

Jewish Labour Movement Membership survey

A year on from the Equality and Human Rights Commissions' investigation into antisemitism in the Labour Party, the Jewish Labour Movement (JLM) sought its members views on what progress the party had made in tackling antisemitism, and making the party a safe space for Jewish members. This document outlines the survey's key findings.



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JLM membership survey – a year after EHRC

Sample and methodology

- JLM sought its Jewish members' views on whether the Party has made progress on tackling antisemitism (between 29 Oct and 12 Nov 2021)
- We received over 600 responses. Only results from Jewish JLM members have been analysed in these findings
- There were a total of 363 responses from JLM members who identify as Jewish. This represents 15% of JLM's Jewish membership.
- Over two thirds are Labour Party members (67.77%). In answer to a separate question 27.89% of respondents stated they had left the Labour Party because of concerns over antisemitism under the last leadership

Headline finding: Labour is safer for Jews under Starmer say Party's Jewish members

- The Labour Party has become a safer place for Jewish people and has made progress in tackling anti-Jewish racism under Keir Starmer, according to a Jewish Labour Movement (JLM) survey.

Key findings

- 70% of respondents said Labour is a safe space for Jewish people under Keir Starmer's leadership. Only 4% agreed it was under Jeremy Corbyn.
- 91% of Jewish JLM members agree with statement: 'I trust that Keir Starmer is genuinely trying to tackle antisemitism'.
- 85% of Jewish JLM members agree with the statement that 'Under Keir Starmer's leadership, I trust the Labour Party to tackle antisemitism.' Only 2.8% agreed this was the case under Corbyn.
- 88% of respondents agree that 'Over the past twelve months, the Labour Party has made positive changes to its policies, processes, rules and culture in relation to antisemitism.' 5% disagree.
- 74% of respondents agree that any complaints they make to the Labour Party about antisemitism will be taken seriously.

