti-Israel bias at the United Nations...” [Jerusalem Post, [7/12/19](#)]

35. 1/10/19: “Harris also co-sponsored a Senate resolution in early 2017 that essentially rebuked the Obama administration for allowing through a U.S. Security Council resolution condemning Israel’s settlement policies.” [JTA, [01/11/19](#)] [[S.Res.6](#)]

36. 5/13/20: Harris co-signed letter “urging Secretary of State Michael Pompeo to use America’s influence to curtail the politically driven investigations by the International Criminal Court against our ally Israel.” [Press Release, [5/13/20](#)]

37. 8/11/20: “During her presidential run, Harris separated herself somewhat from even the mainstream moderates in the pack, firmly opposing the idea of condemnatory U.N. votes or even strong public criticism aimed at swaying Israeli policy.” [JTA, [8/11/20](#)]

38. 2020: Harris said “I believe that when any organization delegitimizes Israel, we must stand up and speak out against it. Israel must be treated equally. And that is why the first resolution I co-sponsored as a United States Senator was to combat anti-Israeli bias at the United Nations, and affirm, and reaffirm, that the United States seeks a just, secure, and sustainable two-state solution.” [DMFI (1:30), [2020](#)]

39. 3/6/21: “Harris also said that the Biden administration is opposed to the International Criminal Court’s decision to investigate Israel for alleged war crimes.” [Jerusalem Post, [3/6/21](#)]

Consistently Opposed BDS

40. 6/3/16: Harris said “The boycott, divestment and sanctions movement is based on the mistaken assumption that Israel is solely to blame for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The BDS movement seeks to weaken Israel, but it will only isolate the nation and steer Israelis against prerequisite compromises for peace. At a time when anti-Semitism is on the rise — especially in Europe — and the Middle East is growing increasingly unstable, I believe we should not isolate Israel, the only democracy in the region.” [Jewish News of Northern California, [6/3/16](#)]

41. 4/16/19: “In the Senate and on the campaign trail, Harris is opposing the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement targeting Israel, foreign aid cuts to the state, condemnatory votes on Israel at the United Nations and public criticism of its leadership.” [McClatchy, [4/16/19](#)]

42. 7/12/19: “She also expressed objection to the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement and said that it is ‘based on the mistaken assumption that Israel is solely to blame for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.’” [Jerusalem Post, [7/12/19](#)]

Supported Moving U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem

43. 6/5/17 Voted Yea “(6) reaffirms the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-45) as United States law and calls upon the President and all United States officials to abide by its provisions.” [S.Res.176 vote, [6/5/17](#)]

Tough on Iran

44. 6/13/17: Harris co-sponsors the “Countering Iran's Destabilizing Activities Act of 2017.” [S.722] 6/15/17: Harris votes to pass the bill. [Vote 147, 115th Congress]

45. July 17, 2017: Harris votes in favor of H.R. 3364 (Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act), legislation to “provide congressional review and to counter aggression by the Governments of Iran, the Russian Federation, and North Korea, and for other purposes.” [Vote 175, 115th Congress]

46. 8/27/20: Harris said “Let me be clear: We will not allow Iran to obtain a nuclear weapon, period.” [Jerusalem Post, 8/27/20]

47. 8/15/21: Harris/Yair Lapid meeting included “‘intimate discussion about what should be done’ if Iran refuses to engage or engage seriously.” [AP, 8/15/21]

48. 11/2/22: Harris said “Today we are announcing our intention to remove Iran from the UN Commission on the Status of Women. Given Iran’s brutal crackdown on women and girls protesting peacefully for their rights, Iran is unfit to serve on this Commission.” [Harris tweet, 11/02/22]

49. 7/21/23: “Harris expressed deep concerns to Herzog about the Iranian nuclear program.” [Jerusalem Post, 7/21/23]

Supported Abraham Accords

50. 8/15/20: “Biden’s vice-presidential nominee, Senator Kamala Harris, said they would ‘seek to build on this progress’ if elected in November.” [Dawn, 8/15/20]

51. 10/22/20: Harris co-sponsors resolution “expressing the sense of the Senate that the August 13, 2020, and September 11, 2020, announcements of the establishment of full diplomatic relations between the

