

As we celebrate a century of the Jewish Labour Movement's affiliation to the Labour party, I am proud to call myself an ally of JLM, one of the founders of our movement.

The work of JLM is - and should be - about so much more than leading the fight against rising antisemitism. But you have been forced to wage that battle - both out in the country, but also within our own Party. I want to start there.

The collective failure of the Party leadership to deal swiftly and decisively with high profile cases gave a green light to antisemites that they could find a home in Labour. I have fought alongside you to defend our party against these people. I spoke out about antisemitism when I was in the Shadow Cabinet and publicly broke with our collective line. Now I want to lead our Party out of this shameful period in our history.

We need a Labour leader who is committed to taking a "zero tolerance" approach to antisemitism. I have that commitment but more importantly I have a plan to put words into action.

Being a member of the Labour Party is not a right it is a privilege. I will update our disciplinary rules to reflect that. If you have obviously breached the rules then you are out, and that ruling needs to be made much more quickly. We need to move towards an independent process as quickly as possible. In my first few months as leader I will make this a top priority, from overseeing the drawing up of plans, to introducing any potential rule changes to the NEC myself.

In the meantime, we need to better implement the processes we have. Training must be provided automatically to anyone and everyone with responsibility for handling and making judgements on cases where there are accusations of antisemitism. If we are ever going to re-establish trust then we need to be open about what is happening. There should be full transparency by publishing figures on cases and the actions taken. This should cover the basics such as the number of complaints received, rejected or moved on to the next stage, and the time it has taken to reach that stage. If we are confident that we are handling this matter properly then we should have nothing to hide.

While the independent processes are being put together, I will press party officials to lower the threshold for suspension of membership when there are credible accusations of antisemitism. We will end the practice of "Reminders of Conduct" letters being sent in place of proper investigation. Beyond these moves, and my call for zero tolerance of antisemitism, I will have no active role in the disciplinary process which must be independent of interference by the leader's office.

While rules and processes give us the tools we need to eradicate this problem, the deeper issue is one of culture. We have faced an antisemitism crisis because there are fringe elements of the left who hold deeply pernicious views about Jewish people, and there was a failure to act when those people entered our party. A factionalised response, defensive and lacking in empathy, generated a denialism that is in itself antisemitic in the way it contested the complaints of our Jewish members.

As leader I will take a different approach, challenging prejudice and shouting down those that seek to poison our movement with hatred. As Chair of Labour friends of Palestine and the Middle East I have advocated for a two state solution, and for the rights of Palestinians facing human rights abuses. I have never allowed my passion for their cause to become hostile to any other community. I will not allow anyone who seeks to exploit the Palestinian cause to try and shield their antisemitic behaviour to have a home in the Labour party, and nor will I allow the word Zionism to be weaponised and turned into a word of abuse. As

leader, I will work to create a welcoming culture for people who share our values, and a hostile environment for those who hold antisemitic views, or deny the experience of the victims of antisemitism.

As leader of the Labour party I will work with the Jewish community, and JLM as Labour's only Jewish affiliate, to drive the changes - and the trainings - we need, and I will only be satisfied when JLM are, and the Jewish members that left have returned.

As part of re-establishing trust with the community, I will prioritise the re-establishment of links with the Israeli left and peace activists. Their unwillingness to work with us over our failure to tackle antisemitism is a stain on our party. Only by working with our friends across the Israeli left, including Meretz, the Labor Party and others, and alongside our Palestinian friends in Fatah can we truly claim to be working for peace in the region.

The fight against antisemitism is one for our party, and for our country. The recent report from the CST highlighting the continuing rise in antisemitic incidents is alarming. As a symbol of my commitment, my first overseas visit as leader of the Labour party will be to Israel and Palestine, during which I will visit Yad Vashem, accepting the invitation from 2016, to learn more about the horrors of the holocaust and where Antisemitism can lead. On that trip I will meet young people in Israel and Palestine who work to deliver peace and security for their countries. They are vital to ensuring the next generation of Israelis and Palestinians could live in cooperation with each other, and explore how the UK Labour Party can support positive initiatives rather than divide communities thousands of miles away. I will continue to work for human rights in the Occupied Territories, and for the recognition of the state of Palestine, alongside my desire for a progressive and vibrant Israel. I am opposed to the BDS movement.

As leader, I will always prioritise the safety of communities at risk of the threat of violence and intimidation. Religious buildings - Shuls and Mosques in particular - but schools as well, are increasingly targeted. I will fight to protect the CST's funding, and demand additional funding be made available to protect all communities under attack. All those affected by those threats will have an ally in me in the fight for proper resources.

JLM has a proud tradition of fighting for the least of us. When there is injustice, your members have always stepped forward to say, here I am. When you fight for child refugees, I will stand with you. When you call out Tory MPs for associating with the far right, I will stand with you. I am proud to be your ally, and stand in fierce solidarity with you. I will be proud to support your work into the future.