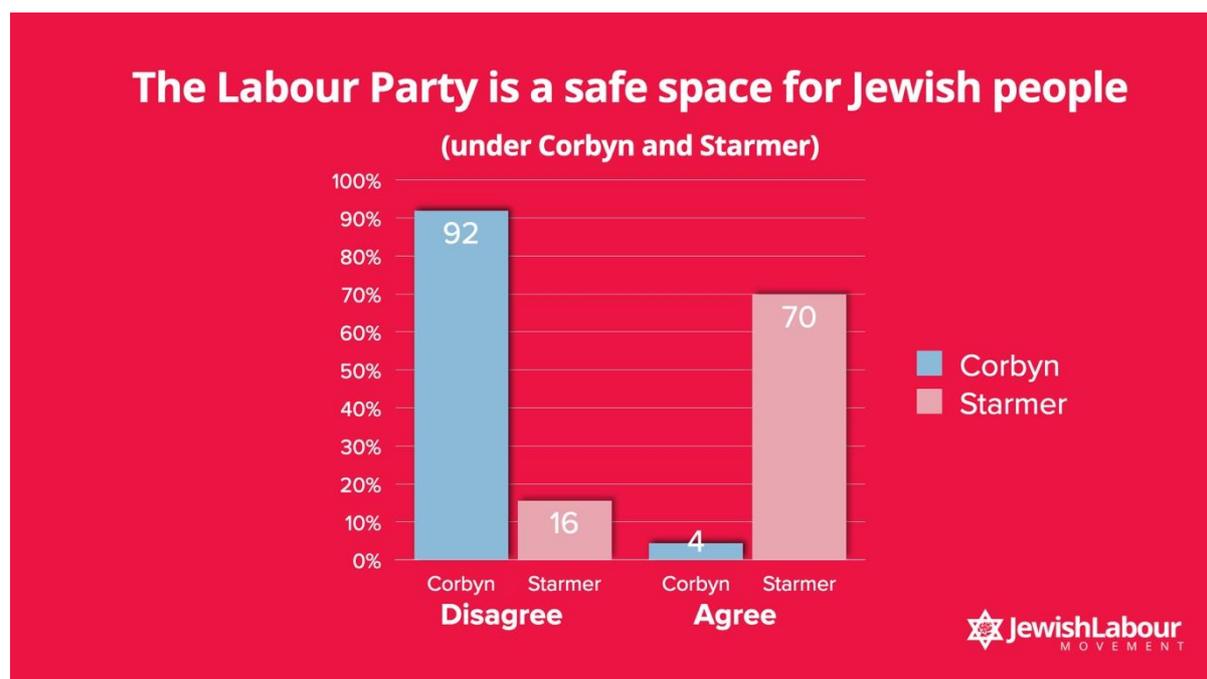
Additionally

- Because of concerns over antisemitism under the last leadership:
 - 28% of Jewish JLM members sampled considered leaving the Party
 - 28% of Jewish JLM members sampled left the Labour Party
 - 54% of Jewish JLM members knew of Jewish friends or family who left the Labour Party

Detailed findings

Whether the Labour Party is considered a safe space for Jewish people under Jeremy Corbyn's leadership and Keir Starmer's

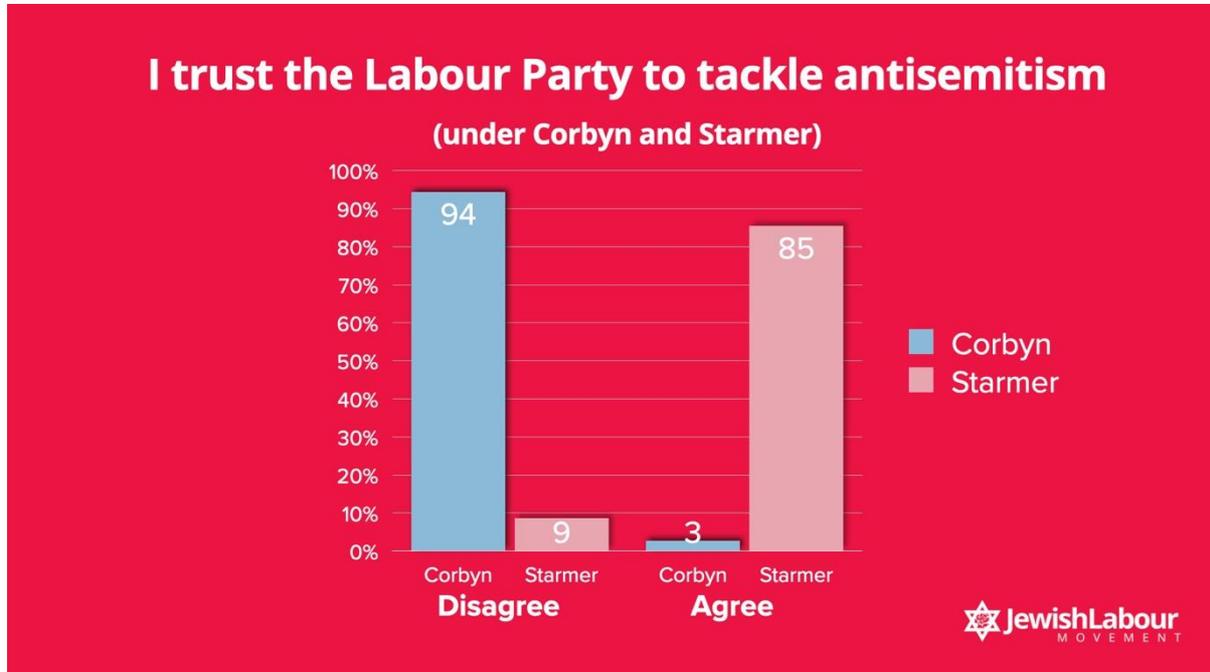
- The vast majority of Jewish JLM members believe that the Party was unsafe for Jewish members under Jeremy Corbyn and an overwhelming number believe the Party to be a safe for Jewish members under Keir Starmer.
- 91.9% disagreed that the Labour Party was a safe place for Jewish people under Jeremy Corbyn's leadership.
- The majority of respondents (69.84%) agree that the Labour Party is a safe space for Jewish people under the current leadership.
- This figure was 4.46% when respondents were asked about the last leadership, a percentage point difference of 65.38.



