



UNION OF JEWISH STUDENTS

# UJS Current Policy

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*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion Title: Student Members Constitutional

Amendment Proposer's name: Josh Cohen

Proposer's JSoc: Nottingham Trent

Seconder's name: Matthew Buchalter

Seconder's JSoc: Leeds

What's the idea?

1. To define what it means to be a member to support and guide membership decisions of the president of the day.

How do you want it to happen?

1. Current constitution reads:
  - a. 3.4. Student Members
  - b. 3.4.1. Student membership of the Union includes and shall be restricted to:
  - c. 3.4.2. Any Jewish student who is in full-time or part-time education at a higher/further institution whose aims are in accordance with the Objects of the union.
  - d. 3.4.3. The current President and Sabbatical Team.
2. To add to the constitution:
  - a. 3.4.2(b): "Student" will be defined as someone who is studying at a Higher or further education institution, or for a recognised Higher or further Education certificate, or undertaking a recognised apprenticeship.
  - b. These changes put into the constitution the reality of the decision making process of a president, and also expand UJS' membership to include apprenticeships - a route more and more of the community will take into the future.

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Motion Title: UJS to become inclusive of students studying and training outside of the category of university, including those in apprenticeships, traineeships and academic qualifications outside of a university body

Proposer's name: Elliot Berke

Proposer's JSoc: Nottingham Trent

Seconder's name: Coral Harding

Seconder's JSoc: UCL

What's the idea?

1. Alternatives to university degrees are becoming increasingly popular, with progressively higher uptake of apprenticeships, traineeships and other study-based options
2. Despite this, UJS currently only focuses its efforts to Jewish university students specifically
3. This leaves out any student-age individuals who are studying via other means, such as those in apprenticeships, who have no other organisational equivalent to turn to
4. UJS should strive to become inclusive for those not specifically in a university Jsoc, but also Jewish apprentices, trainees and positions within other study-based means
5. Examples of these include those in Level 4 (foundation degree level) to Level 7 (masters level) apprenticeships, those in teacher training or other types of training within colleges that aren't classed as universities, and any other theoretical study-based positions that are akin to a university student
6. UJS should include non-university students in all aspects of its work and encourage involvement in events and activities run throughout the year, by providing significant publicity and exposure of the opportunities and support available to them
  - a. N.B. 'non-university students' can be classed as study-based positions (e.g. apprentices, trainees etc.) and not those in secondary education or below the age of 18
7. UJS should create a community and a presence for non-university students, in order that they can have an organisation that is representative on their behalf
8. UJS should allocate one of its team to address issues that non-university students face, for example balancing work and study, or facing religious discrimination in their place of study or work

How do you want it to happen?

1. The UJS National Executive Committee should change the constitution to reflect the points set out above



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Motion title: CO1 UJS to commemorate Armenian Genocide Memorial Day on 24 April

Proposer's name: Eli Sassoon

Proposer's JSoc: Nottingham

Seconder's name: Emma Taylor

Seconder's JSoc: Hertfordshire

What is the idea?

1. Armenian Genocide Memorial Day is held annually to commemorate the 1.5 million Armenian victims of the massacres and forced starvation by the Ottomans in 1915.
2. UJS should join the many countries, organisations and communities which recognise and remember these events.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should hold an event or talk in commemoration of Armenian Genocide Memorial Day.

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Motion Title: CO2 Reengaging International Unions

Proposer's name: Ábel Keszler

Proposer's JSoc: Glasgow

Seconder's name: Noah Katz

Seconder JSoc: Lancaster

What's the idea?

1. Historically, UJS has been an organisation that looked within to ensure the well-being of UK and Ireland based Jewish students but looked outside to address global issues and work with other Jewish Unions around the world. In the past decades, our international relevance has diminished, and our international collaboration has practically disappeared. With hardly any UK and Ireland presence at international events held by other Unions or even in international scholarships. As the Jewish nation is one, we should not isolate ourselves.
2. To ensure that UJS remains relevant in the international sector we propose to reengage with international Jewish unions.
3. Pros of international engagement:
  - a. More immersive opportunities provided
  - b. UJS members will have more opportunities to network with like-minded students internationally
  - c. Attending seminars that benefit the students and provide valuable skills to bring home
  - d. By establishing international communication our Union becomes part of an international support network
- a. Finally, even though the UK is no longer part of the European Union, UJS is still part of the European Union of Jewish Students (EUJS). EUJS can provide political support, fun and engaging events such as international Shabbatons, seminars and week-long subsidised trips.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS leadership should reach out to the leadership of other Jewish unions to establish a relationship of mutual sharing.
2. UJS should advertise international events of other unions to engage our members and aid the other unions
3. Specifically, UJS should try to represent the students of the UK and Ireland in international umbrella organisations such as EUJS (European Union of Jewish Students) and WUJS (World Union of Jewish Students) - Failing to do so results in the opinions and values of our members being left unheard



- a. UJS should resolve to establish a working relationship with both umbrella organisations
- b. UJS should invite a delegation from both umbrella organisations to the convention.
- c. If financially feasible, UJS should always send a delegation to the general assembly of the above two organisations to represent the voice of our members.

*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: CO3 UJS to advocate for Israel within UK Policy and International Law

Proposer's name: Ben Heath

Proposer's JSoc: Southampton

Seconder's name: James Konn

Seconder's JSoc: Birmingham

What is the idea?

1. Israel occupied East Jerusalem in the Six-Day War. Both Israel and the Palestinian Authority claim Jerusalem as their capital. The international community recognises East Jerusalem as occupied territory and as the capital of a future Palestinian State.
2. UN Security Council Resolution 242 was unanimously adopted in the aftermath of the war; it emphasises the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war and that Israel cannot change the status of the city. Both Israel and the PA have accepted Resolution 242 as a framework for negotiation and a future agreement.
3. After Israel's Knesset passed basic law "Jerusalem, Capital of Israel" in 1980 which annexed all of Jerusalem and surrounding areas, the UN Security Council unanimously passed Resolution 478 which further called upon all member states to withdraw diplomatic missions (embassies) from the city.
4. The UK government's position from 1950 has been a "withheld recognition of [Israeli] sovereignty over Jerusalem pending a final determination of its status". The British Embassy in Israel has since been located in Tel Aviv.
5. No change in the status quo of the status of Jerusalem in International Law in points 1- 4 has taken place since the Basic Law was passed.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should acknowledge coexisting Israeli and Palestinian claims of Jerusalem as their capital.
2. UJS should advocate for Israel exclusively within UK policy and International Law in its position on the status of Jerusalem including on the location of the British Embassy.
3. The status of Jerusalem in international law should be included in educational material provided by UJS.



4. When UJS hosts speakers presenting views contradicting this policy, UJS should also present the narrative as defined in UK Policy and International Law.



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Motion title: CO4 UJS to take a stand against immigration detention

Proposer's name: Eli Sassoon

Proposer's JSoc: Nottingham

Seconder's name: Emma Albach

Seconder's JSoc: York

What is the idea?

1. Throughout history, the ability to seek refuge has been essential to Jewish survival.
2. However, in the UK today, those seeking refuge can be indefinitely locked up in immigration detention centres.
3. The UK is one of the only countries in Europe to indefinitely imprison people in immigration detention centres. Every year, around 25,000 people are detained by the Home Office without charge and without time limit across seven immigration detention centres.
4. Detainees are often survivors of torture or trafficking. Moreover, the UK borders watchdog found in its January 2023 report that torture victims and suicidal people in immigration detention centres are not receiving adequate help because of unfounded suspicions from ministers and officials that they are cheating the system.
5. In January 2023, the independent chief inspector for borders and migration (David Neal) wrote to Home Secretary Suella Braverman warning of the wholly 'inappropriate and unhealthy' conditions for those held in short term facilities such as Manston in Kent, and warned that detention continues to put safeguarding at risk.
6. More than 1,500 women who have come to the UK to seek asylum are inhumanely locked up in detention every year. Most are released back into the community indicating that that immigration detention is both unnecessary and retraumatizing.
7. The Home Office has opened a new immigration detention centre for women in County Durham, Derwentside (also known as Hassockfield).
8. Current practice challenges the UK's assertion that "the dignity and welfare of those detained is of the utmost importance."
9. UJS has already adopted policies showing solidarity with refugees. However, we believe specific opposition to detention centres is an important and effective way to increase Jewish opposition to the hostile environment to migration.

10. Jews are former asylum seekers who have been othered and dehumanised. It starts with language like 'invasion', used by the Home Secretary to describe asylum seekers detained at Manston processing centre in recent months.
11. Jewish people also have their own experience of detention in the UK, being called 'enemy aliens' and interned in the Isle of Man in the 1940s.
12. For that reason, UJS should not only to challenge immigration detention, but encourage JSocs in regional proximity to specific detention centres to show solidarity with those detained nearby.

#### How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should platform 'speakers by experience' of detention, working with organisations such as René Cassin and HIAS. Speakers can be found via organisations including Freed Voices, Detention Action, and Women for Refugee Women.
2. UJS Sabbatical Officers should work with organisations like STAR (student action for refugees) and René Cassin, to inform JSocs of their proximity to detention centres, such as Derwentside near Durham and Newcastle, or Campsfield in Oxfordshire.
3. UJS Sabbatical Officers should support JSocs in organising food and clothing collections for detainees.
4. UJS Sabbatical Officers should support JSocs in organising a 'Jewish bloc' to protest at nearby detention centres.



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Motion Title: CO5 Supporting peace and harmony in Jerusalem and opposing racism in the city

Proposer's name: Toby Kunin

Proposer's JSoc: Warwick

Seconder's name: Zac Bates-Fisher

Seconder's JSoc: Sheffield

What's the idea?

1. Jerusalem contains Judaism's holiest site and is a sacred city for Muslims and Christians.  
It is vital that we promote religious harmony and condemn bigotry.
2. Last year, the annual flag march saw racist chanting as marchers processed through the Old City chanting 'death to Arabs' and 'may your villages burn'. Police made dozens of arrests.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should condemn the racist flag march in its public posts about Jerusalem day and ensure that it continues to challenge anti-Arab and anti-Palestinian bigotry.

*This policy lapses in 2025*

Proposer's name: Toby Kunin

Motion Title: CO6 Supporting Jewish enrichment

Proposer's JSoc: Warwick

Seconder's name: Noah Katz

Seconder's JSoc: Lancaster

What's the idea?

1. Jewish life in the UK is so much richer than chicken soup and antisemitism!
2. Often the conversation about Jewish students is framed in just a negative way.
3. There are lots of amazing Jewish organisations and events that more Jewish students should know about!
4. UJS should be playing a key role in connecting students to those opportunities, proactively reaching out to those organisations and their reps.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should meet with the leadership of; advertise; try negotiate discounted rates and connect Jewish students to:
  - a. Accessible Jewish learning: especially Azara and the Queer Yeshiva
  - b. Jewish cultural spaces and festivals: JW3, Jewish Book Week, Jewish Film Festival. UJS should also help broker joint events with local Jewish communities, helping to connect students to their Jewish neighbours.
  - c. Jewish campaigning organisations, like KeshetUK and Rene Cassin
  - d. Limmud: the flagship Jewish cultural event of the year, UJS should support Limmud in its new Young Leadership programme, ensuring that those who would benefit most are not left out.

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Motion Title: CO7 Increasing access to Jewish Culture in all its diversity

Proposer's name: Zac Bates Fisher

Proposer's JSoc: Sheffield

Seconders name: Zach Smerin

Seconders JSoc: Oxford

What's the idea?

1. Jewish culture, constituting a diverse array of forms such art, language, theatre, music, cinema, literature, fashion, sport, and many more, has always been an irreplaceable part of Jewish communal life.
2. Recent decades have seen a strong development of Jewish cultural activities in the British Isles. Today, many Jewish students are not religious or don't consider religion to be a central part of their identity. A significant number of British and Irish Jews do not view religious practice and ceremonies as the primary form of their Jewish identity.
3. Despite this, there is a noticeable lack of non-religious cultural events organised by Jewish Societies and the UJS. The resources situation is even worse: on the website, the 'Jewish Engagement and Enrichment' section includes some limited information on Jewish holidays, but the subsection on 'Jewish Resources' includes only a single [!!!] article. This is unacceptable.
4. There is also little organised advertising and facilitation of access to Jewish cultural events (such as Jewish theatre in London, Limmud Festival and the UK Jewish Film Festival) or Jewish literature (including cultural periodicals such as Jewish Renaissance or Jewish Quarterly).
5. There is no organised programme for learning Jewish languages. External language courses are not advertised and expensive. There are also no organised UJS spaces for Jewish students who are fluent and looking for fellow speakers in languages other than English.
6. A lack of cultural forms of engagement makes Jewish student communal spaces less inclusive, thus decreasing JSoc and UJS membership and participation.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should form a UJS Cultural Team (UJSCT).
2. UJSCT should be formed of 3 current members of the National Council, 2 UJS Sabbatical Officers, and 5 members of UJS chosen via an open and competitive application process, for a one-year term. All members shall be individually elected to the UJSCT by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority of members of the National Council.

3. The UJSCT would have the following obligations:
  - a. To adopt an action plan for the upcoming year within 28 days of formation.
  - b. To advertise forms of Jewish culture in all their diversity, including inter alia art, language, theatre, music, cinema, literature, fashion, sport, and many more. All activities, events and publications of the UJSCT must place strong emphasis on marginalised Jewish perspectives, or non-Jewish perspectives related to Jewish affairs. In this, it must directly cooperate with the UJS Liberation Caucuses and elevate marginalised authors and topics.
  - c. To investigate and produce a list of potential speakers on Jewish cultural affairs, including inter alia writers, artists, musicians, athletes and academics. This list should be passed onto JSocs as soon as it is published, alongside guidance on event organising.
  - d. To gauge Jewish student interest in various forms of Jewish culture by organising regular surveys in cooperation with the Jewish Societies.
  - e. To counteract socioeconomic barriers, establish a mechanism for pooling individual and societal Jewish student resources at a regional and national level, in particular towards organising bulk and discount purchases of:
    - i. Literature, including books and periodicals,
    - ii. Tickets for theatrical, musical and cinematic performances, as well as museum exhibitions,
    - iii. Multi-day cultural events, including Limmud and the UK Jewish Film Festival (UKJFF),
    - iv. Language courses,
    - v. Sports equipment,
    - vi. Relevant transport and accommodation,
  - i. To facilitate the establishment of UJS Language Networks in order to connect speakers across British and Irish universities. For a network to be established, it requires the support of ten current UJS members fluent in the relevant language.
  - a. To promote the study of Jewish languages, including the advertising of language courses, to Jewish students. In this instance, 'Jewish Languages' includes Hebrew, as well as the languages offered in courses by the Oxford School of Rare Jewish Languages: Baghdadi Judeo-Arabic, Classical Judeo-Arabic, Judeo- French, Judeo-Greek, Judeo-Italian, Judeo-Moroccan, Judeo-Neo-Aramaic, Judeo-Persian, Judeo-Provençal, Judeo-Tat, Judeo-Turkish, Karaim, Ladino, Old Yiddish and Yiddish.
  - b. To advertise its activities, as well as relevant non-UJS activities and events (eg. UK Jewish Film Festival) through UJS social media, its website, Aleph, and in Jewish media outlets.



- c. To publish a yearly report on its activities no later than 28 days before the next UJS convention, to allow for an adequate evaluation of its performance in the previous year.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion Title: CO8 UJS to actively combat anti-Palestinian racism

Proposer's name: Benjamin Smith

Proposer's JSoc: Bristol

Seconder's name: Louis Danker

Seconder's JSoc: Edinburgh

What's the idea?