State of Israel and the United Arab Emirates and the State of Israel and the Kingdom of Bahrain are historic achievements.” [[S.Res.709](#)]

Vice President Harris Frequently Engages with Israel’s Leaders

52. 11/20/17: Netanyahu said “Today I met with Senator @KamalaHarris of California. We discussed the potential for deepening cooperation in water management, agriculture, cyber security, and more. I expressed my deep appreciation for America’s commitment to Israel’s security.” [Netanyahu Tweet, [11/20/17](#)]

53. 3/4/21: “Vice President Kamala Harris spoke today by phone with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel, and underscored the Biden-Harris Administration’s commitment to the U.S.-Israel partnership.” [Press Release, [03/04/21](#)]

54. 8/9/21: “Vice President Harris spoke with President Isaac Herzog of Israel today to congratulate him on his recent inauguration as Israel’s 11th president. The two leaders discussed the importance of continuing to deepen the U.S.-Israel bilateral relationship and the Vice President expressed her strong commitment to Israel’s security and support for continued normalization of relations between Israel and its neighbors.” [Press Release, [8/9/21](#)]

55. 10/21/21: “Vice President Kamala Harris met today with Israeli Foreign Minister and Alternate Prime Minister Yair Lapid. Vice President Harris reaffirmed the United States’ strong support for the U.S.-Israel relationship, and our unwavering commitment to Israel’s security.” [Press Release, [10/21/21](#)]

56. 8/12/21: Lapid said to Harris “I’m happy to be here with one of the best friends Israel has in Washington....[W]e could always count on you in the difficult moments.” [WH Transcript, [8/12/21](#)]

57. 4/4/22: “Vice President Kamala Harris spoke today with President Isaac Herzog of Israel ... The Vice President condemned these terrorist attacks in the strongest terms and underscored that U.S. support for Israel’s security and self-defense is unwavering.” [Press Release, [4/4/22](#)]

58. 1/28/23: “Vice President Kamala Harris spoke today with President Isaac Herzog of Israel to offer condolences for the horrific terror attack at a synagogue in Jerusalem, a senseless act of violence that took the lives of at least seven innocent victims at a place of worship. The Vice President also condemned and expressed concern about subsequent violent attacks.” [Press Release, [01/28/23](#)]

59. 7/19/23: Herzog said “I also want to thank you personally, Madam Vice President, for your lifelong contribution to the bonds between us as well as your husband, the Second Gentleman, Doug Emhoff’s work and valiant efforts to combat antisemitism and hatred of all forms.” [WH Transcript, [7/19/23](#)]

60. 10/10/23: “Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris spoke by phone earlier on Tuesday with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to discuss the situation on the ground.” [AP, [10/10/23](#)]

61. 4/23/24: “Vice President Kamala Harris spoke today with President Isaac Herzog of Israel ... The Vice President noted that this Passover—a holiday when the history of persecution of Jews is recounted—is especially painful and resonant given the brutal Hamas terrorist attack on October 7, during which Hamas killed more than 1200 innocent people, including 44 Americans, took 240 people hostage, including Americans, and committed horrific acts of sexual violence. ...They discussed developments in the Middle East and the Vice President underscored the Biden-Harris Administration’s unwavering commitment to Israel’s security, including international efforts to ensure Israel can defend itself against Iran and its proxies, and welcomed the supplemental funding package passed by the House of Representatives.” [Press Release, [4/23/24](#)]

Kamala Harris on Campus Antisemitism and Vandalism

62. 5/8/11: As 11 UC Irvine students “accused of conspiring to, then successfully executing, a disruption of Israel Ambassador Michael Oren’s speech in February 2010” sought to evade prosecution, Harris said in court documents that “Orange County prosecutors should remain on the case.” [Daily Pilot, 05/08/11].

