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Dear Labour Party Disputes Team,

I am responding to your letter of 24 July 2010. In it, you request I keep the correspondence private, in order, as you put it "to protect the rights of all concerned".

Since you are the team of people within Labour who have been charged with scrutinising the utterances of members who have spoken out about the bogus anti-Semitism that has bedevilled this party since Corbyn was elected leader, it is difficult to see how your rights in any way need protecting. Your names appear on none of the correspondence; only mine does.

You have submitted 50 questions for me to answer, across 19 sheets of A4, in a timescale of 7 days. This is an unreasonable request, but I am putting aside the needs of my family and campaign work in order to meet it. But the nature of the questions I am called to answer suggest that it is my rights that need protecting far more than yours.

I refer of course to the rights of freedom of speech as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights Articles 18–21, which sanctions the so-called "constitutional liberties", with spiritual, public, and political freedoms, such as freedom of thought, opinion, religion and conscience, word, and peaceful association of the individual. Surely, Labour cannot deny these rights?

Yet it is this right that I believe you in the Disputes Team are attacking. Much of the evidence you have submitted suggests an attempt to take away my freedom of speech through intimidatory questioning. Amazingly you quote the Data Protection Act 2018 when you call for confidentiality in your letter, but this is an act that you yourselves breach with impunity.

The Disputes Team forms part of the Governance and Legal Unit, which I consider to have little respect for confidentiality. The Unit last wrote me in a letter dated 13th March, but which I did not receive until the 16th, to say that my Party membership was being suspended.

At this point I was in dispute with the Jewish News over their article of the 11th March, (see https://jewishnews.timesofisrael.com/union-member-sacked-for-saying-shoah-was-invented-or-exaggerated-loses-appeal/) in which they had stated I was suspended from the Party; I had written to them and complained to IPSO about their statement, which I believed was false and scandalous.
But five days after their article was published, I received the letter from your Unit stating this was truly to be the case– that I really was suspended- with a demand that I keep this news confidential.

It is somewhat brazen, I believe, for you in the Disputes Team to be seeking confidentiality when your Legal Unit's disciplinary decisions are being passed onto the Jewish press almost a week before I hear of them. This is not only a breach of confidentiality but a breach of the GDPR. I wrote to the Party's Complaints unit about this on the 19th March; this was the seventh of my letters to the Complaints Unit and was, like the rest, ignored.

I have complained to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) about your conduct, and in early June they wrote to you asking you address my disclosure concern as soon as possible. It is now the end of July. It rather feels to me that whilst you are enthusiastic about censuring Party members, you are unwilling to respond to complaints indicating that you have broken the law. That you care so little about breaches, that you ignore all complaints about them, does not suggest that you take the matter of confidentiality seriously. In light of the above, your request to keep our correspondence private all seems rather one-sided, don't you think?

I reiterate. Given that the Legal Unit has, by its actions, indicated that it cares nothing about confidentiality and is so brazen that it point-blank ignores communications from both myself and the ICO seeking some redress or even an acknowledgment of complaints about confidentiality breaches, it seems nonsensical for you to continue calling for confidentiality when your Unit singularly refuses to understand its obligations on the same.

In summary, I consider it unreasonable for you to seek confidentiality on the cornucopia of allegations in your letter, some of which are so ridiculous as to beggar belief.
The nature and volume of the questions levelled betray enormous bias in your team in favour of Zionist views, views which are abhorrent in that they condone racism.

The Party rulebook is clear on the dangers of the Disputes Team in supporting such racism. I refer you to the Code of Conduct: Antisemitism and other forms of racism. It notes the Labour Party is an anti-racist Party yet it allows an openly racist body to affiliate to it, the JLM. The tone of your questions suggest some sympathy with this racist Zionist group and that is what concerns me the most. The rulebook is clear that "Labour will not tolerate racism in any form inside or outside the party" yet I detect by the nature of your questions that you are only concerned with bogus anti-Semitism and unconcerned with the torrid racism that the JLM supports, in its unflinching support for the racist colony in the middle east which calls itself Israel.

If the Disputes Team are to have any kind of respect within the Party it is imperative that you pursue the racists in the JLM, rather than those who campaign against their inclusion. That the fact that one does not have to be either Jewish or a member of the Labour Party in order to join the JLM is something which does not seem to concern you. This body even tells people not to vote Labour; they passed a resolution that in an election they would not support any Labour candidate who accepts Jeremy Corbyn's leadership, and put this into practice by not supporting Labour in the Peterborough marginal.

Yet your allegations appear very much to have been written by someone in the JLM, so ridiculous many of them are. I would like you to disclose the names of those in the Disputes Team and their interest in Israel/Zionism – for if they are members of the JLM or the Friends of Israel, presumably there is an obvious conflict of interest. It seems to me that their support for the JLM reads clearly in the questions that have been submitted to me. I would rather be quizzed by the JVL (they are least require their full members to be Jewish.) If the Labour Party considers that Jews are best suited for acting for the Prosecution, then they need to appreciate that any racist can become a Jew if they do the appropriate studying and declarations. And I feel that the questions I have been set betray anti-Arab racist views, for they betray unquestioning support for racist Israel.

I therefore consider that it is in the wider interests of the Labour Party to expose the nature of the questioning. The recent Panorama programme has left many wondering why there are so many Zionists harboured in our HQ. It therefore behoves me to act in the wider interests of the Party to expose the letter you wrote to me on the 24th. It will help inform fellow Labour members who, like me, seek to root out racist sympathisers in the Disputes Team.

It is for this reason too, that I cannot support your request to keep our correspondence private. For by so doing, I would be abrogating my duties as a Labour member were I to ignore the stricture in the above-mentioned code of conduct item that says "Any use of language which…. undermines Labour's ability to campaign against any form of racism, is unacceptable conduct within the Labour Party."

I do believe that the Disputes Team's behaviour, in supporting bogus anti-Semitism claims, is undermining Labour's ability to campaign against the torrid racism experienced by millions of Palestinians on a daily basis by Israel, racism which is supported by Zionists in the UK. As such I consider the Disputes Team's determination to target anti-apartheid campaigners for investigation to be unacceptable conduct. It simply undermines our ability to campaign against racist Zionism.

I am therefore copying this whole matter to the Party's Complaints Unit, as well as publicising it as widely as possible, as I believe the Disputes Team itself to be acting against the interests of the Party. You are undermining the Party's ability to campaign against the vile racism practised against the native people in a colony that we the British created and have supported for far too long. Israel is the only openly apartheid country in the world and Labour should not be attacking those who campaign against its racist laws and those in the UK who support that racist state. It is one which we in Labour have supported for far too long. If we have any interest in securing peace in the middle east it is time we in the Party stood together against racist Zionist sympathisers. Which I am sorry to say, clearly includes members of the Disputes Team.

Too many of the questions deny the equal worth and humanity of the Arab victims of Israel.

It is time for the Party's NEC to reflect that if, by tolerating the presence of Zionists in the Disputes Team, they have become complicit in encouraging the very anti-Semitism they seek to oppose. For there is no doubt that Zionists, in their fanatical support for Israel, and their determination to claim to be Jewish when so challenged, stoke the fires of anti-Semitism. If we really care about Jews in the UK, we must stamp out racist Zionism. And that challenge begins in Labour.

If the IHRA definition had not been adopted would this investigation even be taking place?

My detailed answers to your questions are below. I have included the evidence you submitted in support of these allegations at the end, from page 57 onwards.

Yours sincerely,

Pete Gregson

Please respond to these questions to the email address outlined in your letter within 7 days of the date on page 1.

1) Please see the evidence attached overleaf. [now beginning at page 57]. The Party has reason to believe that these are your Social Media accounts. Please can you confirm this is the case?

They are.

2) The Party further has reason to believe that you posted or shared the content seen in Items 1-15 yourself. Please can you confirm this is the case? If not, each individual piece of evidence is numbered so please specify which of the pieces of evidence you are disputing posting or sharing?

Some of these items I did not post.

Item 1a: Yes

Item 1b: This is the link to Ian Fantom's article . I posted the link to it, but not the article itself. When I posted the link to the article I did so here https://www.change.org/p/to-chair-of-labour-s-nec-andy-kerr-labour-members-declaring-israel-is-a-racist-endeavour-call-on-nec-to-abandon-full-ihra/u/24328623 in a section headed "Other News"

Here is what I said "Also see the article "UK's Labour Antisemitism Split" by Ian Fantom here. Ian organised the Keep Talking group that filmed my talk in the last but one update. (But I must say I think the Kollerstrom article he mentions is quite toxic)."

Item 1c: This is the Kollerstrom article referred to above. I did not post this. This is a frankly astonishing example of the Disputes Team mischievously trying to create "guilt by association".

Items 2-15: Yes

Item 1

3) Please can you confirm that you created and wrote the text for this petition?

I did

4) Item 1b is an article by Ian Fantom, titled "UK's Labour Antisemitism Split" – this is accessed via a link in the text of the petition in Item 1a. This article states as follows:
"The focus of our group had not been on Israel, or Zionism, and we tacitly agreed amongst ourselves not to deal with the Holocaust issue, because that was so taboo in the UK that any onslaught from the Zionist lobby could completely derail us from our main topic, which was falseflag terrorism and causes of wars. In fact, my colleague, Dr Nick Kollerstrom, author of many investigative books, including 'Terror on the Tube', had been targeted in a witch-hunt for a literature review he wrote on 'The Auschwitz "Gas Chamber" Illusion' and a comment about a swimming pool at Auschwitz, since deleted. I defended Nick Kollerstrom's right to investigate that topic, and to write about it freely, though I myself had no knowledge of the topic, and so no views on it. That was the seminal incident that led to Keep Talking being set up."
Please explain the reason for sharing this article?

I assume the Disputes Team are familiar with my post at http://www.kidsnotsuits.com/tony-greenstein-and-john-porter-the-spat/ where I cover this topic ad nauseum. As I explained to Labour Against the Witch-hunt (who have chosen to expel me because of my having posted a link to this piece), I posted the article because of what it says about Herzl. I cite you here what Ian says of this:

"Until 1960 only sanitised versions of his diaries had been published, according to Herzl's wishes. When the Complete Diaries were published they remained obscure, until recently when they were posted on the Internet. Now it is clear that Herzl was actually advocating a resurgence in antisemitism against the 'poor Jews' in order to advance the cause of a military invasion of Palestine sponsored by the 'rich Jews'. Such an engineered resurgence is in evidence today, and furthermore, Herzl's antagonism towards democracy and Socialism illustrates how the 'poor Jews' were being used when they en masse supported democratic and Socialist causes. A return to Socialism under Jeremy Corbyn, following Tony Blair's 'Third Way', would not be tolerated. Membership in Parliament of Labour Friends of Israel was declining, and that, I was suggesting, was behind the current witch-hunt in today's Labour Party."

We Labour activists need to reflect upon, as Ian says, what is behind the current witch-hunt in today's Labour Party.

5) The Kollerstrom article, cited within, contains the following excerpts:
"This essay will argue that well-designed cyanide gas chambers were indeed present at Auschwitz, and did work efficiently, but that they were operated for purposes of hygiene and disinfection, in order to save lives and not take them. Terrible mass mortality came about in the German labourcamps, especially towards the end of the war, but maybe we have to try a bit harder to understand what caused this. Amongst all the archival material for the German Third Reich, there has always been a notable lack of documentation to support the existence of an intentional mass-extermination program – of Jews, or anyone else. We have all heard stories about a Nazi program of exterminating Jews, but to what extent are there documents or any physical remains showing this? Has the traditional Holocaust story developed merely out of rumours, misunderstandings, and wartime propaganda? From stories pre-dating the Second World War to the Nuremberg Trials which gave official sanction to the notion, to subsequent trials, books and films, we have had it imprinted on our collective psyche.

Europe needs, more than anything else, a truth and reconciliation forum to get to the bottom of these matters, and try to exorcise the demonic hate-images. Many European states have passed laws that prohibit citizens from expressing doubt – Germany, France, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Czech Republic, Romania, Belgium and Switzerland. Collectively, we need to work trough [sic] our despair, rage, and of blame, to try and access the real historical record."

"Zyklon-B was used at Auschwitz, as an insecticide. It was vital in attempting to maintain hygiene that mattresses be deloused."

"In 1988 the scientific team of Fred Leuchter (a US execution-expert "Mr Death" in gas-chamber technology) visited Poland, and concluded that the Auschwitz "gas chambers" could not possibly have functioned in the alleged manner – i.e., they were not gas chambers [2]."

"The "gas chambers" at Auschwitz had water pipes in their ceilings, indicating that they were designed as shower units. They generally lacked tight-seal doors, which would have been essential, even though these were easy to install – the Leuchter report cited the absence of such seals as one reason why the alleged "gas chambers" would never have functioned."

"The "Final Solution" of Adolf Hitler retained a single meaning right through WW2, central to the program of "National socialism," and signified the deportation of Jews, generally eastwards to Poland and Russia [11]. This program did not change at any point, e.g. the Wannsee conference of 1942,[12]to signify deliberate extermination. If that practice ever happened, it was not a centrally directed policy and did not involve gas chambers: many tons of documentation of "Third Reich" policies remains, and no-one has been able to find therein any hint of such a meaning of intentional genocide. The historical record fails to show any central decision to exterminate Jews by Nazi Germany."

"Not only is there no trace of "Third Reich" documentation [29] for what is alleged, but no photographs exist showing anything resembling such a group-gassing procedure. Do you believe that Jews both male and female stripped then marched into the gas chambers, then were hauled out in piles? If so, are you willing to believe that neither the very-thorough Germans nor the clever Jews wanted or were able to get a single picture of this ultimate horror? Go to Google and search – you'll find rows of emaciated bodies, dead of typhus, will that do? I don't think so."

"Doubt anything in our modern world, scoff at sacred texts, no-one will care – except that one kind of doubt is forbidden to you, which will land you in jail… in ten different nations! You can read the Hammerhorror account in, e.g., Auschwitz *by Lawrence Rees (2005): every hour or so, a thousand naked Jews were marched (somehow) into a room with space for maybe one or two hundred, the doors are locked, then the Zyklon-B is poured down special chutes or holes in the ceiling (which did not exist in the war, theywere added later), then after the screaming stops "powerful fans" remove the poison gas. In your dreams, Mr Rees. There were no such powerful fans. But, then what? The mass of bodies will be mixed up with the Zyklon-B, and that is specifically designed to keep emitting the cyanide gas slowly. How is anyone supposed to shovel out this tortured mass of corpses mixed up with poison powder? Remember there are only ordinary-sized doors, mostly opening inwards. Its an unthinkable nightmare that could not possibly have worked, and would certainly have gassed any workers trying to operate it. It is the "safe" design of this insecticide material, which would have prevented it from functioning in this deliriously-imagined manner.*

No German government existed after the war that was the "unconditional surrender" which the Allies demanded. By losing both its senior military staff and government, Germany was in effect decapitated – necessary *for the illusory version of events to be perpetrated. The verdicts of Nuremberg were made final and binding for the postwar FRG. Germany has since paid a hundred billion Deutschmarks to Israel by way of Holocaust-compensation. Germany should take the advice of Iranian leader Ahmadinajad and stop paying it, because that funding provides undue motivation for holocaust "memories." Germany is helping to maintain the holocaust legend, by thus aiding the state of Israel.[59]*
The United Nations has now established its annual Holocaust Remembrance Day on 27 January, as of 2006. On this anniversary, we all need to mull over the faking of history and the Greatest Lie Ever Told. As Perseus gazed at the Medusa only via a mirror, to avoid being petrified, to too we need calm reflection and the power of Truth to avoid our collective destruction."

i) Why did you choose to share this content on your petition?

I did not choose to share this content. It is a link within a link within a link that I have already described as toxic.

ii) The Labour Party understands that these excerpts were highlighted as a reason for your expulsion from 'Labour against the Witchhunt' and you refused to remove this link from your petition. Please explain the reasoning for the decision to keep the link on your petition?

As the Party well knows, I was expelled from LAW because I did not do what Tony Greenstein, LAW's founder, demanded. He publicly demanded I take down the link, I refused, partly because of the way he asked, and partly because I felt the Herzl material, that the article was about, to be helpful in understanding how racist Israel came about.

Let us not forget that the reference in (4) above to a paragraph in Ian Fantom's piece amounts to 145 words. This paragraph sits within an article over 6,000 words long. The text that seems to interest the Disputes Team most, therefore, comprises 2% of Ian's piece. Most of the other 98% of the article is about Herzl. That is the 98% I am interest in. And it ought to be the 98% that the Disputes Team are interested in, too.

iii) By referencing the above, do you agree with the sentiments expressed by Dr Kollerstrom?

No. Firstly, I did not "reference" the above, as this question insinuates. I referenced Ian Fantom's article.

As the Disputes Team well know (as they will have spotted when they dug out this allegation), I had already described the Kollerstrom piece to be toxic. Since the Team knows this, I fear they do not understand what "toxic" means. It means "poisonous, venomous, virulent, noxious, dangerous, destructive, harmful, unsafe, malignant, injurious, pestilential, pernicious, environmentally unfriendly".

I believe context is everything, so I display here my complete posting of the 22nd March that I submitted as an update to the petition that thousands of Party members have signed, and who have agreed with me that Israel is a racist endeavour:

PETITION UPDATE

Rally for Gaza- Glasgow 30th; Gordon Dimmack show; Weekly Worker, etc

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Pete Gregson
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22 MAR 2019 —

Join us in Glasgow on the 30th at our Rally to mark the Great March of Return - Buchanan Steps, G1 2NG from 12-2pm; open mic. Sign the petition from the Zionism is Racism coalition to stay up to date. Go to tinyurl.com/zirsign and find us on Facebook at Zionism is Racism - Scotland Stand Up

JLM

Last night Edinburgh Central CLP passed paras 1 and an amended para 3 of the motion on the Jewish Labour Movement featured in the last update. Luckily the Edinburgh Councillors will NOT be asked to swear an oath of loyalty to this rabidly Zionist body. So Zionist support at Edinburgh CLP, but thankfully not enough to allow the JLM to demand to be reinstated to providing "anti-Semitism" training to the Labour Party.

Other News

Gordon Dimmack has made FIVE EPISODES out of yesterday's skype call with me. The first 8 minute one at Suspended Labour Party member Peter Gregson speaks out

Last week the Weekly Worker published a story about me "Reinstate Pete Gregson" The author made the usual criticisms of what we do, slagging off this petition. My riposte is the Letters page of this week's Weekly Worker - I'm the second one: "Become witches".

Also see the article "UK's Labour Antisemitism Split" by Ian Fantom here. Ian organised the Keep Talking group that filmed my talk in the last but one update. (But I must say I think the Kollerstrom article he mentions is quite toxic).

Also see "The truth about Seumas Milne, Jeremy Corbyn and the new McCarthyism" by David Hearst in Middle East Eye

Cheers

Pete Gregson

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Pete Gregson Edinburgh, SCT, United...

I'm signing because... (optional)

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Any reasonable person reading this will understand that the Disputes Team are scraping the barrel in trying to mark me as a supporter of Kollerstrom's views.

iv) What is your response to the allegation that you have disseminated Holocaust denial material?

This is absurd. As I stated above, I described it as toxic when I provided the link.
Indeed, if the Team refers to my update at www.kidsnotsuits.com/tony-greenstein-and-john-porter-the-spat/ of 20.4.19, they can read my words showing my perspective on his article:

"I want to point out that Kollerstrom's arguments on the use of Zyklon B at the Auschwitz II (Birkenau) concentration camp are effectively debunked in this Wikipedia article on the Leuchter Report. It observes that far greater concentrations of the gas are needed to kill insects than humans: 16,000ppm (parts per million) and an exposure time of more than 20 hours[5] (sometimes as long as 72 hours) being necessary for them to succumb. In contrast, a cyanide concentration of only 300ppm is fatal to humans in a matter of minutes. The article also notes the presence of residues in accordance with climatological factors. I note below that Kollerstrom is entitled to be a Holocaust sceptic (he does not dispute the mass murder of Jews), but I consider the Wikipedia article proves to me conclusively that Auschwitz II (Birkenau) concentration camp was definitely a death camp and the figured 1.1 million people who were killed there is an accurate estimate."

