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**HEARD YESTERDAY -- Schumer: 'We are in big trouble' if support for Israel fades -- by Jacob Kornbluh:** During a speech at the **Jewish Community Relations Council of New York's annual Congressional Breakfast** yesterday, Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer addressed the recent Pew survey on support for Israel among Democrats and Republicans. "One of the great things I am worried about, as a defender of Israel my whole life, is that support for Israel is not as strong as it once was. We see it on the far left, we see it on the far right, and we need to speak out strongly against both... If support for Israel among the younger generation fades, we are in big trouble, big trouble. The young people don't know and don't realize it because Israel, through its own hard work, perseverance, courage and intelligence, has made itself more secure, but that security could go away very quickly. And so we have to alert the young people that Israel is still in danger. We also have to alert them that the Palestinian side does not really believe - too many of them - in a two-state solution. They don't believe there should be any Jewish state in the Middle East - that's the truth."

**Schumer added that passing the Taylor Force Act by unanimous consent will send a message that support for Israel remains bipartisan.** "We have to make it happen because it is so, so important. The House could pass this bill by unanimous consent. I have checked with every Democratic Senator -- not a single Democrat would block it. There's some dispute among the Republicans of the wording, of what kind of humanitarian aid to allow, and so that's being worked out, but this will pass very very soon, and as Minority Leader, I'm doing everything I can to pass it."