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## COMMUNITY BRIEFING

Board of Deputies President reacts to record  
CST figures on antisemitic incidents



Board of Deputies President Marie van der Zyl has reacted to the CST Annual Incidents Report which

community but this report shows that there is no room for complacency. Defeating the evil of

shows a record high total of reported antisemitism in the UK.

Marie said: "For the third year running, the CST has reported a record total of antisemitic incidents in the UK. Events in Gaza and the ongoing antisemitism crisis in the Labour Party undoubtedly played a role in these figures, and they are very worrying for Jews living in the UK.

antisemitism will take a concerted effort by the country's political leadership – in all parties – and civil society. We must strive to make our country a just, safe and respectful society. There can be no room for racism and hatred."

You can read the report [here](#) and the CNN article [here](#).

"Overall, the UK remains a happy place for its Jewish

## Welcome for Parliamentary Labour Party's deadline for leadership on antisemitism

Board of Deputies President Marie van der Zyl and Jewish Leadership Council Chair Jonathan Goldstein have reacted to the Parliamentary Labour Party's motion setting a deadline for the Labour leadership over antisemitism.

In a statement, they said: "We welcome the decision of the Parliamentary Labour Party (PLP) this evening to set a deadline to hold Jeremy Corbyn to account over antisemitism. Since our meeting with him on 24 April 2018, the party has not taken the necessary actions to rid itself of this racism. His lack of leadership has been extremely disappointing. We hope the PLP's motion will push Labour to finally put in place the recommendations we discussed with Mr Corbyn. If he is truly against antisemitism this is an opportunity to prove it, once and for all."

## Marie van der Zyl reacts to rocket attacks on Israel from Gaza

Board of Deputies President Marie van der Zyl has reacted to rocket attacks on Israel launched from Gaza. She said:

"I am deeply worried about the rockets fired at Israeli territory this week. Fortunately, there haven't been any casualties so far. The terrorist organisation Hamas, which is committed to Israel's destruction, needs to be held accountable for these acts of terrorism. The State of Israel has every right to defend her borders and civilians."

# ACTIVITY REPORT

## INTERFAITH

**Public Affairs Director Phil Rosenberg** and **Government Affairs Officer Daniel Elton** met Church of England Director of Mission and Public Affairs Malcolm Brown and Head of Parliamentary Affairs Richard Chapman to discuss common aspirations in the public square.

**Public Affairs Director Phil Rosenberg** and **Interfaith and Social Action Officer Anthony Silkoff** met the Archbishop of Canterbury and Church of England interfaith leads Revd Dr Richard Sudworth and Kat Brealey to discuss building up Christian-Jewish relations.

**Public Affairs Director Phil Rosenberg** and **Government Affairs Officer Daniel Elton** met the public affairs team at the Evangelical Alliance to discuss faith and public life.

**Government Affairs Officer Daniel Elton**, alongside Rabbi David Mason, attended the Interfaith Network meeting at the Liberal Jewish Synagogue

## POLITICAL

**President Marie van der Zyl** and **Parliamentary Officer Joel Salmon** met Ian Austin MP to discuss antisemitism in the Labour Party and in the wider world.

## EDUCATION

**Senior Vice President Sheila Gewolb** visited St Andrew The Apostle Greek Orthodox School in Barnet where she spoke about all aspects of Judaism to 50 students aged 11-12 years.

**Public Affairs Director Phil Rosenberg** and **Education Policy Officer Jake Berger** spoke to students on the Advanced Leadership course at Yavneh College.

## INTERNATIONAL

**Chief Executive Gillian Merron** and Board of Deputies staff members attended a talk on the forthcoming Israeli elections by James Sorene, Chief Executive Officer of BICOM. The talk was organised by UJIA for UJIA and Board of Deputies staff.

## MEDICAL

**Government Affairs Officer Daniel Elton** attended a Royal College of Pathologists seminar on the incoming medical examiners system. Later, he briefed the largest Jewish burial societies at a Board of Deputies-hosted roundtable.

## HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

**President Marie van der Zyl** and **Vice Presidents Amanda Bowman** and **Edwin Shuker** attended the Yad Vashem UK Foundation Dinner

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