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**Rebecca L. Taibleson**  
**Judicial Nominee to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit**  
**Summary of Concerns<sup>i</sup>**

**Both Taibleson and her husband, Benjamin Taibleson,<sup>1</sup> have donated to Democrat politicians and/or judicial candidates.** In 2022, Taibleson donated to *ActBlue* for former *Democratic Senator Joe Manchin*.<sup>2</sup> Her husband donated to *Texans for Beto in 2024*,<sup>3</sup> *Joe Biden for President*,<sup>4</sup> *Kamala Harris* for Senate via Act Blue,<sup>5</sup> and other Democrat politicians.<sup>6</sup>

**Bloomberg Law reported Taibleson was jointly recommended for nomination to the Seventh Circuit in 2025 by the bi-partisan judicial nominating commission of Senators Ron Johnson (R-WI) and Tammy Baldwin (D-WI).**<sup>7</sup> According to iVoterGuide, Senator Baldwin is a “verified liberal.”<sup>8</sup> Bloomberg quoted that *Baldwin has warned President Trump* that “it would be ill-advised of the president to do his own [judicial selection] process when we [Senators Baldwin and Johnson] have one set up.”<sup>9</sup>

**Taibleson was listed as counsel on President Biden’s defense team in a case defending the government’s ability to forgive federal student loans.**<sup>10</sup> The case was voluntarily dismissed after the Supreme Court enjoined the program.<sup>11</sup>

**Taibleson and her husband are members of or affiliated with the politically liberal Congregation Emanu-El B’ne Jeshurun (“CEEBJ”) that promotes LGBTQ+ ideologies, abortion, and leftist “Get out the Vote” organizations.**

- The Taiblesons’ anniversary is listed in a July 2025 CEEBJ bulletin,<sup>12</sup> and they were listed as volunteers at the congregation in 2018.<sup>13</sup>
- The most prominent statement at the top of the homepage for the congregation describes it being pro “LGBTQ+;”<sup>14</sup> the website also states that the congregation hosts guest speakers on a range of issues, including “*immigration, reproductive rights* ....”<sup>15</sup>
- Additionally, the congregation promotes its affiliation with the judicially-activist Union for Reform Judaism (“URJ”) which proudly *opposes the judicial philosophy of originalism*

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<sup>i</sup> This “Summary of Concerns” only details concerns. Other information is forthcoming and will be available in a longer document [here](#). This summary was issued before the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing and before the release of the Committee Questionnaire. This document does not include all available information and was produced through a coalition research cooperative between AFA Action’s Center for Judicial Renewal and Judicial Action Group.

because it prevents their political positions on *abortion, transgenderism, guns, and separation of church and state*.<sup>16</sup>

- URJ opposes the judicial philosophy of originalism: “Judge Barrett’s confirmation would place an ‘*originalist*’ *majority on the Court* . . . that would likely undercut and reverse positions for which we have fought in Congress and espoused in the courts for much of the past century.” They also opposed Barrett on the ground that she had “restrictive views of existing legal rights of *transgender* individuals.”<sup>17</sup>
- UJR opposed Justice Kavanaugh, arguing he would “curtail women’s *reproductive rights*, weaken workers’ rights, oppose *gun violence* prevention measures, threaten the protections of *freedom of religion* by breaking down the *separation of church and state*, challenge *environmental protections*, and undermine *voting rights*.”<sup>18</sup>
- URJ promotes “*all gender identities and gender expressions*,”<sup>19</sup> and “[u]rges the adoption and implementation of legislation and policies that prevent discrimination based on *gender identity and expression*.”<sup>20</sup>
- In 2024 and presently, CEEBJ encourages “Volunteer Opportunities” with “Get out the Vote” election partners – all of which are liberal: “Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice, Souls to the Polls, and WIVEC – Wisconsin Interfaith Voter Engagement Campaign.”<sup>21</sup>
  - Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice, a radical pro-LGBT group, states, *[W]e cannot and will not remain silent in the face of injustice towards our LGBTQ+ colleagues, congregants, family, friends, and neighbors*.”<sup>22</sup> Citizens are asked to “reach out to [their] representatives,”<sup>23</sup> with a link to a page entitled, “*Tell the Senate to Protect Trans Health*.”<sup>24</sup>
  - WIVEC is hosting an October 2025 talk: “*Confronting Christian Nationalism*.”<sup>25</sup>
  - “Souls to the Polls WI” in a not-so-veiled shot at President Trump opposes “[a] whirlwind of *executive orders and policies* . . . attacking Medicaid and Medicare, and threatening even more . . . . When *election season comes*, you’ll know who stood behind *these policies*—and who is truly looking out for your best interests.”<sup>26</sup>