Trust in the Labour Party to tackle antisemitism under different leaderships

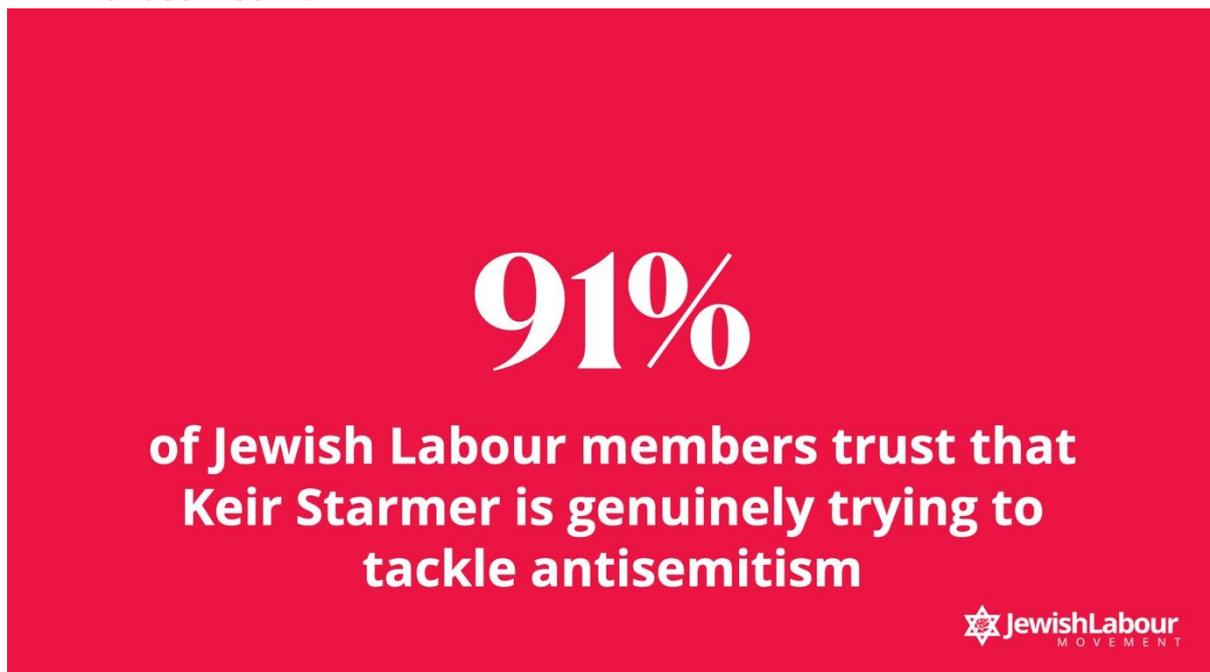
- 94.42% of Jewish JLM members disagreed (85.2% strongly) with the statement that 'Under Jeremy Corbyn's leadership I trusted the Labour Party to tackle antisemitism'. 2.8% agreed
- 85.48% of Jewish JLM members agree with the statement that 'Under Keir Starmer's leadership, I trust the Labour Party to tackle antisemitism.' 8.66% disagreed

- The number of respondents who don't trust the Party to tackle antisemitism has decreased by 85.76% points since Keir Starmer's leadership, while the number of those who trust the Party to tackle antisemitism has increased by 82.66% points.