In any event, Kollerstrom is not a Holocaust denier. He never denies the Nazis murdered many, many Jews. He just thinks it was by shootings and hangings, not gassing. I don't think one can call him a Holocuast denier; he does not deny that the Nazis were out to destroy the Jewish race. In this respect he might be described as a Holocaust sceptic. He himself says he is not a denier. He has a 1.5 minute video at https://youtu.be/a9ky5Xzmyzg where he says he accepts the mass murder of Jews in WW2.

v) What is your response to the allegation that you have engaged in conduct online that may reasonably be seen to involve antisemitic stereotypes and sentiments?

It is important, I believe, when one encounters views that contradict the accepted narrative, not to pretend they have never been uttered (as LAW would). For me, sunlight is the best disinfectant. Let all views be expressed and let us take up our duties as democratic socialists to reflect upon, research and then ether accept or reject such views.

I am not alone in believing this. One of the sponsors of LAW is Professor Noam Chomsky, and I refer you to an article of his titled 'All Denials of Free Speech Undercut A Democratic Society'
[https://codoh.com/library/document/2146/?lang=en], in which he defended Professor Robert Faurisson's rights after he had denied the existence of gas chambers.

Chomsky wrote: "He was then brought to trial for 'falsification of history,' and condemned – the first time in the West, to my knowledge, that the courts have affirmed the familiar Stalinist-fascist doctrine that the State has the right to determine historical truth and to punish deviation from it".
In response to a query on why he had signed a petition defending Faurisson's rights, he wrote: "I went on to inform Ms. Dawidowicz that I knew very little about Faurisson's work, so that while it may be 'horrendous,' as claimed by his critics, I obviously could not comment. ... Furthermore, as I wrote to Ms. Dawidowicz, the nature of his views is, plainly, completely irrelevant to the issue of his right to express them, a truism among civil libertarians that those of a Stalinist-fascist persuasion find quite shocking".

When reporting the LAW spat, the Jewish Chronicle wrote, in its 16th April article, the following:
[https://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/emails-reveal-row-within-labour-against-the-witchhunt-over-member-s-support-for-holocaust-denier-1.483088]
"In that article, Mr Fantom writes approvingly of Dr Nick Kollerstrom – author of The Auschwitz 'Gas Chamber' Illusion".

This is of course misleading, since it conflates approval of Kollerstrom's character with approval of his views on gas chambers.

But the link between my writing and Nick Kollerstrom's article was so tenuous that any thinking person must be wondering why Labour Against the Witch-hunt have themselves become witch-hunters.

The demand made by Tony Greenstein to me (to which he copied in many, the better to puff himself up) was*:* "I must ask you to remove all references to Ian Fantom's article from your petition update which directs people to Kollerstrom's holocaust denial article on the website of the well-known Holocaust denial site CODOH".

If your concern was the case of my writing, then it was also true of the Jewish Chronicle's article, which linked to my petition update, which linked to Fantom's article, which linked to Nick Kollerstrom's article.

On that basis we could be accusing the Jewish Chronicle of Holocaust denial.
Of course, it's getting sillier and sillier, and I think we have homed in on where that silliness is coming from.

vi) What is your response to the allegation that you have undermined the Party's ability to campaign against racism by sharing, publicising and maintaining this content?

I think the real reason for wanting to discourage people in the labour movement from linking to Fantom's article is self-evident. He had exposed in some detail the blatant contradiction between the fundamentals of Zionism, as laid out by Theodor Herzl, and the ideals of our Labour Party. If that article gets widely circulated within the labour movement, the fake antisemitism movement is crippled. That is the real danger, and ad hominem attacks on the basis of tenuous links to 'Holocaust deniers' can only undermine LAW's own disingenuous campaigning when people see just what they are doing.

So I believe rather the opposite. My refusal to accommodate Greenstein's strictures have meant that Fantom's article about Herzl has become more widely read and that can only be a good thing. As I pointed out above, Zionism is racism. The more we know about it and the ways that Zionists have taken away our freedom of speech to describe Israel's racist heart, the better. And it will strengthen Labourists' abilities to get the racist Zionists out of our Party. For Zionism is racism, and racism has no place in Labour.

Item 2

6) Please explain the reason for sharing this petition?

To get more signatures. That is why people create petitions.

7) Why did you state that, "*Israel is a racist endeavour*"?

It has been racist from the beginning. When Arthur Balfour wrote to Rothschild in early November 1917 we did not even control the land he was giving away:

“His Majesty's government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country.”

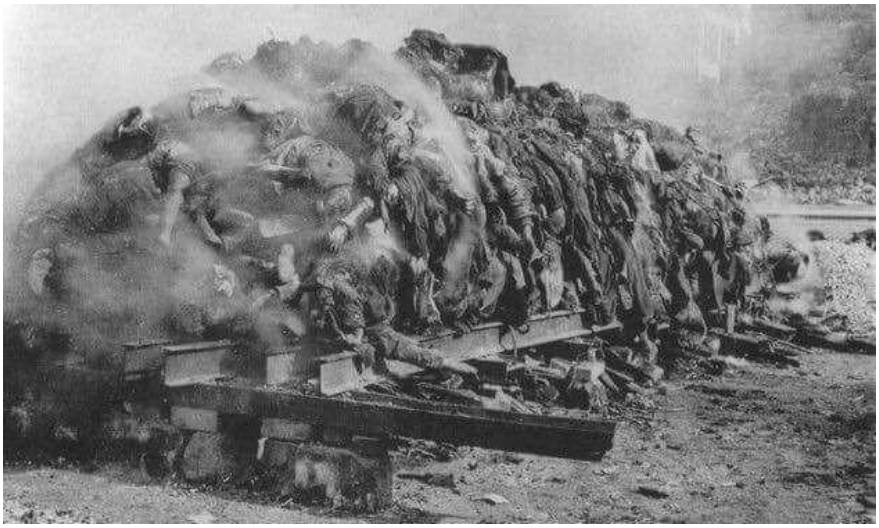
The Prime Minister at the time, Lloyd George, was the solicitor for the Zionist World Congress when they were campaigning for a Jewish homeland in East Africa. That the Balfour letter was issued just three months after he became PM cannot be considered a coincidence. In addition, the Balfour letter suggests that the British parliament have pledged support for a Jewish homeland etc when in fact, no vote was taken in Parliament.

The British had declared war on the Ottoman Empire in 1914. When Germany lost WW1 a week or so after Balfour’s letter on 11th Nov 1918, the Ottoman Empire was taken by the British and the French- and Palestine was lost to what should have been a peaceful future.

In 1922 Jews were encouraged by the UK to move to Palestine. At that point they were buying land from absentee Arab landlords, without the knowledge or agreement of the Palestinians who were living on that land.

When the Palestinians rebelled against this creeping colonisation and rose up in a General Strike of 1936 in a revolt which lasted until 1939, it was us British who rounded them up and put them in concentration camps.

After the war, the Jews there turned their anger on the British through terrorist bombing attacks and the murder of British servicemen. Then we British fled, leaving armed and angry Jewish war veterans who fought alongside those who had escaped Hitler’s death camps- and they showed no mercy to the defenceless Arabs in their thirst for land. Following the founding of Israel in 1947, against the wishes of the people who had lived there for centuries, there was inevitably war. This triggered the atrocities committed by those early Jewish settlers which are well documented. Here is an image of the Holocaust of Tirah: Arabs burnt on a pyre after they had been massacred by Jews.



Arabs who resisted these Israeli murderers were warned they would die if they resisted. Those that did not resist were put under military control and allowed to remain in their homes (though now they are losing them). Of course, many fled, especially when these Israelis (who were Jews) carried out grotesque public acts of violence. For example, they slit the throats of Arab children in village squares and warned the families watching they would be next if they resisted. Faced with such brutal ruthless racist terrorism, Arabs fled.

This was the ethnic cleansing, the Nakba, of 1948 when 750,000 Arabs were driven into the refugee camps in Gaza, the West Bank and Lebanon where they live to this day and which even now, are continuing to swell..

For many years, Israel has been forcing Palestinians off their land by bulldozing their homes. They control the water supply and Arabs get little water. It goes to settler Jews. As the Arabs are unable to water their crops, their farms become desolate. The Israelis have a law that if a farm cannot be farmed for 3 years, that land is confiscated by the Jewish National Fund. Assistance is then given to Jews to settle this land.

Many Israeli laws explicitly or implicitly discriminate on the basis or creed or race, in effect privileging Jewish citizens and disadvantaging non-Jewish, and particularly Arab, citizens of the state. These include the Law of Return, laws making military conscription mandatory for certain religions only, the Ban on Family Unification, and many laws regarding security, land and planning, citizenship, political

representation in the Knesset, education and culture. The Adalah database of 50 discriminatory laws in Israel details them all. [see https://mondoweiss.net/2015/06/database-discriminatory-israel/] and in July last year the Jewish Nation State law defined Israel as the national home of Jewish people, removed more rights from non-Jews and downgraded Arabic from an official language, leaving Hebrew as the sole national language.

I hope the Disputes Team can find the time to read this Haaretz article from three weeks ago "Burying the Nakba: How Israel Systematically Hides Evidence of 1948 Expulsion of Arabs" Since early last decade, Defence Ministry teams have scoured local archives and removed troves of historic documents to conceal proof of the Nakba. It includes some horrifying tales of terror gangs of Jews laying waste to Palestinian villages in brutal, systematic ethnic cleansing https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/.premium.MAGAZINE-how-israel-systematically-hides-evidence-of-1948-expulsion-of-arabs-1.7435103

In light of the above, one might hope that even the Disputes Team might come to understand that Israel is a racist endeavour. It has been racist since its inception, since it was always designed as a place that would exclude non-Jews.

Here are recent images of Israel's work. They were sent to me by a woman in Gaza, one of over 300 Facebook friends I have there. Most have taken pictures like this. Most are starving. The UK created this mess. The UK must fix it.

8) In the text of this petition you state, "*…the fact that only 45 alleged cases are active in the LBC leaked dossier shows there is no particular problem with anti-Semitism in the Labour Party*" – what is your response to the allegation that this comment minimises antisemitism?

There is little anti-Semitism in the Party. One might hope that the Disputes Team were involved in compiling the General Secretary's findings of February 2019.

The figures from Jennie Formby on 11 Feb show that since April 2018:

- 1,106 complaints lodged
- 433 relate to non-Labour members
- 96 members suspended
- 146 written warning
- **211 served notice of investigation**
- 220 had insufficient evidence.

One can see that
– **99.9%** of Labour members have never been accused of antisemitism (550,000 members)
– a huge proportion of claims about 'Labour' behaviour don't involve Labour members at all
– around a third of complaints that ***do*** involve Labour members are so unfounded that they didn't stand up to the first level of scrutiny
– most of the old cases that took a long time to deal with were accumulated on former general secretary Iain McNicol's watch

Skwawkbox's excellent piece at https://skwawkbox.org/2019/02/12/labours-antisemitism-data-release-exposes-media-narrative says it all.

So- to summarise- to answer the "allegation that this comment minimises antisemitism" I only need to display the Disputes Team's own data for confirmation that there is no particular problem with anti-Semitism In Labour.

If the Disputes Team still thinks there is, it may be because they have adopted the IHRA Definition of anti-Semitism, whereby people can be sanctioned for even observing that Israel is racist. Since most of the Labour Party would accept that Israel is now institutionally racist with the Nation State law, then no wonder they see so much anti-Semitism. For most in the Party – if not most of the UK, could now be deemed to be anti-Semitic.

Presumably if the Disputes Team were to accept the evidence and agree that Israel is racist, then perhaps they would even need to declare themselves anti-Semites and expel themselves from the Party. That they do not, suggests they remain blissfully unaware of Israel's racist nature. If that be the case- that they know so little of Israel- one might question what they are doing demanding sanctions upon those who know more than they about world affairs- and one might ask them to stop attacking those who clearly know what a commitment to social justice is all about.

9) You state in your petition, *"There are 2.8 million Muslims in the UK. Most Muslims identify with the Palestinians. They see a Labour Party keen to appease Zionists, but deaf to Arab views. The Party ignores this demographic to its disadvantage. Muslims have little confidence that a Labour Government will be serious about addressing the biggest problem in the Middle East. The UK has 370,000 Jews..."* – what is your response to the allegation that your comments effectively diminish prejudice against Jews in Britain?

This is more of a compliment than an allegation! I am glad that the Disputes Team agree that my work diminishes prejudice against Jews in Britain. For a moment now, you have regained some of my confidence. I am pleased you are beginning to see that this is my true purpose- to diminish prejudice against Jews in Britain. For I love Jews and some of my best friends are Jews. I just hate racism and I do not like seeing so many Jews tarred with supporting racist Israel, when they actually despise it, like my good friend Rabbi Ahron Cohen of the Neturiei Karta.

10) What is your response to the allegation that these comments devalue allegations of antisemitism?

Ah- now the Disputes Team is back on form. This question is a slight contradiction from what you say in 9) above, where you say I am helping diminish prejudice.

No matter. Do my comments devalue allegations of anti-Semitism? No, I don't think they do. I don't see how they might. I use the OED definition of anti-Semitism as "hostility to or prejudice against Jews". There is therefore nothing in my statement to devalue allegations on this matter.

Item 3

11) Please confirm that you wrote this article?

I did- I am very proud of it. It was the first I had published on this topic- by a Jewish news agency in Chicago, no less.

12) You have stated in this article,
"The first respondent, Cate Vallis (National Policy Form Scottish candidate), said she found the view that Israel was a racist state "offensive". I said there was no particular anti-Semitism problem in the Party. She found that "offensive" too. I said it had been manufactured to beat JC. I said that expulsions of folk like me is probably what Netanyahu wants, that he'd be happy if the British Labour Party imploded; he knows that if JC got into power, the UK would no longer let him get away with doing as he pleases. Again "offensive"."
What is your reasoning for thinking that antisemitism in the Labour Party has been manufactured to 'beat JC'?

Before Jeremy Corbyn came to power, there were no reports in the media about anti-Semitism, but his support for the Palestinian people was known of, and this was something that terrified Israel.
His arrival came as the IHRA Definition of anti-Semitism was gaining traction. It had been in incubation since 2003, devised with Israeli support.

This article, from the "If Americans Knew" blog of 17 May 2017 documents the progress of Israel's achievement in creating this definition and getting it adopted around the world. "International campaign is criminalizing criticism of Israel as 'antisemitism' ". Read it at https://israelpalestinenews.org/iak-investigation-international-campaign-is-criminalizing-criticism-of-israel-as-antisemitism/

And please read this: (BDS , Guardian 14th August 2018 at www.theguardian.com/news/2018/aug/14/bds-boycott-divestment-sanctions-movement-transformed-israeli-palestinian-debate) which states:

"Perhaps Israel's most powerful tool in the campaign against de-legitimisation has been to accuse the country's critics of antisemitism. Doing so required changing official definitions of the term. This effort began during the final years of the second intifada, in 2003 and 2004, as pre-BDS calls to boycott and divest from Israel were gaining steam. At that time, a group of institutes and experts, including Dina Porat – a Tel Aviv University scholar who had a been a member of the Israeli foreign ministry's delegation to the 2001 UN world conference against racism in Durban, South Africa – proposed creating a new definition of antisemitism that would equate criticisms of Israel with hatred of Jews."

When Corbyn became elected leader, with his support for Palestine well-known, Israel and some of those Jews in the UK who support Zionism (there are 150,000 of them, at least- maybe 225,000 at most) - decided to campaign to get rid of Corbyn.

For they feared that were he to become Prime Minister that he might condemn Israel as the racist colony it is. He might even call for sanctions on it, to help make it an international pariah. For if the world were to impose sanctions on Israel, its reign of terror against Arabs could be broken, in much the same way that

sanctions from the UK and the US helped end apartheid in South Africa [previously Israel's greatest friend, now one if its many enemies].

Sanctions could force it to drop its racist laws, make reparations to the Palestinians, etc. By dropping its racist laws, it would have to accept that the land between the river and the sea belonged to all the people who live there, no matter what their race or creed. It would no longer be governed in favour of Jews alone; Zionists will do everything they can to hold onto- and increase- what they've got. They fear that Corbyn will undermine their apartheid. So, if we view the Lobby episodes (see the first at www.tinyurl.com/thelobbyp1), we learn more about how anti-Semitism has been manufactured to beat Corbyn, from the infiltration of our Trade Union movement by Zionists, as union after union fell to adopting the IHRA, through to the Labour Party itself.

Of course, in order to achieve this, Zionists such as Rhea Wolfson had to get articles published claiming she was a victim of AS, with remarkably little evidence given. MPs such as Margaret Hodge and Luciana Berger began complaining about AS trolls, but many of these trolls appear to be fake Facebook accounts, so somebody somewhere is paying agencies to make fake accounts and from these fake accounts hurl AS abuse at our Jewish Labour MPs such as the two above, who, in turn, bray to the media of the "attacks".

In this manner bogus anti-Semitism is created. Its objective is to force Labour to expel those who criticise Israel. Many of whom also support Corbyn, but by relentlessly telling the mainstream media (who have never liked Corbyn) that Labour has a problem, those Zionists who drive this campaign undermine support for the Party and, they hope, force Corbyn from office. For if they achieve that, they expect to put forward a candidate that favours Israel. One like Boris or Blair, that would give that racist state a licence to keep doing just what it wants.

I would like to reference the Witchhunt documentary about Jackie Walker
https://electronicintifada.net/blogs/asa-winstanley/watch-film-labour-mps-didnt-want-you-see

I also think this Jonathan Cook article about the Israel lobby and Owen Jones is of interest too:
https://www.jonathan-cook.net/blog/2019-03-09/would-railing-at-a-labour-saudi-lobby-be-racist/

13) You have stated, "*Zionism believes in the development and protection of a Jewish nation in what is now Israel. Many Labourists oppose Zionism because they see in Israel its impact on non-Jews, specifically Palestinians and Arabs… But are Jewish people the only ones who have such rights in Israel? What about the Arabs they displaced? Why should the Jews there have a greater right than they do? Is it because they suffered in the holocaust? Because two wrongs don't make a right."*
What is your response to the allegation that these comments seek to deny Jewish people to right to self-determination?

Many in Scotland also seek self-determination. Many seek to be independent of England, but none of us– not in Labour, not in the SNP, nor in any the other parties, feel that to do that we need to introduce racist laws decreeing English people to be, for example, second-class citizens. But that is what Zionists have done in their attempts to bestow upon Jewish people such "rights to self-determination". Because being Scots or being English does not demand adherence to a faith.
It is a reflection of Zionist coloniser status that they parcel up nationalist feelings with religious ones.

Why does Zionism require that Jews ride rough-shod over the views of others.? Because it is, at heart, a supremacist ideology, one that plays to Jews who see themselves as "the chosen people" – which presumably requires that their views matter more than anyone else's and that they have a divine right to control the land between the river and the sea.

The whole question "Does Israel have a right to exist?" is a trick question: to see why, read this https://forward.com/opinion/417930/does-israel-have-a-right-to-exist-is-a-trick-question/

And Gideon Levi makes some sharp observations in his opinion piece in Haaretz: "Netanyahu Isn't the Problem. The Israeli People Are. The apartheid did not start with him and will not end with his departure" https://www.haaretz.com/opinion/.premium-netanyahu-isn-t-the-problem-the-israeli-people-are-1.7020051

I would like to recount the words of my good friend Rabbi Cohen here. This is what he wrote to the GMB when they were expelling me for criticising Israel. He said:

"The State of Israel was a flawed concept from the start, both from a religious point of view and a humanitarian point of view. It was a concept that was an obvious recipe for disaster and the cause of tremendous bloodshed and suffering for both Palestinians and Jews. It was and remains the underlying cause of strife in the middle east. Zionism has not helped Jews, it has been a disaster all round."