**It appears that the rabbi whom the Taiblesons chose to perform their wedding currently serves at a pro-LGBT congregation.**<sup>27</sup> Rabbi Lyle A. Fishman married the Taiblesons; it appears that he is the same Lyle A. Fishman who is rabbi emeritus at Ohr Kodesh Congregation,<sup>28</sup> which is overtly pro-transgender, has a rainbow menorah on its website, an “LGBTQ Inclusion Task Force,” and states that it partners with “a leading national *LGBTQ advocacy organization* . . . to support and advocate for the *LGBTQ community*.”<sup>29</sup>

**In 2019, Taibleson donated to the Milwaukee Jewish Federation (“MJF”), which promotes liberal political positions on transgenderism, marriage, life, and other issues.**<sup>30</sup>

- The Jewish Community Relations Council (“JCRC”), is “a core function of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation,”<sup>31</sup> it released a “Position *Statement on LGBTQ+ Rights*” that promotes “the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, *Transgender*, Queer . . . communities . . . .”<sup>32</sup>

- MJF also hosts a group for LGBT individuals and “allies” called “***J-Pride Milwaukee***.”<sup>33</sup>
- The JCRC opposed constitutionalism and life when it “decie[d]” the Supreme Court’s *Dobbs* holding that there is no constitutional right to end the life of an unborn child in an abortion.<sup>34</sup>
  - The JCRC asserted, “The JCRC supports an individual’s right to make their own ***reproductive choices***.”<sup>35</sup> The statement concluded: “The JCRC will work for universal access to safe and affordable ***reproductive health care . . . . May we all gather our strength during this painful moment . . . .***”<sup>36</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Krauss-Taibleson, WIS. JEWISH CHRON. (Aug. 1, 2011), <https://www.jewishchronicle.org/2011/08/01/krauss-taibleson/>.

<sup>2</sup> Individual Contributions: Rebecca Taibleson, FEC, [https://www.fec.gov/data/receipts/individual-contributions/?contributor\\_name=rebecca+taibleson](https://www.fec.gov/data/receipts/individual-contributions/?contributor_name=rebecca+taibleson) (last accessed Sept. 11, 2025).

<sup>3</sup> Specific-Purpose Committee Campaign Finance Report, [https://prd.tecprd.ethicsefile.com/public/cf/2024/pdfs/ScrubbedReport\\_100964555.PDF](https://prd.tecprd.ethicsefile.com/public/cf/2024/pdfs/ScrubbedReport_100964555.PDF), at PDF p. 6.

<sup>4</sup> Donor Lookup: Benjamin Taibleson, OPEN SECRETS, <https://www.opensecrets.org/donor-lookup/results?name=benjamin+taibleson> (last accessed Sept. 11, 2025).

<sup>5</sup> Individual Contributions: Benjamin Taibleson, FEC, [https://www.fec.gov/data/receipts/individual-contributions/?contributor\\_name=benjamin+taibleson](https://www.fec.gov/data/receipts/individual-contributions/?contributor_name=benjamin+taibleson) (last accessed Sept. 11, 2025).

<sup>6</sup> Donor Lookup: Benjamin Taibleson, OPEN SECRETS, <https://www.opensecrets.org/donor-lookup/results?name=benjamin+taibleson> (last accessed Sept. 11, 2025).

<sup>7</sup> Tiana Headly, *Wisconsin Senators Attempt Bipartisan Judicial Pick with Trump*, BLOOMBERG L. (July 28, 2025), <https://news.bloomberglaw.com/us-law-week/wisconsin-senators-attempt-bipartisan-judicial-pick-with-trump>.

<sup>8</sup> Tammy Baldwin, IVOTERGUIDE, <https://ivoterguide.com/candidate/2569/race/15962/election/1251>.

<sup>9</sup> Tiana Headly, *Wisconsin Senators Attempt Bipartisan Judicial Pick with Trump*, BLOOMBERG L. (July 28, 2025), <https://news.bloomberglaw.com/us-law-week/wisconsin-senators-attempt-bipartisan-judicial-pick-with-trump>.

<sup>10</sup> *Brown Cnty. Taxpayers Ass’n v. Biden*, 2022 WL 5242626, <https://dockets.justia.com/docket/circuit-courts/ca7/22-2794>.

<sup>11</sup> *Brown Cnty. Taxpayers Ass’n v. Biden*, WILL, <https://will-law.org/brown-county-taxpayers-association-v-biden/>.

<sup>12</sup> *Ha-Kol of Congregation Emanu-El B’ne Jeshurun*, CEEBJ (July 2025), <https://container.parishesonline.com/bulletins/01/0811/20250701N.pdf>, at PDF p. 12.

