

# Political Affairs Digest

A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community

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### Westminster Hall Debate

#### **Jewish Community: Contribution to the UK**

*col 419WH* **Christian Matheson (Labour):** ... I originally sought this debate following a conversation with my friend Marc Levy of the Jewish Leadership Council, and let me say at the outset what an excellent ambassador he is for the Jewish community. ...

As Marc explained to me, there is a feeling among Jewish groups that too many headlines recently have been negative. Jewish groups understandably feel under threat, be it from a rising right-wing, nationalist and racist populism in eastern Europe, from President Putin talking about Jews controlling the world banking system, from President Trump's failure to denounce protestors in the USA chanting, "Jews will not replace us," or—let us be clear— from a sense and fears that my own party has elements that have expressed antisemitic remarks or statements and that complaints about those have not been dealt with sufficiently quickly or robustly.

However, instead of all the negative stories about Jewish people—negativity, I hasten to add, that they themselves are not responsible for—it was time to have a celebration of the contribution of the Jewish people and Jewish groups to our society; ... to remind ourselves again not just of the quality or even the quantity of the Jewish contribution to the UK, but of the length of that contribution.

*col 420WH* The UK has a long established Jewish community: the first record of Jewish settlement dates from 1070. ...

Towards the middle of the 17th century, a considerable number of Marrano merchants settled in London and formed a secret congregation. ... In 1701, Bevis Marks Synagogue opened in London. It is the oldest continually used synagogue in London. The Board of Deputies of British Jews, the main Jewish representative body, was established in 1760. ... On 26 July 1858, Lionel de Rothschild was finally allowed to sit in the British House of Commons when the law restricting the oath of office to Christians was changed. ...

Owing to the lack of anti-Jewish violence in Britain in the 19th century, it acquired a reputation for religious tolerance and attracted significant immigration from eastern Europe. ... Some growing antisemitism during the 1930s was counterbalanced by strong support for British Jews in their local communities, leading to events such as the battle of

Cable Street, where antisemitism was strongly resisted by Jews and their neighbours. ...  
*col 421WH* As we recall the 75th anniversary of D-day and the battle of Normandy, let us remember the more than 60,000 Jews who served in the British armed forces during the second world war ... Some 30,000 Jews from Palestine also served in the British military. Five Jewish soldiers have won the Victoria Cross. ...

Today, there are about 290,000 Jewish people in the UK across all walks of life. According to the 2011 census, British Jewry is overwhelmingly English, with only about 5,900 Jews in Scotland, 2,100 in Wales and fewer than 200 in Northern Ireland. ...

I am particularly proud of the role that Jews played in the growth of the trade union movement and the founding of the Labour party. ...

The Jewish community is also loyal, despite what racists may claim. Every week at the synagogue, on the Sabbath, a prayer is said for the Queen. ...

*col 422WH* The first fish and chip shop was opened by a Jewish immigrant, Joseph Malin, in Cleveland Street in London. ...

Reform Judaism has led policy development work on loneliness and isolation. ...

The Jewish Leadership Council has promoted social care activities undertaken by ex-members who work with the most vulnerable in society and create an environment in which the elderly in the Jewish community can live independently where appropriate. ...

**Ruth Smeeth (Labour):** Many different forms of support are given to the elderly within the Jewish community, primarily provided by Jewish Care, among others. Does my hon. Friend agree with me that the day centre in Hendon, which focuses on holocaust survivors in their final days, is a wonderful addition that would not be provided by the state? That shows the value of organisations such as Jewish Care.

**Christian Matheson:** ... There is a strong culture of supporting the family and others within the Jewish community, but anything that helps to support holocaust survivors and also reminds us of what they and their families went through, so that we can remind future generations, is very important. ...

*col 423WH* Mitzvah Day is a body that promotes an inclusive day of social action. Its aim is to bring people together through Jewish-led social action, and its work contributes in various ways. Volunteering itself is a powerful way for people who are isolated or disconnected from others to come together. ... It not only allows for volunteers to feel connected and useful, but for the beneficiaries to connect to local community volunteers and to establish friendships. ...

I wish to refer specifically to the work of the Community Security Trust, which was set up to protect Jewish communities and Jewish groups from violence, attacks, intimidation and worse. The CST has spread out to use its expertise, developed over two decades, to support other community groups, including Muslim community groups who also face hatred, violence and threats.