"A further vital point is that the State of Israel is totally irrelevant to the Jewish right of self-determination. The Jewish People have maintained their self-determination over thousands of years without a State, through their attachment to their religion and way of life. In this they differ from other nations who require an attachment to a land in order to express their self-determination. In this point the IHRA implication that criticism of the State of Israel is denying the Jewish People the right of self-determination is wrong. It may be denying the Zionists the right of self-determination, but that is not anti-Semitism. "

"To sum up, to oppose the State of Israel or Zionism is not anti-Semitism. Judaism is an ancient, ethical, moral, compassionate and religious way of life. Going back, as stated earlier, thousands of years. Whereas Zionism (the movement and concept that begat the State of Israel) is a nationalistic, harsh, inconsiderate, secular and racist way of life, barely 120 years old, a totally new concept. It is totally incompatible with and diametrically unacceptable to Judaism on grounds of religious belief and religious humanitarian grounds."

“Zionism is indeed a concept started by Jews, but it is not Jewish, it is foreign to Judaism. Simply because Jewish people are involved in an endeavor does not and cannot mean that opposition to that endeavor is anti-Semitic, particularly if that endeavor is obviously seriously flawed.”

“The fact that very many Jews and non-Jews approve of Zionism and the State of Israel, is part of the phenomenal success of the Zionist propaganda machine over the last 100 years or so, in persuading those Jews and non-Jews alike that Zionists represent the Jewish People. But that is a total falsehood, the Zionists do not in any way represent the Jewish People. Judaism has existed for thousands of years – Zionism for 120 years. If Zionism had been part of Judaism it would have been with us for all the previous generations.”

“In the light of the above, criticism of the State of Israel, Zionists and Zionism is entirely within the boundaries of free speech and within the statutory rights of anyone making that criticism. Legally entitled criticism should not and cannot be stifled – punitive steps to stifle the criticism such as expulsion must be wrong and would be a serious flawed element in union rules and should not and cannot be followed.”

The Rabbi’s words are those I would offer in response to this question. There are many Jews here in the UK- perhaps all- who, since they choose to live here, exercise their right to self-determination every day. Through having their own schools, their own religion, their own language, their own communities. They do not feel the need to racially abuse the people who live around them, in order to sieze their land. These Jews are living the life they want, in the UK, and are perfectly happy so doing. Statistics show that fewer and fewer are choosing to go to Israel. Since these Jews are failing the “self-determination” test, are they in some way “lesser” Jews? I think not. To my mind they are “better” than the Jews in Israel, as they are not growing fat on land they have stolen and swindled from the native peoples.

So, everyone has the right to self-determination, but not on other peoples’ land or in breach of their human rights – the right to self-determination is not an absolute right under human rights law, it must be balanced against other peoples’ rights too.

Here is the Arab school in Qalqilya that Israeli Jewish settlers pumped their shit into, rendering it unusable. They want the Arabs to leave so that they can take their land. Arabs that protest this kind of abuse face jail.

14) The petition states, "*What did the Momentum rep on the NEC, Jon Lansman, say? "I did argue at the start that it would have been politic to have included the IHRA definition together with its examples in the document before continuing as now. I think it likely that we will consider that again, following the NEC's unanimous agreement to reopen discussion about the code, in order to better reflect Jewish community concerns." Looks like he's taken the bait, too."*
What did you mean by, "*Looks like he's taken the bait, too*"?

I did not realise at this time that not only had he taken the bait but that he'd set the trap.

Lansman and Wolfson I now know, were the driving force at the NEC meetings who had pushed for the adoption of the IHRA- a weapon that has been repeatedly used to silence those who call out Israel for its racist nature. These two are shameless Zionists, both supporters of the JLM, people who have used Corbyn and Momentum as stepping stones to power.

Wolfson, in particular, worked at getting articles in not the press painting herself as a poor innocent Jewish woman who had been targeted by "vile anti-Semitism", but she never chose to say who had been anti-Semitic to her in these articles, or what they had said.

It was she, I know, who used her position at the GMB in Scotland to get me expelled. I have evidence that I will present if called upon. The truth is that Lansman and Wolfson together, aided by others in Labour, have stoked the flames of anti-Semitism in Labour, purely to favour Israel, a racist state. For this reason alone, both have damaged the Party hugely and ought to be booted out.

Item 4
15) This graphic has been taken from your website. Please confirm whether you created this graphic?

I did.

16) The graphic states, "*…cutting out the JLM and FOI cancer in Labour because Zionism is Racism and Israel is Apartheid*" – Please explain your justification for describing the Jewish Labour Movement as a "cancer"?

The Jewish Labour Movement was revived in 2015 to battle Jeremy Corbyn, The Electronic Intifada has revealed this. (see https://electronicintifada.net/blogs/asa-winstanley/jewish-labour-movement-was-refounded-fight-corbyn)

Most Labour Party members who have seen the Lobby (go to www.tinyurl.com/thelobbyp1) will accept that the JLM is a right-wing organization with intimate ties to the Israeli embassy and that it claims to have been affiliated to Labour for a century, but a transcript of an undercover recording, obtained by The Electronic Intifada, casts doubt on this narrative. It indicates that the dormant Jewish Labour Movement was revived by political allies of Israel as a weapon against Corbyn, the left and the wider Palestine solidarity movement.

This body, which appears to be funded by the racist Israeli Government, is affiliated to our Labour Party, yet requires of its members that they neither need to be Jewish or Labour Party members. It has apparently not been investigated yet by the Disputes Team- in spite of massive evidence of it undermining Labour and numerous complaints- which shows we have a mountain to climb.

Like a real cancer, the JLM is a destructive force against Palestinian rights in Labour that is proving hard to eradicate. I refer you to the Code of Conduct: Antisemitism and other forms of racism. It notes that "Any use of language which…. undermines Labour's ability to campaign against any form of racism, is unacceptable conduct within the Labour Party."

Here we have a whole movement which undermines Labour's ability to campaign against Israeli racism. Its stated aims are clearly foreign to our body politic. Yet it seems the Disputes Team hold it in high regard, in spite of the many complaints that have been submitted.

To conclude, it is in equal measures astonishing and appalling that the Disputes Team fail to grasp the cancerous nature of it. The JLM is sucking the life from our Party. The cancer we must all fight is apartheid, for racism denies people rights simply because of who they born to.

It is interesting I am not being quizzed as to why I say the FOI is a cancer. I wonder if the Disputes Team therefore accept that the FOI <u>is</u> a cancer? If they do, then presumably they understand why the JLM are too. Both bodies are committed to promoting Israel and its racist narrative. If the Disputes Team were doing their job, these bodies should not exist in Labour, because both espouse racism and promote apartheid.

It was Archbishop Tutu who said: "Israeli apartheid is not the same as that inflicted by the Afrikaans regime. It is in fact far worse - we did not, for instance, have phosphorous bombs dropped on us in the Bantustans, which Gaza now has."

17) What is your response to the allegation that the cartoon in this graphic exploits anti-Semitic stereotypes?

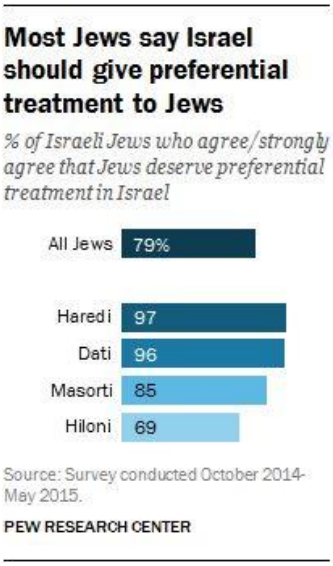
By definition, a stereotype is a fixed general image or set of characteristics that a lot of people believe represent a particular type of person or thing. The image by the cartoonist Latuff portrays an Israeli Zionist Jewish settler (with weaponry) declaring a unarmed pro-Palestinian protester to be an anti-Semite. This is not an anti-Semitic cartoon. It is an anti-Zionist one. The Disputes Team need to fully understand the difference.

I use the OED definition of anti-Semitism as “hostility to or prejudice against Jews”. Zionism is a movement for (originally) the establishment and (now) the development and protection of a Jewish nation in what is now Israel. It was established as a political organization in 1897 under Theodor Herzl, and was later led by Chaim Weizmann.

By its very definition it is racist, a Jewish nation is not a nation for all people, but a nation for Jews. It is built on land which has been largely stolen from the Palestinians. The UN agrees with me on this and I hope the Disputes Team do as well. So, the image of a Zionist settler could not be anything but a Jew, because only Jews have rights to settle this land, according to the Israeli Government. To portray something that is true and is actually happening is not anti-Semitic, because it is not discrimination towards all Jews. It is critical of Zionist Jews clearly, for it observes that they cry “anti-Semite” at anybody who observes they are racists.

Here I must refer you to the words of the Israeli former minister of Education, Shulamit Aloni, who said in a US interview that "*anti-Semitism is a trick. We always use it*". [see it at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9DKeLLlaws8] The interviewer said: “Often, when there is dissent expressed in the United States against policies of the Israeli government, people here are called anti-Semitic. What is your response to that as an Israeli Jew?”. Shulamit Aloni replied: “Well, it’s a trick, we always use it. When from Europe somebody is criticizing Israel, then we bring up the Holocaust….” So if a former Israeli government minister says that this is what Israelis do, then it will be even more so for settlers- who well know they are occupying land that has been taken from Palestinians.

I am beginning to fear the Dispute Team are unaware there is an ongoing illegal occupation of Israel and the people who occupy the land stolen from Palestinians there are Jews. This infographic, taken from a large-scale research article from Pew, starkly puts into focus the racist leanings of the majority of Israeli Jews.



Finally, it will be helpful if the Disputes Panel become aware of the Nation State Law, passed last July, which makes clear that non-Jews are now officially second-class citizens, with far fewer rights. To understand just how far Israel has descended into the apartheid abyss, the Team ought to view this illuminating 23 minute video by Dr. Shir Hever "Know your Stuff: Israel's "Jewish Nation-State Law" Explained" at http://www.actvism.org/en/politics/jewish-nation-state-law-hever/

18) Please confirm whether you created the image of a laser destroying the JLM logo?

I did.

19) Please explain your reasoning for creating this image?

As explained in my answer to (16) above, many Labour Party members share my view that the JLM is a cancer in the party. What does one do with a cancer? One cuts it out. What might one cut it out with? A laser. What I have done is a pun on the word Labour Against Zionist Islamophobic Racism, or LAZIR. So, you see, laser and LAZIR. Geddit?

Item 5

20) Please explain the reason for sharing this article?

Since The Disputes Team have not provided the link to this article, here it is
www.redressonline.com/2019/07/why-the-bbc-acts-as-a-propaganda-outlet-for-israel-an-insider-view/

I shared it because I used to work for the BBC and am sickened to see the propaganda tool for Israel that is has become. One will no longer see a BBC programme that is critical of that racist colony. It pretends in its reports from inside Israel to present a "balance" which pits Palestinian against Israeli, Arab against Jew, as if the voice of the oppressor had equal weight to that of the oppressed. This conduct facilitates and encourages the status quo and the idea that both sides need to compromise. This is rather like suggesting the native Americans cannot complain about the theft of their land by the white man without letting the white man state their needs too had to be met. It is as if the invaders always have the same rights as the subjugated people, as both will surely have a point of view and a need for the land.

When the oppressed people (in this case, the Palestinians) complain about ill-treatment, the BBC is always at pains to let the settlers, the IDF and the Government state how their "security concerns" are paramount, so much so that Palestinians can justifiably be defended against (ie attacked) by massive walls and thousands of checkpoints.

In this way, the BBC becomes complicit, and since the major takeover in 2013 at the BBC by apologists for Israel, its coverage has become increasingly pro-Zionist. This article explains [see https://electronicintifada.net/content/apologists-israel-take-top-posts-bbc/12395] James Purnell, James Harding, Ceri Thomas known pro-Israeli pundits, sympathetic to Zionism, get top jobs at the BBC in 2013 and it's all been downhill for Palestine coverage since then.

21) The article describes the BBC as being a "*Zionist mouthpiece*" and there is "*tolerance shown towards those who abuse the judicial system to deter and punish anyone daring to question the Zionist narrative*" – do you agree with these sentiments?

Yes, I do. I used to work there.
Here are some articles about BBC bias
https://www.indexoncensorship.org/2009/05/dimbleby-fearful-bbc-risks-losing-its-way/

And
https://electronicintifada.net/blogs/amena-saleem/bbc-agrees-air-gaza-charity-appeal-after-getting-israels-permission
And
https://www.jewishvoiceforlabour.org.uk/statement/bbc-panoramas-is-labour-antisemitic/
And
https://www.jewishvoiceforlabour.org.uk/article/the-pannorama-programme-a-compilation-of-critical-comments/

22) What is your response to the allegation that by sharing this article, you have published content that exploits the anti-Semitic stereotype that Jews hold undue influence over the media?

I never said that, you did.

What I do know is that the Guardian (under Jonathan Freedland) and the BBC (under Laura Kuenssberg) have both become very shrill supporters of the bogus anti-Semitism lobby. I understand Freedland to be Jewish; I don't know about Kuenssberg, but I suspect she is. Sadly their beliefs have been taken up by the staff in both these bodies working below them, many of whom just fall into line.

A old friend at the BBC who works in news told me that they live in terror if they ever have to do an item about an Israeli atrocity on the rare occasions when their news editors feel there is some massive bombing attack or rebellion that everybody else in the world is covering.

They say the phones all start ringing from Israeli sympathisers in what is clearly a co-ordinated attack on media freedom. Whatever the coverage, they will complain that the BBC has not favoured Israel enough and the shocking thing is that the reporters all quake when the phones start ringing. They say- it's not just the fear they suffer that it might be the Israeli Embassy calling.. for it's is not what the Embassy say, but how senior they are. For the higher they are at the Embassy, the greater the risk that the reporter might face that they'll lose their job.

Israel is incredibly powerful in the UK. 80% of Conservative MPs and 30% of Labour MPs are in the Friends of Israel and these politicians benefit from £1M set aside each year by Israel to give them free "fact-finding trips" to this racist colony. There is no shortage of cash by Israel in their desire to influence our politicians and our media.

When Israeli settlers pumped their excrement into a primary school in Qalqilya last November, no big British news agency would cover the story. You can read about it here
www.middleeastmonitor.com/20181102-israel-settlers-dump-sewage-on-palestinian-school-in-qalqiliya/
As an example of pro-Israeli bias in our media, that is pretty alarming.

And there was a recent item showing Corbyn is the most smeared politician in history.
[www.thelondoneconomic.com/opinion/jeremy-corbyn-is-the-most-smeared-politician-in-history/18/07/]

The fact that both Israel and Right-Wing Labour and the Conservatives find common cause to attack him, especially on bogus anti-Semitism is tragic and frustrating. Many Labour Party members dream that someday the Disputes Team will wake up and start acting in the Party's best interest, and cease persecuting human rights campaigners such as I, but instead go for the really dangerous egotists and Zionists that are undermining our core principles on a daily basis.

Item 6

23) You state on your website, "*5th May – Launch date for LAZIR at 12 noon at Labour HQ at 105 Victoria St, London. LAZIR is Labour Against Zionist Islamophobic Racism (LAZIR). Our aim is to rid Labour and the unions of the Zionist scourge and the fraudulent IHRA Definition of anti-Semitism. We want Labour to disaffiliate the Zionist Jewish Labour Movement (JLM) and affiliate Jewish Voice for Labour, because Zionism is racism*" – You were asked by the Party to publicly clarify that this event was taking place on the street outside of Head office, rather than "at Labour HQ". Please explain why you have not done this?

I did clarify it. See below:

From: Peter Gregson <postmaster@roseburn32.plus.com>
Sent: 02 May 2019 08:31
To: 'Complaints' <complaints@labour.org.uk>
Subject: RE: Advertising of event

Dear Complaints Team,

The world is thicker than I thought. Some people really DO think I am holding the launch inside your offices. You are right and I am wrong.

I've changed it to this.

Sorry

Pete

Item 7

24) This is a video of the launch of Lazir, in this video you make the following remark:
"They've got all this creeping Zionism…they're out to take down Corbyn. Chris Williamson getting

suspended a few weeks ago – that was the last straw, [I] didn't think that was fair at all." What did you mean by "*creeping Zionism*"?

If anybody in the Disputes Team saw the Panorama programme featuring the disgruntled JLM members ripping Labour apart they might begin to understand the growing influence Zionists have had at Labour HQ. This process began under Tony Blair, who was notoriously pro-Israel.

It will be of value to refer to this post from JVL, which I reproduce below, at https://www.jewishvoiceforlabour.org.uk/article/an-open-letter-about-the-labour-tribune-mps-group-statement-on-antisemitism-in-the-labour-party/

- *Anonymous Party members or former members appearing in the programme are in fact officers of the Jewish labour Movement. For example, the moist eyed woman who starts the programme, is in fact Ella Rose, former JLM Director and now its Equalities officer, who was an employee at the Israeli Embassy and of the Israeli lobby body BICOM. She was filmed with the then JLM Chair, the since discredited Jeremy Newmark, in Al Jazeera's The Lobby, at the 2016 Annual Conference in a private meeting with Mark Regev, Israel's Ambassador, which was also attended by Shai Masot who had to leave the UK subsequently due to his "outrageous interference" in our democratic process (according to Peter Oborne). The Israeli Embassy is well known to have active links with Israel's Ministry of Strategic Affairs whose job it is to undermine the perceived enemies of Israel through programmes of disinformation and misinformation.*

The timorous figure who appeared in Panorama, was also filmed in The Lobby threatening violence to Jackie walker with the use of her Krav Maga training (an Israel Defence Force and security services self-defence technique based in the martial arts). This deliberately engineered image of Ella Rose does not square with her actual character and experience.

Other JLM officers who appeared are listed in the Annex to this letter.

- *JLM is a partisan body, not an impartial source; it is one of the co-complainants to the EHRC. It is affiliated to the World Zionist Organization which funds illegal Jewish settlements on Palestinian land, involving bulldozing of Palestinian homes and eviction by other forceable means. It has acted to undermine Jeremy Corbyn since his first election as Leader because his "world view" includes strong support for Palestine and for a true two state solution. Despite their lip service, this is not JLM's world view, which, according to its rule book exists "To … promote … Socialist Zionism (and) … the centrality of Israel in Jewish life". In practice, JLM subscribes to Israel's actions right or wrong – and there are many that are illegal under international law, including "practices and policies which appear to constitute apartheid and segregation" [United Nations General Assembly, Human Rights Council, Report of the Special Rapporteur, 13 January 2014]*
- *Some of the former staff appearing in the programme have made untrue statements either in the programme itself or as filmed in Al Jazeera's The Lobby at the Party's 2016 Annual Conference. As detailed later, Ben Westerman and Louise Withers Green made untrue statements about their claimed interviews in Liverpool Riverside CLP and with Jackie Walker respectively. Alex Richardson was shown in The Lobby making an untrue statement in support of Joan Ryan's false allegation of antisemitism – subsequently not upheld, having caused great distress to the entirely innocent Party member, Jean Fitzpatrick, against whom the complaint was maliciously made.*
- *Some of these staff led or participated in the scandalous auto-exclusion of hundreds of Party members to prevent their participation in the 2015 and 2016 leadership elections – they showed little mercy then to those they opposed, but expect us to be totally sympathetic to them now. Sam*

Matthews, former Head of the Disputes Team, who also appears in the programme, played a lead role in this.