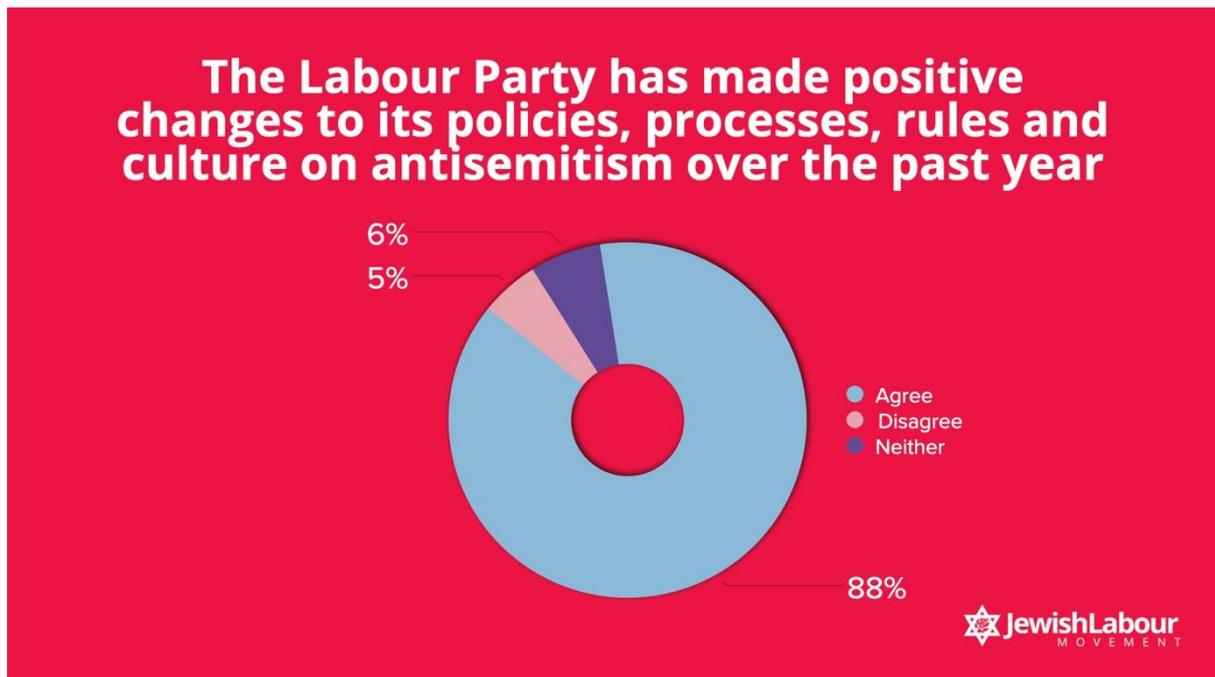
Trust that Keir Starmer is trying to tackle antisemitism

- The vast majority of Jewish JLM members agree (90.5%) with the statement that 'I trust that Keir Starmer is genuinely trying to tackle antisemitism'.



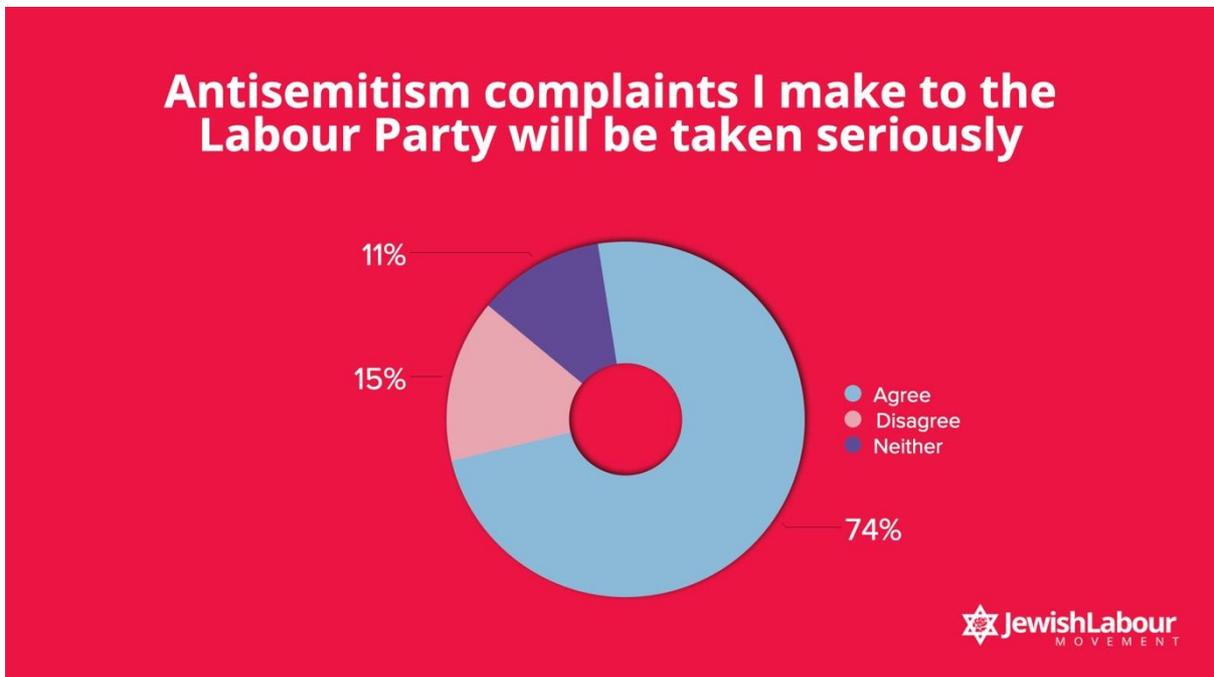
Changes to the Labour Party's policies, processes, rules and culture