CST co-runs several initiatives that encourage and improve community integration, including Stand Up! Education Against Discrimination, which aims to empower young people in mainstream schools to learn about and act against discrimination, racism, antisemitism and anti-Muslim hatred, while developing their social responsibility in the community. The project is led by Streetwise, a partnership between CST and Maccabi GB, another membership organisation, and is supported by Tell MAMA, Kick It Out and Galop. Given a 29% rise in the number of hate crimes in 2017 in the UK, including anti-Muslim hate and antisemitism, the interactive free-of-charge workshops aim to educate young people about tolerance and social responsibility, giving them skills to counter discrimination while ensuring their personal safety. ...

*col 424WH* **Kate Green (Labour):** ... I want to ask him to commend another interfaith initiative, Nisa-Nashim, which brings together Jewish and Muslim women across the country in social action, mutual learning and sharing of enjoyable leisure activities. I am sure he will agree that that repeats the message of the strength of the partnerships that

the Jewish community forms with those of other faiths, and of no faith.

**Christian Matheson:** ... The Jewish community has a great story to tell. Far from being insular, it is integrated, as we have just heard, and is integral to our society. Its members are generous with time, spirit and philanthropic giving, but once again the Jewish community feels under threat. It seems that as soon as there is the first sign of society's cohesion breaking down, antisemitism returns and is one of the first signs of that breakdown. We must deal with that racism head on, but we must also deal with it by remembering and welcoming the Jewish community's massive, positive contribution, individually and through collective groups. I, for one, am grateful for their contribution to our nation. ...

*col 425WH* **Ruth Smeeth:** ... I am the great-granddaughter of Jewish immigrants who arrived here from Russia and Poland, fleeing pogroms. ... My great-grandfather started a Yiddish-speaking Jewish trade union branch, which is now part of Unite the union. ... Not only was my grandmother at the battle of Cable Street, including helping with preparations for it, but she taught me my first political song. ...

On a Wednesday afternoon all the little old ladies on her council estate in the east end of London would arrive at her flat, and she would feed everyone tea. She could read and write so well that they all arrived with their letters and she did what I would now call casework for them. ...

Our story ... could be told by many different people across my community, but it gave me my values. The extraordinary women ... definitely cooked a great deal, but they got me here. ...

*col 426WH* The Jewish community has made contributions to our country at every level, whether political or community, as has every other faith and immigrant community here. We are not special. We are just part of a wonderful society that I am grateful to represent in this place. ...

**Kate Green:** ... Many of us have learned a great deal about the importance of refugee welcome by listening to the stories of refugees from appalling attacks and persecution and, ultimately, the holocaust—still remembered by my parents' generation. ... My interest in refugee policy is at the practical end; about what can be done to support people arriving here. ...

I want to draw the House's attention in particular to World Jewish Relief projects to support refugees into employment. It is not easy for a refugee to move into employment. Although many arrive here highly skilled and qualified, the persecution and trauma that they have experienced may make their re-entry to employment difficult. They might have to learn a new language and requalify in a new system of professional qualifications or skills recognition. ...

*col 427WH* **Pat McFadden (Labour):** ... We are here to emphasise the positives today and I concur with that, but I want to make a few remarks about the growth that we have seen in antisemitism and how I believe we need to respond to it. It affects people on the hard right of politics, and has done for a long time—it comes from people on the hard right of politics—but it is also now coming from people on the hard left. ... It is simply unacceptable, it is deeply disturbing and we have to respond to it in the right way.

As someone who has been a member of the Labour party for 35 years, it is particularly disturbing for me to see antisemitism in the Labour party. We have always prided ourselves on being a party for people of all faiths and none ... so it is very sad to see antisemitism in our party; there is no denying that it is there and has been there in recent years.

*col 428WH* Some of it is wrapped up in a debate about the middle east and about Israel and Palestine and so on, but there is no need for it to be so. To state some obvious truths, the Israeli Prime Minister and the Israeli Government are not the same thing as Israeli society. There is an open and active debate in that country about policy, about settlements, about peace and about direction. Millions of Israeli citizens who take very contrasting views

on those issues participate in that debate on a daily basis.

**Ruth Smeeth:** ... my family who live in Israel campaign against Netanyahu day in, day out, and yet I am held responsible for his actions over here. ...