- *Some of these staff also participated in the scandalous unauthorized shredding of thousands of documents held by the Disputes Team, with the apparent objective of delaying the Party's handling of complaints in order to discredit the new leadership. They also, it subsequently appeared, kept copies of these documents to use against the Party after they had left, as evidence of dilatory handling of cases of antisemitism, of which, by their own act, the Party was not aware. Not only is this a gross breach of their former contract of employment but also of their legal obligations under the General Data Protection Regulations relating to personal data. [Skwawkbox. "Departing right-wing Labour staff "shredded" 1000s of disciplinary docs – but gave copies to the press", 20 May 2019]*
- *In their interviews on the programme, two of the staff breached their GDPR responsibilities towards individuals, viz Ken Livingstone and Jackie Walker, by giving alleged details of disciplinary interviews. They also gave false accounts of their contact with these two former Party members who did not say and were not accused of what the staff reported. Contrary to the claim made by Louise Withers Green, she did not interview Jackie Walker who claims never to have met her.*
- *Claims made by staff against the alleged antisemitic actions of Party members are false. For example, a recording made by Liverpool Riverside CLP, shows that Ben Westerman, who was not known to be Jewish, was not asked by a member where do you come from, as he alleged. The elderly member, who is also Jewish, attended an interview as a silent friend – he was not familiar with the process or the Party's arrangements, and asked entirely innocently, "what branch are you in". This was nothing whatsoever to do with ethnicity.*
- *Other claims made against conduct by Party members are so extreme as to beggar belief. They are not credible. For example, "I joined the Labour Party in 2015. The anti-Semitic abuse I received was what I was subjected to every single day … telling me Hitler was right … telling me Hitler didn't go far enough. In Labour Party meetings we saw people engage in Holocaust denial. I don't think the Labour Party is a safe space for Jewish people anymore." Not only is this nonsense but grossly offensive nonsense.*
- *Much is made in the programme of so called "gagging orders". It transpires that these were introduced and made use of by one of the main witnesses for the prosecution in the programme, Ian McNicol, former General Secretary, who was markedly silent about this in his contribution. Staff who left under these agreements in Mr McNicol's time, benefited to the tune of many hundreds of thousands of pounds. When Jennie Formby was told of this after her appointment, she ensured, with commissioned legal advice, that the form of the non-disclosure agreements included proper transparency provisions, which they had not previously. The account given in relation to these agreements is partial and designed to present a picture which is not accurate. [Skwawkbox. "Labour "gagging orders" put in place by McNicol – and gave hundreds of 1000s to allies." 16 July 2019]*

The witnesses within the Party on which the programme relies are unreliable sources. [..]

Alternative views

- *No alternative views were presented of the many thousands of Jewish Party members who experience the Labour Party as a safe space, contrary to the lurid claims made in the programme. Nor were the different voices of Jewish members accurately represented. For example, no space was given to the views of members of Jewish Voice for Labour, who do not share the experience or views of the Jewish Labour Movement, or the Board of Deputies. JVL's views of the Party, which run entirely counter to those of the predominant narrative of these bodies and of the British media, are yet again marginalized in this programme – an everyday experience for JVL members who are consistently abused by some as the "wrong sort of Jew".*

- *The so-called experts deployed in the programme are in fact polemicists for a view of these vexed issues which has no place within it for the wide range of views and experiences which exist. This "expert testimony" was provided by authors sympathetic to the paradigm of the "New Antisemitism", which deliberately conflates antisemitism with anti-Zionism. These included Dave Rich(The Left's Jewish Problem)and Alan Johnson (Contemporary Left Anti-Semitism). Their motivations and assumptions went unchallenged, and no alternative perspective was put forward.*

Presentation

- *The programme's inquisitor, John Ware, and the programme company's managing director and executive producer, Neil Grant, have a long history of personal and political antipathy towards Jeremy Corbyn and those of us who share his views – due to his "world view", a phrase used a number of times in the programme. Neil Grant's production company, Films of Record, was responsible not only for this programme but also with John Ware for the earlier hatchet job, "Jeremy Corbyn: Labour's Earthquake" broadcast by the BBC shortly after Jeremy Corbyn's 2015 election, which met with multiple complaints. Neil Grant also produced Channel 4's "Battle for the Labour Party", which is also markedly anti-Corbyn. Mr Grant is a former Labour activist and Brent CLP Chair who had a twenty-year falling out with Ken Livingstone. The recorded excerpts of speeches or appearances made by Jeremy Corbyn are selective and partial, and presented visually and aurally in a grainy manner to convey a seedy and furtive image. This is deeply disreputable.*
- *Outrageously selective material was used throughout the programme. This is particularly the case in relation to Seamus Milne's email which the programme deliberately did not make clear was in response to a request from a staff member of the Disputes Team on a case concerning a Jewish party activist and the son of a holocaust survivor. It was not unsolicited or out of the blue, as the programme clearly and intentionally implies. Nor was there anything untoward whatsoever in Seamus Milne's reference to a "review", which related to the disciplinary procedure itself not to the individual case, as shown in his unreported comment that, "… if we're more than very occasionally using disciplinary action against Jewish members for anti-Semitism, something's going wrong and we're muddling up political disputes with racism."*

In her subsequent report, Shami Chakrabarti, a human rights lawyer, described the procedure at that time as follows:

"As with other major political parties, complaints and disciplinary procedures are wanting. They lack sufficient transparency, uniformity and expertise in delivery. I recommend amendments to procedural rules capable of giving greater confidence to everyone involved in disciplinary processes, whether they fear the "witch-hunt" or the "white-wash" at any given moment. In particular, the essentially lay and untrained handling of matters of discipline is inadequate in modern political parties."

This substantiated Seamus Milne's initial impression.

It may not be surprising that Shami Chakrabarti's assessment did not go down well with some of the then staff of the Disputes Team, whose views feature so largely in this programme. It is clear that these staff were hostile to the recommendations of the Chakrabarti Report, in particular the "New End to End Process", which is now Party policy. This removed staff's ability to auto-exclude, or "interim suspend", members off their own bat, which explains in part their derogatory comments. The procedures existing at that time lacked the natural justice through due process which Shami Chakrabarti, rightly, argued is essential to the Party's disciplinary process.

- *The programme ended with the following voiceover by John Ware:*

"Notions about Jews, their supposed power, their hidden influence and malign intent have surfaced within Labour as never before, if not Mr Corbyn, who in the Party has the leadership to bury them."

This is a grossly inaccurate and malign comment.

Jewish Labour Movement officers who were interviewed anonymously as Labour Party members in the BBC Panorama programme, "Is labour antisemitic?"

Rebecca Filer – Political Education Officer
Joshua Garfield – Local Government Officer
Joe Goldberg – Joint National Chair
Adam Langleben – ex Campaigns Officer
Izzy Lenga – International Officer
Alex Richardson – Membership Officer
Ella Rose – Equalities Officer, formerly National Director
Stephane Savary – Joint National Chair

This video from JVL gives more info on this gang https://youtu.be/5YBfNyRAuOk

There is clearly a problem with Zionists infesting Labour HQ who support racist Israel and it these people who are undermining our Party's commitment to social justice. This is the "creeping Zionism" I refer to. When I first joined the Party in 1986 it was not riddled with Zionists at HQ, raging about "anti-Semitism" in Labour- and I have always been highly active in Labour. I have delivered thousands of flyers, visited thousands of homes, fought for Labour victories in countless elections. I served as Political Education officer of our Branch for many years and more recently as Trade Union liaison officer of my CLP. I left Labour when Blair invaded Iraq and rejoined when Balls and Milliband admitted it was a mistake in 2010. I have even made a film about Labour history in Edinburgh, which you can see at www.tinyurl.com/aradicalreekie . So, I think with my Knowledge of Labour history I can fairly comment on the "creeping Zionism" I am seeing in Labour HQ.

25) *At the launch of LAZIR you stated "This place is… full of Zionists in the disputes department" and "Israel is funding a campaign for him [Corbyn] not to win". What is your response to the allegation that these statements repeat tropes about Jewish control of political institutions?*

A trope is a label for words that say one thing but mean another. The question insinuates that I am talking about Jewish control of political institutions.

It is possibly a difficult concept for the Disputes Team to grasp, but not all Jews are Zionists. It is reported that around 20% - 30% of UK Jews are not Zionists and do not support the racist colony that is Israel. Zionists are those who believe in the development and protection of a Jewish nation in what is now Israel. They support Israel as a nation for Jews. Because Jews define themselves along ethnoreligious lines, those from other ethnic groupings and religions are excluded. By definition, that is racist, because it excludes non-Jews.

It is like saying that Ireland is a nation for Protestants. That would mean that Catholics were not welcome there. Europe would not tolerate such a state, even more so, because the Catholics were the dominant grouping there, before the protestants arrived from Britain.

But that is what has happened in Israel. Israel declares itself a nation for Jews and Arabs are not welcome there. Like Afrikaners saying South Africa was a nation for whites and blacks were not welcome there. In

South Africa, the blacks were there before the whites; they were the native people when the whites arrived. In Palestine, the Arabs were the native people there before the Jews arrived from Europe under 100 years ago and took it from them. [1]
Many Jews hark back to the Old Testament of 2,000 years ago as a justification, but on that basis Scots should not be in Scotland because we all came from Ireland, after the Romans wiped out the Picts in 200 AD. Surely we have no right to be here, either?

And besides, presumably in the Old Testament the Jews were not seeking to drive out every non-Jew in that land?

The problem is that many Jews believe they have a God-given right to the land they occupy in Israel but that is according to their religion, not other people's. Sadly, many Christians bolster this idea. But Muslims certainly don't see this and it is Muslims who have occupied this land for around 1600 years. These are the Palestinians and the whole area has been Muslim for generation upon generation. Why must they give way to Jewish immigrants from Europe now?

So to summarise, I am not saying anything about Jews being in control of political institutions and I object to the implied racism from the Disputes Team in framing this question.

And I am taking about Zionists, not Jews. I am growing weary in repeatedly pointing this out.

[1] There was a tiny minority of Jews who had lived there a long time. Many of those left and went to the UK and the US in 1935 when they realised what the Zionists were about. These were the Neturei Karta.

You stated, "*Do we need a voice for Jews, in the Labour Party?"* please explain why you feel that the Labour Party shouldn't represent the views of Jewish people?

This is a loaded question.. rather along the lines of "When did you stop beating your wife?", for in truth I have never beaten my wife and I have never suggested that Labour shouldn't represent the views of Jewish people.

And as I pointed out in that speech, I believe that the voice of Jews in the Labour Party should not be the JLM but JVL, whose ethos, aims and values are far closer to Labour's founding principles of fighting inequality and promoting social justice. Most importantly, JVL do not support racism in Israel, whilst the JLM do.

But there are others in LAZIR who tell me that Jews do not need a special voice in the Labour Party, as an affiliated group, which is why I mentioned that in my speech. Is there one for Muslims? They number far greater in the UK. Why for Jews but not for Muslims? It seems Muslims must just try and have their voice heard amongst the clamour of all other religious groupings in the Party.

The JLM is an anomaly in a Party which has no other affiliated groupings based on ethnoreligious lines. The fact that there is a group just for Jews dates back to the times when there was real anti-Semitism in the UK. This is the kind of anti-Semitism that refused to rent you a room, or sell you food, or give you a job. That racism is long gone, but at the time it made sense to give a place to a persecuted and excluded minority (JLM's predecessor Paole Zion was a Zionist project from the outset, but nobody in those days realised what Zionism was all about; they simply felt Jews needed a safe place to go. They did not realise a Jewish nation would, by definition, exclude non-Jews).

The ridiculous fact is that these days one neither needs to be Jewish or even in the Labour Party to be in the JLM. This group even recently told people not to vote Labour if it meant Corbyn becoming Prime Minister. They are utterly unsuitable as an affiliate and give nothing to the Party but untrammelled support for a racist colony.

For the rest of the answer to your (loaded) question, please refer to my answer at (24) above.

26) What is your response to the allegation that these comments may reasonably be seen to involve anti-Semitic stereotypes, and sentiments?

I think they do not.

I believe I have explained why in (24) and (25) above but I should also like to present the evidence from the whole series of "The Lobby" videos, which you will find at www.aljazeera.com/investigations/thelobby/

Here, Al Jazeera investigations expose how the Israel lobby influences British politics. A six-month undercover investigation reveals how Israel penetrates different levels of British democracy.

This Dispatches programme "Inside Britain's Israel Lobby", made in 2011, apparently pointing out the obvious, wasn't declared "anti-Semitic" back then. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0E70BwA7xgU

And please do not begin to think that these films are not accurate in their assessment of the power of the Israel lobby. There was an investigation by, I think it was OFCOM, that confirmed the Al Jazeera programmes were not biased, but utterly truthful.

Again, the Disputes Dept need to understand what anti-Semitism is. It is “Hostility to or prejudice against Jews.” I am hostile and prejudiced against Zionists, for theirs is a racist supremacist creed and as my friend Rabbi Cohen makes abundantly clear, anti-Zionism is not anti-Semitism, though of course Zionists would have us think otherwise.

Our problem, and probably the reason for this whole investigation of me, is that the NEC has adopted the IHRA Definition of anti-Semitism, though I see that the Disputes Team have not mentioned this anywhere in their allegations. Presumably because it is not in the rule book, yet.

But as we all know, the IHRA Definition exists purely to support Israel. It is this definition that seeks to confuse is all, because it tries to claim that to call Israel racist is in some way anti-Semitic.

It is not only I that considers the IHRA definition of anti-Semitism to be utterly wrong and dangerous, in its frantic efforts to assert that anti-Zionism is anti-Semitism. The former is about attacking a racist political ideology and the latter is about attacking people for being in a particular ethno-religious grouping. These two are quite different. It only serves the interests of Israel to conflate the two.

Many share my views on the IHRA and its dangerous conflation of anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism. 24 Palestinian trade unions issued an open letter to Labour on 28th August, just before the UK unions along with Lansman and Wolfson pushed for the full IHRA at Labour’s NEC meeting on 4th September. Headed “Labour must reject biased IHRA definition that stifles advocacy for Palestinian rights” this appeal by Palestinian civil society to the British Labour Party and affiliated trade unions was ignored. [https://www.opendemocracy.net/uk/palestinian-civil-society-groups/labour-must-reject-biased-ihra-definition-that-stifles-advocacy-] . These trade unions correctly observe the IHRA as a “politicised and fraudulent definition of antisemitism”.

Please also note the reasoned legal opinion of Hugh Tomlinson QC, one of the leading experts on media and freedom of expression law, in this paper of 8 March 2017: "*In the matter of the adoption and potential application of the international holocaust remembrance alliance working definition of anti-Semitism*". [at https://freespeechonisrael.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/TomlinsonGuidanceIHRA.pdf]

He concludes that:

“The IHRA “non-legally binding working definition” of anti-Semitism is unclear and confusing and should be used with caution. The “examples” accompanying the IHRA Definition should be understood in the light of the definition and it should be understood that the conduct listed is only anti-Semitic if it manifests hatred towards Jews. The Government’s “adoption” of the IHRA Definition has no legal status or effect and, in particular, does not require public authorities to adopt this definition as part of their anti-racism policies. Any public authority which does adopt the IHRA Definition must interpret it in a way which is consistent with its own statutory obligations, particularly its obligation not to act in a matter inconsistent with the Article 10 right to freedom of expression. Article 10 does not permit the prohibition or sanctioning of speech unless it can be seen as a direct or indirect call for or justification of violence, hatred or intolerance. The fact that speech is offensive to particular group is not, of itself, a proper ground for prohibition or sanction. The IHRA Definition should not be adopted without careful additional guidance on these issues. Public authorities are under a positive obligation to protect freedom of speech. In the case of universities and colleges this is an express statutory obligation but Article 10 requires other public authorities to take steps to ensure that everyone is permitted to participate in public debates, even if their opinions and ideas are offensive or irritating to the public or a section of it. Properly understood in its own terms the IHRA Definition does not mean that activities such as describing Israel as a state enacting policies of apartheid, as practicing settler colonialism or calling for policies of boycott divestment or sanctions against Israel can

properly be characterized as anti-Semitic. A public authority which sought to apply the IHRA Definition to prohibit or sanction such activities would be acting unlawfully."

Tony Lerman, a distinguished expert on anti-Semitism and former Director of the Institute of Jewish Policy Research wrote: *'The more the definition is held up to the light and subject to public scrutiny, the more we see holes and cracks in its flimsy fabric. Not only is there now overwhelming evidence that it's not fit for purpose, but it also has the effect of making Jews more vulnerable to anti-Semitism, not less…'*

Note that Geoffrey Robertson QC, joint head of Doughty Street Chambers and renowned human rights lawyer, concludes in this article of 31/8/18 [https://www.doughtystreet.co.uk/news/ihra-definition-antisemitism-not-fit-purpose] , that the *"IHRA definition of antisemitism is not fit for purpose".* He points out that the IHRA adopted by the UK government was not intended to be binding and was not drafted as a comprehensible definition.

With reference to free speech, the following QCs had this to say:

Hugh Tomlinson QC in an Opinion declared, as have other lawyers, that the IHRA had

> *'a potential chilling effect on public bodies which, in the absence of definitional clarity, may seek to sanction or prohibit any conduct which has been labelled by third parties as antisemitic without applying any clear criterion of assessment.'*

Geoffrey Robertson QC, described the IHRA as

> *'likely to chill criticism of action by the Government of Israel and advocacy of sanctions as a means to deter human rights abuses in Gaza and elsewhere.'*

He also found that when it comes to genuine anti-Semitism, the IHRA is very weak.

> *'By pivoting upon racial hatred ... it fails to catch those who exhibit hostility and prejudice – or apply discrimination – against Jewish people for no reason other than that they are Jewish.'*

Even the principal author of the IHRA definition, Kenneth Stern, acknowledged that it was being used in ways that were never intended, as a means of chilling free speech. In testimony to the House of Representatives in November 2017, he warned that:

> *'The definition was not drafted, and was never intended, as a tool to target or chill speech on a college campus. In fact, at a conference in 2010 about the impact of the definition, I highlighted this misuse, and the damage it could do.'*

Stern spoke about how the IHRA was '*was being employed in an attempt to restrict academic freedom and punish political speech'*. Stern asked a question particularly relevant to the current debate.

> *'Imagine a definition designed for Palestinians. If "denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, and denying Israel the right to exist" is antisemitism, then shouldn't "Denying the Palestinian people their right to self- determination, and denying Palestine the right to exist" be anti -Palestinianism?'*

Stern described how the IHRA had been used to curtail free speech in Britain, listing the "Israel Apartheid Week" event which was cancelled by Central Lancashire University and the case of the Holocaust survivor who was required to change the title of a campus talk by Manchester university *after an Israeli diplomat*

complained that the title violated the definition.' Stern described as '*Perhaps most egregious'* of all the call on a university to conduct an inquiry of **Professor Rebecca Gould** for 'antisemitism', based on an article she had written years before. Accurately describing what had happened as *'chilling and McCarthy -like.'* Professor Gould's description of what happened is on Open Democracy.

Stern thinks the IHRA is being used to stifle free speech. [see "Why the man who drafted the IHRA definition condemns its use" at https://www.jewishvoiceforlabour.org.uk/blog/why-the-man-who-drafted-the-ihra-definition-condemns-its-use/].

The IHRA definition of anti-Semitism was originally called the EUMC Working Definition of Anti-Semitism when it was drawn up in 2005. It is still called a "Working Definition". It was explicitly drawn up as a means of conflating criticism of Israel with anti-Semitism. That much is admitted by the person who wrote it: Kenneth Stern.

The definition is 38 words:

> "Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."

