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## Leading European rabbi urges Israel to turn its back on far-right parties



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Pinchas Goldschmidt tells MKs that cozying up to populist groups, if even they espouse pro-Israel views, endangers local Jewish communities

**A LEADING EUROPEAN** rabbi has called on Israel to end its engagement with far-right parties in Europe, regardless of their position on the Jewish state.

Conference of European Rabbis president Pinchas Goldschmidt warned Israeli lawmakers at a meeting at the Knesset on Thursday that cozying up to nationalist groups in Europe was putting the local Jewish community at risk.

“If a party is intrinsically racist, bigoted against large parts of society and intolerant of minorities, if Jews are not the target now, they will be in the near future,” Goldschmidt said in a statement released Friday.