**Pat McFadden:** ... there are many people who care passionately about the Palestinian cause, who want to see a Palestinian state and who want to see a better deal for the Palestinian people. They can argue that case with passion and conviction, without being antisemitic. ...

We then have to ask ourselves a more difficult question. Where does this come from? What is really driving it? I believe that there is a further, wider problem, which is about an overall anti-western sentiment, which combines hostility to Israel with being anti-American, and which creates a fertile ground for the sentiments. ...

I am disturbed by the antisemitism on the left. It is important that we stand strongly against it, that we do not accept any world view that gives rise to it, and that we state clearly that we are a party of all faiths and none. ...

So, there should be no hierarchy of victimhood. There should be no sense that only some people are victims of racism and other people cannot be victims of racism. We have to reject these things and appreciate that we are admired around the world precisely because we have been, for the most part, a refuge for people fleeing from persecution. We have given people a platform to build new lives. ...

*col 429WH* We should give thanks to the Jewish community for the contribution that has been made over hundreds of years, in all walks of life, to the United Kingdom, and resolve anew that we believe in equality and in a politics and a country that can be a good home for people of all faiths and none. ...

**David Linden (SNP):** ... I, too, have a Jewish cemetery in my constituency. There is not much of a Jewish population in Glasgow East, but there is still a Jewish cemetery on Hallhill Road. Thankfully, it is kept very well. When driving down one of the more significant streets in my constituency, all those headstones with a Star of David on them are a reminder that Jews are such a massive part of the community. ...

I also want to put on record my enormous thanks to the Jewish community, particularly in Scotland, for its immense contribution to our country. We should be very proud of the diversity of modern Scotland, while never taking it for granted. The Scottish National party could not be clearer that Scotland's Jewish community needs to be assured and feel safe, against a worrying backdrop of growing antisemitism across Europe and further afield.

*col 430WH* Like anyone who calls Scotland home, Scotland's Jewish communities have the right to feel comfortable as they go about daily life free from intolerance, and religious or antisemitic hatred. ... We utterly condemn without equivocation anyone who threatens the existence of Israel. Israel has a right to exist peacefully. The Israel-Palestine situation should not be used as some kind of justification for attacks on Jewish people or abuse towards Jewish people, as it seems to be now more than ever. Therefore, we condemn any attempt to do so and any expression of antisemitism.

Given the rise in reports of hate crimes and hate speech in the UK last June, and homophobic attacks, such as that in Orlando, as well as the antisemitic voices on the so-called alt-right, it is more important than ever to learn the lessons of the past. That is why we support work to tackle religious hatred and intolerance, including Scotland's national commemoration of the holocaust and subsequent genocides, so that lessons are learned about what can happen if hatred and discrimination remain unchecked, and seep through into our society. The Scottish Government accept in full, without equivocation, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of antisemitism. It is disappointing that it has taken quite a long time for people to get on board with that. ...

Whether we are Christians, Jews or Muslims, bringing faith communities around the table is key to building a cohesive, respectful society. ...

A few years ago, I had the real pleasure of visiting Glasgow's Garnethill Synagogue, to

look at some of the Jewish archives. Shamefully, it was only then that I began to learn more about Myer Galpern, who was the MP for my constituency, then Glasgow Shettleston, from 1959 to 1979. He was Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons during his last term in office. ...

... the Jewish community made an enormous contribution to Scotland long before Myer Galpern, and I look forward to its continuing to make an enormous contribution to the rich, tartan tapestry of Scotland for many more years to come. ...

**col 431WH Rachael Maskell (Labour Co-op):** ... York's Jewish community may be small, but it is fast-growing, and it is certainly growing in its impact on our city. Determined not to look back to the tragic massacre of Clifford's Tower in 1190, the community is building a new story to be told in our city, marked by community action and an impressive contribution to York's faith forum. ...

I pass on my thanks to the Jewish Leadership Council, which does outstanding work, especially on advancing good practice and taking forward so many initiatives across our country, particularly with its work on care for the elderly. ...

**col 432WH** Many third-sector organisations, such as Jewish Care and Norwood, have made outstanding contributions to our country. ... I work closely with the Holocaust Educational Trust as it leads the dialogue on remembering the past, addressing prejudice in society today and bringing the issue so close to home. ...

