

Caroline Ansell MP

*will host an Educational Luncheon
to commemorate*



British Mandate 100 *Pathway For Peace*

The modern State of Israel inherited its contested legal foundations and territorial status from the **British Mandate for Palestine** (1923–1948), approved in London by the League of Nations a century ago this year.

In peace negotiations after World War One, the indigenous inhabitants of the defeated Turkish Ottoman empire were recognised for the first time, and the victorious allied powers 'mandated' to prepare them for independent self-rule – a progressive idea. One such ancient population was **the Jewish people**, always present in small numbers in their only ancestral land, but at the time increasingly returning after 18 centuries of exile.

Those at this luncheon will hear from experts in international law, history, and geopolitics, as well as vivid first-hand accounts of the British Mandate and its impact on the Jewish people. Although much has happened since then, perhaps truly **the past is key to peace in the present.**

1pm-3pm

**Wednesday
6 July 2022**

The Attlee Suite,
Portcullis House
by invitation only

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**A unique occasion
not to be missed**



Programme:

- 1:00 Arrival after PMQs; finger food & drinks
- 1:30 Welcome: Caroline Ansell MP
- 1:40 Lord Leslie Turnberg – **History**
Why was Britain given the Mandate for Palestine, and were we successful?
- 2:00 Col. Shaya Charsit – **Impact**
How did later events in Europe relate to the Mandate and bring it to an end?
- 2:20 Mr Andrew Tucker – **International Law**
What relevance does the Mandate have for the current conflict?
- 2:40 Concluding remarks
- 2:50 Departure; collect a Pathway For Peace booklet

Guest Speakers:



Lord Leslie Turnberg

is an emeritus Professor of Medicine and former President of the Royal College of Physicians. He is the author of two well-received books on the history of the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.



**Col. (res.)
Shaya Charsit**

is a Holocaust survivor from Warsaw, Poland, and survivor of the refugee ship Exodus in 1947. He rose to prominence in the Israeli air force and later served as air attaché to the Israeli Embassy in London.



Andrew Tucker

is an Australian-born international lawyer, based in The Netherlands. He is Principal of Tucker & Associates, and Director of the think-tank The Hague Initiative for International Co-operation ("thinc").