1. UJS is committed to combating all forms of racism
2. This includes specifically combating anti-Palestinian and anti-Arab racism, which exists within parts of our community
3. Combating racism is an active process and so UJS must take proactive steps to combat anti-Palestinian racism, including educating students and condemning it within our community.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS will have a zero tolerance policy on anti-Palestinian and anti-Arab racism, and condemn it whenever it occurs in our community
2. UJS will seek out groups with expertise on, and lived experience with this topic to help educate Jewish students and inform UJS' approach.
3. UJS will refuse to engage with or put on events alongside groups who engage in or spread anti-Palestinian or anti-Arab racism - as is stated in bye-law 3 :2.1.





*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion Title: CO9 UJS Supports Human Rights in Israel

Proposer's name: Zac Bates Fisher

Proposer's JSoc: Sheffield

Seconder's name: Katie Freedman

Seconder's JSoc: Sheffield

What's the idea?

1. The new Israeli government has dominated headlines in recent weeks due to its inclusion of far-right politicians, and has been characterised as the most right-wing government in Israel's history. There have been many issues raised, including but not limited to:
  - a. Attacks on LGBT+ rights in Israel.
  - b. Attacks on the legitimacy of Progressive Judaism, especially in relation to converts.
  - c. Expansion of illegal settlements in the West Bank, and possible annexation with the goal of making any two-state or binational one-state solution impossible.
  - d. Attacks on free speech, especially in relation to the Palestinian flag.
  - e. Attacks on the independence and role of the judiciary, a central part of any democratic state.

How do you want it to happen?

1. Prioritise human rights and equality in UJS-run or endorsed trips to the land of Israel, and centre Israeli and Palestinian voices which affirm human rights and equality



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: CO10 LGBTQ+ inclusive sex-ed motion

Proposer's name: Rebecca Lawson

Proposer's JSoc: Manchester

Seconder's name: Reuben Simon

Seconder's JSoc: Edinburgh

What's the idea?

1. Sex education, especially in faith schools, can often not be inclusive of LGBTQ+ people
2. Sex education is in many cases heteronormative and cisnormative
3. Sex education should actively include LGBTQ+ experiences and dimensions

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should campaign for schools - including Jewish faith schools - to have a programme of LGBTQ+ inclusive sex education
2. UJS should lobby its communal partners, including PaJeS, to also campaign for this

*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: CO11 Combatting antisemitism denialists

Proposer's name: Jack Lubner

Proposer's JSoc: Cambridge

Seconder's name: Edward Isaacs

Seconder's JSoc: Bristol

What's the idea?

1. The Equalities and Human Rights Commission's investigation into antisemitism in the Labour Party found "that the Labour Party breached the Equality Act 2010 by committing unlawful harassment through the acts of its agents in two of the complaints we investigated. These included using antisemitic tropes and suggesting that complaints of antisemitism were fake or smears."
2. The investigation into antisemitism by Rebecca Tuck KC found "views within NUS both that complaints of antisemitism are made in bad faith to try and avert pro-Palestinian or anti-Israeli political advocacy, and to an antipathy towards Jewish students in spaces such as conferences. This has resulted in antisemitism as well as hostility towards Jews which has not been challenged sufficiently robustly or proactively by NUS."
3. For too long, Jewish victims of antisemitism have been told that the very real prejudice they face isn't real. Cultures of denial have festered in parts of the student movement and the far left.
4. UJS must continue to actively challenge this pernicious narrative that mischaracterises Jewish complaints of antisemitism as 'smears' or a 'witch-hunt' and sees Jewish students as bad faith actors who are part of an elaborate conspiracy.

How do you want it to happen?

1. The UJS team should oppose those who deny antisemitism at every turn.
2. UJS should continue to highlight the lessons from last few years, drawing on the lived experiences of Jewish students within toxic environments such as NUS and the 2015- 19 Labour Party
3. UJS should ensure that antisemitism denialists are not allowed to educate student unions about the very prejudice they enable
4. The UJS President and campaigns team should warn JSocs about "astroturf" groups that deny antisemitism.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: CO12 The importance of Poland trips

Proposer's name: Tal Paley

Proposer's JSoc: University College London

Seconder's name: Emma Sherrard

Seconder's JSoc: Central School of Speech and Drama

What's the idea?

1. All students should have the opportunity to visit Poland to learn about the atrocities of our past
  - a. As well as learn about the post-war history of Polish Jews, including the current Jewish communal revival
2. March of the Living UK offers a bespoke, cross-communal student experience as part of the UK delegation, with a chance to travel around Poland with expert educators
3. Students should know about the trip, and feel it is an accessible opportunity for them

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to work with March of the Living UK to advertise the trip, and ensure that it is accessible for all Jewish students.
  - a. As well as provide engagement with local Jewish communities by meeting with young Polish Jews, such as those of the Hillel clubs in Warsaw and Kraków
2. At least one member of the UJS team to join the student delegation to MOTL, when possible
3. UJS should play an active role in follow up initiatives from MOTL participants, based around Holocaust commemoration and education



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: CO13 UJS to oppose transphobia (within Jewish communal discourse)

Proposer's name: Noah Katz

Proposer's JSoc: Lancaster

Secunder's name: Emily Sinclair

Secunder's JSoc: Oxford

What's the idea?

1. UJS has a proud history of leading the way within the Jewish community when it comes to LGBTQ+ representation, platforming more Trans\* voices than any other cross- communal organization.
2. Nationally, and within the UK Jewish community, we are seeing an abhorrent rise in transphobia, for example with transphobic op-eds in Jewish newspapers.
3. UJS should continue to oppose transphobia within student spaces but it should also play a more active role within the wider community.

How do you want it to happen?

1. The UJS President should write a letter to all national Jewish newspapers asking for meetings to address the tide of anti-trans\* bigotry within communal discourse
2. This letter should aim to be written by May 2023
3. UJS should centre Trans\* voices in these conversations and defend marginalised Jewish students
4. UJS should work to lead the student movement on Trans\* inclusion



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: CO14 UJS to seek amendments to the Free Speech Bill

Proposer's name: Daniel Grossman

Proposer's JSoc: Bristol

Seconders name: Louis Gringras

Seconders JSoc: Bristol

What's the idea?

1. The Government's Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Bill is currently passing through Parliament, with the bill set to permit many forms of hate speech on campus.
2. Jewish students should not be exposed to hate speech in spaces where they live, study and socialise.
3. UJS should seek amendments to the Bill to ensure that Jewish students remain protected

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should make representations to the Government for the Bill to be amended to best protect Jewish students
2. UJS should organise a letter-writing campaign to lobby MPs to accept such amendments
3. UJS should seek meetings with MPs and Lords to represent the views of Jewish students about the Bill
4. If the Bill passes, UJS should work with the Office for Students to ensure that their guidance best protects Jewish students



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: CO16 UJS to hold Mizrahi/Sephardi month every November

Proposer's name: Davina Mahgerefteh

Proposer's JSoc: Warwick

Seconder's name: David Goury

Seconder's JSoc: Warwick

What is the idea?

1. Many of the Jewish students whom UJS represents are Sephardi or Mizrahi.
2. Sephardi and Mizrahi heritage is an important part of Jewish history.
3. Sephardi and Mizrahi history and culture can often be ignored in the mainstream Jewish community.
4. UJS should celebrate Sephardi and Mizrahi culture, history, food and customs.

How do you want it to happen?

1. The UJS Sabbatical Team should aim to ensure that a Sephardi and Mizrahi Awareness Month is held in November each year.
2. This month should include Lunch and Learns, Friday Night Dinners, talks from speakers, and social media posts from UJS.
3. UJS should encourage JSocs to take part in and celebrate Sephardi and Mizrahi Awareness Month.
4. UJS should subsidise a Mizrahi/Sephardi themed Shabbat dinner at every JSoc .

*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: CO17 Climate Crisis

Proposer's name: Ábel Keszler

Proposer's JSoc: Glasgow

Seconders name: Kesem Iglinsky

Seconders JSoc: Aberdeen

What is the idea?

1. We are facing an unprecedented global emergency. The effects on global human society, if the climate and ecological emergency is not addressed, will spiral out of control. The magnitude of climate change is causing irreversible effects.
2. There are manifold Jewish texts that refer to the environment, agriculture, and seasons. The care and the preservation of the environment where we all live are intrinsic Jewish values.
3. The safeguarding of the environment is not a whim and environmental sustainability is not a luxury: they are a necessity and a social issue. Environmental damages hit harder, often disproportionately, those who are already in need.
4. Livestock farming contributes 23% of human-produced greenhouse gas emissions worldwide. This is more than all emissions from ships, planes, trucks, cars and all other transport put together.
5. Although aviation is a relatively small industry, it has a disproportionately large impact on the climate system. It accounts for four to nine per cent of the total climate change impact of human activity. Short-haul flights require more fuel per kilometre travelled than a long-haul flights. Compared to other modes of transport, such as driving or taking the train, travelling by air has a greater climate impact per passenger kilometre. Making use of already- established rail links instead of taking short domestic flights could cut 1/3 of emission caused by domestic aviation in the UK.
6. In 2021, 5.4 million metric tons of paper and cardboard packaging was created by households in the United Kingdom. In 2021, 2.5 million metric tons of plastic packaging waste were generated in the UK.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should discourage the use of flights and encourage the use of trains and buses and other low-emission transportation.
2. To aim to limit the use of disposable goods & unnecessary gadgets for all UJS activities. If possible, try to source goods made out of fully recyclable and ethically sourced materials.
3. UJS should not use and supply single-use plastic in their activities.





*This policy lapses in 2025*

## TRIGGER WARNING: ABORTION

Motion title: CO19 Pro-Choice Motion

Proposer's name: Rebecca Lawson

Proposer's JSoc: Manchester

Seconder's name: Reuben Simon

Seconder's JSoc: Edinburgh

What's the idea?

1. UJS currently has no policy-led stance on abortion rights.
2. UJS should stand for pregnant people to have the right to abort.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should become a pro-choice organisation, campaigning for the right to abort.
2. UJS should urge its communal partners and for JSocs to take the same stance.
3. UJS should aim to run a campaign in favour of the right to abortion.
4. UJS should signpost students who have had an abortion towards welfare support when requested.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: CO20 UJS being Pro-Noun

Proposer's name: Noah Katz

Proposer's JSoc: Lancaster

Seconders's JSoc: Talia Fogelman

Seconders's JSoc: University College London

What's the idea?

1. UJS should be a safe space for all students.
2. UJS stands with the Trans\* community, as affirmed by UJ4 Transgender and Non- Binary Rights.
3. Pronouns cannot be assumed based on appearance.
4. Trans and non-binary students are at higher risk for microaggressions.
5. Even if you don't normally state your pronouns, by doing so you will help someone feel more at ease to tell you theirs.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should introduce an opt-out position (for members of our community who may not yet be able to come out) of including pronouns in email signatures coming from UJS staff.
2. UJS staff members to have pronouns listed next to their names on zoom, and to introduce themselves with pronouns when in person (again, with an opt-out provision for those in the closet).
3. Pronoun badges to be made available, whenever possible, at all UJS events.
4. UJS to send JSocs pronouns badges to use at JSoc events.
5. UJS to work with Keshet UK to educate JSoc committees on the importance of stating one's pronoun.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: CA1 UJS & Higher Education

Proposer's name: Noah Katz

Proposer's JSoc: Lancaster

Seconder's name: Ábel Keszler

Seconder's JSoc: Glasgow

What is the idea?

1. With NUS still disengaged from Government, students' voices are not being heard on the issues that affect us on campus every day.
2. UJS is in the lucky position that they have regular engagement with both Cabinet and Shadow ministers for Education and Higher Education.
3. Jewish students are impacted not only by the unique challenges faced by minorities but by all challenges that come with being a student.
4. As the representative body for Jewish students, UJS has the potential to play a crucial role in advocating on behalf of 9000 students.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should engage with Government on the issues that impact all students. For example, the insulting increase to maintenance loans of just 2.8% which will leave the average student over £1500 worse off next year, due to inflation.
2. This sort of advocacy is directly in line with UJS' mission of representing Jewish students and the issues which impact them, whilst it also provides an integral opportunity to foster interfaith and community relations by working together on the challenges faced by all students in the UK.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion Title: CA2 Opposing Settler Violence and Standing in Solidarity with its

Victims Proposer's name: Toby Kunin

Proposer's JSoc: Warwick

Proposer's name: Sophie Hasenson

Proposer's JSoc: Sussex

What's the idea?

1. UJS policy supports a negotiated two-state solution agreed upon and discussed by both Israeli and Palestinian parties (2020 UJ7). It also recognises the inalienable and collective right of the Palestinian people to self-determination (2020 UJ3). Therefore, UJS must support and advocate for other human rights of the Palestinian people. This includes the right to life, security, and bodily integrity, as outlined by international human rights law.
2. UJS supports human rights of all people (which includes those of Palestinians) and condemns violence in all its forms (which includes that committed by settlers). Settler violence against Palestinians is a daily occurrence throughout the West Bank. It includes physical violence, arson, harm to livestock, and the uprooting and felling of olive trees and other crops. UJS must recognise that this violence against Palestinians represents a grave violation of their most basic human rights. UJS must stand in solidarity with victims of settler violence, as it does with victims of any other form of violence.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should platform Israeli and Palestinian human rights organisations that are combating settler violence by sharing their advocacy on UJS social media accounts.
2. UJS should host at least one session per year which educates Jewish students about human rights advocacy, as well as settler violence and the myriad forms that it takes. UJS should invite relevant Israeli and Palestinian human rights organisations to speak at these sessions.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: CA3 Love Thy Neighbour: Tackling Antisemitism and Islamophobia Together

Proposer's name: Amy Levin

Proposer's JSoc: Leeds

Seconder's name: Samantha Lewkowicz

Seconder's JSoc: University of East Anglia

What is the idea?

1. Antisemitism, Islamophobia and other forms of racism are heavily linked.
2. Solidarity between Jewish and faith communities is integral.
3. Campaigns to tackle antisemitism and Islamophobia should challenge white supremacy, attacks on religious freedoms and discrimination in our own communities.

How do you want it to happen?

1. The UJS Sabbatical Team to meet with representatives from interfaith organisations such as Christian Unions, Sikh, Islamic societies, Hindu Societies to discuss how this campaign should be run.
2. UJS Sabbatical Team should choose a campus with large communities of different faiths to organise an introductory meeting between Jewish students and students of other faiths.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: CA4 Improving mental health sign-posting

Proposer's name: Emma Taylor

Proposer's JSoc: Hertfordshire

Seconder's name: Sophie Levy

Seconder's JSoc: University of the Arts London

What is the idea?

1. University can be a great experience, but it can also be a time of stress and loneliness for some.
2. Anyone can experience mental health challenges at some point in their uni career.
3. Talking about mental health can reduce stigma.
4. JSocs provide space where students can be themselves, talk about anything that's bothering them, and connect with friends on their campus.
5. UJS can do more to facilitate peer support, and to signpost appropriate mental health support for students in need.

How do you want it to happen?

1. Every JSoc should have an updated and easy-to-find resource list with reputable mental health providers - national, local, university specific and Jewish.
2. This resource list should be published on JSoc social media, the UJS website and the JSoc's SU page.
3. JSoc welfare officers should be encouraged and funded to undertake mental health first aid training.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion Title: CA5 Jewish prayer rooms on campus

Proposer's name: Sophie Hasenson

Proposer's JSoc: Sussex

Seconder's name: Hannah

Elbez Seconder's JSoc:

Middlesex What's the idea?

