

20 January 2019 at 11:16

From: Stephen Silverman

Date: Fri, 18 Jan 2019 at 10:33

Subject: RE: Letter attached regarding event with Gilad Atzmon on 18th January

To: Chair Progress <XXXXXXXX >

-Dear XXXXXX,

Thank you for your reply. On the basis of your response it is clear that, by failing to stand up to antisemitism, you have chosen to abandon this country's Jewish community. Your willingness to turn a blind eye to the activities of this leading antisemite shames you, your board and your theatre. That you do so on the basis of his assurance that he will not say anything antisemitic on this occasion is a dereliction of duty.

There is a vast amount of documented evidence, accumulated over many years, that bears witness to the extent of his antisemitism. He attempts to shield himself from the consequences of this with a bogus philosophy of his own devising that purports to be critical of 'Jewishness', Jewish politics and Jewish culture rather than of Jews. It is a paper-thin facade that crumbles under even the most cursory scrutiny.

This is someone who [publicly told](#) a Jewish man that he detested the Jew in him, stated that burning synagogues could be considered a rational act and [invited the Jewish people](#) to apologise for being so hateful that the world has been forced to persecute them. He repeats some of the same discredited antisemitic views about Jewish power that were employed by the Nazi regime to pave the way for the Holocaust, and he uses his blogs, videos and public talks to encourage others to share his hatred. In 2012, [he was disavowed](#) by a group of prominent Palestinian writers and activists who refused to have anything further to do with his antisemitism.

Gilad Atzmon is increasingly being shunned by those who put a high price on the values of tolerance and decency. I strongly urge you to reconsider your decision. We will endeavour to ensure that your actions, positive or negative, receive the attention that they deserve.

Kind regards

**Stephen Silverman**

Director of Investigations and Enforcement