Note this is not a definition. It is open ended. For what is '*a certain perception'*? Whose perception? The victim, the perpetrator, the reasonable bystander? If anti-Semitism '*may be expressed as anti-Semitism'* what else may it be expressed as? Anti-Zionism? And why does it define anti-Semitism as hatred? If someone says that they don't wish their children to go to school with Jews *'but they don't hate Jews'* then according to the IHRA they are not anti-Semitic.

Another critic of the IHRA is Professor David Feldman, who was Vice-Chair of the Chakrabarti Inquiry and is Director of the Pears Institute for the Study of Anti-Semitism. Feldman described the definition as*'*bewilderingly imprecise.*'*

Note that Sir Stephen Sedley, who is Jewish and was a Judge in the Court of Appeal wrote in Defining Anti-Semitism that the IHRA*'fails the first test of any definition: it is indefinite.'* In what is the most concise critique of the IHRA, Sedley wrote that:

> *"the IHRA definition offers encouragement to pro-Israel militants whose targets for abuse and disruption in London have recently included the leading American scholar and critic of Israel Richard Falk, and discouragement to university authorities which do not want to act as censors but worry that the IHRA definition requires them to do so."*

Sedley commented specifically upon one of the illustration of anti-Semitism:

> Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g. by claiming that the existence of a state of Israel is a racist endeavour.

Sedley said that this example:

> '*bristles with contentious assumptions about the racial identity of Jews, assumptions contested by many diaspora Jews but on which both Zionism and anti-Semitism fasten, and about Israel as the embodiment of a collective right of Jews to self-determination.'*

Sedley described the problem of the IHRA was that it only allowed

> *'such criticism as can be made of other states, placing the historical, political, military and humanitarian uniqueness of Israel's occupation and colonisation of Palestine beyond permissible criticism.'*

Note that Jewish Voice for Labour take a stronger view in condemning the IHRA. Just before the 4th Sept NEC meeting, they said "no definition ever saved a Jew from experiencing antisemitism. It's time to abandon this tainted and deeply flawed text" . [see https://www.jewishvoiceforlabour.org.uk/blog/ditch-the-ihra-definition-fight-racism-together/]

It notes "As Neve Gordon writes: 'The Israeli government needs the "new anti-Semitism" to justify its actions and to protect it from international and domestic condemnation. Anti-Semitism is effectively weaponised, not only to stifle speech . . . but also to suppress a politics of liberation.' " [see https://www.lrb.co.uk/v40/n01/neve-gordon/the-new-anti-semitism]

The article continues "As for what adoption meant: Only 6 of 31 governments whose countries are members of IHRA have formally endorsed/adopted the definition, and it's not clear whether they adopted the examples or not. However, we do know that:

- – the UK Government adopted the definition but not the list of examples;
- – the LSE adopted the IHRA definition but clarified that it 'does not accept . . . all the examples';
- – the European Parliament adopted the definition without the examples in June 2017"

[see https://ssrn.com/abstract=3178109]

Note that over 30 Jewish organisations world-wide say NO to the full IHRA. [See Jewish Voice for Peace at https://jewishvoiceforpeace.org/30jewishgroupsbds/].

Note that on 14th Sept, union leader Mark Serwotka, (PCS general secretary), and now TUC president, suggested at a TUC event that Israel had created the anti-Semitism row to hide what he called its own "atrocities". I consider he had clearly hit a raw nerve, as the usual suspects Labour Against Anti-Semitism, Matt Zarb-Cousin and the Board of Deputies of British Jews piled in to condemn him and demand he apologise and grovel forthwith. [https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-45517094]

Note this article by Miko Peled, a Jew from Jerusalem who wrote that "Conflating Anti-Zionism with Anti-Semitism is a Dangerous and Useful Ploy for Zionists" [published 13/9/18 at https://www.mintpressnews.com/conflating-anti-zionism-with-anti-semitism-a-dangerous-and-useful-ploy/249293/]

Note the view of the Monitoring Group , one of the leading organisations in the UK specialising in supporting families and communities experiencing state neglect, racism and marginalisation, best known for its public interest campaigns in the UK on cases such as Blair Peach, Kuldip Sekhon, Stephen Lawrence, Ricky Reel, Michael Menson, Zahid Mubarek, Victoria Climbie, Amarjit Chohan family and international campaigns for victims of the Bhoppal Gas Disaster (1984) and Gujarat genocide (2002) and the Indian Community in Malaysia. Their statement on the IHRA was signed by over 100 organisations and they sent a delegation to meet senior members of the Labour Party to convince them of their anti-IHRA position. [see http://www.kidsnotsuits.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/LP-Final-BME-Statement-on-IHRA.pdf]

Note the view of Norman Finkelstein, whose parents suffered in the Warsaw Ghetto, who says in his blog of 28th August 2018 "Why the British Labour Party should not adopt the IHRA definition or any other definition of antisemitism" [see http://normanfinkelstein.com/2018/08/28/why-the-british-labour-party-should-not-adopt-the-ihra-definition-or-any-other-definition-of-antisemitism/] who states:

"Even as the revised code of conduct explicitly outlaws anti-Semitism, representatives of British Jewry have issued an ultimatum to Labour: it must also incorporate the IHRA definition of antisemitism in all its parts—or else! It is, to begin with, unclear why Jews warrant special treatment. Indeed, of all the protected categories in the rule, British Jews are the richest, best organized, most strategically placed, and least subject to "hostility and prejudice." If Jewish communal organizations can so openly, brazenly, and relentlessly press this demand on Labour, it's because of the political muscle they can flex and the political immunity they enjoy. Further, the demand is on the unseemly side, as it implies that Jewish lives are somehow more worthy. It recalls the nauseating ethnic chauvinism at play in the stipulation that The Holocaust *must be separated out from run-of-the-mill "other genocides.""*

Note that a UN Report in 2017 said "Israel was a 'racist state' and 'apartheid regime'" (see https://www.irishtimes.com/news/world/middle-east/un-report-says-israel-a-racist-state-and-apartheid-regime-1.3012189]

Note that since then Israel has enacted the Nation state law in July 2018 which categorises residents into "Nationals" and "Citizens". Only Jews can be Nationals and their rights far outstrip those of Citizens. Most notably Citizens must seek permission to protest from Nationals; that permission can be refused or withdrawn on a whim [see the 23 minute video of 18/10/18 'Know your Stuff: Israel's "Jewish Nation-State Law" Explained' by Dr. Shir Hever [http://www.actvism.org/en/politics/jewish-nation-state-law-hever/]

To further reflect on allegations that my statements at Labour HQ are in any way anti-Semitic because I criticise Zionism, it is also important to note the words of my friend Rabbi Cohen here (You can hear him utter them for real in my video at www.tinyurl.com/gmbihra His picture is below.

I repeat some of his quote from earlier. He speaks of "*the important but little-known message regarding the absolute opposition to Zionism held by authentic Orthodox Jewry and the fact that Judaism and Zionism are totally different concepts and are in fact diametrically opposed*."

He says: "*I am one of many Orthodox Jews who completely sympathise with the cause of the Palestinians in their struggle against the Zionist State. The spearhead group who are involved actively in this matter on a regular basis are called Neturei Karta meaning literally Guardians of the City but which can be loosely translated as Guardians of the Faith."*

He points out: "*Judaism is an ancient, ethical, moral, compassionate and religious way of life. Going back, as stated earlier, thousands of years. Whereas Zionism (the movement and concept that begat the State of Israel) is a nationalistic, harsh, inconsiderate, secular and racist way of life, barely 120 years old, a totally new concept. It is totally incompatible with and diametrically unacceptable to Judaism on grounds of religious belief and religious humanitarian grounds."*

So if the Rabbi does not think I am anti-Semitic to criticise Zionists, and complain about their control of our political institutions, on what basis can the Disputes Team claim that I am?

Item 8

27) This petition was in response to your expulsion from GMB due to antisemitism. in your response you stated the following:

""The GMB are expelling me for anti-Semitism. According to the IHRA definition of anti-Semitism at www.tinyurl.com/ihradef I am a Jew-hater. What I actually said was that Israel was a racist endeavour. I also said that Israel tends to exaggerate the importance of the Holocaust for its own political ends. For the record, I am a Holocaust educator; I have studied it at length; I want everyone to know about it; I studied it in Berlin just last summer. However, Israel has a tendency as a nation state to ignore the other factors involved in the persecution of Jews. And the irony is that Israel now persecutes the minorities, especially the Arabs, living within its borders. Most especially in Gaza. And so the racism that Jews suffered during the war is now practised by many Israeli Jews themselves. The Israeli State backs this – there are 60 laws saying Jews have greater rights and in July that approach was incorporated into Israel's basic law with the "Nation State" law. But it's wrong to transplant one Holocaust for another.

The Israelis have been working since 2004 to redefine anti-Semitism so that they can stop the BDS movement; they know their apartheid system is at risk. So now anyone who calls it out as such in the UK is an anti-Semite and will be expelled from whatever body they are in or are employed by for telling the truth about Israel. Because most bodies in the UK have adopted the IHRA.
Netanyahu appears to have re-written the GMB rule book, along with everyone else's."

You state that you are a "*holocaust educator*". Please explain what you mean by this?

I believe that the UK has still not owned up to the widespread and often institutional anti-Semitism that it manifested right up until 1946. Until the horrors of the Nazi death-camps became common knowledge. At that point attitudes to Jews in the UK began to change, and people saw them as victims of persecution. Up until then, that was not the case, I believe. Now it is difficult for me to speak to a Jew without reflecting upon the fact that Hitler would have gassed them. Their whole identity has become tainted with victimhood status. That is something that Israel seeks to continue, for it bolsters the argument that the only place Jews are safe are in that racist colony.

But I think it is important that we understand just how badly we treated the Jews up until 1946 and I think in that respect I am a Holocaust educator. For we in the UK did nothing to prevent the Holocaust, though our leaders knew it was happening.

But know this- when Jan Karsky escaped from Poland in 1942 with a message from the Jews who were being exterminated there, Churchill refused to meet him. Indeed, Churchill did very little throughout the war for the Jews, even though he knew they were being murdered in their millions. He chose not to feature their suffering in his broadcasts (only once he mentioned them) and he was content that the RAF took no action to help them. Did we drop food to Auschwitz? Did we bomb the railway lines taking those unfortunates to their deaths? Did we even think of dropping propaganda leaflets on the Germans, who swallowed the Nazi Party line that the Jews were having a good life in model villages?

My mother taught in Germany before the war; I learnt German at a young age, I knew a few Germans, friends of hers, who lived through the war. They were ignorant of what was going on. And horrified when they learnt of it in 1946. These were educated people- doctors, teachers, businessmen. We did not even try to tell them what was being done to Jews, by their Government. But we knew. Or our leaders did, at least. And they turned a blind eye. Surely that is true anti-Semitism.

Our Government did nothing to help the Jews- we rejected far more Kinder transports than we let in. Balfour himself, who begat Israel, did not want Jews coming to the UK- he backed restrictions through the Aliens act.

It is important that we reflect on our shameful treatment of the Jews up until 1946. That is why I call myself a Holocaust educator.

I do believe that we suffer a national guilt though, because we know that Jews were persecuted and that we did not do enough to save them.
It is unfortunate that as a result of this we have rushed to adopt the IHRA Definition, in the mistaken belief that it will protect Jews. It does not.

If the Disputes Team read my article at http://www.kidsnotsuits.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Does-the-IHRA-Help-Jews.pdf they will see why I think the IHRA has not helped Jews in the UK one bit.

Jan Karski was sent to tell Churchill of the Jewish death camps- but Churchill refused to listen.

28) You stated, "*And so the racism that Jews suffered during the war is now practised by many Israeli Jews themselves." The Chakrabarti Report states: "I recommend that Labour members resist the use of Hitler, Nazi and Holocaust metaphors, distortions and comparisons in debates about Israel-Palestine in particular"* Do you think your comment is against the spirit of this?

No.

This is not what Chakrabarti is talking about: if I, for example were to say that the Israeli Zionists were behaving like the Nazis, in that they were murdering non-Jews indiscriminately, then I think that would be against the spirit of this.

No, they are not as bad as the Nazis. They are a bit more like the Afrikaners, but worse than the Afrikaners, in that they believe that they have a God-given right to be there.

I do not believe in God and I do not believe they have a God-given right to be there, either.

I accept that there are many there that do, but my solution would not be to force them to leave. My solution would be that they accept that the Palestinians were expelled by the Zionists and that they must make peace by making restitution, giving equal rights, abolishing racist laws, etc.

In any event, Chakrabarti's report is just guidance; it has not been adopted by the Labour party.

Item 9

29) In this article you state, "*My position on the IHRA is in no small way influenced by the illuminating Al Jazeera undercover investigation "The Lobby" (part 1) , which I urge every citizen to view, the better to understand who really is trying to control our country."* – What is your response to the allegation that these comments may reasonably be seen to involve anti-Semitic stereotypes and sentiments?

It is an absurd allegation. If the Disputes Team watch the Lobby video, they will see I am referring to Israel. The Israeli Government seeks to control our country's view of it. The proof is there and the evidence is incontrovertible. So whilst I criticise Israel, it's important to note that 57% of the world's Jews choose not to live in Israel. So to criticise Israel is not to criticise all Jews.

In any event, to criticise a country cannot be anti-Semitic, because a country is a legal entity, and to criticise a country is different to criticising all who live there. Apparently 20% of the Jews who live in Israel do not support its racist laws.

To discriminate against Jewish people in general because of their ethnicity and religious beliefs is unfair, but to criticise their political beliefs if those are Zionist beliefs has to be acceptable because every political creed should be open to criticism.

That is one of our fundamental freedoms- one may criticise a Marxist, or an anarchist, or a Fascist in the same way. Zionism is a political creed. We must interrogate all political creeds that are put before us and then choose to support those that accord with our world view. Or reject them, if we consider them to be racist and used to subjugate other peoples. As is plainly happening in Israel.

Item 10

30) This is an email you sent to all members of the National Executive Committee (NEC) on 17 November 2018. In this email you state the following,

"Israeli plotters have largely won: most politicians these days are terrified of openly calling for sanctions for fear they that to do so they will be branded as anti-Semites. If they do they'll be, some prominent Jews will declare, little better than Hitler. Thus the rhetoric is ramped up at election time and we see a willing

mainstream media eager to savour the vile actions of the Holocaust all over again.
Those in LAW and at the Clarion magazine view with horror my comment that:
"Jews in the UK have so much leverage that they could call for the beatification of Thatcher and we would have to seriously consider the proposal". They believe that by saying this, I conflate Jews with Zionists and completely undermine our petition."
What is your response to the allegation that these comments may reasonably be seen to involve anti-Semitic actions, stereotypes, and sentiments?

To answer this question, I believe it is important to reference my communication to the NEC in full. Here it is:

Dear NEC Member,

WHY BOTHER?

Jewish friends of mine say "Why is Pete doing this? Now he is likely to lose his steward's role with the GMB because, as the National notes, they have suspended him. Those Marxists at LAW may feel his treatment is unfair but it's his own fault. He should shut up because he only harms Labour's electoral chances by making a fuss. What we need now is a Labour Government, not someone stirring up a hornet's nest."

But a Labour Government is what I seek. Please read on – and consider my suggestion at the end as to how we might secure both Westminster and peace in the middle east at one go - by taking a few simple yet profound steps.

Firstly please listen - this is what I've noticed. Over the past few years, every time there is any kind of election, be it local or national, the anti-Semitism rant comes forth. Soon the press are full of cries from politicians and media pundits that Labour is still riddled with anti-Semites and the Party HQ has yet failed to get a grip on the problem. Even if I and the close to 1,000 who have signed my petition get expelled after the Disputes Committee meeting discuss my case on the 20th November, it will make no odds. Labour will still be riddled with "anti-Semites". Because those Zionists declaring Labour is too anti-Semitic also believe Corbyn should never be allowed into number 10 – and if he is, he must be muzzled so tight that he says nothing, nothing, nothing of Israel.

To see that this is so, one needs to reflect upon why the IHRA definition of anti-Semitism came to be. As many are beginning to realise, it was hatched not long after the beginning of the millennium when the Boycott, Divest and Sanction movement began to take off. BDS was founded in 2005 and as Nathan Thrall observed in the Guardian in August 2018:

"BDS has challenged the two-state consensus of the international community. In so doing it has upset the entire industry of Middle East peace process non-profit organisations, diplomatic missions and think tanks by undermining their central premise: that the conflict can be resolved simply by ending Israel's occupation of Gaza, East Jerusalem and the rest of the West Bank, leaving the rights of Palestinian citizens of Israel and refugees unaddressed."

"For many diaspora Jews, BDS has become a symbol of evil and repository of dread, a nefarious force transforming the Israel-Palestine debate from a negotiation over the end of the occupation and the division of territory into an argument about the conflict's older and deeper roots: the original displacement of most of the Palestinians, and, on the ruins of their conquered villages, the establishment of a Jewish state. The emergence of the BDS movement has revived old questions about the legitimacy of Zionism, how to justify the privileging of Jewish over non-Jewish rights, and why refugees can return to their homes in other conflicts but not in this one. Above all, it has underscored an awkward issue that cannot be

indefinitely neglected: whether Israel, even if it were to cease its occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, can be both a democracy and a Jewish state."

Haidar Eid, a professor of literature at Al-Azhar University and a co-founder of the BDS movement in Gaza has a clear view. The article continues:

"To Eid, the two-state solution was an essentially racist proposal, because it was designed to preserve a Jewish ethnic majority, with legally sanctioned discrimination against non-Jews. He preferred a single, democratic, non-racial, non-religious state, which he said was a "huge compromise for Palestinians", because it would give "citizenship and forgiveness to settlers and occupiers". Eid objected to the PLO's insincere threats to seek such an outcome, which he wrote off as a misguided attempt to scare the Israelis into accepting ethnic partition: "I mean, equality is not scary! If you are against equality and justice, you are against human rights.""

I hope you have begun to appreciate that the IHRA definition is promulgated by Israel in order to prevent sanctions ever being imposed upon it. [To understand more about how Israel drives its survival by the IHRA definition of anti-Semitism, now adopted by most UK public bodies and Parties, please read "International campaign is criminalizing criticism of Israel as 'antisemitism'" from "If Americans Knew" blog.]

The Guardian article goes on to note:

…. "Perhaps Israel's most powerful tool in the campaign against de-legitimisation has been to accuse the country's critics of anti-Semitism. Doing so required changing official definitions of the term. This effort began during the final years of the second intifada, in 2003 and 2004, as pre-BDS calls to boycott and divest from Israel were gaining steam. At that time, a group of institutes and experts, including Dina Porat – a Tel Aviv University scholar who had a been a member of the Israeli foreign ministry's delegation to the 2001 UN world conference against racism in Durban, South Africa – proposed creating a new definition of antisemitism that would equate criticisms of Israel with hatred of Jews."

"These experts and institutions, working with the American Jewish Committee and other Israel advocacy groups, formulated a new "working definition" of antisemitism, including a list of examples, that was published in 2005 (and later discarded) by an EU body for combating racism. This working definition was adapted in 2016 by **the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA),** and has been used, endorsed or recommended, with some small modifications, by a number of other organisations – including the US Department of State, which, since 2008, has defined anti-Semitism to include any of three categories of criticism of Israel, known as the "three Ds": de-legitimisation of Israel, demonisation of Israel and double standards for Israel. (More recently, the IHRA working definition has been at the centre of the antisemitism controversy in the Labour party, [which adopted it in September 2018].)"

"By the state department's definition, de-legitimisation includes "Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, and denying Israel the right to exist". Thus anti-Zionism – including the view that Israel should be a state of all its citizens, with equal rights for Jews and non-Jews – is a form of de-legitimisation and therefore anti-Semitic. According to this definition, virtually all Palestinians (and a large proportion of ultra-Orthodox Jews in Israel, who oppose Zionism for religious reasons) are guilty of anti-Semitism because they want Jews and Palestinians to continue living in Palestine but not within a Jewish state..."