1. Many Jews pray three times a day, meaning that at least one of those prayer times falls during university hours.
2. A lot of universities don't have prayer rooms at all or ones that are open to all religions and may therefore be unsuitable for Jewish students (as issues of idolatry may arise).

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should lobby SUs and universities to establish Jewish prayer rooms on campus with resources for all denominations, and also support JSocs in doing so.
2. For UJS to include this ask and information in their next "Supporting your Jewish students" guide.
3. UJS to work directly with Jewish chaplains in place at individual universities as well as with organisations like University Jewish Chaplaincy and Progressive Jewish Students to lobby for Jewish prayer rooms.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: CA6 Encouraging Constructive Israel Palestine Conversations on Campus

Proposer's name: Josh Cohen

Proposer's JSoc: Nottingham Trent

Seconder's name: Guy Sandler

Seconder's JSoc: London School of Economics

What is the idea?

1. On many university campuses across the UK there exists significant polarisation between groups of students on the topic of Israel/Palestine.
2. This polarisation has led to a lack of constructive engagement on the topic, even going so far as intimidatory protests as seen on many university campuses.
3. Dialogue and discussion between Israeli and Palestinian stakeholders is the only way to bring about a just and lasting peace, and this should be reflected on university campuses by bringing students from various backgrounds together to discuss the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
4. If we are serious about the peace process, then we must discuss the difficult topics and build positive, constructive relationships between communities.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should work to create spaces that bring together students of all backgrounds to discuss the topic of Israel/Palestine whether in a formal or informal setting.
2. UJS should work with Universities UK and relevant student groups to produce a resource for students, lecturers and student societies on how to deal sensitively with the Israel/Palestine conflict.
3. UJS should incentivise JSocs to run Israel/Palestine discussion events by providing expenses for up to £3 a head for "Constructive Israel/Palestine" events.
4. UJS should provide direct support from the Israel Engagement Sabbatical Officer in planning and running these events.





*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: CA7 UJS and Students' Unions

Proposer's name: Noah Katz

Proposer's JSoc: Lancaster

Seconder's name: Dom Casoria

Seconder's JSoc: Lancaster

What is the idea?

1. Each year, there are a handful of Jewish Sabbatical Officers at Students' Unions around the country.
2. Jewish Sabs face unique challenges as they fall into the odd limbo space as both student (status holders) and staff.
3. UJS offer amazing antisemitism training to SUs up and down the country, this relationship however usually stops after the training session is over.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS' Membership Engagement Sabbatical Officer should ensure they know who and where Jewish Sabbs are around the country.
2. UJS should ensure that Jewish Sabbs are included in discussions around NUS, as they work daily in spaces directly affiliated with NUS.
3. UJS should facilitate a network of current Jewish Sabs.
4. UJS Campus Sabs should be involved in the delivery of antisemitism awareness training for the SU of their JSoc's, rather than just the Campaign Officer(s). This will enable the start of a longer-term relationship between UJS & SUs and will make having to deal with antisemitism on campus easier.
5. By working closely with Jewish Sabs, UJS should support any Jewish student who wishes to get involved in Student Unions, this could include but is not limited to the following:
  - a. Connecting younger Jewish students with Jewish ex-Sabs.
  - b. Providing training and education for freshers about what the role of a SU is.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion Title: CA8 Jewish Life at University guide for Students' Unions and Universities

Proposers' Names: Josh Palmer & Noah Katz

Proposers' JSocs: Middlesex & Lancaster

Seconder's name: Hannah Elbez & Toby Millis

Seconder's JSoc: Middlesex & Greenwich

What's the idea?

1. Students' Unions do not know enough about the Jewish student experience; often the only thing they know about is antisemitism
2. It is the responsibility of UJS to educate students' unions about every aspect of the Jewish student experience
3. The first day of term sometimes falls on Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur
4. This can disadvantage Jewish students as they begin the year on the back foot. They can miss important information for the year and course introductions.
5. This can cause unnecessary anxiety and stress at a time of year that is stressful enough as it is.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should aim to create a "Jewish Life at University" guide for all Students' Unions, including dates of the festivals, how to support Jewish students, common greetings for festivals, antisemitism awareness, and information about their local JSoc.
2. UJS should work with Jewish sabbatical officers to ensure the content is relevant & useful
3. UJS should aim to send this guide to all SUs in August to ensure sufficient planning for SU activity for the following academic year
  - a. This guide should be reviewed and updated yearly
  - b. UJS should send an email to all universities informing them of the dates of Jewish holidays and asking them to schedule the beginning of term with these in mind
4. UJS should continue to work with UJC and PJS to support students getting exemptions from classes that fall on festivals



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion Title: CA9 Supporting Jewish delegates and other Jewish attendees at NUS

Conferences Proposer's name: Hannah Haskel

Proposer's JSoc: Cambridge

Seconder's name: Rebekah Treganna

Seconder's JSoc: Cambridge

What's the idea?

1. Tuck's independent investigation into allegations of antisemitism within the NUS found that Jewish students faced a 'hostile environment' and that the organisation has a blind spot to antisemitism other than that coming from the far right.
2. The same report further detailed instances of Jewish students feeling 'unwelcome and on occasion even afraid for their physical safety' at NUS events.
3. Inevitably, any reform of the NUS, if implemented, will take time to have an effect.
4. Jewish students attending the NUS Conference, or other similar events may feel concerned or uncomfortable.
5. It is vital that Jewish students continue to engage with the NUS and attend their conferences. These students would benefit greatly from support from UJS.
6. It is important to avoid tokenising Jewish delegates, or assuming they are in attendance purely to represent the Jewish community. Inevitably, there will be a diversity of views and identities amongst Jewish students, and these should not be minimised. The following actions, therefore, aim only to ensure that Jewish students can participate in NUS spaces, in whatever capacity they intend to, whether that be related to Judaism or not, without fear or harassment.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS sabbatical officers should ensure they are known to and contactable by Jewish delegates in the lead up to the conference.
2. UJS should attend the NUS conference, not only to represent Jewish students, but also to support Jewish delegates in attendance, regardless of whether their political aims and affiliations align or not.



3. UJS should create and circulate a list of contact information of any UJS staff or officers attending the conference to delegates, in order to ensure support is clearly and easily accessible. UJS should ensure that there is always someone present or contactable, throughout the conference.
4. With the consent of Jewish delegates, UJS should create a group chat, so as to avoid feelings of isolation amongst Jewish delegates. Similarly, UJS should hold a drop-in social during a break in the conference.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion Title: CA10 UJS Antisemitism training

Proposer's name: Josh Cohen & Gavriel

Solomons Proposer's JSoc: Nottingham &

Hertfordshire Secunder's name: Edward

Isaacs & Noah Arazi Secunder's JSoc: Bristol

& Leeds

What's the idea?

1. UJS launched an antisemitism awareness training programme for students' unions in the summer of 2019.
2. This training programme has been successful in educating students' unions on antisemitism and how it should be tackled, and building relationships between JSocs and their SUs.
3. It also has the extra benefit of building working relationships between UJS and SU Sabbatical Officers.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should continue to offer this training every year to all the new SU sabbatical teams around the country, including both full-time officers, part-time officers, and permanent staff.
2. UJS should work with JSocs to ensure they attend the training on their campus and meet their new SU officers and build a relationship.
3. UJS should continue to create resources for Students' Unions on how to support their Jewish students, and keep them up to date. These should also differentiate between the various forms of antisemitism.
4. UJS should try to ensure that the leadership of the NUS is trained every year.
5. UJS should work with relevant organisations to update and consolidate their resources and training strategies.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: CA11 Assisting University Disciplinary Processes

Proposer's name: Kesem Iglinsky

Proposer's JSoc: Aberdeen

Seconder's name: Ábel

Keszler Seconder's JSoc:

Glasgow What's the idea?

1. University and SU disciplinary processes are not fit for purpose.
2. The processes take too long, causing complainants unnecessary anxiety and stress.
3. University disciplinary processes are often not independent enough, with close colleagues of lecturers often overseeing complaints.
4. Most universities also do not allow for anonymity, making students worried about complaining against lecturers or fellow students out of fear of repercussions.
5. Jewish students have little trust in these processes, which leads to underreporting

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should make sure students are aware of external bodies, and support them in their complaints processes.
2. UJS should continue to support Jewish students engaging with current complaints procedures.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion Title: CA12 Donations of old items to charity

Proposer's name: Amy Levin

Proposer's JSoc: Leeds

Seconder's name: Maital Abrahams

Seconder's JSoc: Leeds

What is the idea?

1. For many years when people graduate university, they have no idea what to do with their belongings. Some people already have duvets and kitchen equipment at home or they want new items.
2. There is currently too much going to waste and being thrown away that could be passed to other students who would make good use of these things.
3. UJS owns properties in some cities that should be used for good causes such as charity

How do you want it to happen?

1. For every place that UJS owns to be a place where people can drop off and pick up items they might need.
2. For there to be a process where items can be donated to freshers
3. Where there isn't a UJS space, for UJS to help arrange donating old items to charity or to freshers that need it.

*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion Title: CA13 Modern Slavery & Trafficking

Proposers' Names: Eli Sassoon & Zachary Levin

Proposers' JSocs: Nottingham

Seconder's name: Jack Lubner & Hannah Haskel

Seconders' JSoc: Cambridge

What's the idea?

1. Forced and slave labour is a global issue. According to the latest Global Estimates of Modern Slavery (2022) from Walk Free, the International Labour Organization and the International Organization for Migration: 27.6 million people worldwide are trapped in forced labour. This also includes 4 million in forced labour imposed by state authorities.
2. UJS should not have the taints of slave labour in their supply chains.
3. The Home Office estimates that 130,000 people in the UK are victims of slavery or trafficking. The number estimated by civil society organisations is close to double that figure.
4. Furthermore, evidence suggests that key policies in the hostile environment to migration, including the Rwanda deportation scheme and the inability of asylum seekers to work, increase risks of exploitation.
5. From the celebration of Passover to more recent experience as refugees in Europe, the foundational narrative of the Jewish people is one of a people led from slavery to freedom.
6. We believe that the UK Jewish community should protect the human rights of those who are not free and who still suffer under modern slavery, and that this process can begin with our own communal organisations.
7. From the suppliers and caterers of food for events, to agency staff who clean the buildings we work in, we all encounter and benefit from businesses at risk of using exploitation somewhere in their supply chain.
8. Small and medium sized businesses and organisations are not required by law to publish a modern slavery statement. However, given that forced and slave labour also occur also in the operations of small businesses, we should all be taking an active approach in addressing our ethical responsibilities.
9. René Cassin, the Jewish voice for human rights, has written a Guide for



Tackling Modern Slavery, which aims to provide a user-friendly toolkit for compliance with the UK's Modern Slavery Act 2015 (MSA), setting out examples of best practise policies.

10. Using this guide, businesses, companies, and other organisations can fill out the accompanying Modern Slavery Statement Template, making public the ethical commitment and proactive steps they have taken to ensure that slavery and human trafficking have no role in their work.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should perform due diligence, as far as possible, to ensure that all merchandise is free of forced and slave labour. This specifically includes ensuring that no cotton is sourced from China or Turkmenistan until assurances have been made about state sponsored forced labour.
2. For UJS to publicly commit to the best practice possible within its organisational structure to mitigate modern slavery.
3. For UJS to show this commitment by utilising René Cassin's user-friendly guide and toolkit. This guides small organisations through the Modern Slavery Act and how to take steps to reduce risks of exploitation in its supply chain.
4. For UJS to encourage JSocs to commit to tackling modern slavery by using René Cassin's toolkit and guide.

*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: CA14 UJS to support JSocs in becoming conciliatory authorities for Jewish issues on campus

Proposer's name: Sam Kramer

Proposer's JSoc: Oxford

Seconder's name: Jojo Sugarman

Seconder's JSoc: Oxford

What is the idea?

1. There are always a range of issues concerning Jewish students on each campus. Decisions and protocols about such issues are not always made (eg. by SUs) with consultation with Jewish students. In these cases, things can get sticky.
2. It is important for Jewish students - as it is everyone - to have a say in their own matters. This should be done through the appointed and elected representatives of the Jewish students on each campus (ie. each campus' Jewish Society).
3. Due to a specific situation with the SU last year, in the last few terms our JSoc have made a big effort to establish ourselves as an authority that provides advice on matters affecting Jewish students (including, but not only, Antisemitism). This includes to the University itself, to the SU, to other clubs and societies - particularly the political ones. This has really paid off incredibly well and a number of potentially messy situations were avoided by respective groups proactively reaching out to us for advice and situations being dealt with quickly and properly.
4. JSocs have a responsibility to protect Jewish students - not just to give them a community and provide events - and developing conciliatory relationships with groups on campus (and then providing the right advice) is essential for this.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should train and support JSoc presidents (or the relevant person on committee) on such matters. For example:
2. UJS should provide JSocs with an email template to send to bodies (like their SU) which would introduce themselves as the new JSoc president, explain that they are the appointed/elected representative for Jewish students on campus, explain that the JSoc would love to be a generally constructive and useful port



of call for advice or explanation on issues that concern Jewish students, explain why it is important Jewish students should be consulted if/when such matters occur, etc. Perhaps also inviting them to come to a JSoc event to experience what it is like, and to develop relationships which are super useful if/when such matters occur.

3. UJS should assure JSocs that if/when matters occur, they can (and should) speak to their Sabs who can help them develop a strategy/recommendation/etc for the JSoc to pass on.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

### TRIGGER WARNING: RAPE

Motion Title: CA15 Combatting Rape Culture

Proposer's name: Xander Ross

Proposer's JSoc: Manchester

Seconder's name: Emma Taylor

Seconder's JSoc: Hertfordshire

What's the idea?

1. UJS should help to actively combat rape culture on campus and within JSocs

How do you want it to happen?

1. JSoc committees should receive mandatory training to help combat rape culture, and harassment within their JSoc and on campus.
2. UJS should host, (and encourage JSocs to host) events to educate students on combatting rape culture, consent and what classifies as sexual harassment and sexual assault.
3. UJS should offer support and signposting to students of all genders who have been sexually assaulted or harassed.
4. JSoc committee members who are found to have sexually harassed or sexually assaulted someone should be forced to resign from their positions.
5. JSoc members who are found to have sexually harassed or sexually assaulted someone should be suspended from JSoc and UJS, and should be excluded from entry to events



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: CA16 UJSafe sex

Proposer's name: Rebecca Lawson

Proposer's JSoc: Manchester

Seconder's name: Reuben Simon

Seconder's JSoc: Edinburgh

What's the idea?

1. Students are among the highest risk group for developing a sexually transmitted infection (STI), and Jewish students are no different.
2. A taboo exists in the Jewish community to educate about safe sex.
3. UJS should be at the forefront of communal initiatives to tackle previously silenced topics.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should promote safe sex through an online and in-person campaign.
2. Experts should be consulted for an online education campaign about safe sex.
3. Information should be publicly available to on the UJS website about safe sex and how to access medical support.
4. Posters should be put up in bathrooms of all UJS-owned spaces about safe sex, and where to access more information and support if needed.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: CA17 Improving UJS Leadership Campus

Visibility Proposer's name: Gavriel Solomons

Proposer's JSoc: Hertfordshire

Seconder's name: Saul Levene

Seconder's JSoc: King's College London

What's the idea?

