

Political Affairs Digest

A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community
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General Election

The UK Parliament will meet on 13 June 2017 for the first time after the General Election. The Speaker will be elected, after which new MPs will be sworn in. The State Opening of Parliament will take place on 19 June.

Election Results

Party	No. of seats	Change
Conservative Party	318	-13
Labour Party	262	+30
Scottish National Party	35	-21
Liberal Democrat Party	12	+4
Democratic Unionist Party	10	+2
Sinn Fein	7	+3
Plaid Cymru	4	+1
Green Party	1	0
Independent	1	0

Government Ministers

The only Government Ministers to have been announced so far are:

Chancellor of the Exchequer

Philip Hammond

Secretary of State for the Home Department

Amber Rudd

Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

Boris Johnson

Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union

David Davis

Welsh Assembly

Election 2017 in Wales

<https://assemblyinbrief.wordpress.com/2017/06/09/election-2017-in-wales/>

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European Union

Statement by the Spokesperson on the decisions by the Israeli government to advance plans for thousands of settlement units

The decisions by the Israeli government this week to advance plans for thousands of settlement units, including in locations deep inside the West Bank and expanding the existing footprint of built-up areas, further complicate the prospects for a viable two-state solution.

Israel's continued policy of settlement expansion is illegal under international law. The EU calls on both sides to engage in a meaningful process in view of reaching a negotiated two-state solution, and reiterates its readiness to support them, together with its international and regional partners. This is the only way to fulfil the legitimate aspirations of both parties and to achieve just and lasting peace.

https://eeas.europa.eu/headquarters/headquarters-homepage/27928/statement-spokesperson-decisions-israeli-government-advance-plans-thousands-settlement-units_en

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Consultations ** new or updated today

Caste in Great Britain and Equality Law (closing date 18 July 2017)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/caste-in-great-britain-and-equality-law-a-public-consultation>

Workplace Diversity (Wales) (closing date not stated)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/wtucdiversity>

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