

New York Times Speaks with Matthew Sanderson on Kushner's Financial Ties to Israel

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Last May, Jared Kushner accompanied President Trump, his father-in-law, on the pair's first diplomatic trip to Israel, part of Mr. Kushner's White House assignment to achieve peace in the Middle East. Shortly before, his family real estate company received a roughly \$30 million investment from Menora Mivtachim, an insurer that is one of Israel's largest financial institutions, according to a Menora executive.

"I think it's reasonable for people to ask whether his business interests are somehow affecting his judgment," said Matthew T. Sanderson, a lawyer at Caplin & Drysdale in Washington who specializes in government ethics and was general counsel to Senator Rand Paul's presidential campaign.

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But Mr. Sanderson, the lawyer who specializes in government ethics, said, "Their standard seems like some version of 'It's a conflict when I think it's a conflict, and I'll make that judgment myself.'"

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