

# [Black History Month](#)

Black History Month is a time to focus our national attention on the history and legacy of black British communities. **Each year it is an opportunity to acknowledge the central role that black people have played in transforming the social, political and economic landscape of our country.**

Let us empower the next generation of activists and trailblazers and do all we can to ensure that their achievements will never be absent from the history books.

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# [Rosh Hashanah](#)

At sunset today, Jewish communities in the UK will come together to celebrate **Rosh Hashanah**, the Jewish new year. For the millions observing, this is a time of self-examination, reflection and personal change.

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For decades, British Jewish communities have profoundly shaped our culture and national way of life. Our country wouldn't be the success it is today without their ongoing and immeasurable contributions.

**Sadly, the pervasiveness of anti-Semitic sentiments is something we cannot ignore.** And it is particularly concerning when these attitudes seep into the political mainstream, as witnessed recently. It is our duty to stand up to those who seek to ferment and provoke division of any kind. **We each have a responsibility to be custodians of kindness and compassion and we must vow to always stand up to the forces of bigotry and hate.**

To those celebrating, I wish you a happy and healthy new year. **Shana Tova!**

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## [Luciana Berger's running to be the next Lib Dem MP for Finchley and Golder's Green](#)

We've got some great news – **Luciana Berger will be standing to be the next Liberal Democrat MP for Finchley and Golder's Green!**

Luciana had this to say:

"It has been an enormous privilege to have served as the MP for Liverpool Wavertree for almost ten years.

I cannot thank my constituents enough for the relationship we have grown over the last decade and what we have achieved together."

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## [What's next](#)

We've done it. **Parliament is open again.**

At the Supreme Court, we defeated Boris Johnson's illegal attempt to silence the will of the people.

The message is clear. **Boris Johnson cannot undo democracy.**

We need to do this because we can't trust the Prime Minister to obey the law.

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# **“How can you be lesbian and Christian?” How dare the Home Office even ask that?**

When human beings are persecuted for their sexuality, their gender identity or their beliefs – or all of these – and forced to flee their homes, we must do all we can to protect them.

The Home Office’s treatment of LGBT+ asylum seekers is appalling

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