



# Political Affairs Digest

A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community

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**COVID-19: Updated guidance for the safe use of multi-purpose community facilities**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-multi-purpose-community-facilities/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-multi-purpose-community-facilities>

**COVID-19: Updated guidance for the safe use of places of worship and special religious services and gatherings during the pandemic**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-during-the-pandemic-from-4-july/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-during-the-pandemic-from-4-july>

**COVID-19: Updated guidance for small marriages and civil partnerships**

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### Israel

#### House of Commons Written Answer

##### Israel: Contact Tracing

**Jonathan Gullis (Conservative)** [70524] To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with his Israeli counterpart on that country's experience with track and trace technology during the covid-19 pandemic.

**Nadine Dorries:** My Rt. hon. Friend the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care has not met directly with his Israeli counterpart to discuss track and trace technology. We are, however, working closely with other countries through international forums such as the G7, G20 and the World Health Organization, as well as on a bilateral basis on a range of issues relating to COVID-19 including sharing learning on the development of the Test and Trace App.

## European Union

### **Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of European Union on the announcement of a normalisation of relations between Israel and the UAE.**

The EU welcomes the announcement on the normalisation of relations between Israel and the United Arab Emirates, and acknowledges the constructive role played by the US in this respect. The EU has for many years promoted the development of relations between Israel and the countries of the region. Israel and the United Arab Emirates are both important partners of the European Union. A normalisation of their bilateral relations will be beneficial to both countries and a fundamental step for the stabilisation of the region as a whole. We remain committed to a comprehensive and lasting peace for the entire region and stand ready to work to this end together with our regional and international partners.

Israel's commitment to suspend plans to unilaterally annex areas of the occupied Palestinian territory is a positive step. Any unilateral decision that undermines a lasting, agreed solution should be avoided. The EU remains firm in its commitment to a negotiated and viable two-state solution built upon the internationally agreed parameters and international law – and reaffirms its readiness to work towards the resumption of meaningful negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians, building also on the commitment by the parties of the joint statement to engage diplomatically and continue efforts to achieve a just, comprehensive and lasting peace.

<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2020/08/15/declaration-by-the-high-representative-on-behalf-of-european-union-on-the-announcement-of-a-normalisation-of-relations-between-israel-and-the-uae/>

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

### **UK Parliament**

#### **Assisted Dying Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2019-20/assisteddying.html>

#### **Education (Assemblies) Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2019-20/educationassemblies.html>

#### **Genocide Determination Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2019-20/genocidedeterminationbill.html>

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

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2019-20/marriageact1949amendment.html>

#### **Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2019-20/marriageandcivilpartnershipminimumage.html>

## Scottish Parliament

### **Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill**

<https://beta.parliament.scot/bills/hate-crime-and-public-order-scotland-bill>

### **Post-mortem Examinations (Defence Time Limit) (Scotland) Bill**

<https://beta.parliament.scot/bills/post-mortem-examinations-defence-time-limit-scotland-bill>

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