- The vast majority (88.27%) of respondents agree with the statement that 'Over the past twelve months, the Labour Party has made positive changes to its policies, processes, rules and culture in relation to antisemitism.' 5.3% disagree with 6.42% neither agreeing nor disagreeing.
- This is significant because policies, processes rules and culture are the key areas that require change according to the EHRC.



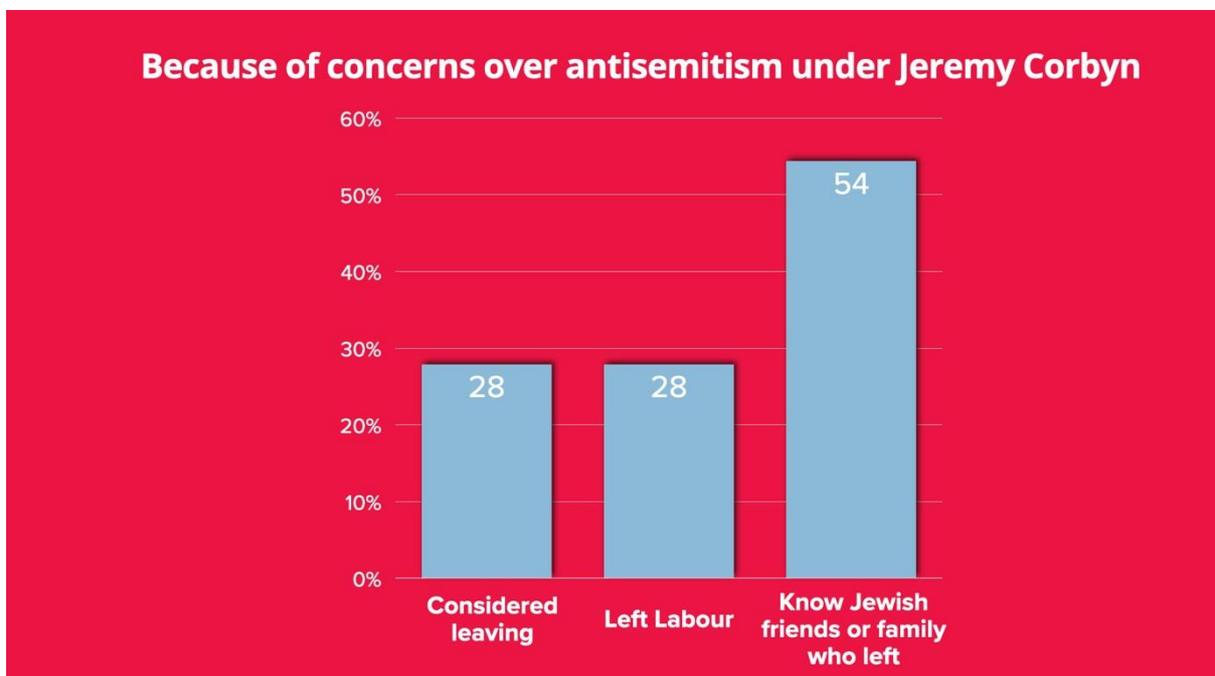
Complaints to the Labour Party

- The vast majority (73.74%) of respondents agree that any complaints they make to the Labour Party about antisemitism will be taken seriously compared to those who disagree (14.81%).



