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Dear Mr Williamson,

I have been contacted by many members of the British Jewish community, and other opponents of antisemitism, who were disgusted to see you so publicly signing the Holocaust Educational Trust's Book of Commitment in the House of Commons. I share their disgust.

I do not disagree with the wording of the tweet that accompanied your self-publicity, "*Hatred and bigotry led to the unimaginable horrors of the holocaust. We must never forget and always strive to build a better, peaceful and compassionate world through love and solidarity*", but I reject its legitimacy, given the way in which you repeatedly smear the loyalty and motivation of British Jews, and others, who voice sincere concern about the disgraceful levels of antisemitism within today's Labour Party.

You would not treat the fears of any other British minority group with such hostility, either inside or outside the Labour Party. For me, it is summed up by how you recently rushed to defend one of Britain's most notorious antisemites, Gilad Atzmon, before, for once having to apologise for your impulsive behaviour.

Your actions to date have not helped to oppose antisemitism. If anything, they repeatedly risk fuelling distrust and hatred against anyone concerned by antisemitism, which inevitably breeds suspicion against all British Jews and all Jewish members of the Labour Party.

No one in the Jewish community is fooled by those who try to whitewash their own prejudices by using Holocaust Memorial Day as their smokescreen. You cannot be opposed to antisemitism whilst simultaneously promoting antisemites.



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