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A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community

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Government Equalities Office

Minister for Women and Equalities selects new EHRC Chair

The Minister for Women and Equalities Liz Truss confirms her decision to select Baroness Falkner of Margravine as Chair for the Equality and Human Rights Commission. ...

Baroness Falkner brings significant leadership experience to the role, having previously held the role of Chairperson of the EU Financial Affairs Sub-Committee in the House of Lords (2015-19). Prior to her becoming a peer in 2004, the Baroness worked for the Liberal Democrats in the House of Commons and party headquarters including as Director of International Affairs and Policy. She also worked at the Commonwealth Secretariat and as Chief Executive of Student Partnerships Worldwide, was formerly a member of Parliament's Joint-Committee on Human Rights and is currently a member of the Bank of England's Enforcement Decision Making Committee.

Minister for Women and Equalities, Liz Truss, said: "Baroness Falkner's experience and commitment to equality means she's an excellent candidate to take forward the important work of the EHRC.

"I look forward to working with her as we seek to deliver the government's levelling up agenda, making sure that all corners of the country have equal access to opportunity."

An independent selection process has been carried out to select the new Chair in accordance with the Governance Code for Public Appointments. ...

To read the full press release see

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/minister-for-women-and-equalities-selects-new-ehrc-chair>

Scottish Government

Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020: Report on the steps taken to ensure that the solemnisation of marriages and the registration of civil partnerships continues to be available, and on the number of marriages and civil partnerships that have taken place during the reporting period

<https://tinyurl.com/y5z5a4ak>

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United Nations

Secretary-General Welcomes Launch of Talks on Lebanon-Israel Maritime Boundary Talks, Pledging Full United Nations Support Pending Final Agreed Outcome

... The Secretary-General welcomes the launch today of discussions on the delineation of the Lebanon-Israel maritime boundary, following the framework agreement announced on 1 October. The United Nations, through its representatives, is fully committed to supporting the parties in the discussions, as requested by them, as they work towards a final agreed outcome.

<https://www.un.org/press/en/2020/sgsm20340.doc.htm>

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Relevant Legislation ** new or updated today

UK Parliament

Assisted Dying Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2592>

Education (Assemblies) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2579>

Genocide Determination Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2621>

Marriage Act 1949 (Amendment) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2608>

Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2584>

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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Consultations ** new or updated today

Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Specified Type B Procedures) (Scotland) Regulations (closing date 20 November 2020)

<https://consult.gov.scot/population-health/consultation-specified-type-b-procedures/>

Getting Married: A Consultation Paper on Weddings Law (closing date 3 December 2020)
<https://www.lawcom.gov.uk/project/weddings/#weddings-consultation-paper>

Hate crime laws (closing date 24 December 2020)
<https://www.lawcom.gov.uk/project/hate-crime/>

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