1. Many JSocs, particularly those which are smaller or less accessible, can feel that UJS doesn't give them enough attention and support.
2. It is beneficial for both JSocs and general confidence in UJS, that the UJS President and Sabbatical Officers are as visible as possible on campus.
3. Sabbatical Officers should be appreciated for the large amount of effort and engagement they put in with their assigned JSocs, but in the past this has been inconsistent - and every JSoc should be able to rely on an active, communicative, visible Sab.

How do you want it to happen?

1. The UJS President should make an active attempt at visiting every JSoc in the UK and Ireland. This is a commitment to the attempt, as the large number make it an exceedingly difficult task, but it would greatly improve JSocs' confidence in UJS, and be a significant achievement and benefit to Jewish life on campus, for the UJS President to manage to visit a freshers' fair or event at every JSoc over their year in the position.
2. Sabbatical Officers should ensure that they are in regular contact with their assigned JSocs, and attend their events. They should also make themselves readily available to any Jewish student at their assigned universities, for general support or specific queries.

*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion Title: CA2 Combating anti-Israel rhetoric and anti-Zionism in the NUS

Proposer's name: Dimitra Psychari

Proposer's J-Soc: Cardiff

Seconder's name: Zak Wagman

Seconder's J-Soc: Warwick

What's the idea?

1. The NUS (National Union of Students) is the Union that represents the interests of the whole student body.
2. During the previous years, it is widely known that they have been adopting an anti-Israel stance
3. In many of the resolutions they passed during the previous years, they have passed policies calling for BDS, characterizing Israel as an "apartheid state" and "colonial", using LGBT+ rights for "pinkwashing" purposes and much more. Such policies include: Motion 501 of Black Students' campaign (Defending Boycott, Divestments and Sanctions): This motion states "we are anti-racist, anti-colonial and anti-Zionist". Motion 304 of Black Students' campaign (BDS) Motion 304 of Women's campaign (Support the right to education and justice for Palestine): Calls for BDS and solely blames Israel for the "Brutal siege on Gaza" Motion 210 of LGBT+ Students' campaign (Say no to pinkwashing): It calls the LGBT+ rights in Israel a "pinkwashing campaign to conceal human rights violations on Palestinian people". Motion 102 of Disabled Students' campaign (Solidarity with Palestine): Similar text with motion 501 of Black Students' campaign. "We are anti-racist, anti-colonial and anti-Zionist", speaking negatively of Ariel Sharon and NUS officials that got involved with Israel and much more.
4. The NUS has promoted, endorsed and encouraged participation in events like the "Apartheid Off Campus" BDS conference by the Palestine Solidarity Campaign UK.
5. 3 in 5 British Jews self-identify as Zionists and 9 in 10 of British Jews support the right of Israel to exist as a Jewish State. Zionism is the right of the Jewish people self-determine in their historic homeland.
6. As many Jewish students self-identify as Zionists and support the right of Israel to exist as a Jewish state, when the NUS adopts resolutions where they state "we are anti-Zionist", or that Israel is an "apartheid state", those student might feel alienated.
7. NUS Officers have even questioned the IHRA definition of antisemitism and supported violence against Israel, for example the former Black Students Officer, proposer of the Disabled Students' BDS motion, Mr Nagdee.
8. Eight months ago, the NUS suspended an Exeter Student from the NUS elections for praising

Netanyahu's victory. Then they unsuspended him, giving him a verbal warning. It is ironic for the NUS to disqualify or verbally warn candidates for just stating a political opinion while the NUS Officers (see clause 7) have supported violence or questioned the definition of antisemitism.

9. Academic boycott will have a negative effect to Jewish students of British universities that might want to continue their education in Israel, as there might be a problem with providing recommendation letters, that are of vital importance for the enrollment at any university, by universities that are part of the BDS campaign.

10. Antisemitism has been on the rise in our country during the last year. Many students feel afraid of wearing symbols/accessories/clothing that might indicate that they are Jewish (e.g. Star of David necklaces, kippot).

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to continue condemning BDS motions by the NUS and rhetoric of anti-Israel content.
2. UJS to create a campaign in order to educate students across the UK about the negative impacts of BDS and why it is not the solution to the Israeli Palestinian conflict.
3. UJS to campaign for revocation of motions 102 (of Disabled Students) and 501 (of Black Students)
4. A UJS representative to meet with the NUS President to discuss the issue of anti-Israel rhetoric in the NUS.





*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion Title: CA19 Kosher food on campus

Proposer's name Sophie Hasenson

Proposer's JSoc: Sussex

Seconder's name: Hannah Elbez

Seconder's JSoc: Middlesex

What's the idea?

1. Several universities in the UK already offer kosher food at their SU shops or canteens. Observant Jewish students are often limited to certain universities due to lack of provision for kosher food.
2. For Student Unions to include kosher food selection in their SU shops and hot kosher meals in SU canteens.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to support JSocs in lobbying their SUs and universities to introduce kosher options on campus.
2. UJS to lobby to SUs and universities directly to introduce kosher options on campus.
3. UJS to work with organisations like University Jewish Chaplaincy to ensure kosher provisions.

*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion Title: CA20 Working with, not against, scholars.

Proposer's name: Toby Kunin

Proposer's JSoc: Warwick

Seconder's name: Benjamin Smith

Seconder's JSoc: Bristol

What's the idea?

1. The UK is home to many world-leading scholars of Jewish History, culture and literature, as well as many experts on antisemitism.
2. Many universities are home to academic centres for Jewish Studies, which are often completely disconnected from JSocs.
3. Sometimes these academics' work does not align with established communal voices, leading to their expertise being excluded from conversations.
4. UJS as a campaigning organisation can sometimes fall into this trap, putting strategic messaging over nuanced conversations about Jewishness, to the detriment of Jewish students and scholars.
5. As students we should be working with, not against, scholars to encourage deeper and nuanced understandings of Jewishness, and our own work is often deeply connected to theirs.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should host an open meeting with the British and Irish Association for Jewish Studies (BIAJS), to begin a conversation around deeper connections between Jewish students and scholars of Jewishness.
2. As part of this conversation, UJS should try and negotiate an accessible way of Jewish students attending BIAJS conferences and talks.
3. UJS should proactively reach out to graduate students, who are often excluded from UJS structures, and consider provisions that specifically call to them, for example a student-led academic journal.
4. UJS should support JSocs in getting in touch with their local Jewish Studies centres and scholars, beginning conversations on campus for the benefit of all.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: CA21 UJS-wide girls' Chavruta

Proposer's name: Maanya Patel

Proposer's JSoc: Oxford

Seconder's name: Hannah Elbez

Seconder's JSoc: Middlesex

What's the idea?

1. A chavruta for girls from across UK and Ireland universities where we can have discussions once a week looking at both Hebrew and English translations to be accessible to all. It's a great way to make friends through Talmudic study and we can discuss women specific issues and introduce those who haven't before to study.

How do you want it to happen?

1. The best way is over zoom. I am more than happy to lead but it would be great if we could take it in turns to lead! We can discuss different texts each week or follow a tractate every term depending on group preference. There would also be a WhatsApp to coordinate and also potentially do in person sessions in London or meet-ups!



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: CA22 Jewish students from every denomination are valued in our movement

Proposer's name: Sophie Hasenson

Proposer's JSoc: Sussex

Seconder's name: Anna Ritschl Ebell

Seconder's JSoc: Cambridge

What is the idea?

1. The current Israeli government (formed December 2022) includes ministers who have openly denigrated Reform, Progressive and non-Orthodox Jewish identities.
2. Some ministers have spoken about their intention to change the law of return to exclude Progressive Jews, for example by cancelling the 'grandchild clause', or rejecting those who have converted with non-Orthodox rabbis.
3. Jewish students hold a broad range of Jewish identities, and some students who identify as Orthodox might also be affected by anti-Reform sentiment.
4. One of the UJS core values is cross-communalism
5. Both Orthodox and non-Orthodox Jewish students are a valued part of our movement and community

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should continue to affirm the place of non-Orthodox Jewish students within our movement and our community.
2. UJS will campaign against any change in the law of return which makes it harder for non-Orthodox Jews to make aliyah.

*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion Title: UJ1 UJS to provide cost of living support to Jewish students and JSocs across the country

Proposers' Names: Elliot Berke & Josh Cohen

Proposers' JSocs: Queen Mary University of London & Nottingham

Seconders' names: Davina Mahgerefteh & Eliana Shababo

Seconders' JSocs: Warwick & Nottingham

What's the idea?

1. 42% of UK university students are currently living off £100 or less a month (NUS). Financial worries are having a major impact on students' mental health as they cut down on essentials. Soaring heating bills and rent costs are driving students to sit in cold accommodation and struggle to study, socialise and simply feel physically comfortable.
2. 96% of students are making cutbacks, with over half spending less on food, another half heating their homes less regularly, and one in ten cutting back on sanitary products. Three quarters also report socialising less to save money.
3. Students are increasingly turning to their family or savings for help, but 77% said the cost-of-living crisis had affected the income of someone who supports them financially, highlighting that alternative sources of support are drying up.
4. Despite soaring inflation (11.1%), the undergraduate student maintenance package in England has risen just 2.3% this year and students have been excluded from existing government support.
5. The cost of living crisis has also led to increased costs for JSocs, at a time when students have less disposable income to pay for events.
6. This is particularly the case as the price of kosher food has increased disproportionately estimated at about 4x the inflation rate of other food.

How do you want it to happen?

1. Create cost of living guidance for all students with useful advice around cost-effective living, keeping warm, cheap + healthy meals, discounts etc.
2. Providing 'warm spaces' where feasible, so that students can study, socialise and feel their fingers again in a free and welcoming space.
3. UJS to aim to work with community philanthropists to provide emergency bursary packages for worse-off students that need financial assistance and are struggling to make ends meet.
4. Call on the government to release a student support package, rescind the

tying of student loans to the inflation rate, and place a cap on student rent bills.

5. Update the “Finance at University” page to include advice on dealing with the cost of living crisis.
  - a. UJS should actively publicise this page, particularly during Freshers’ Week.
6. The JSoc Expenses form, which dictates how much financial support a JSoc can claim per head for any given event, should be reviewed in line with the rate of inflation by relevant UJS staff.
7. UJS should create guidance assisting students through the cost of living crisis, with contingency funds for the worst hit students that have no other available means of support if financially possible.
8. UJS should call on the government to up their support for students and push for a student support package, the majority of whom are struggling disproportionately due to not having a regular source of income like most adults.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion Title: UJ2 UJS to act whilst recognising international law

Proposer's name: James Konn

Proposer's JSoc: Birmingham

Seconder's name: Talia Knoble Gershon

Seconder's JSoc: Birmingham

What's the idea?

1. World Union of Jewish Students held their annual congress in Sheikh Jarrah in East Jerusalem from December 27th 2022 to 1st January 2023.
2. The United Kingdom and the United Nations after Security Council Resolution 242 (1967) do not recognise Israeli sovereignty in the lands captured by Israel following the Six-Day War.
3. Israel has "indicated its acceptance of the [above] Security Council resolution" (Israeli Ambassador to the UN, 1968).
4. CA12 of 2020 states that "UJS will pursue a vision of peace, security and prosperity in the Middle East".
5. UJ3 of 2020 recognised the inalienable and collective right of the Palestinian people to self-determination.
6. UJ7 of 2020 states, "UJS to confirm its commitment to a two-state solution which is negotiated and includes both Israeli and Palestinian parties".
7. Attendance at events (which can be held in other areas without detracting from the event) beyond the 1949 Armistice Line, is a de facto recognition of Israeli sovereignty in those areas which goes against UJS's commitment to a two-state solution.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to only attend conferences/congresses within states' internationally recognized borders.
2. UJS to lobby WUJS to hold congresses within states' recognised borders.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion Title: UJ4 Supporting a diverse, inclusive, and democratic Israel

Proposer's name: Hannah Haskel

Proposer's JSoc: Cambridge

Seconder's name: Lia Joffe

Seconder's JSoc: Cambridge

What's the idea?

1. UJS policy supports a negotiated two-state solution agreed upon and discussed by both Israeli and Palestinian parties (2020 UJ7).
2. We support a diverse, inclusive, and democratic Israel as one of the states in a negotiated two-state solution.
3. This means an Israel where all people, including minorities and marginalised groups, can live in safety and security, and are not subject to racism, homophobia, or misogyny.
4. We commend UJS' recent statement condemning the "anti-Arab and anti-Palestinian racism" and "homophobia" of extremist cabinet ministers in Israel's 37th government.
5. Cross-communalism is one of UJS' four core values. Therefore, UJS should support an Israel where all Jewish people, including those from progressive Jewish backgrounds, can practice their religion without facing discrimination.
6. UJS is committed to racial inclusivity (2020 UJ17), LGBTQ+ allyship (2020 UJ4 and 2021 UJ16), and combatting misogyny on campus (2021 CA6). UJS is also committed to forming a better relationship with progressive movements on campus (2021 CO1). For minorities and marginalised groups to feel safe and welcome in UJS spaces, UJS must stand against discrimination elsewhere too.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should provide anti-racism, anti-homophobia, and anti-misogyny training for all JSoc committee members at least once per year. This can be done in collaboration with British Jewish NGOs, such as JCORE and Keshet UK.
2. UJS should facilitate discussions between Jewish students of different denominations, by hosting at least one intrafaith event per year.
3. UJS should release additional statements condemning any racist, homophobic, or misogynistic legislation passed by the Israeli government.
4. UJS should refuse to engage with and share a platform with extremist



politicians who express or promote racist, homophobic, or misogynistic views, or who discriminate against progressive Jews.

5. UJS should platform Israeli organisations working towards a diverse and inclusive country that lives in peace with its neighbours. This can be done by sharing their advocacy on UJS social media accounts and by inviting them to speak at relevant sessions.
6. UJS should platform Diaspora organisations working towards a diverse and inclusive Israel that lives in peace with its neighbours. UJS should publicly support Jewish community campaigns that stand in support of those fighting for democracy in Israel. UJS should share the advocacy of these campaigns on UJS social media accounts and invite campaign organisers to speak at relevant sessions.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion Title: UJ7 An international Jewish student exchange

Proposer's name: Edward Isaacs

Proposer's JSoc: Bristol

Seconder's name: Jack Lubner

Seconder's JSoc: Cambridge

What's the idea?

1. UJS to create an international Jewish student exchange with Jewish student unions abroad providing opportunities to travel and meet Jewish students from around the world.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to develop relationships with other Jewish student unions such as EUJS and AUJS to create the network and develop opportunities for international travel



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: UJ8 Keshet LGBTQ awareness training

Proposer's name: Edward Isaacs

Proposer's JSoc: Bristol

Seconder's name: Jack Lubner

Seconder's JSoc: Cambridge

What's the idea?

1. UJS to work with Keshet to provide LGBTQ awareness training for JSoc welfare officers.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to develop a relationship with Keshet to provide and organise LGBTQ awareness training for JSoc welfare officers

*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion Title: UJ9 Actively Promoting Interfaith: Friends across Faiths

Proposers' names: Samantha Lewkowicz & Noah Arazi

Proposers' JSocs: UEA & Leeds

Seconders' name: Amy Levin & Matty Fisher

Seconders' JSoc: Leeds

What's the idea?

