



PRESS RELEASE FROM CHANAN REITBLAT

In the early hours of the morning on March 12 my privacy was invaded in a shocking way when two drunken students came into my bedroom in my hall of residence and defaced my property and made abusive comments.

I am Jewish and had an Israeli flag on my bulletin board above my bed. Though I am not Israeli and have never been to Israel, Israel is an important part of my religious belief. They attacked my beliefs and their behaviour towards me and my property was humiliating.

I welcome today's conviction(s) at court. I want to thank the St. Andrews community authorities for their support during this troubled time. I also want to thank the Fife police and their officials at the Cupar sheriff court.

Furthermore, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Jewish community of Glasgow for their support during this difficult time. I am also grateful to the St. Andrews Jewish student chaplain Rabbi Garry Wayland and his wife Suzanne who took me into their family home and looked after my well-being. Finally I would like to thank the members of Jewish chaplaincy board for their support and constant place by my side.

I hope my experience in St. Andrews will help other Jewish students who come to Scotland in the future avoid the sort of incident I lived through. Despite this incident, I look back to my time in St. Andrews and Scotland with many happy memories and will return in the future.

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