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Dear Jeremy,

I was deeply disturbed to read reports that you were a member of the anti-semitic Facebook group 'Palestine Live', where neo-Nazi material and Holocaust denial was widespread. Given the frequency and ferocity of anti-Jewish hatred in the group, I am sure you can understand the abhorrence of many at your membership of the group.

I was further shocked that you organised an event on behalf of members of the group, namely Elleanne Green, the administrator of the 'Palestine Live' group, despite the fact she regularly posted explicitly anti-semitic material. The speaker at the event was Max Blumenthal, who has compared Israel to Nazi Germany and to ISIS, and he was preceded by James Thring, a far-right activist who believes the 'world is controlled by Jewish elders'.

With this in mind, I believe it is important that Labour members, activists, and the Jewish community hear a sincere and honest apology for your membership of the group and an unequivocal statement that appalling views like those espoused by Mr Blumenthal are unacceptable in the Labour party.

Yours sincerely,

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