1. Interfaith work is an important way to teach others about Judaism
2. Interfaith is a very important part of UJS work and also of many JSocs, with many JSocs having their own interfaith officers.
3. Interfaith work provides a space for learning about and engaging in positive open discussions about different religions.
4. It is very important to have continuous conversations around interfaith all year round.
5. A lot of interfaith work tends to be centred around interfaith week.
6. In previous years, there has been too much focus placed on 'education' and not enough focus placed on active participation when it comes to interfaith.
7. Whilst education is a vital step in fostering religious tolerance on campus (which must still be encouraged), it is often more impactful for students to be actively involved in local religious communities.
8. This will help Jewish students to develop closer relationships with other faith communities leading to a greater level of understanding and tolerance.
9. This way, Jewish students will adopt a more active rather than passive approach to interfaith.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should invest money into interfaith events on campus
2. UJS could partner with national organisations that promote interfaith work on specific interfaith projects.
3. UJS should aim to run workshops at summit with interfaith reps focused on teaching Jewish students how to engage successfully with other students of other faiths.
4. UJS to aim to run at least two more interfaith campaigns or events throughout the year in addition to partaking in interfaith week.

5. UJS to encourage JSocs to organise more interfaith events throughout the year, in addition to interfaith week – including through making contact with local religious communities or local interfaith initiatives.
  - a. Whilst JSocs can reach out to faith societies, they are also encouraged to reach out beyond the ‘student community.’ This can be done by contacting local churches, mosques, temples etc.
  - b. Once contact has been established, meetups should be encouraged at least once a semester. This way, JSocs will form a continued and more permanent relationship with other faith communities.
  - c. Meet-ups do not necessarily have to be religiously oriented and could simply involve volunteering for a local initiative/charity e.g., volunteering together at a homeless shelter.
  - d. Once relationships are firmly established, it is the responsibility of the JSoc committee at the time to ensure that this relationship continues under the next committee.
  - e. JSocs should consider consulting with CST before meetups to ensure that they are happening in a safe space for all students.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: UJ10 UJS to support smaller JSocs with running Holocaust Memorial Day events

Proposer's name: Eli Sassoon

Proposer's JSoc: Nottingham

Seconder's name: Josh Cohen

Seconder's JSoc: Nottingham Trent

What is the idea?

1. Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) is commemorated nationally on the 27th January every year and serves as a critical day to help educate university students about the horrors of the Holocaust.
2. It can sometimes be harder for smaller JSocs to run an event during this time, to help share the events that took place in the Holocaust to both Jewish and non-Jewish students.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should work with the Holocaust Educational Trust, Generation to Generation, the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust and other relevant charities to help support Jewish students and JSocs to take the initiative to lead HMD events on campuses.
2. This should include actively collaborating with universities interfaith departments, SUs or collaborating with History and other relevant societies to ensure outreach and participation from outside the Jewish community.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion Title: UJ12 Let all those who are hungry come and eat!

Proposer's name: Hannah Haskel

Proposer's JSoc: Cambridge

Seconder's name: Toby Kunin

Seconder's JSoc: Warwick

What's the idea?

1. This is one of the toughest winters in recent memory, and many students are struggling with food and fuel poverty.
2. A lack of access to warm spaces and nutritious food leaves students less able to engage with their studies or wider communities, creating a more isolated and less dynamic student life.  
Jewish students exist as part of broader communities, and have an obligation to those around them.
3. Many JSocs have access to extensive kitchens and warm spaces on/near campus, a rare luxury for student groups in the modern university system.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should explicitly allocate funding, in line with current funding guidelines around 'Social Action' at £3 per head, for any JSocs looking to run a community kitchen.
2. So as to avoid kashrut concerns and to ensure maximum accessibility (as well as minimal environmental harm), these meals should be vegan.
3. JSocs with access to warm spaces, for example Hillel houses, should seriously consider how to make these more accessible to the wider student community as a 'third space' available for students to exist at no personal cost.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: UJ13 Increased Sports Representatives

Proposer's name: Jake Lanzkron

Proposer's JSoc: Leeds

Seconder's name: Aaron Black

Seconder's JSoc: Leeds

What's the idea?

1. Sports is a great way for Jewish students to integrate and bond on campus.
2. This is a great way for students to connect with their Jewish life whilst being at university.
3. JSocs should be aware of this and have a role on committee dedicated to sports and connection to Jewish life through this manner
4. This will help develop sport for Jewish students at university as well as help mediate between committee and the established sports team

How do you want it to happen?

1. Sabbatical Officers should aid and assist committees in assessing the size of demand for sports in that university
2. If this is deemed large enough, sabbatical officers should instruct committees to introduce a new role - sports representative - into the committee to establish sports teams and ensure the demand is catered to
3. Sports representatives should ensure all sporting needs of Jewish students at their universities are met whether this be through establishing sport teams or hosting sporting events





*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: UJ14 Jewish Society Collaboration

Proposer's name: Ábel Keszler

Proposer's JSoc: Glasgow

Seconders name: Desra Devin

Seconders JSoc: Stirling/Glasgow

What is the idea?

1. Often times JSocs organise the same three types of events year around. Coming up with and organising new events can be exhausting.
2. To ensure that JSocs receive the support they need, UJS should create a platform where all JSocs can upload skeletons of events for free use. This will aid new and already-established Jewish Societies to create diverse and entertaining events.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS Sabbatical officers should reach out to JSoc committees to ask for submissions in a universal form
2. Those submissions should be made available for all JSocs to use for future use
3. JSocs should be able and encouraged to add to the existing list of events



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion Title: UJ16 UJS to adopt 'Yerushalayim' by Miami Boys Choir as its official anthem

Proposer's name: Elliot Berke

Proposer's JSoc: Queen Mary University of London

Seconder's Name: Emma Sherrard

Seconder's JSoc: The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama

What is the idea?

1. Since its release in the premature 2000s, Yerushalayim has captured the hearts, minds and hips of global Jewry
2. UJS should adopt Yerushalayim as its official anthem
3. **וְהָיָה לָנוּ מִשְׁכָּן לְעַד עֶדְנָה** – as Hashem surrounds His nation from now until eternity. Much like UJS surrounds its students from now until eternity

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS must play Yerushalayim at the start and end of every Convention at the loudest possible volume, as the coaches roll in and out, filled with students determined to safeguard our current, and more importantly, future Jewish students



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: UJ17 UJS to form a series of industry networks for Jewish students

Proposer's name: Matty Fisher

Proposer's JSoc: Leeds

Secunder's name: Xander Ross

Secunder's JSoc: Manchester

What is the idea?

1. To form groups of Jewish students studying or interested in different fields such as media, film, engineering, law etc.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should create group chats for all Jewish students interested in different fields to network and learn from each other.
2. UJS should also create sessions for the group to network and learn from industry professionals.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: UJ19 LGBTQ+ UJS Network

Proposer's name: Emma Taylor

Proposer's JSoc: Hertfordshire

Seconder's name: Eli Sassoon

Seconder's JSoc: Nottingham

What is the idea?

1. LGBTQ+ students can have a variety of experiences in the JSocs - often positive, but not always.
2. Even where LGBTQ+ students feel accepted and welcome, they might still feel underrepresented
3. Some LGBTQ+ students can benefit from spaces where they can freely discuss experiences, joys and challenges commonly linked to LGBTQ+ identities with others who share those experiences.
4. All students should feel welcome at their JSoc regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should provide support to expand the current LGBTQ+ network
2. This will include financial support for specialised events, and a Sabbatical Officer to help facilitate.
3. LGBTQ+ specific events should take place in a range of locations.
4. UJS should assist with hosting and publicising LGBTQ+ virtual networks, for example, WhatsApp groups.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: UJ20 Accessibility Forums

Proposer's name: Emma Taylor

Proposer's JSoc: Hertfordshire

Seconder's name: Sophie Levy

Seconder's JSoc: University of the Arts London

What is the idea?

1. Students across JSocs have a range of disabilities and accessibility needs.
2. These include, but aren't limited to physical disabilities, learning difficulties, mental health conditions, neurodiversity and chronic health conditions.
3. While JSocs often do their best to be accommodating, it can be daunting for students to ask for accommodations if there is not a dedicated space to do so.
4. The best person to know what somebody needs to be able to take part fully is themselves, and UJS should encourage and support self-advocacy and empowerment.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should support and encourage every JSoc to host an Accessibility Forum, either in person or virtually, and should have the option for anonymity.
2. This would be a space where any student can list their specific needs, and JSocs will commit to accommodating these as best they can.
3. UJS should be available for help and advice where a JSoc requires further support.

*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: UJ21 Women and Gender non-conforming Networks

Proposer's name: Emma Taylor

Proposer's JSoc: Hertfordshire

Seconders name: Sophie Levy

Seconders JSoc: University of the Arts London

What is the idea?

1. Women and gender non-conforming (GNC) students can have a variety of experiences in the JSocs - often positive, but not always.
2. Even where women and GNC students feel comfortable and equal, they might still feel underrepresented.
3. Some women and GNC students can benefit from spaces where they can freely discuss experiences, joys and challenges commonly linked to their gender with others who share those experiences.
4. Some challenges that women and GNC students face on campus include but are not limited to sexual harassment, exclusion from religious spaces, not feeling listened-to or feeling spoken-over, dealing with harmful stereotypes, or being made to feel uncomfortable because of their gender.
5. All students should feel welcome at their JSoc regardless of gender.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should provide support to create a network of women and GNC students.
2. This will include financial support for specialised events, and a Sabbatical Officer to help facilitate.
3. Women and GNC specific events should take place in a range of locations.
4. UJS should assist with hosting and publicising virtual women's and GNC networks, for example, WhatsApp groups.
5. The goal for all of these should be to empower women and GNC students - they know what they need, they just need to be listened to.

*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: UJ22 Provision for students over 21

Proposer's name: Emma Taylor

Proposer's JSoc: Hertfordshire

Seconder's name: Dan Paling

Seconder's JSoc: Sheffield

What is the idea?

1. Students aged 21 and over have different social and educational needs to younger students.
2. They are nonetheless a valued and equal part of the Jewish student community.
3. More effort should be made to engage these students and make sure they feel that UJS and JSocs are there for them.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should provide support for occasional events catered specifically to 21+.
2. JSocs should consider hosting events to meet these needs.
3. Efforts should be made to ensure that at least some JSoc events are child friendly, for students who have children.

*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion Title: UJ23 Supporting Cross-communalism

Proposer's name: Anna Ritschl Ebell

Proposer's JSoc: Cambridge

Seconder's name: Zac Bates-Fisher

Seconder's JSoc: Sheffield

What's the idea?

1. Cross-communalism is a core value to UJS
2. At many JSocs, Orthodox Judaism tends to be considered the standard and Progressive students can be left feeling that their religious needs aren't being met.
3. Some Orthodox organisations are very supportive of our JSocs in many ways, but their heavy involvement can compound the feeling that Progressive students aren't catered to if JSocs aren't mindful.
4. Progressive Jewish practice shouldn't be considered 'less Jewish', but rather should be acknowledged to be a different way of practising. Progressive Jews find it to be a meaningful and authentic religious tradition.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should actively support and encourage Progressive students to take on leadership roles in their JSocs.
2. This support can include having conversations about how their JSoc could better cater to Progressive students and brainstorming ideas or putting them in touch with Progressive rabbis.
3. UJS should publish a list of 'top tips' to help make events cross-communal. This list could include tips like: having a range of Benschers from different religious communities, so that members can use one that they're familiar with or that feels right to them, or asking for both an Orthodox and a Progressive student to make kiddush together.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion Title: UJ24 Inclusive UJS

Proposer's name: Sophie Hasenson

Proposer's JSoc: Sussex

Seconders name: Jenna Sacks

Seconders JSoc: Sheffield

What's the idea?

1. As a union for all Jewish students, UJS should be a space for all Jews regardless of denomination or affiliation. It is vital to ensure that we don't lose anyone and that UJS is a welcoming space for ALL Jewish students.
2. Our religion, heritage and culture should be valued and in line with "Kol Yisrael aravim ze bazeh" (All of the people of Israel are responsible for one another), we should ensure all Jewish students have a home within UJS.

How do you want it to happen?

1. Ensuring that kosher food is always available at any UJS trip or event.
2. Ensuring that students are always able to keep the standard of Shabbat that they choose whilst with UJS on any trip or at any event, including those who wish to be shomer shabbat and those who don't (and everything in-between), allowing individuals to practice as they wish.
3. Ensuring, where possible, that access to minyanim can be facilitated. This applies to minyanim of any religious denomination for any Jewish student.
4. Creating a safe space for students to express their religious ideology and values in a way which aligns with their beliefs but also ensures all denominations are comfortable.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion Title: UJ25 UJS to be more environmentally friendly

Proposers' Names: Amy Levin & Ábel Keszler & Lia Joffe

Proposers' JSocs: Leeds, Glasgow & Cambridge

Seconder's name: Maital Abrahams & Kesem Iglinsky & James Konn

Seconder's JSocs: Leeds & Aberdeen & Birmingham

What's the idea?

1. We are facing an unprecedented global emergency. The effects on global human society, if the climate and ecological emergency is not addressed, will spiral out of control. The magnitude of climate change is causing irreversible effects.
2. There are manifold Jewish texts that refer to the environment, agriculture, and seasons. The care and the preservation of the environment where we all live are intrinsic Jewish values.
3. The safeguarding of the environment is not a whim and environmental sustainability is not a luxury: they are a necessity and a social issue. Environmental damages hit harder, often disproportionately, those who are already in need.
4. Livestock farming contributes 23% of human-produced greenhouse gas emissions worldwide. This is more than all emissions from ships, planes, trucks, cars and all other transport put together.
5. Although aviation is a relatively small industry, it has a disproportionately large impact on the climate system. It accounts for four to nine per cent of the total climate change impact of human activity. Short-haul flights require more fuel per kilometre travelled than a long-haul flights. Compared to other modes of transport, such as driving or taking the train, travelling by air has a greater climate impact per passenger kilometre. Making use of already-established rail links instead of taking short domestic flights could cut 1/3 of emission caused by domestic aviation in the UK.
6. In 2021, 5.4 million metric tons of paper and cardboard packaging was created by households in the United Kingdom. In 2021, 2.5 million metric tons of plastic packaging waste were generated in the UK.
7. Almost all plastic is made from fossil fuels- approximately 4% of the worlds petroleum is used to make plastic (WWF)

8. Incineration of plastic is harmful to human health and the environment
9. Plastic in landfills can take up to 1,000 years to decompose
10. The UK will ban the use of single-use plastics from retailers and the hospitality industry from October 2023
11. Vegware is made from plants using renewable, low carbon, recycled or reclaimed materials
12. Vegware can be composted
13. Paper and paperboard is the fourth largest industry when it comes to energy consumption (WWF)
14. There is currently too much waste within JSocs. Whether it is the crockery from Friday night dinners being thrown away, too much paper being printed to heating being on when no one is there.
15. JSocs should also have more awareness of how to be more environmentally friendly and know how to implement this into their JSoc activities
16. There is so much more that is able to be done online which should be used to cut printing, resources and making things more accessible.

#### How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to aim to use Vegware at all events where single-use materials are needed
2. UJS to try and work with sustainable producers when making merchandise
3. UJS to only print physical resources when absolutely necessary e.g., on Shabbat. In most cases aiming to distribute resources via links and pdfs on social media.
4. UJS to ask their sponsors to provide sustainably produced and low plastic merchandise when being distributed by UJS (eg in freshers fair bags)
5. To limit the use of disposable goods & unnecessary gadgets for all UJS activities. If possible, try to source goods made out of fully recyclable and ethically sourced materials.
6. UJS should aim to not use and supply single-use plastic in their activities.
7. For UJS to run a campaign on how to make things more environmentally friendly so JSocs can implement this.
8. For UJS to have QR codes used rather than printing out everything
9. For UJS to run sessions with JSoc committees to ensure they are being more environmentally friendly



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: UJ27 Jewniversity Challenge 2: Electric Boogaloo

Proposer's name: Josh Cohen

Proposer's JSoc: Nottingham Trent

Seconder's name: Guy Sandler

Seconder's JSoc: London School of Economics

What is the idea?

