

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross-Party Group on Building Bridges with Israel
<b>DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED</b> (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)
13 September 2016
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b>
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b>
<b>DATE OF PRECEDING AGM</b> [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11-13 months of the previous AGM]
<b>18<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b>
<b>GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES</b>  Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures.  Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.
Coronavirus has impacted the ability of the CPG to meet.  <b>18<sup>th</sup> August 2020 (meeting held virtually)</b> MSPs: 6, Non-MSP attendees: 23  The CPG heard from Lt Col Sarit Zehavi about current security issues in the region and the new real between Israel and other Arab countries in the region. Deputy

Ambassador Sharon Bar-Li updated the group on the efforts to combat Covid-19 in Israel.

**15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 (meeting held virtually)**

MSP: 4, Non-MSP attendees 28

The CPG heard from Oren Simanian who discussed the opportunities in sports technology. Deputy Israeli Ambassador Sharon Bar-Li updated the group on the appointment of a new Ambassador.

**MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

Jackson Carlaw MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party  
Adam Tomkins MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party  
Alison Harris MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party  
Bill Bowman MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party  
Jamie Greene MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party  
Jeremy Balfour MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party  
Rachael Hamilton MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

John Mason MSP, Scottish National Party  
Richard Lyle MSP, Scottish National Party

Mary Fee, Scottish Labour Party

Willie Rennie, Scottish Liberal Democrats

**NON-MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Individuals

Ziv Dotan  
Stanley Lovatt, Honorary Consul for Israel in Scotland  
Angus Hay  
Edward Green

	Gordon Matheson
Organisations	<p>The Jewish Leadership Council - secretariat</p> <p>Centre for Scotland and Israel Relations</p> <p>Confederation of Friends of Israel – Scotland</p> <p>Scottish Council of Jewish Communities</p> <p>Parliamentary Prayers Scotland</p> <p>Christian Friends of Israel</p> <p>Glasgow Friends of Israel</p> <p>Edinburgh Friends of Israel</p> <p>Glasgow Jewish Representative Council</p> <p>Bridges for Peace</p> <p>Israel Britain Alliance</p> <p>Scottish Friends of Israel</p>
<p><b>GROUP OFFICE BEARERS</b></p> <p>Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.</p>	
Convener	Jackson Carlaw MSP
Deputy Convener	Richard Lyle MSP
Secretary	The Jewish Leadership Council
Treasurer	N/A

## FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

## SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

## CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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