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A bitter row has broken out in the Green Party after a *Jewish News* expose revealed its leader used to go by a different name.

Based on conversations with members of the Manchester Jewish community, including renowned local leader Esther McGiller, *Jewish News* can reveal Zack Polanski grew up with the name 'David Theodor Herzl Paulden'.

Founder of Young Greens at Eton, Asa Uwesfull-Idyotte, said: "For years, we've been told Zack Polanski changed his name from David Paulden in order to reclaim his Jewish heritage – which makes perfect sense, as everyone knows the name 'David' is basically unheard of in Judaism. But this new information about his former middle names is hard to take. Our party needs to be above suspicion – which is why



Double Herzl: David Theodor and the father of Zionism

I've tabled an amendment to the 'Zionism is Racism' motion due to be debated at conference. My change would make it mandatory for all Zionists to wear an identifying badge if we win power."

Moishe Pipick, a long-standing Green Party member of several months as well as co-founder of Jewish Voice for Tokens, said: "At first, I thought it was deeply concerning, but then I remembered that the average anti-Zionist doesn't know which river and sea are

being referred to with regards to the chant 'from the river to the sea', so the chances they would have heard of Herzl are extremely slim."

One Jewish political commentator even suggested the revelation could help Polanski "Herzl's most famous maxim was, 'If you will it, it is no dream'", they told *Jewish News*. "Polanski could cite this line when questioned on his party's ludicrous economic policies." The Greens were not contacted for comment.