1. Jewniversity challenge is a fun event that has returned this year after a long break. We need more mind-boggling rounds of fun for the whole family.
2. Jewniversity challenge should continue and be back bigger and better each year.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should explore the possibility of filming an episode of Taskmaster to be screened at convention, with Ariele as the Taskmaster, the President as his assistant, and the Sabbatical Officers as competitors.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion Title: UJ28 UJS Mental Health Support and First Aid Training to JSocs

Proposer's name: Xander Ross & Ed Isaacs

Proposer's JSoc: Manchester & Bristol

Seconder's name: Chaim Cutler & Jack Lubner

Seconder's JSocs: Salford & Cambridge

What's the idea?

1. According to MIND, 1 in 4 people will experience a mental health problem a year, with Randstad stating that 7 in 10 university students becoming diagnosed with a long-term mental health condition, or believe that they have a condition that is undiagnosed.
2. We believe that UJS should help to support its members and committees to help combat this.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS staff and JSoc Committees (particularly but not limited to Welfare officers) to undergo mental health training in order for them to both better support themselves, but also to help them better support other JSoc members
2. UJS to signpost students to organisations that they can turn to in order to if they are struggling and need help
3. UJS to produce materials to help committee members with how to handle mental health issues, and to reduce the stigma around mental health at their JSoc
4. UJS to provide training to new committees on running a JSoc in order to reduce anxiety within new JSoc committees
5. UJS to work with Mental Health charities such as First Aid England to provide mental health first aid training available for JSoc committees.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: UJ29 UJS Cross Country Inclusion and Support

Proposer's name: Xander Ross

Proposer's JSoc: Manchester

Seconder's name: Chaim Cutler

Seconder's JSoc: Salford

What is the idea?

1. To better represent, include and support JSocs across the country

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should reach out to smaller universities and ensure that they are aware of the existence of JSoc and UJS as many are unaware of its existence.
2. UJS should host events in the North of the UK more regularly, as most events are based in London, making them inaccessible for students who live and study in the North and Middle of the UK.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion Title: UJ30 Means Tested JSoc Funding and additional funding for small JSocs

Proposers' names: Samantha Lewkowicz & Maayan Segman

Proposers' JSocs: UEA & Royal Veterinary College

Seconders' names: Billy Alexander & Ayala Grossman

Seconders' JSocs: UEA & Royal Veterinary College

What's the idea?

1. Bigger JSocs get a huge amount of external help such as Aish, Chabad, Chaplaincy events, etc every week however, smaller JSocs tend to receive none of that yet receive the same amount of funding as those bigger JSocs.
2. Smaller JSocs should get more help and funding as often, their JSoc events are the only opportunities that Jewish students have on campus.
3. Some JSocs are new and small such as under 20 members, and in a small university. As a result, we do not have the economies of scale of other JSocs.
4. In addition, some Student Unions are run in a way that leave societies that do not charge membership fees without any funding.
5. We do not have enough funding to support any social.
6. This results in our expenses for events being out of pocket.
7. We therefore propose that UJS be more flexible and assess the funding that small JSocs receive on a case-by-case bases.

How do you want it to happen?

1. As opposed to a flat rate of £2 per head for example, this should be discretionary and means tested.
2. JSocs that have little in their accounts should receive more funding than those who have more.
3. A meeting of all small JSocs that are under the UJS. In this meeting, the motion can be discussed thoroughly and a solution that is agreed by majority can be reached.
4. A yearly stipend rather than funding per event or larger amount of funding per person per event.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: UJ31 More UJS trips

Proposer's name: Hannah Curtis

Proposer's JSoc: City

Seconder's name: Leah Pearl

Seconder's JSoc: Leeds

What is the idea?

1. Organised trips are a really important aspect of student life.
2. UJS in the past have delivered trips abroad to Europe, Israel and many other places. It is an opportunity for Jewish students to meet each other and Jewish students worldwide.
3. This would be beneficial for students both here and away to meet each other and share ideas.
4. Trips can also be provided in the UK and Ireland for students to visit each other.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to work with external organisations to promote trips for students.
  - a. UJS should ensure that it only partners with organisations that, as far as possible, share its core values, particularly cross-communalism.
2. More availability of trips both in the near home and abroad.
3. Students to present ideas of trips they want to do to UJS.
4. Trips to involve both education and fun.





*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion Title: UJ33 A More Transparent UJS

Proposer's name: Toby Kunin

Proposer's JSoc: Warwick

Seconders name: Noah Katz

Seconders JSoc: Lancaster

What's the idea?

1. Every year lots of motions get passed, both at conference itself or through the approval of the NEC in the weeks that follow.
2. Every year policy slips through the cracks, and motions lapse without ever having actually been implemented.
3. While the role of the President and Sabbatical team is to implement policy, it is up to Conference and UJS Members to set that policy out.
4. The UJS President and Team obviously have constraints on their time and energy, but in the past personal projects without a mandate have been prioritized, while member- made policy lay unimplemented.
5. The success of UJS is built upon the relationship between Jewish student members and the UJS team. A continual failure to implement policy damages that relationship and weakens trust in UJS, to the detriment of all Jewish students.

How do you want it to happen?

1. According to the UJS constitution, National Council are responsible for oversight on the implementation of Policy, and therefore should take responsibility for all matters related to the Policy Tracker.
2. UJS should create and maintain a Policy Tracker.
3. This tracker should record all active policies, who is responsible for each policy's implementation, and what steps are being taken by the UJS team to implement them. This should also offer motion submitters a point of contact if they are concerned by a lack of action on any policy.
4. This Policy Tracker should be easily accessible on the front page of the UJS website, and be clear to read and up to date. It should use a colour coding system to show how far away from implementation each policy is, and how long is left on each policy's lifespan.
5. This Policy Tracker should play a central role in the UJS Office, inform the year



strategy set by the team, and be a constant point of reference throughout the year.

6. UJS shall circulate to its members and make publicly available reports from its CEO, President and Sabbatical Team. These will keep Jewish students informed over the work UJS does on their behalf and in their name.
7. Off the back of Conference, UJS must also produce a policy document explaining Jewish students priorities for the new year. This 'manifesto' should try to weave a coherent policy platform out of the various motions passed, be circulated to the Jewish press and communal partners, and form a key part of the UJS public face.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion Title: UJ34 Improving provisions for coeliac / gluten free food at JSoc events.

Proposer's name: Charlotte Cobb

Proposer's JSoc: Birmingham

Seconder's name: Evie Singer

Seconder's JSoc: Birmingham

What's the idea?

1. Have better provisions for coeliac and gluten intolerance at JSoc events. Often this is overlooked

How do you want it to happen?

1. JSocs to be reminded with events checklists etc that they may need to provide food for those with intolerances.
2. When signing up to events have space available for people to say what their intolerances are.
3. Often these foods can be more expensive. In some cases, UJS could give more money when a bigger volume of gluten free food / food catering to a specific dietary requirement needs to be bought.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion Title: UJ35 Jewish students to determine UJS affiliations democratically

Proposer's name: Emily Sinclair

Proposer's JSoc: Oxford

Seconder's name: Jack Lubner

Seconder's JSoc: Cambridge

What's the idea?

1. UJS is a peer led-democratic organisation.
2. UJS is affiliated to different organisations.
3. Student Unions across the country vote annually on affiliations, UJS should do the same. We should decide our union's affiliations

How do you want it to happen?

1. Each year conference should vote on all affiliations.
2. There should be speeches for and against each affiliation followed by a simple majority vote.
3. If the conference votes to disaffiliate from an organisation, the President must implement this disaffiliation swiftly.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion Title: UJ37 Aleph, bet, gimel : Aleph to continue into the future

Proposer's name: Emily Sinclair

Proposer's JSoc: Oxford

Seconder's name: Jack Lubner

Seconder's JSoc: Cambridge

What's the idea?

1. This year Aleph has reinvigorated the Jewish student scene with thought provoking articles from a range of contributors.
2. Students who would not otherwise engage in Jewish student life have felt included in our community.
3. UJS should promote a range of cultural offerings including Aleph.

How do you want it to happen?

1. The UJS President and sabbatical team should produce at least three editions of Aleph each academic year.
2. Efforts should be made to recruit students as editors, proof-readers and designers to ensure that Aleph continues to thrive.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: UJ41 Better provision for medical students/ older students

Proposer's name: Evie Singer

Proposer's JSoc: Birmingham

Seconder's name: Charlotte Cobb

Seconder's JSoc: Birmingham

What's the idea?

1. Better planning in JSocs for medical students/ students with longer degrees.

How do you want it to happen?

1. More events specifically tailored to different degrees e.g. for law and medicine
2. JSocs to be encouraged to hold events in different areas. Often older students don't want to travel as far to JSoc locations.
3. Having 4th year events/ older undergrad events. Often at this age students may not want the same kind of events as freshers.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: UJ43 UJSix – UJS for Sixth Formers

Proposer's name: Noah Katz

Proposer's JSoc: Lancaster

Seconder's name: Reuben Simon

Seconder's JSoc: Edinburgh

What's the idea?

1. Sixth formers are often unprepared to go to campus, and do not know enough about what to expect from JSoc and being Jewish on campus.
2. Engaging sixth formers in UJS will ensure we have a strong year of freshers, and do not lose people previously engaged in their Jewish life at secondary school age.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should run a program for sixth formers, including but not limited to:
  - a. Campus preparation sessions
  - b. Working directly with Youth Movements
  - c. Campus visits for prospective students during application/acceptance season
  - d. JSoc open evenings
  - e. Israel engagement on campus



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: UJ46 UJS to Commit to critical Engagement with Israel

Proposer's name: Josh Cohen

Proposer's JSoc: Nottingham

Seconder's name James Konn

Seconder's JSoc: Birmingham

What's the idea?

1. UJS issued a statement on Israel's recent election, expressing concerns about the incoming government's far-right character in line with UJS's own core values of cross-communalism and Israel engagement.
2. Depending on further political developments, such critical engagement should not be a one-off, and should continue going forward on a more consistent basis.
3. This would not preclude other forms of engagement with Israel's civil society, political actors or culture.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to speak out against fundamental erosions of Israeli democratic norms, such as nullifying the authority of the supreme court, discriminatory legislation or suppression of critical media/NGOs.
2. UJS to condemn any fundamental deepening of Israel's occupation of Palestinian territories, such as annexation, major settlement expansion or major settlement legalisation.
3. UJS to condemn any major policy alterations to Israel's security forces (police, IDF, etc.) that are detrimental to human rights, such as loosening the rules of engagement for live fire on demonstrators.
4. All the above should be upon consultation of the National Executive, CEO and Board of Trustees.





*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: UJ47 UJS Year Abroad Network

Proposer's name: Edward Isaacs

Proposer's JSoc: Bristol

Seconder's name: Jack Lubner

Seconder's JSoc: Cambridge

What's the idea?

1. A Year Abroad Network to connect traveling Jewish students with each other and Jewish student unions abroad.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to assign a sabbatical officer with the role of reaching out to Jewish students going on years abroad to connect them with other students going on years abroad and also connecting them with Jewish student opportunities in their travel destination.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: UJ48 Improving Accountability & Transparency at UJS

Proposer's name: Gavriel Solomons

Proposer's JSoc: Hertfordshire

Seconder's name: Noah Arazi

Seconder's JSoc: Leeds

What's the idea?

1. Those leading UJS should be accountable and transparent to their membership.
2. This will improve confidence in UJS as an organisation, as well as its leadership.

How do you want it to happen?

1. The UJS President should aim to hold monthly Q&A sessions, which are hybrid (both in- person in London or on a campus elsewhere in the UK & Ireland, and online). Any Jewish student should be able to ask any question of the President, so that they are held to account and accessible to questioning by Jewish students.
2. The UJS President, Sabbatical Officers, National Council and Board of Deputies' Representatives should regularly publish publicly accessible updates about their activities, so that Jewish students are aware of what their representatives and UJS generally are doing

*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: UJ50 UJS to support Disabled Jewish students

Proposers' names: Ilana Tapper & Hannah Haskel

Proposers' JSocs: Manchester & Cambridge

Seconders' names: Xander Ross & Ábel Keszler

Seconders' JSocs: Manchester & Glasgow

What's the idea?

1. The number of Disabled students in higher education is increasing and Jewish students are no different. In 2019/20, 17.3% of the student population identified as having a disability, such as (but not limited to) a learning difference, a long-standing illness or health condition (whether mental or physical) or a physical impairment. (Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency, 2021)
2. JSocs should actively foster an environment of meaningful inclusion, to ensure that Disabled Jewish students can fully partake in Jewish life.
3. With the necessary support and resources, JSocs can make small changes which will go a long way in improving access and inclusivity. UJS is in a unique position to facilitate this.
4. Disabled students are frequently ostracised and left out of events, due to either events being inaccessible or lack of accessibility information being available.
  - a. We believe that this is of tantamount importance and of the utmost urgency to ensure that students who are currently being left out of events are able to attend and that those who attend currently are able to more easily.

How do you want it to happen?

1. Any action taken should keep in mind the following:
  - a. Students may not want to disclose their disability/disabilities, so any resources regarding support and accessibility should be widely and freely available anonymously.
  - b. Disabilities can be invisible.
  - c. Every disabled student has different needs and preferences.
  - d. Disabled students should be at the centre of decisions regarding accessibility.
2. UJS should provide mandatory accessibility training for JSoc committees and Sabbatical Officers, this should cover (but not be limited to):

- a. How to ensure that events are accessible, who is responsible for this on the committee, and how to communicate accessibility information.
  - b. The training should be delivered and guided by disabled students, or organisations who include disabled people at their centre.
3. The majority of UJS and JSoc events should be wheelchair accessible events, including those being run by other organisations but advertised through JSoc. UJS sabbatical officers, or a designated UJS officer should be responsible for ensuring this gets implemented across JSocs.
4. UJS should ensure that JSocs consider accessibility needs, this should cover (but not be limited to) provision of seating, quiet spaces, access breaks, step-free access routes, hearing loops, car parking and accessible toilets in venues used for events.
5. The main event “hub” for JSocs should be wheelchair accessible.
6. UJS should ensure that JSocs (along with UJS themselves) take accessibility measures into account in virtual meetings or events, such as the provision of automatically generated captions.
7. UJS should create an access statement template that JSocs can use to help communicate accessibility information for events and venues which would be displayed alongside event information (including events and venues being used by UJS). This should include (but not be limited to):
  - a. Lift access/ramp access.
  - b. Wide doors/corridors.
  - c. Whether seating is available for those who require it.
  - d. Whether events will use bright/flashing lights and/or loud sounds/music.
  - e. If ear plugs/defenders are available on request.
  - f. If BSL interpreters are present at events.
  - g. Whether accessible toilets are available.
  - h. Whether there are relief areas available for assistance/guide dogs.
8. UJS should offer additional funding for JSocs if required in order to make events accessible.
9. When considering grants and funding for JSocs, UJS should take into account whether the JSoc has considered and made adjustments for Disabled students.
10. UJS should clearly signpost support for Disabled students on their website.
11. UJS and JSocs should consider how Jewish Sporting events can be made more accessible to Disabled students.
12. UJS should produce a public statement or report detailing the progress made for these actions for review in 12 months time.
13. Image descriptions and alt-text should be available on social media posts.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion title: UJ51 Adequacy Assurance for JSoc Committees'

Training Proposer's name: Sam Kramer

Proposer's JSoc: Oxford

Seconder's name: Jojo Sugarman

Seconder's Jsoc: Oxford

What is the idea?