The second D, demonisation, includes "Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis" … The last of the three Ds, applying double standards, holds that singling Israel out for criticism is "the new anti-Semitism"… The new definition of anti-Semitism has been frequently deployed against Israel's critics.."

So note this. Labour supports the two-state solution. BDS wants (as do I and many Palestinians) a single state solution.

THOSE OF MY FRIENDS WHO THINK I SHOULD SHUT UP, should reflect: the IHRA definition of anti-Semitism is there in order to maintain Israel's ongoing racist status. It will be used come election time by (undercover) agents of Israel to suggest that (a) Labour is unfit to govern and (b) sanctions against Israel are racist and must never be allowed. Zionists will echo this claim.

Israeli plotters have largely won: most politicians these days are terrified of openly calling for sanctions for fear they that to do so they will be branded as anti-Semites. If they do they'll be, some prominent Jews will declare, little better than Hitler. Thus the rhetoric is ramped up at election time and we see a willing mainstream media eager to savour the vile actions of the Holocaust all over again.

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"Jews in the UK have so much leverage that they could call for the beatification of Thatcher and we would have to seriously consider the proposal". They believe that by saying this, I conflate Jews with Zionists and completely undermine our petition.

In the recent piece on our campaign in the Weekly Worker, Carla Roberts of Labour Party Marxists observes, that "LAW, while defending Gregson against any disciplinary action, does not support the petition because it is, in parts, rather clumsily (and unfortunately) formulated."

The stooshie that Lane and Tony Greenstein of LAW refer to is my statement about Jews and Maggie Thatcher. True, my comment can be seen to be racist and glib. Glib it may be, but not racist. For from where does the leverage come? From the Holocaust, mostly.

So why do I say this? Because it is important to reflect that without the Holocaust, there could be no IHRA. Many in the west find it necessary to support the IHRA because they feel the guilt of the Holocaust. That the UK stood by and did little whilst 6 million Jews perished is a blot on our character. In late 1942 it was open knowledge outside areas controlled by the Nazis that Jews were being slaughtered on an industrial scale, but the UK focussed its energy on a military campaign and Churchill seldom mentioned what was going on in Poland, as millions of Jews were gassed and shot. It wasn't until after the war, at Nuremberg in 1945, that Nazi acts against the Jews became open knowledge. By then it was too late.

So, the ancestors of we in the west are in some ways complicit in the genocide by failing to do enough to halt it; and before the war we turned back many refugees. Hence the guilt. And guilt is a powerful motivator. It means that Jews in the UK have significant leverage in the UK because it was all Jews who were victims, not just the Zionists.

But that leverage is exploited not by all Jews, but by the Zionists. And most particularly by those who push the IHRA – and they do it to silence criticism that Israel is racist. For Israelis know too well that if the West acknowledges that it is an apartheid country that its days as a home primarily for Jews are numbered.

So, I say that Jews, rather than Zionists, have leverage because those in the Labour movement need to acknowledge the guilt we feel for the Holocaust is to all Jews, but it is that same guilt that gives power to the Zionists. We must embrace the "elephant in the room" and declare that our guilt is what Netanyahu and the Nakba-deniers deploy to keep Israel on its racist course.

It is pointless and futile to ignore this. As long as we do, we shall never win the battle to see the IHRA abandoned and a return to the OED definition of anti-Semitism where it is, quite simply, "hostility to or prejudice against Jews".

For at the same time as Labour ceases to support the IHRA, it must join with BDS in embracing the idea of a single-state solution. Those living in the occupied territories must be allowed to vote in national elections. For who will then rule from the Knesset? An Arab Prime Minster.

The Israelis fear this so much that they will join with the Conservatives and mainstream media in flaying Labour all over again come the general election for being anti-Semitic. They know that as long as the headlines are dominated by the slur, that many UK voters will hesitate before putting a cross in the Labour candidate's box. But they also know that even if Labour wins, it can never have the power to intervene in the Middle East in the way it did on South Africa in the 80s. It will never have the power to call for sanctions because if Corbyn even suggested it, he would need to be expelled from Labour as an anti-Semite.

So here's what I suggest: abandon the IHRA and disaffiliate the JLM; then in our manifesto go for a single-state solution; declare Israel apartheid; demand the repeal of the Nation State Law; accept the notion that Gaza and the West Bank are part of Israel and demand that Arabs living in those occupied territories become Israeli citizens with voting rights - and lead the campaign for boycott, divestment and sanctions until these aims are realised. Like the US did to dismantle racism in South Africa.

By nailing our colours to the mast, we shall increase our chances of victory when May's Government falls, as it must soon do. We shall make the UK's 100,000 Zionists purple with rage but we shall secure the support of 2.8 million Muslims; for most Muslims identify with the Palestinians.

And by following this course we shall begin to forge peace in the middle east and the removal of a cancer which fuels Muslim extremism the world over.

Here endeth the lesson.

Best wishes,

Pete Gregson,
Labour membership no L1156630

So- to answer your question.. do my comments involve anti-Semitic actions, stereotypes, and sentiments? I do not think they do. The definition of anti-Semitism is "hostility to or prejudice against Jews."
I see no evidence of this.

Some in the Disputes Team might question my assumption that we in the UK suffer from Holocaust guilt but I think we do and that guilt is a powerful motivator. It leads us to do things that we might otherwise not do.

For example, England gives Scotland £1Bn extra each year through the Barnett formula. This is to atone for past guilt. I am grateful for this guilt, for it keeps me in a job. We have twice as many public sector workers per head in Scotland than you have in England, thanks to the guilt you English have towards us. For the terrible way you treated us since 1606. We've been getting this cash since 1978. So, guilt plainly works. And it keeps the Scots in the union.

But I digress. We must reflect upon Holocaust guilt. Is there any good reason why around 200 people (the NEC, trade union leaders, MPs) have given up the rights of millions of people in the UK to have freedom of speech on Israel?

Why would they do such a thing, if they did not believe that Jews needed special protection?

I posit that they adopted it at the behest of Zionists posing as Jews. They adopted it thinking it would make Jews safer, when what it really did was force them to expel those who called Israel racist, for once the IHRA has been adopted into a corporate body's rulebook, any Zionist can call out any activist who criticises Israel.

For that is what Rhea Wolfson did with me, in order to get me expelled from the GMB. Even though my friend Rabbi Cohen, attended every hearing, they were deaf to his pleas on my behalf, that I was no anti-Semite.

No- they were not interested as to whether I was an anti-Semite or not. All they were interested in was- had I broken the union's rules? They considered that I had, for criticising Israel. So, they expelled me.

In this manner, the Disputes Team might begin to understand the ridiculous situation that so many activists find themselves in. It is this awful gagging by the IHRA which has seen our politicians and mainstream media turn a blind eye to the grotesque actions of Israel towards its Arab citizens and the Palestinians over the past year. The politicians of our nation simply turn away from the horrors we have created. Let us not forget- Israel is a colony that we created. Yet now, so many in the UK pretend we have never had anything to do with it.

I am at present seeking to get Edinburgh twinned with Gaza City. I spoke to one Labour Councillor recently. She said she could not support such an action, because it would be "too political". She thought it might be more appropriate to twin with Tel Aviv.

Yes, we have a mountain to climb in educating even our fellow Party members as to the monster we have created in the middle east. That place must be reformed, for it has no respect for those who are not Jews.

And to say this is not anti-Semitic. It is the duty of those who support human rights and equal opportunity for all.

Israeli soldier humiliates Palestinian shepherd, who grazed a flock in his own land.

31) You stated in this email the following:
"So the ancestors of we in the west are in some ways complicit in the genocide by failing to do enough to halt it. And before the war we turned back many refugees. Hence the guilt. And guilt is a powerful motivator. It means that Jews in the UK have significant leverage in the UK because it was all Jews who were victims, not just the Zionists.
But that leverage is exploited not by all Jews, but by the Zionists. And most particularly by those who push the IHRA – and they do it to silence criticism that Israel is racist. For Israelis know too well that if the West acknowledges that it is an apartheid country that its days as a home primarily for Jews are numbered.
So I say that Jews, rather than Zionists, have leverage because those in the Labour movement need to acknowledge the guilt we feel for the Holocaust is to all Jews, but it is that same guilt that gives power to the Zionists. We must embrace the "elephant in the room" and declare that our guilt is what Netanyahu and the Nakba-deniers deploy to keep Israeli on its racist course."
What is your response to the allegation that by stating that, "*Jews in the UK have significant leverage in the UK*" your comments may reasonably be seen to involve anti-Semitic stereotypes and sentiments?

I believe I mostly answered your question in (30) above. I say that Jews have leverage because of our Holocaust guilt. Leverage is the "power to influence people and get the results you want". All Jews have leverage in relation to the Holocaust and our guilt because all Jews were equally badly treated in Europe up till 1946. Hitler gassed all Jews- he did not pick out the Zionists. So all Jews suffered equally. So all Jews have leverage accruing from Holocaust guilt, because we failed to defend all Jews when they needed it most.

So, whilst all Jews have leverage over the Holocaust, only the Zionists choose to use that leverage. They use that leverage through capitalising on their victim status (as Jews) to get the world to bend to their will. And if that means convincing us to turn a blind eye to their racist actions in Israel, that is their success.
I make these observations because I consider that it is on the best interests of peace in the middle east if we abandon the IHRA Definition, for it only serves to perpetuate Israel's racist nature. And that is not good for Jews in the long term, for by its declaration that it speaks for all Jews in the world (when it obviously does not) it begins to taint the Judaic faith, which is by nature, kind and gentle - and not, like Israel, ruthless and violent.

32) You stated in this email, "*By nailing our colours to the mast, we shall increase our chances of victory when May's Government falls, as it must soon do. We shall make the UK's 100,000 Zionists purple with rage but we shall secure the support of 2.8 million Muslims; for most Muslims identify with the Palestinians.*
And by following this course we shall begin to forge peace in the middle east and the removal of a cancer which fuels Muslim extremism the world over."
Who are you referring to when you state the "*100,000 Zionists*"?

These are the numbers of people in the UK whom I think support Israel. As Rabbi Cohen points out, these people are Jewish.

33) Are you referring to Israel when you state, "*cancer*"?

I am referring to Israel as it presently stands, with its vile racist laws, its incessant thirst for land, its relentless harassment of Arab people. This is the cancer of Zionism. It is a cancer and we must eradicate it if we want peace in the middle east. We must eradicate it in the same way that we eradicated apartheid in

South Africa. Through boycotts of its goods and culture, through economic sanctions, through divestment of our finance from its banking system. It needs to suffer relentless international condemnation and isolation. Then, and only then, will it begin to change, as South Africa did in the 80s. I hope someday there will be a true democracy there, with full equality between Arabs and Jews. But it is not an impossible challenge. We have largely achieved it in those other places where we have had large "plantations" of people from Britain- in Northern Ireland, in South Africa. Now we must do it for Israel/Palestine.

Item 11

34) Please explain the reason for sharing this article?

For the avoidance of doubt, here is the hyperlink to this article
https://www.redressonline.com/2019/07/uk-labour-peer-charles-lord-falconer-caught-out-reading-israeli-propaganda-script-on-bbc-tv/
And here is what it says:

UK Labour peer Charles ("Lord") Falconer caught out reading Israeli propaganda script on BBC TV

Gilad Atzmon writes:

In the video below, Labour member of the House of Lords, the upper chamber of the British parliament, Charles ("Lord") Falconer, is caught on camera reading a slanderous hasbara script on the BBC TV programme "Politics Live".

The Labour politician reads a slanderous text from a notebook in front of him. He clearly doesn't know who I am nor does he understand any of my ideas.

The only question that is left open is who is behind Falconer's hasbara notes. Is it the Israeli embassy, Likud UK, the Labour Friends of Israel or the so-called "Campaign Against Anti-Semitism" – or maybe his old friend Tony Blair.

I would like to thank Falconer for spreading the genre of hasbara-manufactured drivel that is both erroneous and slanderous. He provides me with a golden opportunity to expose the true rotten nature of the Labour party in its current occupied state.

So- to answer the question, I shared it because it was of interest to those who, like me, are disgruntled to see unelected peers slandering anti-Zionist activists.

35) On what grounds do you claim that Gilad Atzmon is being slandered?

I would have hoped that the Disputes Team will have watched the video to which Atzmon refers. They can view it at https://youtu.be/fATmjCFckRs

Falconer said Atzmon was banned from playing jazz by Islington Council in an Islngton venue (he was not, they failed).

Falconer claims Atzmon is a Holocaust denier.
But this is untrue. He does not deny the Holocaust or the "Nazi Judeocide" but insists "that both the Holocaust and World War II should be treated as historical events rather than as religious myth.

Falconer says Atzmon blamed the Grenfell Tower on Jerusalemites.
But Atzmon was not taking about people from Jerusalem- this was not a reference to Jews. It was a reference to "Jerusalem and Athens. Reason and revelation in the works of Levi Strauss". Falconer got it wrong. Falconer was lashing out, in creating "bogus anti-Semitism".

Finally, Falconer claims Atzmon said Hitler's attacks on the Jews had been in response to Jews declaring war on Germany. Regarding Hitler, it is true that "Judea Declared War on Germany" as the newspaper headline shows in the video. This was in 1933, in the boycott of German goods advocated by Jews. Atzmon says there was no anti-Jewish legislation at that time in Germany. (Kristallnacht was not until 1938). Indeed, as Atzmon points out, German Jewry tried to prevent this boycott, because they could see how dangerous the situation was.

So, Falconer is slandering Atzmon. What is clear is that he is reading notes off a piece of paper. He really knows nothing about Atzmon at all.

36) The article, written by Gilad Atzmon, states, "*The only question that is left open is who is behind Falconer's hasbara notes. Is it the Israeli embassy, Likud UK, the Labour Friends of Israel or the so-called "Campaign Against Anti-Semitism" – or maybe his old friend Tony Blair."* Do you agree with the sentiments expressed in this excerpt?

I think Atzmon's suggestions are fair comment on the forces that seek to promote the racist colony that is Israel.

37) What is your response to the allegation that these comments may reasonably be seen to involve anti-Semitic actions, stereotypes, and sentiments?

As I say time and again, anti-Semitism is "hostility to or prejudice against Jews."
I do not see evidence of that.

Item 12

38) You published a letter via Weekly Worker in which you discussed your expulsion from 'Labour against the Witchunt' for antisemitism. The letter includes the following passage:
"Being accused of holocaust-denial support is a pretty serious allegation. Bad news travels fast and I do not want anybody to think I had a fair trial. The motion was untrue: it claimed that I had "refused to distance myself from the holocaust denier, Kollerstrom". But I did distance myself and Kollerstrom is not a denier - he accepts Jews were mercilessly slaughtered, but he disputes the efficacy of Zyklon B gas."
What was your reasoning for defending Kollerstrom's views on the Holocaust as not being a denial?

Here is another example of a question from the Disputes Team that begins with a lie. I was not expelled from LAW for anti-Semitism. I was expelled on allegations of "sharing Holocaust denial material". Even

Tony Greenstein declared in the recording of that hearing that he did not consider me anti-Semitic. If the Disputes Team is to be taken seriously by anybody, it ill behoves you to abuse Labour Party members in this manner.

More to the point, I did not defend Kollerstrom's views. I distanced myself from them. Secondly, he does not consider himself a denier. As my letter states, Kollerstrom accepts Jews were mercilessly slaughtered. He accepts there was a Holocaust against Jews. Therefore, he cannot be a denier.

As I said on page 8 above, he might be described as a Holocaust sceptic. He has a 1.5 minute video at https://youtu.be/a9ky5Xzmyzg where he says he accepts the mass murder of Jews in WW2. He disputes the use of Zyklon B.

I disagree with his conclusions, as you can read on my website.

Item 13

39) Please explain why you have referred to Benjamin Netanyahu as the "*President of the Jewish people*"?

Because that is how he sees himself. He declares all Jews to be citizens of Israel. And since he is President of Israel, he obviously considers himself president of all Jews.

I used this comment in an ironic way. It is ironic that someone who considers himself the leader of Jews considers Hitler to be innocent.

Item 14

40) Please explain what you meant by, "*Lansman is a dreadful Zionist*"?

Dreadful means "causing or involving great suffering, fear, or unhappiness; extremely bad or serious." In his Zionist endeavours, Lansman has caused immense suffering to all who seek equality, democracy and peace in the Middle East. He has set the BDS movement back years; he is an apologist for racist Israel.

He also now undermines Corbyn. He has ruined Momentum with his demand for a digital democracy, which removed the power of local branches to set the agenda. It only serves to give him more power, for he sets the questions for these digital "tick-box" polls. The man is bad news, whichever way you look at it.

41) The Chakrabarti Report states:
"*The word "Zionist" has been used personally, abusively or as a euphemism for "Jew"….. Use the term "Zionist" advisedly, carefully and never euphemistically or as part of personal abuse*." Do you think that your comments are against the spirit of this?

I have never used Zionist as part of personal abuse. I called Lansman a dreadful Zionist because he is dreadful and because he is a Zionist.

42) Please would you explain what you mean when you use the term 'Zionist' here?

I use the term Zionist to define Lansman as a person who believes in the development and protection of a Jewish nation in what is now Israel.

Item 15

43) Please explain what you meant by your comments here?

My comment is in response to an article I had found about how Jews are moving to Portugal.
https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/resources/idt-sh/Turning_Portuguese
The BBC reported how Portugal is offering citizenship to the descendants of Jews who were forced to leave the country hundreds of years ago. Thousands of people across the world are taking up the opportunity.

My comment was that "it's better if Jews are going to leave the UK that they go to Portugal, where they will presumably respect the locals."

It is a reference to the fact that Jews who go to Israel at this time know they are going to a racist state where Arabs and non-Jews are seen as second-class citizens. They know that Israel is stealing land from Palestinians to build illegal settlements. I consider that the Palestinians are the locals who are being supplanted by these racist ruthless and disgraceful actions. There is clearly no respect for them, at any official level.

The last time the Jews in Israel showed respect to the Arabs there was when the Neturei Karta were the prevailing force there. This would have been before 1922. Back then Jews and Arabs got along well in Palestine, for those Jews showed respect to the locals.

44) What is your response to the allegation that these comments deny Jews to right to self determination?

I am at a loss to see how this connection can be made.

In any event, if the right to self-determination means riding roughshod over the rights of others, then that kind of self-determination should be condemned in every quarter. For the "right to self-determination" as the Disputes Team phrase it, is not to be compared with some oppressed group like the Kurds demanding statehood. In this context we are talking about a racist colony that deprives non-Jews, especially Palestinians, of the right to a decent life.

Further Questions

45) Please explain why you refer to the JLM as a "*poisonous cancer in Labour"* on your website [source: http://www.kidsnotsuits.com/lazir-and-jvl/?fbclid=IwAR2Gw-DR8bEa-N_WePdaP7r_lc0WoWB5ZHV7aovnywaxF8zrGIUm4rXlHxo]

For the avoidance of doubt, I present here what is in this post on my website:

THE FICTION

JVL Posting on FB of 2nd May at 12:22

Jewish Voice for Labour has become aware of an initiative called Labour Against Zionist Islamophobic Racism (LAZIR) which has made reference to the role of JVL. [more about Lazir, which launches outside London Labour HQ at 12 noon on Sun 5th May at www.tinyurl.com/laziwork]

We wish to make clear that we were not consulted on the use of our name and are not associated with this venture

THE TRUTH

EMAIL TO JEWISH VOICE FOR LABOUR, sent 3rd May 2019

Hi Leah, Mike and all,

This is a crucial time for starting the fightback against the influence of Israel and Zionists in our Labour Party and trade unions. We shall be facing a general election (I predict later this year, if Brexit negotiations founder) and I want it to be in a party without the JLM and the IHRA.