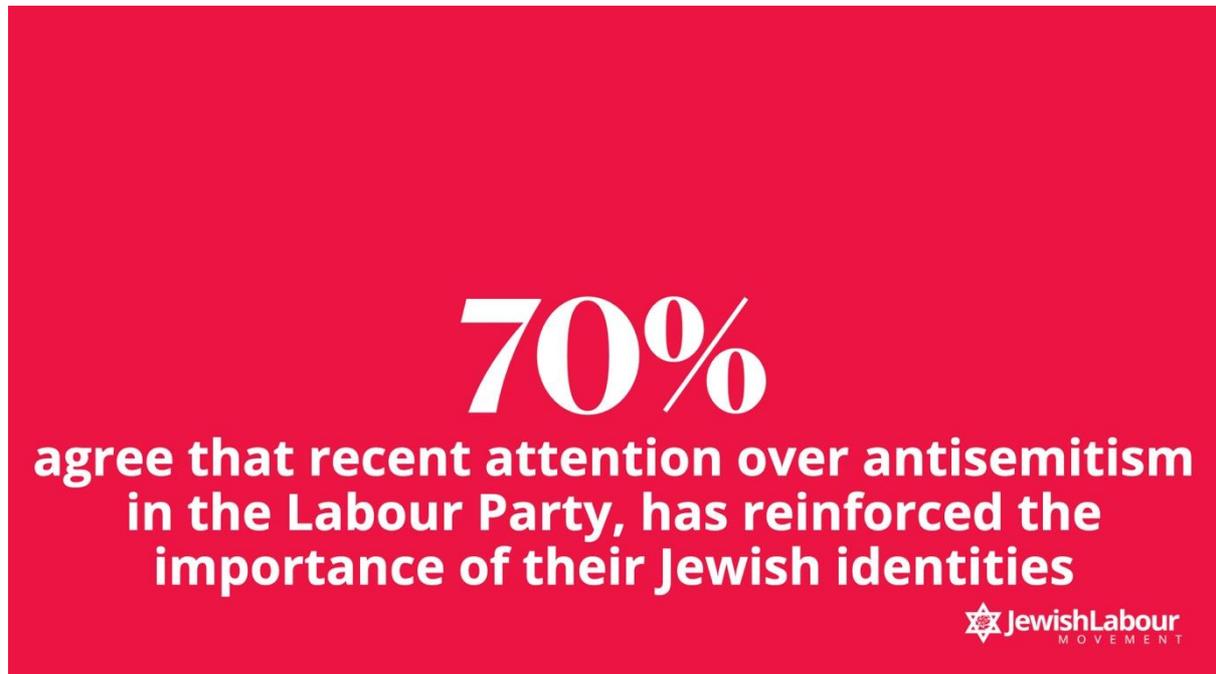
Because of concerns over antisemitism under the last leadership

- 27.89% of Jewish JLM members sampled considered leaving the Party.
- 27.89% of Jewish JLM members sampled left the Labour Party (almost half of those who left the Labour Party have now re-joined – 47.4%).
- 54.37% of Jewish JLM members knew of Jewish friends or family who left the Labour Party.



Jewish Identity

- 70.14 % of respondents agreed with the statement that 'The last few years of attention to the issue of antisemitism in the Labour Party has reinforced the importance of my Jewish identity to me'.
- *7 respondents here said their responses were not applicable



Further information: Sample and methodology

- This is the first time JLM has undertaken a membership survey of its members to understand its Jewish members' views on how the Labour Party has changed for Jewish people since Keir Starmer's leadership and the publication of the EHRC report.
- The survey was launched exactly a year after the EHRC published its [investigation into antisemitism in the Labour Party](#) in October 2020.
- JLM's survey collates the views of over 360 [Jewish] members of the Jewish Labour Movement, which ran from Friday 29th October until Friday 12th November.
- We received over 600 responses in total from our membership. For the purposes of our research, only responses from Jewish JLM members have been analysed.
- 67.77% of Jewish JLM members who responded stated they were members of the Labour Party
- The survey respondents represent 15% of JLM's Jewish membership
- Friday 29th October until Friday 12th November.

- The survey was conducted by the Jewish Labour Movement via the Survey Monkey Platform.
- The survey was sent to all members with an email address whose JLM membership had not lapsed.
- At least three emails were sent to members: 29 October (45.8% open rate), 8 November (45.3%) and 12 November (41.4%). Reminders were also sent on social media.
- Results from the 'ally' members of JLM (not Jewish) were excluded from the analysis of the results.
- Responses have been anonymised, amalgamised and are unidentifiable.
- Names and emails were used to ensure only one response per Jewish JLM member was recorded, and to validate respondents JLM membership status.