

JEFF BALLABON

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If a public relations firm had an opening for a ninja, they'd hire Jeff Ballabon; if Chuck Norris wanted to write a book on international relations, Jeff Ballabon would be the ghostwriter; if Akira Kurosawa did a movie about Israel, Jeff would play one of the leading roles; and if Chuck Yeager wanted to push an envelope in which secret documents were stored he'd ask Jeff to do it.

G. Gordon Liddy

If every Jew in America made aliyah, the US-Israel relationship would be fine - so long as Jeff Ballabon stayed to lobby for us...In fact, it probably would be better.

MK Rabbi Benny Elon

Jeff Ballabon is chairman of the Iron Dome Alliance and a senior fellow at the Center for Statesmanship and Diplomacy. He is a political and media strategist, a conservative leader and a Jewish activist. He represents corporate and non-profit clients, consults for elected officials and political candidates in America and Israel, and has headed communications and public policy departments of major media corporations including CBS News, Primedia, and Court TV.

Jeff also is of counsel to a law firm that represents the State of Israel's interests at the International Criminal Court at The Hague and is among the leaders of the anti-BDS movement.

Jeff has successfully represented American victims of Palestinian terror before the White House, State Department, Justice Department and Congress. He founded and ran the Coordinating Council on Jerusalem, a groundbreaking international coalition credited by the White House with defeating the Annapolis Conference's proposed division of Jerusalem. Among Jeff's other initiatives are Young Jewish Leadership PAC, Jewish College Republicans, and SHABBAT@CPAC.

Washington Legal Times has described Jeff as "a quiet presence on Capitol Hill," who "travels easily in conservative circles." The *New York Observer* observed that he "is very well-known at the highest levels of the White House" with "friends on both sides of the political divide" and *Politicker* has reported that he has "actual power in Washington."

A veteran of four presidential and over a dozen House and Senate campaigns, Ballabon was widely referred to in the press as "the architect" of the successful Bush-Cheney 2004 re-election effort in the Orthodox community. As the *Forward* wrote, "Ballabon basically created a new demographic...he helped put his fellow Orthodox Jews on the map as a separate Republican Party constituency."

A graduate of Yale Law School, Jeff served as Republican Counsel to the US Senate Commerce Committee and was Legislative Counsel to Sen. John Danforth (R-MO). He has twice been a Presidential Appointee, and received two Certificates of Distinguished Service from the US Senate. The *Forward* has named Jeff one of the 50 "Most Influential" Jews in America.

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“...a trailblazing role...politics can easily divide Jews, but Ballabon is using it to unify.”

The Algemeiner

“His influence has grown as he has been perceived as a person of conviction and integrity rather than someone who merely buys and sells access.”

Mishpacha Magazine

“This man knows how to use politics to unite and spiritually elevate...”

Ami Magazine

“...a right-winger on Israel, and so has the credibility to sell the president's policies...A former senior vice president at Court TV and onetime Republican counsel to the Senate Commerce Committee, Ballabon is a charismatic figure in his own right.”

Forward

“There is a compelling theme to Ballabon’s professional, political and activist life. He’s consciously made a career out of pursuing public service in the private sector...a sought after community activist with some of the best connections in Washington.”

Lifestyles Magazine

“...a political genius whose mind moves a million miles a minute...”

Director of Coalitions, US Senate Republican Conference

“... one of the most intelligent, thoughtful and skilled public policy professionals... His experience is unparalleled...”

RNC Field and Communications Director

“...the ultimate patriot...”

Director, White House Office of Public Liaison

“Bush has been turning to a movement conservative, New York activist Jeff Ballabon, to expand his grass-roots outreach among Orthodox Jews and Jewish college students, two groups seen as open to the Republican message.”

Forward

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“... the architect of George W. Bush’s groundbreaking outreach to the Orthodox community, a group that Republicans previously had largely ignored.”

Politico

“That’s what makes Ballabon a smart pick [for Romney]. The political strategist was the architect of George W. Bush’s unprecedented outreach to Orthodox Jews.”

The Algemeiner

“Mr. Ballabon spent the climatic weeks of last year’s election pushing the Republican cause in crucial states like Florida and Pennsylvania. According to people familiar with the campaign, he advised the White House on how to reach each of the dozens of distinct Orthodox communities...”

New York Observer

“Jeff is far and away one of the most creative, aggressive and effective operatives I've worked with in over 25 years of political campaigning. We were in a South Florida bunker together for three months in 2004, moving the Jewish vote there. At the same time, Jeff worked literally around the clock managing and coordinating national messaging, outreach and GOTV teams in other key swing states like Ohio, Colorado, Missouri, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. There is no question that Jeff's insights, innovations and energy were key to President Bush's victory in Florida and Ohio and, therefore, in the election.”

Executive Director, Victory '04

“In 2004, conservative Jewish voters helped hold down John Kerry's margin of victory in Cuyahoga County (where Cleveland is located), and George W. Bush won the state.”

Huffington Post

“In the last weeks of the campaign, Ballabon put his job on hold in order to spend 20-hour days with a Jewish outreach team in Florida on get-out-the-vote efforts, and coordinating by phone similar efforts in Ohio and New Jersey, which polls showed suddenly to be “in-play”...For Jeff Ballabon the satisfaction...would come... as precinct level results poured in from around the country and showed that Orthodox Jews had voted in unprecedented numbers and overwhelmingly for President Bush.

“The frenetic political activity up to and including election day was the culmination of a three-year-old vision of one man; Jeff Ballabon...”

Mishpacha

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“Mr. Ballabon is also the man whom Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum called when he was headed out to the Orthodox Jewish enclave of Borough Park during the Republican National Convention last year. The Senator’s journey took place on the same day that Mr. Ballabon helped organize a meeting between White House officials and Orthodox leaders...He’s been the driving force behind the Jewish College Republicans, a group that has caught on fast.

New York Observer

“[Governor Rick] Perry was given a stage in New York this fall during the United Nations General Assembly meeting to slam Obama’s policies on Israel. The event was organized by Orthodox Jewish Republican activist Jeff Ballabon.

Huffington Post

“Says Jeff Ballabon, who is affiliated with the Livingston Group lobbying firm and is a leading spokesman for the conservative Jewish community, “Orthodox voters are ‘faith and values’ voters, and for them, Israel is an issue of faith and values.”

The Jerusalem Post

“Although AIPAC, the most influential pro-Israel lobbying group in the U.S., seems to be taking a wait-and-see approach to the new high-level negotiations, some of AIPAC’s major donors and allies are involved with the Coordinating Council on Jerusalem. The coalition is also being aided in its efforts by evangelical Christian groups...It is directed by an influential former fundraiser for George W. Bush, Jeff Ballabon.”

Salon

“I’ve been involved in conservative politics and US-Israel activism for over 40 years and I consider the Coordinating Council on Jerusalem (CCJ) to be the most unique project I have ever had the opportunity to participate in.

“CCJ was founded and run by Jeff Ballabon whose vision and execution were masterful...The amazing part of CCJ was that disparate groups with different agendas, goals and ideologies - even theologies - worked together as one. That was a tribute to Jeff’s leadership. He identified an issue (an undivided Jerusalem) and articulated a clear and high-minded set of ideas which all the groups believed in. He used his personal credibility to harness the power of dozens of groups in the US and in Israel...All the participating groups felt we had achieved something groundbreaking and that our individual missions and integrity were respected throughout. It was a beautiful sight to see and to participate in. If Jeff ever develops a similar project uniting pro-Israel organizations, I hope he will count me in.”

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