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Jewish vote, 1936.

Around this time in any political campaign, certain political partisans who happen to be Jews make an effort to introduce a Jewish issue into the campaign. The Jewish Community Council of Cleveland, representing all the Jewish organizations, Temples and Synagogues of Cleveland has taken cognizance of this fact and has appointed a committee to oppose the introduction of such a fictitious issue.

This Committee wishes to state that there is no Jewish issue involved either in the national, state or local campaigns.

Furthermore, there is no such thing as a "Jewish vote". Jewish citizens in common with all other citizens in the United States, will vote their political preferences. No one controls the "Jewish vote". No one can deliver the "Jewish vote". It is a well known device frequently resorted to by politicians who have an eye for a comfortable berth should their particular candidate be elected. We advise all our fellow citizens completely to ignore all such activities in the future.