



## Local Elections on 1 May: An Important Message

Extremist parties, most notably the British National Party, are preparing local election campaigns in London for the May elections of the Greater London Authority and other elected offices, including that of Mayor. The threshold for them to gain a seat on the GLA, together with the public funds that then become available, is a mere 5 per cent of the vote.

The good news is that extremist and racist candidates can be stopped from securing elected office if the turnout is sufficiently high, and so every vote cast on the day counts.

This is why the Board of Deputies has launched an awareness and voter registration drive in the lead-up to the May elections. Register, vote, and if necessary, obtain a postal vote.

**For information and to support the cross-communal response to the local and London elections in May, see [www.fight-racism.co.uk](http://www.fight-racism.co.uk) or contact [admin@fight-racism.co.uk](mailto:admin@fight-racism.co.uk).**

A core text of the Passover Hagadah is the reminder, “In every generation they rise up against us...” It is a cautionary adage that should awaken our responsibility to fight complacency and to work with people of all faiths to ensure that we live in a peaceful and tolerant society.

Each vote for a mainstream party is a vote against extremism. Vote and we help guarantee that our voice will be heard. Stay at home and we risk that their voice will prevail. It's really that simple.