On Mitzvah Day ... some 40,000 people from the Jewish community come out to serve their community. ...

It is not just a question of charity. Our economy thrives because of all that the Jewish community has contributed over time. The hard work and innovation of many people within the Jewish community has broadened our economic footprint in the UK and beyond. ... We also celebrate the Jewish community's contribution to science, medicine, sport, literature and the arts in the UK. ...

**col 433WH** At a time when we are seeing the rise of fascism across our nation, with people being othered because of their identity, culture or creed, it is vital that we unite and drive forward radical change across our communities to ensure that all feel safe and welcome in our nation. Together, we must celebrate the contributions that come clearly from the values that lie at the heart of the Jewish community in both culture and faith.

**The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government (Rishi Sunak):** ... Late in his life, the great writer and polemicist Christopher Hitchens discovered that his mother was Jewish and that, by extension, so was he. When he told his oldest friend, Martin Amis, Amis replied, "You know, I find I'm jealous." How else could he feel, when the Jewish people have the one of the most enviable records of achievement of any demographic group in the United Kingdom's history? Despite only ever forming a small percentage of the population, British Jews have shone in almost every field. They have inspired and entertained, created and innovated. They have become our doctors, our philosophers, our inventors, our musicians, our writers, our leaders, our role models, our parliamentarians and, indeed, one of our Prime Ministers.

It is only right that we celebrate the great achievements of the Jewish community, whose contributions have truly shaped our nation's journey and identity. Before we do so, however, I must take note of the fact that a couple of hon. Members ... referred to ongoing incidents of prejudice, abuse and discrimination. It is deeply disappointing that that issue still arises in our society; it should be tackled unflinchingly where it occurs. Those who face such displays of bigotry should know that the British Government and everybody in this Chamber stand with them and support them. ...

**col 434WH** The community has social action at its heart. The very word for charity in Hebrew is derived from the word for justice. The biggest Jewish charity, Jewish Care, is one of the 100 largest charities in the UK. It provides care to more than 10,000 people a week and has 15 care homes, 13 community centres and four independent living

communities. It is an inspiration to the rest of us, showing how much can be done within a community to support those in need.

Similarly, Norwood, which began in the 1700s as a hospital in the east end of London, has flourished and grown over the centuries to support people of all ages. It highlights just how generous the community is with its time and resources, with 500 volunteers and £12 million raised every year to maintain its amazing and precious programmes.

The community strives to look after the vulnerable—not only within it but in the wider world. ...

Finally, no summary of the Jewish contribution to British public life would be complete without mention of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the national representative body of the UK's Jewish community. As the longest-established religious minority in the UK, the Jewish people have led the way in demonstrating how to integrate fully and participate in our national life while retaining a distinct and proud identity, and that process has been led by the Board of Deputies. It has shown the way since 1760 in how to interact with the Government and fight for the rights of a group, while fostering good relations with those of other faiths and remaining perfectly integrated in wider society.

*col 436WH* I stand here as someone who is the son of immigrants, and as someone who is proudly British, proudly Asian and proudly Hindu. I passionately believe that our society is richer for its diversity, and the Jewish community is a proud and shining testament to that. ...

**To read the full transcript see**

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2019-06-13/debates/EAE3C409-8761-4044-90CC-B1A26085D755/JewishCommunityContributionToTheUK>

## House of Commons Written Answers

### Hate Crime

**Chris Ruane (Labour)** [262259] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate he has made of the number of recorded hate crimes by each protected characteristic defined in the Equality Act 2010 in each year since 2010.

**Nick Hurd:** The Home Office collects and publishes statistics on the number of hate crimes recorded by the police in England and Wales since 2011/12 in Table 2 of the Hate Crime data tables available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/hate-crime-england-and-wales-2017-to-2018>. Such data was not collected prior to 2011/12 and data for 2018/19 are due to be published later this year.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-06-10/262259/>

*The following two questions both received the same answer*

### Home Education

**Edward Leigh (Conservative)** [259857] To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether (a) weekday evenings, (b) Saturdays and (c) Sundays are classified as normal school hours for the purposes of the Government's consultation entitled Children not in school: proposed legislation, launched on 2 April 2019.