1. On the whole, training for new JSoc committees is mostly down the JSoc's previous committee, executed however is seen fit.
2. This leads to great inconsistency: year on year, a given committee (or a given specific position) can receive vastly different amounts of guidance, context, support etc (whether more or less) to that which they received themselves.
3. This is particularly evident in JSocs with termly (rather than yearly) committees with larger churn.
4. A lack of good training can cause issues from: new committees losing ideas/progress from old committees, to JSocs being unsure on their finances, leading to overspending and losing large amounts of money.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should place larger emphasis and take more accountability for committee changeovers. For example:
2. UJS should aim to ensure (and, if necessary, support the making of) society documents which must be updated by every committee and passed onto the next.
3. Mandatory committee meeting with their Sab at the start of their roles to go through procedures and expectations.
4. UJS should provide new presidents/committees with a 'cheat sheet' of things they should know to assure they are adequately prepared (and can ask old committees about certain parts if they are not).
5. Regular calls between JSoc president and their Sab to assure things are going smoothly.
6. In accordance with guidelines and privacy etc, UJS to keep and monitor documents of each JSoc's committee names and positions / Sab to reach out to each committee member near the start of their roles and check they feel prepared.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion name: UJ52 Providing Well-Advertised and Comprehensive JSoc Committee

Training Proposer's name: Gavriel Solomons

Proposer's JSoc: Hertfordshire

Seconder's name: Noah Arazi

Seconder's Jsoc: Leeds

What's the idea?

1. UJS training should provide committee members with the basic and necessary skills that they might want and need to better serve Jewish students at their university.
2. This training should be readily available and properly advertised to JSoc committees.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS will provide comprehensive training for JSoc committee members, including on Jewish-specific areas such as kashrut and Shabbat awareness.
2. This training should be offered both over the summer between academic years, as well as during breaks and year-round by sabbatical officers - particularly for JSocs which change over their committee members between semesters.
3. UJS and Sabbatical Officers should actively get in contact with JSoc committee members to offer this training once they are elected and make it continuously available for committee members who haven't yet received it/not had the opportunity to take it up.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion Title: UJ53 Expanding Access to Kosher Food Deliveries

Proposer's name: Gavriel Solomons

Proposer's JSoc: Hertfordshire

Seconder's name: Maanya Patel

Seconder's JSoc: Oxford

What's the idea?

1. All Jewish students, observant or not, should be able to access the kosher food they want and need.
2. Some Jewish students, particularly at small JSocs, find it difficult to access kosher food.
3. UJS should play a key role in helping Jewish students access kosher food.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should ensure that all Jewish students are aware of where kosher food is locally available.
2. UJS should support Jewish students in ordering kosher food, particularly to smaller/less accessible JSocs - working with local communities and other organisations such as University Jewish Chaplaincy.

*This policy lapses in 2025*

Amended - Motion Title: UJ54 Israeli State Authorities Opposing UJS Values: 37<sup>th</sup> Government

Amendment proposer's name: Josh Cohen

Amendment proposer's JSoc: Nottingham Trent

Amendment seconder's name: Guy Sandler

Amendment seconder's JSoc: London School of Economics

#### What's the idea?

1. UJS is committed to democracy, cross-communalism, Israel engagement, supporting refugees, LGBTQ+ liberation, and supporting Israeli-Palestinian dialogue. These stances are confirmed by its constitution, adopted policy, liberation caucus establishment, and past events.
2. In a statement made by UJS on the 22nd November 2022 UJS noted its concern and action to be taken with regards to the 37th Government of Israel.
  - a. Ben-Gvir, Minister of National Security,
    - i. Was convicted of inciting to racism and supporting a terrorist organisation (2007)
    - ii. Kept a portrait of Baruch Goldstein, Kahanist mass murder, in his living room until 2020,
    - iii. Actively joined the racist campaign against African asylum seekers in Israel (2022)
    - iv. Has already directed police to remove Palestinian flags flying in public, in direct contravention of a 2021 Court ruling.
  - b. Smotrich, Minister of Finance and Minister in the Defense Ministry,
    - i. boasted of being a "proud homophobe" and called Jerusalem Pride "worse than bestiality"
    - ii. stated that "Arabs are my enemies and that's why I don't enjoy being next to them" (2016)
    - iii. threatened Arab MKs by stating "You're here by mistake, it's a mistake that Ben-Gurion didn't finish the job and didn't throw you out in 1948" (2021).
    - iv. He was condemned by the Board of Deputies last year, which called on "all members of the British Jewish community to show him the door" due to his 'abominable views' and 'hate-provoking ideology'.
  - c. Netanyahu, PM, has engineered the government's coalition agreement, which includes:
    - i. A statement that the Jewish people have "an exclusive and unquestionable right to all areas of the Land of Israel. The government will promote and develop settlement in all parts of the Land of Israel - in the Galilee, the Negev, the Golan, Judea and Samaria."
    - ii. Making Smotrich the "de facto overlord" of areas of the West Bank



- under full Israeli military and civil control,
- iii. Handing Ben Gvir and his party control of the Negev and Galilee Development ministry, West Bank outposts, land-allocating authorities, and police forces across the Green Line,
- iv. Permission for coalition members to attempt to amend anti-discrimination protections for LGBTQ+ people.
- v. Supporting an “override clause” to allow the Knesset to overturn Supreme Court judgments.

How do you want it to happen?

1. Given the statements by the Union of Jewish Students (22 November 2022) and the European Union of Jewish Students (30 October 2022), UJS is to undertake to enact all commitments made in the statement of 22nd November"
2. None of the steps taken should influence other existing forms of Israel Engagement.  
In the event of a clash, UJS should support Israel engagement over points.
3. This policy shall remain in motion until substantial personnel changes occur within the Israeli government, in which case it should come under review by the National Council.
  - a. Changes in ministerial appointments, as dictated by the Norwegian Law, or the withdrawal of less than 2 parties from the governing coalition, are not categorised as ‘substantial’ by this resolution.



*This policy lapses in 2025*

Motion Title: UJ59 Opposing BDS and supporting democracy

Proposer's name: Jack Lubner

Proposer's JSoc: Cambridge

Seconders name: Josh Cohen

Seconders JSoc: Nottingham Trent

What is the idea?

1. This motion will restate UJS's commitment to fighting BDS, which is lapsing, and update it to protect the interests of Jewish students on campus in line with current developments.
2. UJS reiterates Jewish students' opposition to the BDS (Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions) movement. In particular, UJS is opposed to BDS motions that do not differentiate between the internationally recognised pre-1967 borders of Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, and BDS motions that limit freedom of speech through academic boycotts.
3. The UK Government's recently proposed "Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Bill" weakens the ability of British Jewish students to approach the conversation about Israel in a nuanced manner. This Bill, in the name of "community cohesion" and purportedly the Jewish community, seeks to impose a sweeping ban on public bodies making investment decisions based on considerations such as human rights.
4. When a similar law was proposed in Israel making no distinctions between boycotts of all of Israel or of the occupied Palestinian territories, it received condemnation from across the Israeli political map.
  - a. Reuven Rivlin, Israel's Tenth President 2014-2021, condemned the law as undemocratic, ineffective at tackling boycotts, and "playing into the hands of Israel's critics".
  - b. British Jewish students support Israel and want to see peace in the form of a two-state solution as underlined by current UJS policy (2020 UJ7). Erasing the Green Line conflates the West Bank and Gaza with Israel in its internationally recognised borders, which bolsters BDS's arguments.
  - c. Hence, UJS should oppose the attempt made by the Boycott Bill to conflate Israel and the occupied territories through reference to "linked" territories. Such framing puts both Israel and a future two-state solution at risk.

5. UJS upholds cross-communalism and leads the Jewish community in impacting a range of social justice issues from environmental impact to minority rights. UJS believes that such struggles should be carried out in a democratic and peaceful way.
  - a. UJS reaffirms its commitment to campaigning against the Uyghur genocide and has joined the campaign against buying goods made by forced Uyghur labour (2021 CO4).
  - b. A blanket ban on public bodies from divesting from certain areas would be a significant obstacle to human rights campaigns now and into the future. For this reason, a range of UK civil society organisations have committed to opposing the Boycott Bill as an infringement on our civil rights, including Greenpeace UK, Liberty, and Stamp Out Poverty.
  - c. To protect Jewish students on campus and beyond, we must differentiate between the BDS movement and its leadership on the one hand, and the wider right of public bodies to make their own investment decisions. Conflating the two puts Jewish students at risk and wrongly presents us as opposing a range of social justice issues from environmental rights to workers' rights.
6. Concern for the safety of Jewish students is of paramount importance, and Universities and Students' Unions need to recognise this and make the necessary provisions for Jewish students accordingly.

#### How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should reaffirm its opposition to the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement.
2. In particular, UJS should underline its opposition to academic boycotts which limit freedom of speech on campus.
3. UJS should reaffirm its support for the democratic right to non-violently protest and opposes the government's proposed Boycott Bill, which is a curtailment of that right, as well as presenting a risk to British Jewish communities and a setback to Israeli- Palestinian peace.
4. UJS should commit to writing to the UK government making its position clear: rejecting both BDS and the Boycott Bill. UJS supports democracy and should oppose any attempt to paint the British Jewish community's legitimate need for security as standing in opposition to democratic rights.



*This policy lapses in 2023*

Motion Title: CA3 Fighting Antisemitism with the Jewish Labour Movement

Proposer's name: Jack Lubner

Proposer's J-Soc: Cambridge

Seconder's name: Toby Kunin

Seconder's J-Soc: Warwick

What's the idea?

1. The issue of antisemitism in the Labour Party has been incredibly difficult for the Jewish community and for Jewish students in particular, who have faced antisemitism on campus.
2. The Labour Party's new leadership have made promising steps in dealing with the problem of antisemitism in Labour but there is still a long way to go.
3. The Jewish Labour Movement (JLM) played a key role in the fight against antisemitism, having referred the Labour Party to the Equalities and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) – which found it guilty of committing three unlawful acts.
4. UJS has worked with JLM in the past to provide antisemitism awareness training on campus.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should continue to work alongside the Jewish Labour Movement in co-hosting events to share the experiences of Jewish students.
2. If antisemitism awareness training in University Labour Clubs resumes, UJS should facilitate training with JLM.
3. UJS should be in regular contact with JLM to coordinate efforts to fight antisemitism on campus when it arises in Labour Party spaces.



*This policy lapses in 2023*

Motion Title: CA6 Committing to Fight All Forms of Antisemitism

Proposer's name: Millie Walker

Proposer's J-Soc: Leeds

Seconders name: Tamar Klajman

Seconders J-Soc: UCL

What's the idea?

1. Antisemitism is rising at an alarming rate at universities across the world.
2. True to its chameleonic nature, campus antisemitism takes on many guises, such as singling out the state of Israel for unique criticisms not voiced about any other country.
3. An example of the latter form of antisemitism was evident this year following the murder of George Floyd and ensuing Black Lives Matter Protests, wherein countless student groups blamed Israel for the death of Mr. Floyd and police brutality more broadly.
4. This is akin to the age-old antisemitic libel that Jews are puppet masters controlling governments and law enforcement agencies around the world. Likewise, blaming Israel for phenomena like police brutality and racism – which long predated Israel – is also antisemitic.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS will monitor campuses for antisemitism in all its form and work with CST to appropriately confirm if something antisemitic has occurred.
2. Upon discovery or notification of an antisemitic incident, UJS will approach relevant campus authorities. Antisemitic incidents include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Antisemitic graffiti i.e. a Nazi swastika or replacing the Star of David with a swastika within the Israeli flag
  - b. The spread of antisemitic rhetoric by professors or guest lectures
  - c. Harassment of a Jewish student by a professor for supporting the State of Israel
  - d. Harassment of a Jewish student by student groups for supporting the state of Israel
  - e. Targeting of Jewish students by white supremacists
3. Lobby university administrations to issue condemnations of antisemitic incidents.
4. Lobby for disciplinary actions by university administrations against those involved, when relevant.

UJS will commit itself to combatting antisemitism in all its nefarious forms.

*This policy lapses in 2023*

Motion Title: CA5 Prevent Terrorists from Lecturing to Students

Proposer's name: Ben Harari

Proposer's J-Soc: Nottingham

Seconder's name: Yona Davis

Seconder's J-Soc: Manchester

What's the idea?

1. In recent months, a campaign has been spearheaded by Palestinian student groups to host terrorists and terror supporters on campus.
2. Notably, the University of Leeds' Palestine Solidarity Group (PSG) hosted a talk glorifying Leila Khaled's terrorism. She is a leader within the EU-designated terrorist organisation, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP). Khaled was given the opportunity to address students via video about her "silencing" by Zoom, Facebook, and Youtube for an event she was meant to take part in at an American university.
3. Khaled gained notoriety for her participation in the hijackings of multiple commercial airplanes in the late 1960's and early 1970's.
4. While freedom of speech is a fundamental value for any healthy democracy, hosting terrorists crosses any boundary of acceptable discourse, legitimises violence, and glorifies bigotry.
5. In light of the above, UJS must take active steps to prevent terrorists like Leila Khaled and terror supporters in general from lecturing to students on campus or through official university functions.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS Sabbatical officers will monitor the campus environment and notify the relevant UJS authorities of any forthcoming campus events featuring terrorists or terror supporters.
2. UJS will petition the administration of the campus in question to disinvite the proposed speakers fitting the above criteria.
3. Should the administration not acquiesce, UJS will mobilise online and offline campaigns highlighting the injustice, thereby pressuring the administration to disinvite the proposed speakers.
4. If the event in question is to be held online, UJS will petition the relevant online platform to cancel the event.
5. Concomitantly, UJS will inquire with relevant law enforcement agencies to see if hosting terrorists violates the law.



*This policy lapses in 2023*

Motion Title: CA1 Intrafaith – Uniting all Jewish Students

Proposer's name: Jodie Franks

Proposer's J-Soc: Leeds

Seconders name: Ariel Simble

Seconders J-Soc: Leeds

What's the idea?

1. UJS should reaffirm their commitment to intrafaith activities and work with other on campus Jewish organisations to facilitate a positive Jewish experience for all students.
2. There is more that unites us than divides us, and UJS should be the central point for all Jewish on-campus activity.
3. It is vital that UJS' relationship with other on-campus Jewish organisations is strong.

How do you want it to happen?

1. The president should hold an open meeting every quarter, to which any representative of an on-campus Jewish organisation can attend (e.g. UJC, PJS, Marom).
2. At this meeting, progress reports can be shared, and support and help should be offered to all parties where necessary.

*This policy lapses in 2023*

Motion Title: CA10 Mental Health Support for All

Proposer's name: Jodie Franks

Proposer's J-Soc: Leeds

Seconders name: Yona Davis

Seconders J-Soc: Manchester

What's the idea?

