

Justice Secretary pays tribute to Scotland's Jewish communities

Cabinet Secretary for Justice Humza Yousaf has paid tribute to the contribution of Scotland's Jewish communities to the life of the nation.

On Sunday October 28th Mr Yousaf addressed Scotland's Jewish Gathering in Edinburgh, where Jewish people from across the country were coming together through the weekend to hear speeches and take part in discussions and workshops.

The Justice Secretary said:

"It was my pleasure and honour to attend the Gathering and join the Jewish community on this important occasion.

"This event presents an ideal opportunity to reflect on the diversity of Scotland and the important role our faith communities play in supporting public cohesion.

"On behalf of the Scottish Government, I pay tribute to the huge contribution which Jewish communities make to our society.

"Of course this Gathering takes place against the backdrop of widespread shock and sadness at the appalling attack on the Jewish community in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The thoughts and prayers of people across Scotland are with everyone affected by this despicable act and we stand in solidarity with the Jewish community across the world.

"In Scotland we will continue to work together to tackle prejudice and build the society we want to be – a safer, stronger and fairer nation where equality and human rights are fully respected and each person, every family and all communities can flourish."

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