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► **You generously** gave the Right Honourable Simon Hughes MP space to respond to your article (*Letters*, October 12). He reciprocated by placing all the blame for the problems in the Middle East on Israel and showed his total disdain by referring to the "government in Tel Aviv".

There can be no doubt that this was intended as a deliberate insult as he could have referred to the Israeli government if he did not want to mention Jerusalem. In the same sentence he said that Jews and others in the UK had no say in the matter. He apparently has. Right Honourable? The man doesn't know the meaning of the words.

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► **As a former loyal and active member** of the Liberal Party, I write in some dismay. After the Tonge aberration, we now have the deputy leader of the party postulating that the municipal government of Tel Aviv should be responsible for Israeli national policy.

Should the same logic argue that British national policy should be

LEADING CHARITY'S FINANCIAL SITUATION

► **Further to your front-page article** last week (*JNF loses half its revenue*, October 12) I feel obliged to point out that JNF-KKL Scotland is an independent charitable trust based in Glasgow, run by a committee overseen by three trustees and regulated by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.

It became independent in 2007 and has no connection whatsoever with JNF UK, which is based in London.

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WHAT IS GAINED FROM PRESENTING US IN THIS WAY?

► **Watching Jewish Mum of the Year** I was ashamed, horrified and embarrassed (*News*, October 12). As a community we should be promoting tolerance and understanding, and instead we have this — a bizarre caricature of people the likes of whom I have certainly never met. What were the people who came up with this programme trying to achieve? What did they want to prove?

Everyone involved has done the Jewish community a great disservice.
Vicky Kennedy
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► **The programme** is not just a sad reflection on British society. These eight mothers unashamedly reject core Jewish values, in favour of being self absorbed and nasty. They do not represent Jewish ethical behaviour.
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► **I have never before felt a need** to write to a newspaper but I am so annoyed. What is gained from presenting this to the public? From the dishevelled professor to the ridicu-

determined by the Winchester Municipal Authority? Never again will I ever vote Liberal, or even Liberal Democrat.
Godfrey R Gould
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► **Either Mr Hughes** is very poorly informed or has not caught up with events in Israel since 1948. But perhaps his comment tells us more about his mind-set than all his protests about what was reported in the *JC*.

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► **If Mr Hughes** wishes to have his views taken seriously (however objectionable they may be), his inaccurate reference does him no favours.

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► **Rather than** spending time pontificating about Israel and showing off his poor geography skills, wouldn't it be better for him to think more about his own party's electoral future with the UK government in Manchester.

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► **When the *JC*** tells us the "fall in [the JNF's] revenues has been blamed on a perceived politicisation of the charity" we would like to know precisely who is doing the blaming. And when a "senior communal figure" tells us that "the community no longer sees the JNF... as a credible receptacle" we would like to know their name and their evidence. Failing that, you will excuse us if we regard the story as an unwarranted slur on the JNF.

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why do TV producers need to put out programmes that create barriers for those of us trying to "blend" into a society that already struggles to contain issues among different religions?
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► **Perhaps with a more sensitive** approach the programme could have been more interesting. Given the wealth of material available, I was disappointed with the end product and at times cringed with embarrassment.
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► **I am not Jewish**, but like many other non-Jews with even the slightest understanding of the debt that western culture owes to Judaism, I have great respect for it.

It will therefore take far more than a TV programme to have any effect on my regard for the Jewish community. If the programme represents anything, it is merely the sheer laziness and lack of creative talent on the part of its makers.

Phillip O'Loughlin

► **Rabbi Wittenberg** (*The idea that faith ignores at its peril*, October 12) argues for the inclusivity of all humanity because God created man in his own image. But it is difficult to reconcile this with the equally held belief that God created man without the knowledge of good and evil.

The meaning of good and evil is debatable but clearly refers to right and wrong. One can only speculate what would have been the future of mankind's moral behaviour, bad enough as it is, without knowing what is right and what is wrong. Certainly there would have been nothing God-like about it.

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HOUSE DEMOLITIONS

► **Itay Ephstain** is entirely disingenuous when portraying the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions, and Amnesty UK as balanced on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (*News*, October 12).

Deviating far from its claimed human-rights agenda, Amnesty UK has often hosted events and given platforms to supporters of BDS (boycotts, divestment, and sanctions) campaigns, as well as "one state" advocates.

ICAHD also repeatedly demonises Israel by employing rhetoric including "ethnic cleansing" and "collective punishment". The topic of the event was "Discrimination, Displacement and Despair: The impact of Israel's prolonged occupation". In its campaign of vilification, which erases the history and the context of wars and mass terror, ICAHD has lobbied for the invention of a new international crime, "prolonged occupation".

ICAHD's latest campaign is an immoral charade. The reality is that this is an attempt to single out Israel for selective condemnation and to generate lawfare cases surrounding an imaginary legal concept.

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SPORTING MEMORIES

► **As a lifelong supporter** of Leyton Orient, it was a joy to read the article by Anthony Clavane (*Features*, October 12), highlighting the rich Jewish heritage of my beloved football team. I don't believe there is a more haimishe football team in the land — and that includes Spurs.

I would also like to thank the *JC* for its coverage of the Os in the past year, having reported on the visit of Leyton Orient players to a Jewish Care home in Ilford, as well as the conference attended by almost 5,000 strictly Orthodox men at the stadium.

Hopefully, one day, you will be able to report on the Os in the Premier League — though that might be a while off yet.
Eddie Gershon