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ON THE HILL — Schumer in Senate gym presses Paul on Israel

aid: Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) has been pressing Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) to [remove a hold](#) on the U.S.-Israel Security Assistance Authorization Act of 2018.

During a speech at a forum hosted by the American Zionist Movement (AZM) on Capitol Hill yesterday, Schumer said that during a routine workout at the Senate gym in the morning, he “lobbied Rand Paul to let this go, and I think we will be able to work something out.” [\[JewishInsider\]](#)

Schumer added: "I don't get up and say the Republicans are anti-Israel because Rand Paul is against this pact and holding it up. But I do hear people on the other side often say, 'So-and-so said something anti-Israel, all the Democrats are bad.' That is detrimental to the U.S.-Israel relationship — no matter which party you're part of — if you're pointing to the other side when there's such overwhelming support."

Schumer on bipartisanship: "There are people on both sides of the aisle who try make this a partisan relationship, and that is very bad for Israel. The day Israel is only supported by one party, or one part of the political spectrum, is the beginning of the end. Throughout my career, most of the time with Democrats in the majority, I always had a Republican carry any bill that I would carry for Israel. And that's a tradition that's continued. The winds of political change blow fiercely, but the special relationship between the United States and Israel can't be subject to the whims of bipartisanship."

Kampeas tweets: "Rep. Eliot Engel at AZM: begins sentence, "As chairman of the House Foreign Affairs committee - halavai..."
