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And when Trump was honored last year with the Liberty Award by the Algemeiner Journal, Ivanka pointed out that her father “has used his voice often and loudly in support of Israel and in support of developments within Israel, in support of security for Israel and in support of the idea of Israeli democracy.”

But until now, the scope of his largesse to Jewish organizations — and the disconnect it perhaps causes, given his contradictory positions about Israel — has been largely unknown. A Jewish Week review of his foundation’s IRS Form 990 filings shows that Trump has donated or pledged substantial sums — $100,000 or more — to at least two Jewish groups in the last four years and has been a regular contributor to others. Trump’s spokesperson was contacted for this article but did not reply by press time.

Such largesse to Jewish organizations by a non-Jew is “impressive,” according to Jonathan Sarna, a professor of American Jewish history at Brandeis University and the chief historian of the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia.

He said he therefore found it “surprising that he [Trump] used the word ‘neutral’ when he was asked initially about his views” on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

(Trump has said he did not want to weigh in on the dispute, believing he would have a greater chance of resolving the conflict as president if he maintained an even-handed approach.)

“Given that there are donations to the Anti-Defamation League, one hopes that he will be attentive to some of the lessons the ADL has taught us,” Sarna said. “It is widely known that the Trumps have Jewish friends in New York, and the fact that his daughter not only married an Orthodox Jew but converted speaks to his longstanding ties with members of the Jewish community,” he said, such as Robert Kraft, owner of the Boston Patriots, who “similarly has been a large donor” to Jewish charities.

“It is precisely because of his Jewish friendship, donations and his record that many have been mystified by the tenor of Mr. Trump’s campaign and seeming insensitivity to minorities and refugees. … There seems to be something of a disconnect between his impressive donations and the values that he now espouses,” he said.