**Edward Leigh (Conservative)** [259858] To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether (a) morning prayer meetings, (b) afternoon bible studies and (c) evening youth group meetings are included in the scope of education settings for the purposes of the Government's consultation entitled Children not in school: proposed legislation, launched on 2 April 2019.

**Anne Milton:** The purpose of the proposed register is to enable local authorities to track the main daytime weekday educational settings for children in scope, and to

take action if it appears that a suitable education is not being received in usual school hours. This purpose would not be served by bringing into coverage the register activities carried on in places or at times not relevant to determining suitability, or by including places which are simply hosting educational visits rather than providing tuition and it is not our intention to do so.

Issues such as the definition of usual school hours, and what is a relevant setting for the purposes of providing local authorities with information about children on the proposed register of children not in school, will be considered based on responses received to the consultation, which closes on 24 June. Implementation issues such as these are an important part of the consultation, information for which is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/children-not-in-school>.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-06-04/259857/>

and

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-06-04/259858/>

## Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service

### Hate Crime in Scotland, 2018-19

A report on Hate Crime in Scotland, 2018-19 ... brings together figures on race crime, and on crime motivated by prejudice related to religion, disability, sexual orientation and transgender identity.

The main findings are:

- Racial crime remains the most commonly reported hate crime. There were 2,880 charges reported in 2018-19, 12 percent less than in 2017-18. This is 37 percent less than the peak in such charges in 2011-12, and the lowest number reported since consistent figures became available in 2003-04.
- Sexual orientation aggravated crime is the second most common type of hate crime. There were 1,176 charges reported in 2018-19, an increase of 5 percent. With the exception of 2014-15, there have been year on year increases in charges reported since the legislation introducing this aggravation came into force in 2010.
- There were 529 religiously aggravated charges reported in 2018-19, 18 percent less than in 2017-18, and the lowest number reported since 2004-05, shortly after the legislation introducing this aggravation came into force.
- There were 289 charges reported in 2018-19 with an aggravation of prejudice relating to disability, 1 percent more than in 2017-18. This type of crime is generally thought to be under reported.
- There were 40 charges reported in 2018-19 with an aggravation of transgender identity, compared to 52 in 2017-18. ...

**To read the full press release see**

<https://www.copfs.gov.uk/media-site/media-releases/1845-hate-crime-in-scotland-2018-19>

### Lord Advocate welcomes publication of hate crime figures

The Lord Advocate, James Wolffe QC ... said: "The Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS), Scotland's independent public prosecution service, is committed to tackling all forms of hate crime.

"Crime motivated by hatred is not only a wrong against the individual, but is an affront to our collective values as a community, creating division and fear. That is why the Crown treats hate crime so seriously and why it will continue to do so.

“It is encouraging that many victims of hate crime have the confidence to report this type of offending and we would encourage all to do so.

“People who live in Scotland, regardless of their personal or social circumstances, can be assured that they live in a just society and that they will be protected from crime and in particular from hate crime.”

**To read the full press release see**

<https://www.copfs.gov.uk/media-site/media-releases/1846-lord-advocate-welcomes-publication-of-hate-crime-figures-3>

### **Hate Crime in Scotland 2018-19**

<https://www.copfs.gov.uk/images/Hate%20Crime%20in%20Scotland%202018-19%20PDF.pdf>

### **Hate Crime in Scotland 2010-11 to 2017-18 (breakdown by Procurator Fiscal Office**

<https://www.copfs.gov.uk/images/Hate%20Crime%20in%20Scotland%202010-11%20to%202017-18%20breakdown%20by%20Procurator%20Fiscal%20Office.pdf>

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## Israel

### United Nations

#### **Security Council Presidential Statement Expresses Intention to Promote Closer Ties with League of Arab States**

... With Middle East crises occupying a significant portion of its agenda, the Security Council today expressed its intention to promote closer cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States in the fields of conflict early warning, prevention, peacemaking, peacekeeping, peacebuilding and sustaining peace. ...

**António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations**, said that, since his first day in office, he has prioritized cooperation with regional organizations to prevent conflict and sustain peace ...

Turning to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, he said the two organizations are collectively committed to the vision of two States, based on relevant United Nations resolutions, long-held principles, previous agreements and international law. ...

**Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Secretary-General of the League of Arab States**, said ... that he could not neglect the centrality of the Palestinian question in the minds and conscience of the Arab people. Israel’s ongoing occupation fuels radicalization in the Middle East and beyond, he said, emphasizing that the region will never enjoy stability without an end to the occupation, the establishment of an independent Palestinian State and a just resolution to the conflict with Israel. ...

He went on to warn against the dangers of maintaining the status quo regarding the Palestinian situation, especially given Israel’s continuing oppressive practices and attempts to legitimize the occupation while casting doubt on the just cause of Palestinian refugees. Warning against attempts to resolve the Palestinian question outside the framework of international law, or creating alternative economic or development tracks, he called on the Council to assume its responsibilities without selectivity or double standards, afford protection to the Palestinian people and compel Israel to uphold its obligations. ...

**To read the full press release see**

<https://www.un.org/press/en/2019/sc13841.doc.htm>

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## Other Relevant Information

### UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

#### **United Kingdom: UN expert condemns entrenched racial discrimination and inequality**

The UK Government's policies exacerbate discrimination, stoke xenophobic sentiment and further entrench racial inequality, the UN's expert on racism and human rights said in a report. ...

"The structural socio-economic exclusion of racial and ethnic minority communities in the United Kingdom is striking," the Special Rapporteur said in her report, based on a fact-finding visit to the country in April and May 2018.

"[N]otwithstanding the existence of a legal framework devoted to combating racial discrimination, the harsh reality is that race, ethnicity, religion, gender, disability status and related categories all continue to determine the life chances and well-being of people in Britain in ways that are unacceptable and, in many cases, unlawful." Achiume said her findings should not come as surprise to the Government, as government data and reports, including the Race Disparity Audit, the Lammy Review, and the work of the UK Equality Commission, substantiate the persistent exclusion and marginalization of racial and ethnic minorities.

"Reliable reports have shown that the austerity measures have been disproportionately detrimental to members of racial and ethnic minority communities, who are also the hardest hit by unemployment," she said. "At the same time, racial and ethnic minorities are overrepresented in criminal justice enforcement and underrepresented within the institutions that adjudicate crime and punishment. ...

"Undoubtedly, the UK's attempts to collect disaggregated data, review discriminatory outcomes, and draft action plans are vital to the realization of the human right to racial equality. "However, the Government must not confuse data collection and piecemeal reviews for the action it obliged to take under international human rights law. The Government has a duty to undertake comprehensive reviews and implement without delay concrete steps targeted to ending racial discrimination and ensuring racial equality." ...

**To read the full press release see**

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=24698&LangID=E>

#### **Visit to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Report of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance**

<https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/G19/148/21/PDF/G1914821.pdf?OpenElement>

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## Relevant Legislation \*\* new or updated today

### UK Parliament

#### **\*\* Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/divorcedissolutionandseparation.html>

Ministerial Statement

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2019-06-13/debates/1906135000020/DivorceDissolutionAndSeparationBill>

First Reading

*There is no direct weblink to the First Reading, which can be found at the very end of the page, following discussion about Hong Kong*

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2019-06-13/debates/AFB8711A-8CB2-4A56-89C3-DEA4EE0A10A0/HongKong>

### **Holocaust (Return of Cultural Objects) (Amendment) Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/holocaustreturnofculturalobjectsamendment.html>

### **International Development Assistance (Palestinian National Authority Schools) Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/internationaldevelopmentassistancepalestiniannationalauthoritieschools.html>

### **Marriage Act 1949 (Amendment) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/marriageact1949amendment.html>

### **Online Forums Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/onlineforums.html>

### **Palestinian Statehood (Recognition) Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/palestinianstatehoodrecognition.html>

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## **Consultations**

\*\* new or updated today

**Scottish Human Rights Commission Draft Strategic Plan** (closing date 28 June 2019)

<http://www.scottishhumanrights.com/media/1860/strategic-plan-consultation-vfinal-eh.docx>

**Online Harms White Paper** (closing date 1 July 2019)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/online-harms-white-paper>

**Opt-out organ donation: organs and tissues excluded from the new system** (closing date 22 July 2019)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/opt-out-organ-donation-organs-and-tissues-excluded-from-the-new-system>

**Regulation of pre-paid funeral plans** (closing date 25 August 2019)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/regulation-of-pre-paid-funeral-plans-consultation-on-a-policy-proposal>

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The Scottish Council of Jewish Communities (SCoJeC) is Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SC029438