63. 5/7/24 “Today, during Holocaust Remembrance Day, the Biden-Harris Administration announced several new actions to counter the abhorrent rise of Antisemitism in the United States.... This year’s remembrance is particularly sobering, as it comes seven months after the terrorist group Hamas attacked Israel on October 7th, the deadliest day for the Jewish people since the Holocaust. Since that time, there has been an alarming rise of Antisemitic incidents across the country and throughout the world—most recently, in instances of violence and hate during some protests at college campuses across the Nation.” [WH Press Release, [5/7/24](#)]

64. 7/25/24: Harris said “Yesterday, at Union Station in Washington, D.C. we saw despicable acts by unpatriotic protestors and dangerous hate-fueled rhetoric. I condemn any individuals associating with the brutal terrorist organization Hamas, which has vowed to annihilate the State of Israel and kill Jews. Pro-Hamas graffiti and rhetoric is abhorrent and we must not tolerate it in our nation. I condemn the burning of the American flag. That flag is a symbol of our highest ideals as a nation and represents the promise of America. It should never be desecrated in that way. I support the right to peacefully protest, but let’s be clear: Antisemitism, hate and violence of any kind have no place in our nation.” [WH Press Release, [7/25/24](#)]

Vice President Harris & Second Gentleman Fight Antisemitism

65. 7/22/08: As San Francisco DA, Harris convicted a man who assaulted Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel of felony hate crime. [SFGate, [07/22/08](#)]

66. 2/11/11: “Jonathan Bernstein, former ADL executive director, has been appointed by state Attorney General Kamala Harris to her transition team’s civil rights enforcement Smart on Crime working group, where he’ll prepare a report on hate crimes.” [Jewish News of Northern California, [02/11/11](#)]

67. 6/3/16: Harris said “As a courtroom prosecutor, I have personally prosecuted hate crimes against the Jewish community, and as San Francisco District Attorney I created a special unit to prosecute hate crimes. Freedom of speech is one of our most treasured rights, but the First Amendment should not be the basis for shielding perpetrators who commit a crime against another human being.” [Jewish News of Northern California, [6/3/16](#)]

68. 3/28/17: Harris introduced Senate “resolution condemning the recent waves of anti-Semitic attacks and urged the administration to do more for under-fire religious minorities...” [Times of Israel, [03/28/17](#)]

69. 11/15/18: Harris co-sponsors resolution “condemning the horrific, anti-Semitic attack at a synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.” [[S.Res.694](#)]

70. 11/8/21: “US Vice President Kamala Harris is set to denounce the singling out of Israel ‘because of anti-Jewish hatred’ in a speech at the Anti-Defamation League’s annual Never Is Now conference.” [Times of Israel, [11/8/21](#)]

71. 2/13/23: “Doug Emhoff, the husband of Vice President Kamala Harris, took his campaign against antisemitism to the United Nations, urging diplomats from many nations to speak out against the rising global hatred of Jews and stressing: ‘Silence is not an option.’” [AP, [2/13/23](#)]

72. 6/7/23: Harris said “...when Jews are targeted because of their beliefs or identity, and when Israel is singled out because of anti-Jewish hatred, that is antisemitism, and that is unacceptable.” [WH Transcript, [6/7/23](#)]

73. 5/20/24: Doug Emhoff said “There is an epidemic of hate, including a crisis of antisemitism, in our country and around the world. We see it on our streets, our college campuses, and our places of worship...I also want to acknowledge the student leaders who are here with us today. (Applause.) You have stood up to hate and antisemitism on college campuses. And on behalf of our nation, thank you for your courage. And let me be clear: We have your back. (Applause.)...Compounding the pain and [is] a vicious surge of antisemitism around the world, here in America as well, in our streets, our social media, and college campuses. It’s amazing it’s happening. It’s absolutely despicable. It’s wrong, and it must stop. It must stop....In America, we respect and protect fundamental rights of free speech to protest peacefully. That’s America. But there’s no place in any campus in America, any place in America for antisemitism, for hate speech that threatens violence of any kind against Jews or anyone else.” [WH Transcript, [5/20/24](#)]

Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff on Vice President Harris

74. 8/28/20: Emhoff said: “No matter what the difference is on policy details, nothing is more dangerous to the U.S.-Israel alliance or Israel’s long-term security than letting our beloved homeland become a political football. She won’t let it happen.” [Florida Politics, [8/28/20](#)]

75. 8/29/20: Emhoff said “She’ll continue to reject BDS at every turn, denounce efforts to delegitimize Israel.” [Times of Israel, [8/29/20](#)]

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