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CC: sash-designer@hotmail.co.uk; rl106@cam.ac.uk
Subject: RE: The Presidency of the Board of Deputies
Date: Tue, 21 Apr 2015 09:01:50 +0000

Dear Jonathan

Thank you for writing – I did not know you were in Bushey Heath and I am very sorry to hear of your operation. I hope you are making the best possible recovery.

I appreciate and am encouraged by your support – thank you.

You certainly should have received the last Board mailing by post at Pesach time, containing nomination forms and the list of deputies. There's no question of the Board not sending it to you because of your operation !

I shall ask the office to send you a postal vote form, as I appreciate it may be difficult or not possible for you to attend the election meeting on 17 May.

Beth Alexander's case is deeply painful and troubling. I have done my best to help, without much success I am afraid, but I am not giving up. The conduct of many individuals in the Vienna community leaves much to be desired (and I could say as much for the courts, having read the judgments).

I think your late father, z'l, was a bit before my time, although of course I know his name and fine reputation.

With all good wishes

Jonathan



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From: Jonathan Goldman [<mailto:jgthepoet@msn.com>]
Sent: 21 April 2015 00:53
To: Jonathan Arkush
Cc: Jonathan Goldman; Lisa Sophie Goldman; Rosalind Landy
Subject: RE: The Presidency of the Board of Deputies

Dear Jonathan,

In recent weeks I have been bombarded by Deputies working within the Legal Profession for my vote for Vice President who had received postal forms for Nominations with my email address which I considered to be private for the Board's use for sending out Meeting Notifications and not for hassling Deputies.

I presume I was not sent a Application Form as I had my right leg amputated on 31 January 2014.

I do not take exception, however, to your email as I am fully appreciative of the help you were able to give to Adrian Alexander with regard to his sister Beth Schlesinger [nee Alexander] and the fight to regain her twin sons in Austria.

The Alexander family are friends to my daughter, Lisa Feldmann.

Once the papers are received I shall willingly give you my vote.

Although the Deputy for the Cambridge Traditional Congregation, I reside at the Jewish Blind and Disabled Cecil Rosen Court in Bushey Heath, and my late father, Rabbi Dr Solomon Goldman zsl of St John's Wood was connected to the Board for many years during his lifetime.

Sincerely

Jonathan Goldman

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From: arkush@11SB.com
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Subject: The Presidency of the Board
Date: Mon, 20 Apr 2015 21:20:58 +0000

Dear colleague on the Board of Deputies

Forgive the impersonal nature of this message – while I have spoken to many of you, it is unlikely that I shall succeed in talking to all 300 Deputies. Indeed I know that not everyone welcomes canvassing. I don't either !

In advance of the Board circulating candidates' manifestos in a few weeks' time, I shall send you just this one short note to ask you to consider giving me your support in the forthcoming election for the Presidency of the Board.

My preference is to state my case directly, rather than by sending cards, text messages, t-shirts or invitations to a reception. Time is short and I shall be working on your behalf right up to election day, including representing the Board and UK Jewish community at the Global Forum for Combatting Antisemitism just days before.

I stand for the demanding office of President on my record of the past six years leading the defence of our community against those who wish us ill. As Board Vice President and Chair of the Defence & Group Relations Division since 2009, I have led the work of protecting and defending our community in the key areas of antisemitism, attacks on shechita and brit milah and assaults on the very existence of Israel from the BDS campaign and the Israel haters.

I have advocated these and other critical concerns of our community to the foremost places of political power at 10 Downing Street and Westminster, to the highest leaders of churches including the Church of England, the Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church and the Quakers. On campus I have personally used the Board's strong reputation to intervene with more than 15 Vice Chancellors at UK universities where hate speech was threatening the wellbeing of Jewish students - most recently at Southampton as many of you will know.

I am especially proud of our work with UJS, which has seen hate speech placed under firm control and has measurably improved the university life of our students. I am equally glad to have played the major role in bringing Jewish youth movements into the Board some five years ago and doubling the representation of UJS. Giving younger sections of the community a greater say in our work was a major advance.

I have been a very active and visible representative of our community across the media, on television, radio and the press, making frequent appearances including on BBC and ITV News, BBC Radio 4 Today, Sky News, Al Jazeera. I have written articles and am regularly quoted in every major UK newspaper, including The Times, the Daily Telegraph, the Guardian, the Observer and the Daily and Sunday Mail. In just the last 3 weeks, a selection of my voice in defence of our community can be seen here:

<http://www.standard.co.uk/news/politics/thatchers-seat-is-not-for-turning-as-jewish-voters-warn-labour-over-israel-10167925.html>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-devon-32200377>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3045115/Nazi-invasion-London-EXPOSED-World-s-Holocaust-deniers-filmed-secret-race-hate-Jews-referred-enemy.html#ixzz3XiE1cjoj>

I have actively travelled the length and breadth of the country visiting and speaking to as many of your constituencies as I can. I have spent time with other faith groups as well, seeking to achieve greater understanding between us, sometimes to a sceptical and even hostile audience, but I am not frightened to try.

With these actions and many more I have played a strong part in raising the profile of the Board of Deputies to an extent that it has not enjoyed for many years.

But I have a strong positive vision which to me transcends even the vital task of protecting and defending our community. The Division I have led for six years is responsible for interfaith engagement. The Board has carried out magnificent work here, and I am strongly committed to presenting my vision of how a diverse, talented and vigorous people as we are, with the Jewish value of a strong social conscience, can demonstrate the enormous contribution of faith in our country. I have therefore forged personal links and friendships with the UK's most senior religious figures, which will stand us in good stead in the future.

We are a small, indeed a tiny community of just one half of one per cent of the UK's population. We cannot expect to win every cause, but we can use the force of our reasoned argument to good effect, as we have done so strongly in the last six years I have been Vice President.

That is the sort of leadership that I will do my utmost to continue to give.

I am a proud British Jew and both descriptions are important to me. I am passionate about our community and totally committed to our Board - your Board - of which I have been a member since my 20's.

If I have your support, it will be a privilege to lead and, I hope, to inspire us to greater things, and make our distinctive and immense contribution to British society even stronger.

With best wishes

Jonathan



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