<sup>13</sup> *Sukkahmobile Home Visits*, CEEBJ, <https://www.ceejb.org/event/sukkahmobile-tour-event.html>.

<sup>14</sup> *Homepage*, CEEBJ, <https://www.ceejb.org/> (last accessed Sept. 10, 2025) (emphasis added).

<sup>15</sup> *Social Action*, CEEBJ, <https://www.ceejb.org/get-involved/social-action>.

<sup>16</sup> *Affiliations*, CEEBJ, <https://www.ceejb.org/get-involved/affiliations>. The congregation defines their “affiliations” as “organizations we support or upon whose support we depend.”

<sup>17</sup> *Resolution in Opposition to the Confirmation of Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the U.S. Supreme Court*, URJ, <https://urj.org/what-we-believe/resolutions/resolution-opposition-confirmation-judge-amy-coney-barrett-us-supreme> (emphasis added).

<sup>18</sup> *Resolution in Opposition to the Confirmation of Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the U.S. Supreme Court*, URJ, <https://urj.org/what-we-believe/resolutions/resolution-opposition-confirmation-judge-amy-coney-barrett-us-supreme> (emphasis added).

<sup>19</sup> *Resolution on the Rights of Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming People*, URJ, <https://urj.org/what-we-believe/resolutions/resolution-rights-transgender-and-gender-non-conforming-people> (emphasis added).

<sup>20</sup> *Resolution on the Rights of Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming People*, URJ, <https://urj.org/what-we-believe/resolutions/resolution-rights-transgender-and-gender-non-conforming-people> (emphasis added).

<sup>21</sup> *Social Action*, CEEBJ, <https://www.ceejb.org/get-involved/social-action>; *Social Action CEEBJ*, WAYBACK MACHINE (Dec. 13, 2024), <https://web.archive.org/web/20241213142336/https://www.ceejb.org/get-involved/social-action>.

<sup>22</sup> *LGBTQ*, WIS. FAITH VOICES, <https://www.wifaithvoices.org/lgbtq> (emphasis added).

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- <sup>24</sup> *LGBTQ*, WIS. FAITH VOICES, <https://www.wifaithvoices.org/lgbtq> (emphasis added). *See Tell the Senate to Protect Trans Health*, ADVOCATES FOR TRANS EQUALITY, <https://action.transequality.org/a/stopmedicaidcuts?emci=422022c6-ea3b-f011-a5f1-6045bda9d96b&emdi=13449a9d-cf3b-f011-a5f1-6045bda9d96b&ceid=18004490> (emphasis added).
- <sup>25</sup> *WIVEC*, WIS. FAITH VOICES, <https://www.wifaithvoices.org/wivec> (emphasis added). *See also WIVEC's Extremism Series: A Faith Community Response*, WIS. FAITH VOICES, <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/rwmtnlFcTMelpIzm5lInQ#/registration>.
- <sup>26</sup> *Fight of Our Lives*, SOULS TO THE POLLS WIS., <https://www.soulstotheollswi.org/fightofourlives> (emphasis added).
- <sup>27</sup> *Krauss-Taibleson*, WIS. JEWISH CHRON. (Aug. 1, 2011), <https://www.jewishchronicle.org/2011/08/01/krauss-taibleson/>.
- <sup>28</sup> *Clergy*, OHR KODESH CONGREGATION, <https://www.ohrkodesh.org/clergy.html>.
- <sup>29</sup> *LGBTQ Inclusion*, OHR KODESH CONGREGATION, <https://www.ohrkodesh.org/lgbtq-inclusion.html> (emphasis added).
- <sup>30</sup> *Our Donors: 2018-19 Annual Report to the Community*, MILWAUKEE JEWISH FED'N, <https://www.milwaukeejewish.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/MJF-Annual-Report-2018-2019.pdf>, at PDF p. 23.
- <sup>31</sup> *Jewish Community Relations Council*, MILWAUKEE JEWISH FED'N, <https://www.milwaukeejewish.org/departments/social-action/jcrc/>.
- <sup>32</sup> *Position on LGBTQ+ Rights*, MILWAUKEE JEWISH FED'N (Feb. 17, 2025), <https://www.milwaukeejewish.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/02.18.2025-LGBTQ-Rights.pdf> (emphasis added).
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- <sup>34</sup> *Statement: Overturning of Roe v. Wade*, MILWAUKEE JEWISH FED'N (June 27, 2022), [https://www.milwaukeejewish.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Roe-v-Wade\\_JCRC-statement\\_062722.pdf](https://www.milwaukeejewish.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Roe-v-Wade_JCRC-statement_062722.pdf).
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