As you know, I favour JVL as being the voice for Jews in Labour. To my mind, most of those in JLM are neither Jewish nor in the Labour Party. As a group that promotes the racist doctrine of Zionism, they have no place in Labour. Maybe their involvement made sense in 1903, before Jews had a safe haven, but it is no longer justified, especially since Israel became an officially apartheid country last July.

Yesterday Steve Price of Labour Against the Witch-hunt informed me that JVL were "deeply opposed" to LAZIR and would soon be making a statement to this effect. If this is true, I will have to say the following:

I took the outline aims and policies that a group of us in Edinburgh had been working on to you for comment first on the 31st March. The following day I took it to Mike (again) and to Labour Against the Witch-hunt (LAW). When I received no response from you, I emailed you again on the 4th April. Since Then I

have emailed you several more times. On each occasion I made clear that these were draft aims and policies and that everything was changeable.

I had also started out hoping that LAZIR might function as a sub-committee of LAW and that is a hope I hold yet. However, my approach was immediately rebuffed by Tina because Tony had declared me suspect. I eventually called upon Stan and he told me I could present it to the LAW meeting this Saturday. At that meeting I shall repeat my request that LAZIR function as a sub-committee of LAW, but I suspect that yet again I shall be rebuffed. The steering group want me expelled, after all. In addition, Socialist Fight, who gave me some excellent advice in revising the aims and policies, were expelled from LAW in early January. There is certainly an appetite at LAW to purge. The present LAZIR aims and policies are at www.tinyurl.com/laziwork

I want to say to you that I am a JVL member and I am very disappointed that you have chosen to ignore my approaches. I suspect that this is largely at the behest of Graham Bash, who, along with Tony, thinks I am dangerous to know. But if you choose to go further down the road of publicly shunning me by declaring LAZIR to be a bad thing, I can't see how it will help JVL.

LAZIR is not just me – there are about a dozen folk who have helped shape the policies, including Rabbi Ahron Cohen of the Neturei Karta. Many more have expressed their support. I have also been working with other Rabbis and with the Friends of Al Aqsa. Both groups I hope will be sympathetic to LAZIR and thus far the two bodies sound keen to be involved at LAZIR events.

I assume that JVL, who do not favour orthodox religion, will sneer at both these groups – both adhere to Judaism or Islam with a passion, but for me, their support is critical and I will point to their involvement to indicate how I have reached out to as many as possible in seeking to build a body that meets the widest approval. That neither JVL nor LAW have chosen to get involved rather weakens your issuing a damning statement in the next few days, in my view.

You may be interested to know that Gordon Dimmack released this interview on the 1st May, in which I describe JVL as "the good guys" (see it at https://youtu.be/ceCOhdqRBoc) as opposed to JLM, who I see as a poisonous cancer in Labour.

Even if you do what Graham Bash wants, and damn LAZIR as soon as it is born, I will continue to pledge to work for your benefit. I believe JVL to be an excellent body. I love reading your updates. You stand for all that is good in Jewry, as opposed to the Zionist nationalistic witch-hunting rhetoric of LM, who as I said before, bears little relation or sympathy to what the Labour party was founded on: social justice.

If any from JVL are interested in coming along on Sunday to Labour HQ at 12 noon and helping me display the attached banner (which I have been up all night making) they would be most welcome. If anybody wants to talk, they can contact me by phone on 0758 472 2191

Best wishes
Pete Gregson
Edinburgh

I see the JLM as a poisonous cancer for the reasons I set out in my answer to question (19) above.

46) Rule 2.I.8 in the Party's rulebook states:
"No member of the Party shall engage in conduct which in the opinion of the NEC is prejudicial, or in any act which in the opinion of the NEC is grossly detrimental to the Party. The NEC and NCC

shall take account of any codes of conduct currently in force and shall regard any incident which in their view might reasonably be seen to demonstrate hostility or prejudice based on age; disability; gender reassignment or identity; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; or sexual orientation as conduct prejudicial to the Party: these shall include but not be limited to incidents involving racism, antisemitism, Islamophobia or otherwise racist language, sentiments, stereotypes or actions, sexual harassment, bullying or any form of intimidation towards another person on the basis of a protected characteristic as determined by the NEC, wherever it occurs, as conduct prejudicial to the Party. The disclosure of confidential information relating to the Party or to any other member, unless the disclosure is duly authorised or made pursuant to a legal obligation, shall also be considered conduct prejudicial to the Party"
What is your response to the allegation that your conduct may be or have been in breach of this rule?"

I do not believe myself to have been in breach of this rule, which I know well and which I studied when I began my campaigning activities in August 2018. My view is that the adoption of the IHRA has been grossly detrimental to the Party. The actions of Zionists in the Party have, since the election of Corbyn as leader, damaged our standing in the polls. They have undermined our commitment to equality and social justice.

It seems that the NEC and the NCC do not comprehend how much they have delivered the Party into the hands of a hostile media by their accommodation of the racist Zionist lobby. Even Corbyn is now apologising for the bogus anti-Semitism that abounds.

But as Formby's data has proven, many of the complaints are not even about the actions of Labour Party members. The whole affair has been concocted by Israel and Zionists with the twin aims of working with the Conservatives and the Blairite rump to undermine Corbyn and the vast and exciting manifesto Labour now offers to UK citizens.

If we want to win the election, we need to stand firm with our principles and stop apologising for anti-Jewish sentiment that simply does not exist. We have anti-Zionist sentiment instead- and that is something of which we can be proud.

47) The Party's Code of Conduct: Social Media Policy states that *"treat all people with dignity and respect. This applies offline and online"* do you think the posts in this pack are consistent with this policy?

Yes, I do. I treat people with respect, until they let me down. I cannot treat CLP candidates who stand for election to the NEC on a platform of supporting racist Israel with dignity and respect, because racists do not treat others with dignity and respect. I cannot treat Blair with dignity and respect because he took us into an illegal war in Iraq which has led to the deaths of hundreds of thousands of people and enduring instability in the region. So not everyone can get full dignity and respect when they take the Party we have built and undermine its aims and values.

Most especially when they get elected (as Lansman did) on a platform of supporting a Corbyn-led Government (I have his candidate's statement before me as I type) and then they go back on that promise. Nowhere in his statement does he say that he supports racist Israel and the adoption of the fraudulent and politicised IHRA. So people have voted for someone who now, apparently, promotes a racist state and the cancer-like JLM.

It is not possible to show “dignity and respect” to those who betray you. What they need to hear is widespread condemnation. Only then, it is hoped, they might mend their ways. Otherwise, what is the point of allowing members to express views on those whom we elect? Remember, we are campaigning for a better world and a stronger, more representative Party, one that reflects the thoughts and aspirations of its membership?

Which I am pretty sure does not include Benjamin Netanyahu, though the nature of the questions levelled at me in this investigation suggests he is held in high regard at Labour HQ. He is not even a member and the Disputes Team appear to be dancing to his racist tune.

Whilst we are on the subject of Dignity and Respect, I hope the Disputes Team are demanding of those Labour Peers and MPs that attack Corbyn as “unfit to govern” that they resign, for I see precious little evidence of “dignity and respect” to our elected leader from these quarters.

48) The Party’s Code of Conduct: Antisemitism and other forms of racism states as follows:
“The Labour Party is an anti-racist party, committed to combating and campaigning against all forms of racism, including antisemitism and Islamophobia.
Labour will not tolerate racism in any form inside or outside the party. The Labour Party will ensure that the party is a welcoming home to members of all communities, with no place for any prejudice or discrimination based on race, ethnicity or religion.
The Labour Party welcomes all who share our aims and values, and encourages political debate and campaigns around the vital issues, policies and injustices of our time.
Any behaviour or use of language which targets or intimidates members of ethnic or religious communities, or incites racism, including antisemitism and Islamophobia, or undermines Labour’s ability to campaign against any form of racism, is unacceptable conduct within the Labour Party.”
What is your response to the allegation that you have fallen foul of the spirit of this code?

I know well what racism is. From personal experience I know.
And I know what religious persecution is too.
I think I am qualified to speak on this, because of my upbringing. I come from Aberdeen, a protestant city. I was born and raised a Catholic, to an English father and a Scottish mother.
From an early age I understood what religious differences could lead to. I went to two different primary schools. Each was attacked by protestant gangs. This was during the day, whilst I was at the school. They literally laid siege to the school, throwing nuts and bolts at us. If you take two bolts and one nut and screw both bolts into the nut, you have a small gap where the two bolts do not meet. If you trap gunpowder in the gap you have an explosive device. It was popular for the older protestant boys to throw these at us pupils and at our school. The raid would last maybe 15 minutes; they would come at break time, then they would disappear. The teachers hid in the staff room. The police never came. This happened every couple of months. It was all pretty frightening.
Job discrimination against Catholics was common. This came on the back of big Orange Lodge activity. They hated our Catholic schools – “Rome on the Rates” was how it was described.
I also know what racism is. In Scotland at that time the English were not popular. Because my father was English, he insisted we spoke “The Queen’s English” at home. But at school, an English accent got you into trouble. English people were despised as “toffs”. [Even now I have SNP friends who won’t speak to an English person].
So I know what it’s like to be despised for being English (of a different race, in Scots eyes) and for being Catholic (of an unpopular religion).

I feel I am thus qualified to comment on issues around anti-Arab and anti-Semitic sentiments. If one has experienced bullying and discrimination it is possible to appreciate just how miserable it can be, to be discriminated against for one's race or one's religion.
When I was 17, I left Aberdeen as far behind as possible and moved to Bristol and then London. In both places I made many Jewish friends. Being an ex-Catholic with our shared pre-occupation with guilt, weird religious practices and odd relations between men and women, we always had stuff to talk about (my family were very devout).

And so I grew up thinking Israel was wonderful. I was 10 years old at the time of the '67 war and the Catholics in Aberdeen were totally in favour of Israel taking extra land. Arabs were never mentioned.

Around the age of 20 I began to learn more. I got a job at the BBC and began to meet Arabic people (I was in the world service). I decided to travel in Arab Africa for 6 months. It was there that I began to see Israel in a different light. All of the countries I visited were ex-colonies, and then I really began to understand racism. I travelled alone, learnt the local language and stayed with families. Islam has a hugely generous approach to travellers- strangers in general. In this fashion, I began to understand what was happening in the middle east. Our colonial history is shameful.

And nowhere more so than in Israel. Even then I heard from fellow travellers of how Arabs were being treated in Israel. It was stuff we never heard about in the UK. Our news is sanitised for a number of reasons and not enough of us understand that Israel is a British creation. That it suited both Churchill and Hitler to get the Jews out of the Europe and into Palestine. That we British were institutionally anti-Semitic up until around 1946, is something few would believe.

So we have a poor record of support for the Jews. And even now, politicians like Trump would rather they left the US and went to Israel. So we are at a different juncture.

So, do Jews feel threatened in the UK? I suspect not. Even though Netanyahu would welcome them with open arms, help them get homes and land, for some reason they prefer the UK. And I prefer them in the UK. The UK is their home and I find their culture, religion and language interesting and special. I want the Jews here, not in Israel.

And fewer and fewer are emigrating from the UK to Israel- something like 500 last year. And fewer this year. Surely, if Jews really felt at risk, they'd be queueing up for tickets, but they're not. In 2018, 534 Britons emigrated to Israel in 2018, representing the third consecutive annual decline. The figure was one third down on 2015 and was the lowest for five years.

So what's going on? The media claim there is widespread anti-Semitism. Whilst there may be great fury at Israel, I can honestly say I have never seen any anti-Semitism. And the only bad thing my Jewish friend in London got said to him in Labour was that "he was the wrong sort of Jew". That was because he had declared his support for Israel. He left Labour after that. And joined Hope not Hate.

But was this anti-Semitism? Even he did not describe it as such. If Jews declare their support for the racist colony that is Israel, it is small wonder that they receive criticism. It is rather like a British person in the mid-80s going to a Labour meeting and saying they supported the status quo in South Africa. Nobody would have dared voice support for a racist state then in Labour. But now as Zionists we let them.

To conclude, I argue that it is the duty of every Labour Party member to speak up about racism- a racism that too many Muslims in the UK experience to a far greater degree than any Jew. Muslims look different for a start- they have darker skin and Arabic names. Jews, on the other hand, can look as much like a white

British person as they wish. I have not seen any Jew get discriminated against or pushed around or beaten up in the UK, but I have seen it happen to Muslims a-plenty.
But Labour seems less bothered about Islamophobia. Where are the studies on the low numbers of Muslims in the media, or in politics, or getting jobs in the City? Nobody seems to be interested in them. Labour ignores their lot.

For example, Jews comprise 0.3% of the population and hold 2% of Parliamentary seats. Muslims comprise 3% of the population and also hold 2% of Parliamentary seats. Yet there are 10 times more Muslims. Why is that? Why don't we have programmes to promote more Muslims into politics? Why don't we have targets and reserved seats? It is widely understood there is Islamophobia in the UK, but the Labour Party are doing precious little about it.

It rather feels to me that we are more interested in supporting Jews who support Israel than we are in helping Muslims in the UK. I give an example. Last year, in November, settlers in Qalqilia pumped their shit into a school. It is becoming popular for Jewish settlers to take upper flats in an Arabic neighbourhood and then throw their shit down on the heads of the Arabs below. If the Arabs protest they are arrested. Arabs are tried in military court; they have a 97% conviction rate and arguing with a settler carries a two-year prison sentence.

But does any Labour politician comment on this, or the recent bulldozing of over 100 homes in Jerusalem, that made 1100 Palestinians homeless? Did any UK politician say anything publicly about this blatant ethnic cleansing? No.. they do not. And why? Because all are fearful of the Israeli lobby.

That is what the Labour Party should be about. We are about the Party of social justice and fairness and equality. Israel is none of those things and it is a colony that we created. Only sanctions will bring it to heel, but if any politician were to even suggest it, under the terms of the IHRA they would likely be expelled. Racism flourishes in the middle east and we do nothing.

Yet we pay for it. Every time a disaffected Muslim reaches for the chemical fertiliser bomb and goes on a suicide mission, we pay for it. And the vile rot that takes place in Israel is what radicalises so many Muslims. Osama Bin Laden said that one of the driving forces in recruiting into Al Quaeda was the treatment of the Palestinians and the West's unstinting support for Israel.

Does violence work? Would we have gotten the Good Friday agreement in the north of Ireland if there had been no IRA? I think not. Sadly armed struggle does work.

The longer we in Labour ignore the racism against Arabs- for not being Jews, in their home countries continue, the greater our blame for every terrorist atrocity becomes. Because too many disaffected Muslims around the world see little prospect or hope for change through peaceful means.
Israel cares intensely what the UK thinks of it. It's about time the Labour Party spoke up about Zionist Islamophobia. We in LAZIR certainly shall.

49) Looking back at the evidence supplied with this letter, do you regret posting or sharing any of this content?
No, I do not.

50) Do you intend to post or share content of this nature again in the future?

I most certainly do. I'd like to point out there is a need to now, more than ever. Recently the Labour put out this message to Party Members (I don't seem to get these.. possibly because I am suspended? Yet still my dues I pay)
"Antisemitism has no place in our Party. Hatred towards Jewish people has no place in our society."
[at https://labour.org.uk/no-place-for-antisemitism/]. I fully agree with the title, but I am worried about what the text and what Corbyn says in his video.

This statement *"Jewish people have the same right to self-determination as any other people"* is problematic. For what is a Jew? A Jew is a member of the people and cultural community whose traditional religion is Judaism and who trace their origins through the ancient Hebrew people of Israel to Abraham. Conversion to Judaism is the religious conversion of non-Jews to become members of the Jewish religion and Jewish ethnoreligious community.

Now.. what is a Scot? A Scot is a native of Scotland or a person of Scottish descent. And many Scots call for self-determination in being independent of England. But for anyone who lives in Scotland, their children are, by definition, natives of Scotland- no matter where their parents originate. And so, if there was an independent Scotland, Scots who were born here would automatically be citizens. Because they were natives, born to a "place".

The problem in Israel is that Arab Israelis are not given "native" rights. They are given "outsider" rights. We see that to have full nationality rights to Israel, one only has to be Jewish, no matter where in the world one lives. So, if a person in Outer Mongolia converts to Judaism, they can come to Israel and they will automatically have far greater rights than an Arab whose family has lived there for centuries.

The problem is that anyone one can become a Jew and can immediately acquire rights on moving to Israel that native people (ie Arabs) do not. And it's not just rights- land is available and lots of state support. The assumption that "Jewish people have the same right to self-determination as any other people" therefore opens up the Labour Party to accusations of supporting ethnic cleansing.

For those that support Judaism have greater rights that native peoples. To make the statement that "Jewish people have the same right to self-determination as any other people" is to ignore the fact that this is a religion with ethnic overtones.

Imagine we declared that "Catholic people have the same right to self-determination as any other people". Surely that would mean that in the north of Ireland we'd have had to help them gain independence from the protestants. But we would never have dreamt of encouraging such sectarian borders.

However, by declaring that a religious group can have their own state, with greater rights than the natives, with any person who subscribes to that religion having greater rights than the natives.. that is where this statement leads us. Because to say that "Jewish people have the same right to self-determination as any other people" is problematic because this began as a religion that was dispersed and followed by a diaspora.

As my Rabbi friend outs it *"A further vital point is that the State of Israel is totally irrelevant to the Jewish right of self-determination. The Jewish People have maintained their self-determination over thousands of years without a State through their attachment to their religion and way of life. In this they differ from other nations who require an attachment to a land in order to express their self-determination. In this point the IHRA implication that criticism of the State of Israel is denying the Jewish People the right of self-determination is wrong. It may be denying the Zionists the right of self-determination but that is not anti-Semitism." (Again this is repetition, but perhaps worthwhile)*

The problem is that the “Right to self-determination” in the context of Israel means the right to settle on land- for there is no other way to define statehood in this context. And on whose land are we conferring these “rights to self-determination to”? Why, the native people’s of course- those who were born there. So the statement “Jewish people have the same right to self-determination as any other people” employed in the context of Israel is essentially a declaration of support for the ethnic cleansing out of that land for those who are not Jewish.

In this way, our Labour Party has become, de facto, a supporter of apartheid.

I fully support the concept of a one-state solution suggested by the Labour statement where it says “Arguing for one state with rights for all Israelis and Palestinians” and I need to reiterate that I have never called for the removal of Jews from the region. But I think they must pay compensation or give up their homes and move to another place in that area if the UN resolution on the right to return for Palestinians displaced in the Nakba is to be honoured. I sincerely hope the Labour Party supports that UN resolution.

Corbyn says if any part of the Jewish community feels threatened, then “we must all ensure these fears are put to rest.” So, what if Zionists start saying they feel threatened by BDS- that BDS represents a threat to their homeland? Will Labour declare that BDS has no place in our society and declare it illegal, as some states in the US are doing? Will a Labour Government advocate sacking Government employees who boycott Israeli products, if Zionists complain about it?

I sense that many of our civil liberties have been abandoned- most notably freedom of speech on Israel with the adoption of the IHRA Definition of AS. I consider that if Labour continues to accommodate the Zionists in this manner, we shall see ever greater erosion of our rights to stand up to racism in the middle east. The greatest freedom we have- to choose what we buy and what we eat, will be at risk.

Furthermore, let’s consider as well the assertion on the statement that “Labour is a political home for Zionists”. Our Party conference in 2018 condemned the Nakba. This is now policy. Political Zionists however cannot condemn the Nakba. It is the foundation stone of the Zionist state. The call for a two-state solution accepts the Nakba and posits the continued exclusion of the Palestinian people from the most fertile lands of their homeland and their confinement in reservations similar to those native Americans were confined in.

If people who support this can be members of the Labour Party, then why cannot white nationalists, who want to expel non-whites from this country, also be members? There is no difference in principle. Both support the expulsion of 'unwanted' peoples from what they see as 'their' state.

