

I must begin by recognising that these have been incredibly difficult and painful times for the Jewish community, and in particular, Jewish members of the Labour Party.

Antisemitism is sadly not confined to the past. Despite the terrible lessons of history, antisemitism has never gone away and is stubbornly resurgent. In recent years, we have seen murderous attacks at synagogues in Pittsburgh, Poway and Halle. Last month, we saw a vicious attack in New Jersey and antisemitic graffiti on and around a synagogue local to me in North London. Even a couple of weeks ago, we saw further graffiti appear in Greenwich.

In our own Labour Party, it is a matter of deep sadness and regret that the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is investigating the Party over institutional antisemitism. Labour should be the party at the fore of the fight against racism, taking on antisemitism and fighting for the rights of marginalised groups.

That is why I share the anger, frustration and pain of many in the Jewish community over how antisemitism has been handled by the Labour Party in recent years. It will be an urgent task of the next leader to turn things around.

The Jewish Labour Movement has been a brave campaigner on these issues. Your work to call out antisemitism and expose the institutional failings of the party has been crucial to shedding light on the scale of the problem in Labour. I never again want you to feel like you are a lonely voice in that fight.

I have signed the Board of Deputies' ten pledges to help tackle the antisemitism crisis. And if elected party leader, I will work with the Board, the Jewish Leadership Council, the Jewish Labour Movement and others to banish this prejudice from our movement and regain the trust of the Jewish community.

As leader, I would take personal responsibility for this and lead from the top. On day one, I would demand an update on ongoing antisemitism cases and ask for a clear timetable for their resolution. I will ask the Jewish Labour Movement and others to submit the list of cases they believe are still outstanding and to leave no stone unturned. I will ensure an independent process and work with social media platforms to take hate off the internet.

And my test for our party will be this: do those who have left the Party because of antisemitism feel comfortable to return? Only when they do, will I be satisfied that we have made progress. At the next election, I don't want a single Labour member or activist to knock on a door and be told that people who previously voted Labour won't do so because of antisemitism. If you're antisemitic, you shouldn't be in our Party – or anywhere near it.

I want to work with the Jewish Labour Movement to make Labour a safe home for Jewish people once again. And if elected leader, I will ask you to judge me not just on warm words, but on what I do; on the concrete action I will take to rebuild trust and restore credibility as a party.

JLM has been an integral part of our movement for 100 years. Together we have fought off antisemitism wherever and whenever it has reared its head, and we have worked arm in arm to make Britain a fairer place where wealth, power and opportunity are shared equally. I never want that bond to be broken. The defeat of antisemitism in the Labour Party and elsewhere will not be easy, but together in solidarity and comradeship, we can and we will prevail.