

Political Affairs Digest

A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community
Scottish Council of Jewish Communities
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Charity Commission

Report: Chesed Leyisrael Trust

... The charity's objects are:

- the relief of poverty amongst persons in need and hardship in particular but not exclusively in the Jewish community
- the advancement of education according to the beliefs and values of the Orthodox Jewish faith
- the advancement of the Jewish Orthodox religion ...

The charity had failed to submit its annual accounts, reports and annual returns to the Commission for the financial years ending 31 March 2014 and 2015 within the statutory deadlines. ...

A charity trustee informed the Commission that delays were incurred during preparation of the accounts. This does not excuse the failure of the trustees to fulfil their statutory obligations ...

When the charity's missing documents were submitted, the accounts were referred for scrutiny by the Commission's accountants. Issues identified from that scrutiny were followed up separately with the charity. ...

As a result of the inquiry, the Commission ensured the charity complied with its legal obligations to submit its annual accounting information. ...

To read the full report see

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/chesed-leyisrael-trust-inquiry-report/chesed-leyisrael-trust>

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European Union

Local EU Statement on Palestinian prisoners in Israeli detention

The Heads of Mission in Jerusalem and Ramallah are following with concern the ongoing hunger strike by Palestinian prisoners in Israeli prisons, held in protest against the conditions of their detention.

The Heads of Mission reiterate the EU's call for the full respect by Israel of international

humanitarian law and human rights obligations towards all prisoners. The detention of Palestinians, who qualify as "protected persons" under Article 4 of the Fourth Geneva Convention, in prisons in Israel is in contravention of Article 76 of the Fourth Geneva Convention which prohibits the transfer of prisoners outside of occupied territory. As a consequence, family members' access to their detained relative is impeded.

The Heads of Mission also reiterate their long-standing concern about the extensive use by Israel of administrative detention without formal charge. Around 500 Palestinians are currently being held in administrative detention. Detainees have the right to be informed about the charges underlying any detention, must be granted access to legal assistance, and be subject to a fair trial be given a fair trial within a reasonable time or be released.

https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/palestine-occupied-palestinian-territory-west-bank-and-gaza-strip/25681/local-eu-statement-palestinian-prisoners-israeli-detention_en

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Consultations ** new or updated today

**** closes in 5 days**

Independent review of hate crime legislation [in Scotland] (closing date 12 May 2017)

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/hate-crime/2f6c8d5f/>

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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