This is unsustainable. Either Labour is an anti-racist party, or it is not. Corbyn's attempt to equate Zionism and anti-Zionism is as absurd as Trump's attempt to equate fascism and anti-fascism after Charlotteville.

There can be no toleration of racist political Zionism in an anti-racist party. Either the JLM, the LFI and their allies will have to go, or the mass of anti-racist left-wing members and supporters who currently support Corbyn will take the mass working class base of Labour for themselves, one way or another.

There can be no 'peace' or 'unity' between racist Zionists and principled anti-racists.

And that is why the work of LAZIR must continue.


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Item 1a – Petition on Change.org
https://www.change.org/p/to-chair-of-labour-s-nec-andy-kerr-labour-members-declaring-israel-is-aracist-endeavour-call-on-nec-to-abandon-full-ihra/u/24328623

Rally for Gaza- Glasgow 30th; Gordon Dimmack show; Weekly Worker, etc

22 Mar 2019 —
Join us in Glasgow on the 30th at our Rally to mark the Great March of Return - Buchanan Steps, G1 2NG from 12-2pm; open mic. Sign the petition from the Zionism is Racism coalition to stay up to date. Go to tinyurl.com/zirsign and find us on Facebook at Zionism is Racism - Scotland Stand Up
JLM
Last night Edinburgh Central CLP passed paras 1 and an amended para 3 of the motion on the Jewish Labour Movement featured in the last update. Luckily the Edinburgh Councillors will NOT be asked to swear an oath of loyalty to this rabidly Zionist body. So Zionist support at Edinburgh CLP, but thankfully not enough to allow the JLM to demand to be reinstated to providing "anti-Semitism"
training to the Labour Party.
Other News
Gordon Dimmack has made FIVE EPISODES out of yesterday's skype call with me. The first 8 minute one at Suspended Labour Party member Peter Gregson speaks out
Last week the Weekly Worker published a story about me "Reinstate Pete Gregson" The author made the usual criticisms of what we do, slagging off this petition. My riposte is the Letters page of this week's Weekly Worker - I'm the second one: "Become witches".
Also see the article "UK's Labour Antisemitism Split" by Ian Fantom here. Ian organised the Keep Talking group that filmed my talk in the last but one update. (But I must say I think the Kollerstrom article he mentions is quite toxic).
Also see "The truth about Seumas Milne, Jeremy Corbyn and the new McCarthyism" by David Hearst
in Middle East Eye
Cheers
Pete Gregson

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http://www.unz.com/article/uks-labour-antisemitism-split/

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The Auschwitz "Gas Chamber" Illusion

By Nicholas Kollerstrom

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THIS ESSAY WILL ARGUE THAT WELL-DESIGNED CYANIDE GAS CHAMBERS W indeed present at Auschwitz, and did work efficiently, but that they were operate purposes of hygiene and disinfection, in order to save lives and not take them. Terrible mass mortality came about in the German labour-camps, especially towards the end of the war, but maybe we have to try a bit harder to understand what caused this. Amongst all the archival material for the German Third Reich, there has always been a notable lack of documentation to support the existence of an *intentional* mass-extermination program – of Jews, or anyone else. We have all heard stories about a Nazi program of exterminating Jews, but to what extent are there documents or any physical remains showing this? Has the traditional Holocaust story developed merely out of rumours, misunderstandings, and wartime propaganda? From stories pre-dating the Second World War to the Nuremberg Trials wh

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Labour members declaring Israel a racist endeavour ask NEC to abandon full IHRA

Pete Gregson started this petition to Wendy Nichols Chair of the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party and 4 others

We Labour Party members declare Israel to be a racist endeavour. We are not anti-Jewish.

2,315 have signed. Let's get to 2,500!

Pete Gregson Edinburgh, SCT, United...

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Candidates for UK Labour Party's governing body share their thoughts on adopting the IHRA definition of antisemitism

Pete Gregson on August 31, 2018 58 Comments

Jon Lansman

Next week the UK Labour Party's governing body, the National Executive Committee (NEC), will be voting on whether to adopt the examples put forth by

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https://mondoweiss.net/2018/08/candidates-definition-antisemitism/

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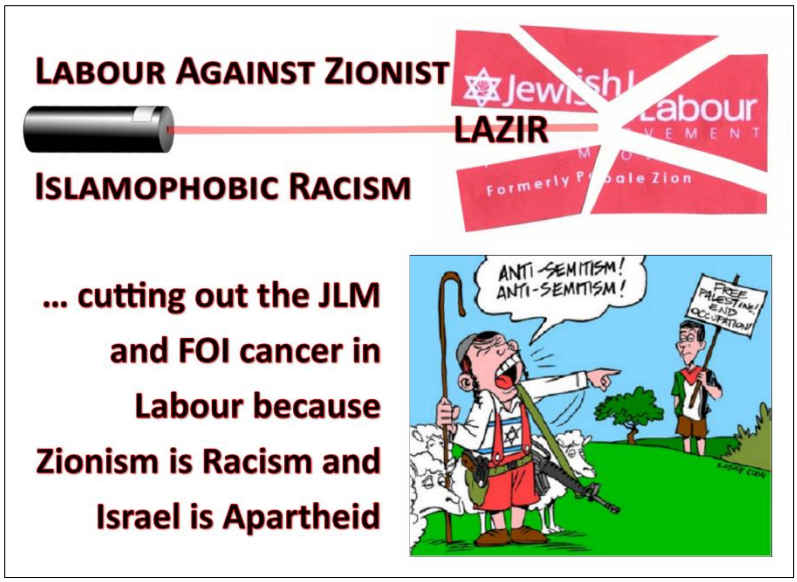

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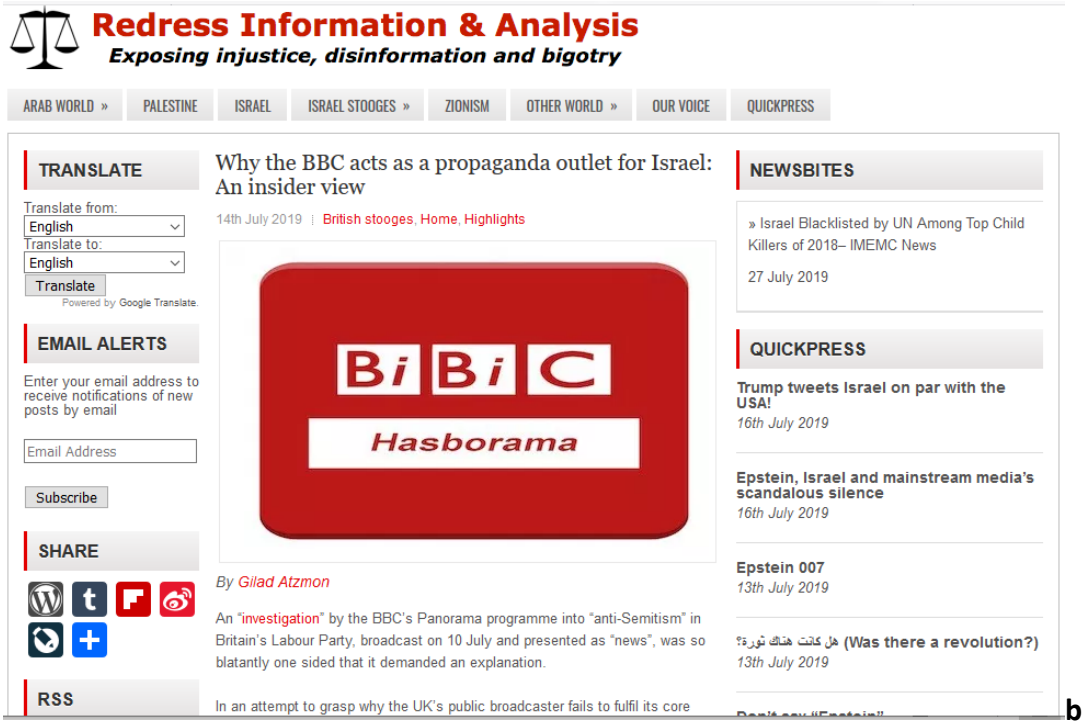

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http://www.kidsnotsuits.com/labourihra/

21st June- **Launch of publicity for "A Gig for Gaza" in Princes St Gardens**, to take place on the 12th July 7-9.30pm- to help promote twinning petition. Get more info here

5th May – Launch date for LAZIR at 12 noon at Labour HQ at 105 Victoria St, London. LAZIR is **Labour Against Zionist Islamophobic Racism** (LAZIR). Our aim is to rid Labour and the unions of the Zionist scourge and the fraudulent IHRA Definition of anti-Semitism. We want Labour to disaffiliate the Zionist Jewish Labour Movement (JLM) and affiliate Jewish Voice for Labour, because Zionism is racism. To read the full aims and policies of this campaigning group and to join for free, go to www.tinyurl.com/laziwork To join LAZIR directly, please click here

To see our launch video, please go to https://youtu.be/7Ab803f9GQw

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Ab803f9GQw&feature=youtu.be

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https://medium.com/@postmaster_54604/why-2-123-labour-members-i-will-tell-the-truth-aboutisrael-even-if-it-means-party-expulsion-e93103c799b5

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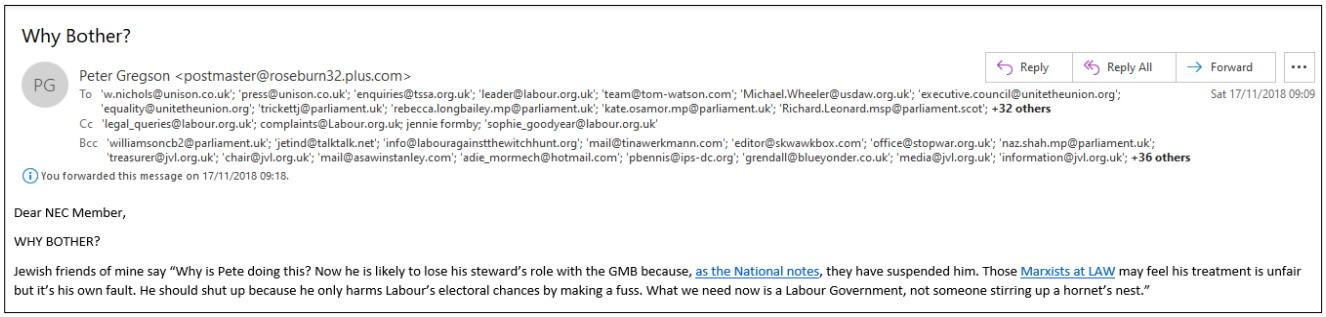

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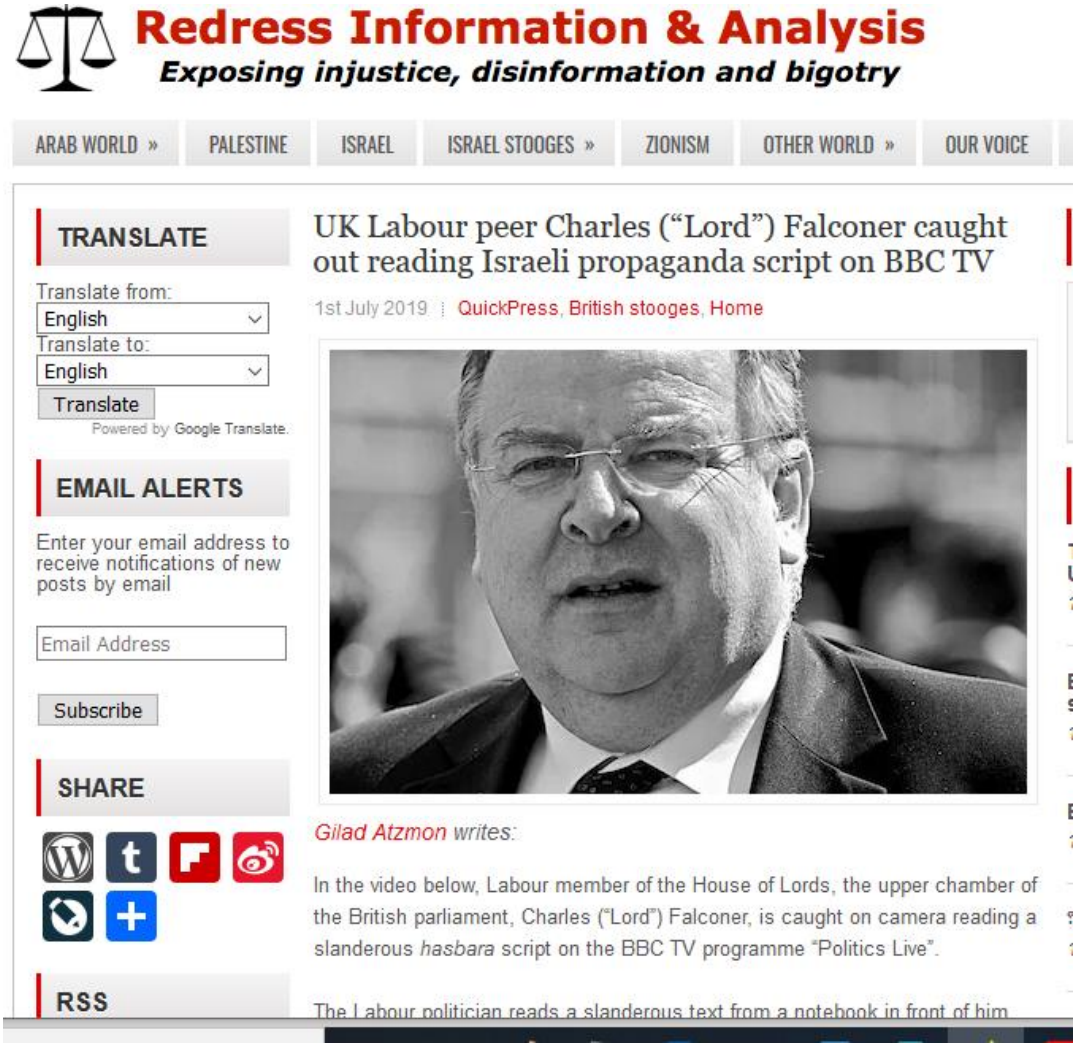

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Netanyahu: Hitler Didn't Want to Exterminate the Jews

Prime minister tells World Zionist Congress that Hitler only wanted to expel the Jews, but Jerusalem's Grand Mufti convinced him to exterminate them, a claim that was rejected by most accepted Holocaust scholars.

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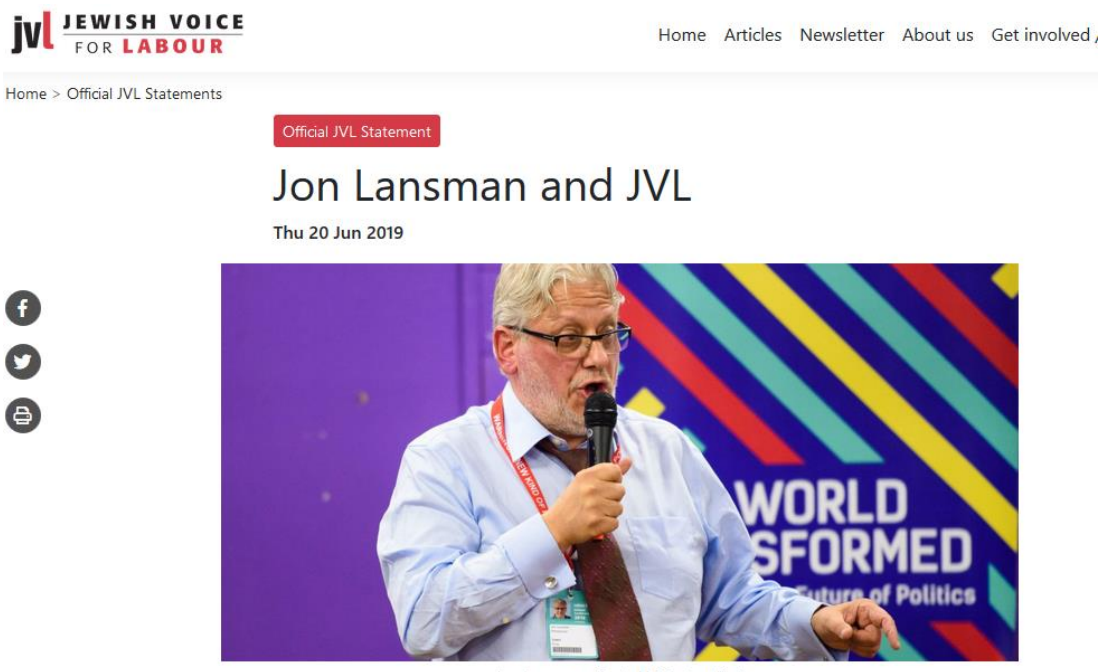

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Jon Lansman and JVL

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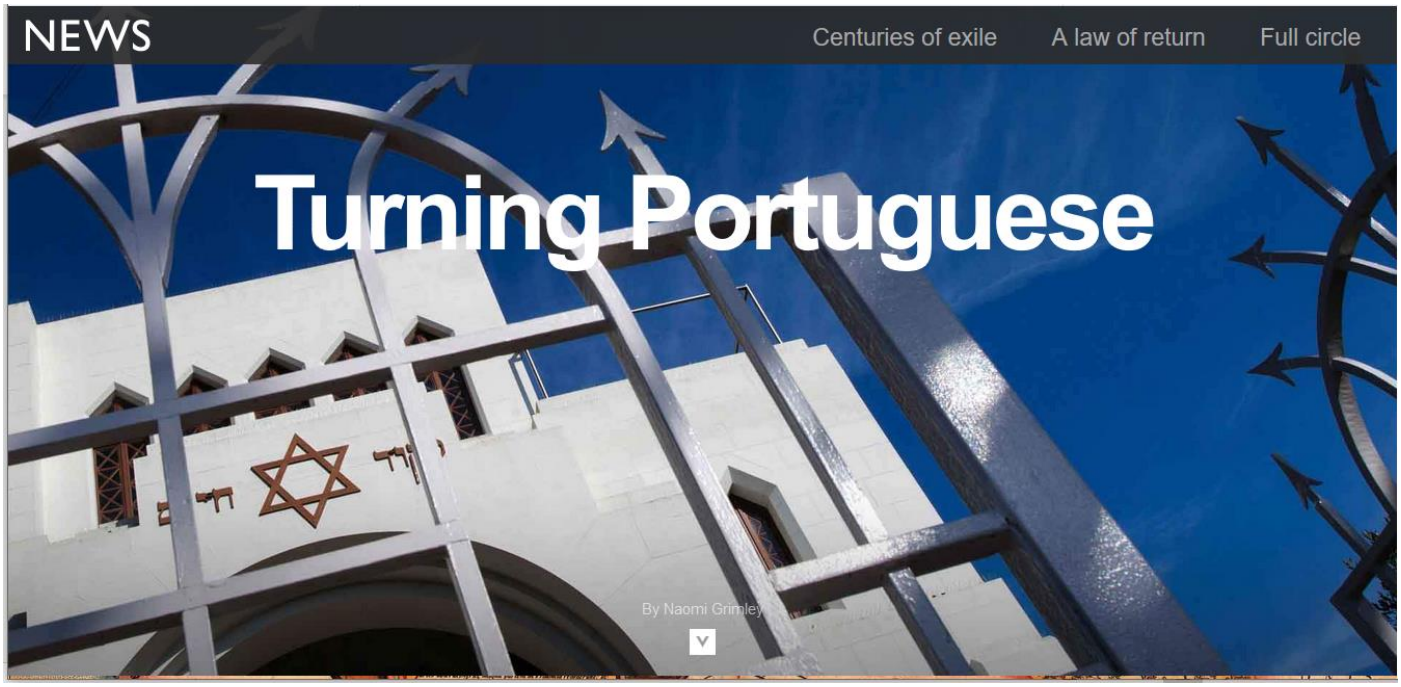

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