1. UJS should commit to helping student access the mental health support they need whilst at university.
2. The current system is complicated, with many different options to choose from, and no centralised place to look at all options for mental health support.
3. UJS should be the platform for Jewish students to find the support they need, and it should be easy and accessible.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS will collate all options a student has to access support for their mental health, specific to each city.
2. This will be in the form of a working document, updated every six months.
3. The document will include:
  - a. Support available from universities and student unions in the city
  - b. Support available from local charities
  - c. Online support
  - d. National helplines
  - e. Jewish helpline, Kooth student and Jami contact details.
4. The cities that will be covered includes, but are not limited to:
  - a. Leeds
  - b. Manchester
  - c. Oxford
  - d. Cambridge
  - e. London
  - f. Nottingham
  - g. Bristol
  - h. Birmingham
  - i. Edinburgh
  - j. Glasgow





*This policy lapses in 2023*

Motion Title: CA7 UJS Will Remain Committed to Supporting Israel's Right to Defend Itself  
Against Those That Wish to Destroy It

Proposer's name: Yuval Ben-Arzi

Proposer's J-Soc: Warwick

Seconder's name: Jason Gardner

Seconder's J-Soc: Liverpool

What's the idea?

1. For UJS to support Israel's right to defend itself against those that wish to destroy it as on university campuses this is the main hatred which leads to antisemitism and discrimination towards Jewish students.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to support J-Socs which have these issues with the anti-Israel narrative on campus and provide sources to help.



*This policy lapses in 2023*

Motion Title: CA8 UJS Should Combat the Labelling of Israel as an Apartheid State

Proposer's name: Adam Grossman

Proposer's J-Soc: Leeds

Seconders name: David Legmann

Seconders J-Soc: Leeds

What's the idea?

1. The term Israeli apartheid is normalised by minor anti-Israel groups.
2. Comparison with South Africa is incorrect, inaccurate and deeply offensive, as well as being a barrier to dialogue.
3. In Israel, minorities have equal rights and there are no restrictions of movement.
4. The term apartheid is used to delegitimise Israel, as well as to call for BDS, which often manifests itself as antisemitism.
5. Israeli Universities, often the subject of boycott campaigns and accusations of apartheid, are prime examples of Israel's multi-ethnic society and this should be celebrated.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should lead the fight against student groups and individuals who use the slur of apartheid against Israel.
2. UJS should showcase Israel's vibrant ethnic diversity, particularly in university spaces.
3. UJS should use parliamentary engagement to ensure that no university tolerates the use of the term apartheid on their campuses.

*This policy lapses in 2023*

Motion Title: CA12 UJS Welcomes and Supports Peace

Proposer's name: Josh Lee & Nina Freedman

Proposer's J-Soc: Nottingham & Bristol

Seconders name: Millie Walker & Sabrina Miller

Seconders J-Soc: Leeds & Bristol

What's the idea?

1. Peace between historic adversaries is both substantial and entirely noble in creating an environment conducive to further peacemaking.
2. Brokering sustainable diplomatic relations is essential in protecting the rights of minorities and their quests for self-determination and autonomy.
3. The Panmunjom Declaration on the mutual effort to put in place a peace treaty between the Republic of Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea assures the world that military action on the Korean peninsula will not happen anytime soon.
4. This is to be commended. The Prespa agreement between the governments of Greece and the former Republic of Macedonia under the auspices of the United Nations resolved a long-standing dispute between the nations.
5. This Peace between Greece and North Macedonia is to be commended. The Colombian peace process between the Colombian government of President Juan Manuel Santos and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia brought an end to the Colombian conflict. This is to be commended.
6. The Abraham Accords between Israel, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain recognizes the importance of maintaining and strengthening peace in the Middle East and around the world based on mutual understanding and coexistence, as well as respect for human dignity and freedom, including religious freedom.
7. This is to be commended. It is incumbent upon us all to hail landmark achievements in diplomacy that seek to better the lives of populations living in conflict through no fault of their own.
8. The Abraham Accords are a historic event. The Abraham Accords are creating peace between countries in the Middle East.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS will encourage efforts to promote interfaith and intercultural dialogue to advance a culture of peace among the three Abrahamic religions and all humanity. Examples include promoting Israeli and Jewish culture to Emirati and Bahraini

students.

2. UJS believes that the best way to address challenges is through cooperation and dialogue and that developing friendly relations among States advances the interests of lasting peace in the Middle East and around the world.
3. UJS will pursue a vision of peace, security, and prosperity in the Middle East and around the world.
4. UJS will not compromise on any measures that seek to limit the ability of Israel's security and will distance itself from campaigns that wish to threaten the prosperity of the state of Israel.
5. UJS are encouraged by the ongoing efforts to consolidate and expand such friendly relations based on shared interests and a shared commitment to a better future.
6. On this note, UJS will welcome any peace agreements made between Israel and its neighbours in whatever form their respective governments have agreed on UJS should publicly support the Abraham Accords and future such peace agreements.



*This policy lapses in 2023*

Motion Title: CA4 Antisemitism Awareness Weeks

Proposer's name: Nina Freedman

Proposer's J-Soc: Bristol

Seconder's name: Sabrina Miller

Seconder's J-Soc: Bristol

What's the idea?

1. There is a lack of education about Jewish people among the wider student community.
2. Many students may accidentally make antisemitic comments because they do not know/understand it is antisemitic.
3. If we spend time educating people about antisemitism, we may be able to lower the number of antisemitic incidents on campus.

How do you want it to happen?

1. J-Socs will liaise with Students' Unions to run Antisemitism Awareness Weeks.
2. They will run a variety of events (such as Myth-busting, A Lizard's Tale and explaining the difference between antisemitism and legitimate criticism of Israel) but the events are up to the discretion of the J-Soc



*This policy lapses in 2023*

Motion Title: CA9 UJS to Promote Opportunities for UK Students to Study in Israel Proposer's

name: Adam Grossman

Proposer's J-Soc: Leeds

Seconder's name: Joel Azulay

Seconder's J-Soc: Queen Mary

What's the idea?

1. Israel has a world class higher education system and an excellent student life.
2. Many Jewish students are regularly asked how they can experience Israel and studying there is one of the finest ways to.
3. Israeli universities offer MA programmes at discounted prices to attract graduates.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to promote opportunities for students to study in Israel.
2. UJS should commit to an annual event, providing a platform for all major Israeli universities to offer their study opportunities.
3. UJS should invite non-Jewish student groups to this event.



*This policy lapses in 2023*

Motion Title: CA11 Israel Trips for Non-Jewish Students

Proposer's name: Ben Harari

Proposer's J-Soc: Nottingham

Seconder's name: Joel Azulay

Seconder's J-Soc: Queen Mary

What's the idea?

1. UJS has historically taken non-Jewish students and sabbatical officers on their first trip to Israel and the West Bank.
2. Many Members of Parliament today visited Israel for their first time with UJS.
3. These trips have been an opportunity for non-Jewish students to speak to both Israelis and Palestinians.
4. It has allowed non-Jewish students to become educated on both sides of the conflict.
5. These trips have proven to be beneficial for Jewish students by creating allies within Student Unions and on campus.
6. UJS is a Zionist organisation.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should commit to restarting the 'Young Political Leaders Trip' and 'Real deal trips'.
2. UJS should commit to increase their promotion of Israel within SUs and NUS.
3. UJS should also commit to running their Manhigut trip for Jewish student



*This policy lapses in 2023*

Motion Title: UJ3 UJS to Recognise the Inalienable and Collective Right of the Palestinian People to Self-Determination

Proposer's name: Emily Otvos

Proposer's J-Soc: Lancaster

Seconder's name: Toby Kunin

Seconder's J-Soc: Warwick

What's the idea?

1. The right to self-determination is largely recognised as a peremptory norm under international law, with a long historical trajectory, wide state practice and citation in numerous declarations and International Court of Justice (ICJ) cases, most notably in the 1995 East Timor case - which deemed self-determination an obligation erga omnes.
2. UJS has repeatedly committed to the policy of a two-state solution.
3. In order to continuously uphold both of these actualities, UJS must recognise the inalienable and collective right of the Palestinian people to self-determination.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS conference to affirm the content of this motion, as in line with existent UJS policy.
2. UJS to uphold this universal right throughout their Israel education.



*This policy lapses in 2023*

Motion Title: UJ7 UJS to Support a Negotiated Two-State Solution

Proposer's name: Peter Strauss

Proposer's J-Soc: Oxford Brookes

Seconder's name: Toby Kunin

Seconder's J-Soc: Warwick

What's the idea?

1. UJS policy supports a two-state solution as a political means to ending the Israeli Palestinian conflict.[1] (2018 Motion UJ6).
2. This political agreement between both parties can only take place after political negotiations between both parties.
3. Thus, any two-state solution which is implemented should be agreed upon and discussed by both parties.
4. As such, any proposed two-state solution which includes unilateral actions or decisions made by only one party are not legitimate and should not be accepted by UJS.
5. [1] UJS Conference 2018 Motions, "UJ6 Two State Solution Policy". Available at: [https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/ujs/pages/628/attachments/original/1544627873/Motion\\_booklet-Pass](https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/ujs/pages/628/attachments/original/1544627873/Motion_booklet-Pass)

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to confirm its commitment to a two-state solution which is negotiated and includes both Israeli and Palestinian parties.
2. When educating about the two-state solution, to include the importance of negotiations between both sides in realising this political solution.
3. UJS to support partners in the UK and in Israel-Palestine who are working towards a negotiated peace process. This could include sharing material when relevant, organising events with relevant partners and supporting J-Socs to organise events with relevant partners as well.
4. Some examples of organisations UJS could work with could include Zimam, One Voice, Yachad and Peace Now.



*This policy lapses in 2023*

Motion Title: UJ1 Proliferation of Transliteration

Proposer's name: Toby Kunin

Proposer's J-Soc: Warwick

Seconder's name: Jodie Franks

Seconder's J-Soc: Leeds

What's the idea?

1. That a lack of Hebrew education should not be a barrier to accessing Jewish prayer.
2. That transliterated siddurim help more people to engage with their yiddishkeit, prayer and community.
3. That there is an uneven distribution of transliterated siddurim across the country, with many accessible to J-Socs with large Chabad presences, but very few in smaller and more isolated J-Socs.
4. That Kabbalat Shabbat is the most accessible and widely attended regular prayer service.

How do you want it to happen?

1. Create a Friday night siddur booklet, complete with transliteration, to be distributed for free to all J-Socs, and to Jewish students who request.
2. Work towards procuring more full siddurim with transliteration, especially for J-Socs who hold more regular prayer services.



*This policy lapses in 2023*

Motion Title: UJ4 Transgender and Non Binary Rights

Proposer's name: Ariel Simble

Proposer's J-Soc: Leeds

Seconder's name: Noah Katz

Seconder's J-Soc: Lancaster

What's the idea?

1. Transgender and Non Binary Jewish students should feel safe and fully included in Jewish spaces.
2. UJS has a responsibility to make that happen and stand in solidarity with our Trans and Non Binary siblings.
3. Trans men are men, Trans women are women, Non Binary identities are valid.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should ensure that there is provision for gender-neutral toilets at all in-person events.
2. UJS should encourage the use of pronouns alongside names when people introduce themselves at UJS events.
3. Thus, officers ought to include their pronouns in email signatures and UJS social media.
4. UJS should enforce a zero-tolerance policy of transphobia, relating to both speakers and participants.
5. UJS should work with relevant bodies (e.g. Keshet) to ensure that representation is inclusive and to provide educational opportunities about the Trans and Non Binary Jewish experience.
6. UJS should platform Trans and Non Binary people and centre their voices and experiences at events.
7. UJS should create a Trans and Non Binary caucus at liberation conference and work with its representatives to further inform UJS policy.

*This policy lapses in 2023*

Motion Title: UJ18 Support for Smaller J-Socs

Proposer's name: Ben Heath

Proposer's J-Soc: Southampton

Seconder's name: Miles Stewart-Compton

Seconder's J-Soc: Southampton

What's the idea?

1. Just four of the largest J-Socs are known to represent the largest voice in UJS across the UK (Birmingham, Bristol, Nottingham, Leeds), while 50% of the 8,500 Jewish students study outside the Big Four.
2. The other half comprises of medium and small J-Socs – many feel under-supported and under-represented.
3. At Southampton, we have struggled to make ends meet, especially over the last few years – getting every penny out of what we have still leaves us trailing closer and closer to an empty account. We know this is a story shared not only by ourselves but by the tens of others of small J-Socs around the country who have had to limit themselves for fear of overspending.
4. We recognize that UJS has gone some way towards providing for big and small J-Socs, with initiatives such as premium zoom accounts and some support toward funding.
5. The consensus is that this is not enough – many other J-Socs struggle with funding, activities and events that would keep their student community active, but instead are left cutting spending per head, and missing out on activity.
6. Engagement in UJS outside the larger, more organised J-Socs is low.
7. UJS shouldn't just be made of and represent the Jews who are privileged to attend one of four UK Universities; it should strive to represent all 8,500+ students across the country regardless of their university background.

How do you want it to happen?

1. Supporting and creating small J-Soc initiatives to account for the smaller committees:
  - a. Where could UJS step in to fill the gap where a 4-6-person committee needs it?
2. Providing training to Sabbatical Officers for the differences on small and big J-Socs.
3. Promoting and facilitating meetings between Sabbatical Officers and small J-Socs to provide an opportunity for students to share their perspectives and thoughts.
  - a. Sabbatical Officers have a role to play in mediating between UJS and smaller J-Socs.
4. UJS release a breakdown of engagement per J-Soc.
  - a. UJS needs to be transparent and accountable in the way it supports J-Socs.



- b. UJS also needs to make educated decisions in the ways it reaches out, as do J-Socs in the way they make decisions.
- 5. Promotion of small J-Soc activity on UJS Social Media.
- 6. Considering a different funding support model that would make small J-Socs financially secure in the long term.
  - a. Funding-per-head only works where turnout is consistently large enough to outweigh expenses, benefitting large J-Socs – how could UJS help prop up smaller J-Socs?
- 7. For UJS to conduct a review into rebalancing the UJS Election system to enable and incentivize candidates to reach out to smaller J-Socs.
  - a. If candidates want to appeal to a smaller J-Soc, why should every candidate have to come?
  - b. How can the system be restructured so that not only students from larger J Socs get enough experience to engage with UJS on a national level?
  - c. Smaller J-Socs need to have a bigger say within UJS; how can engagement be raised over a long period to encourage students from outside the largest J-Socs to vote and run?

*This policy lapses in 2023*

Motion Title: UJ14 Inclusivity of UJS Events to Encourage Scottish, Northern Irish and Welsh Access

Proposer's name: Stav Salpteter

Proposer's J-Soc: Edinburgh

Seconder's name: Robbie Uriarte, Melanie Goldberg and Olivia Fletcher

J-Soc: Aberdeen, Glasgow and Belfast

What's the idea?

Inspired by Andrew Williams & Clare Levy 2017

1. We propose that UJS look at changing the timing and location of national events to encourage a higher level of representation from J-Socs in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.
2. Case Study: the UJS Conference
  - a. Takes place in early December every year.
  - b. This usually falls at the time that Scottish Universities have their first semester exams
3. This means that Scottish, Northern Irish and Welsh attendance at Conference is low, and Scottish Jewish student voices are not heard and able to influence our Union.
4. UJS values the voices of all its constituent J-Socs and thus has a responsibility to ensure that access to Conference should not be limited by academic institution. The Jewish student communities in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales are growing and thriving. There is no reason why this trend of growth is not set to continue and national events should reflect the entire make-up of the Jewish student body in the UK, not just England.

How do you want it to happen?

1. Timing.
  - a. UJS shall take reasonable steps to ensure the scheduling of conference does not coincide with the exam periods for universities in the devolved nations. UJS must consult the exam timetables of Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Belfast, Cardiff and Heriot Watt Universities before setting Conference, Summit and Student Awards dates.
2. Travel costs
  - a. UJS should commit to contributing towards travel reimbursements of students at Scottish, Northern Irish and Welsh Universities travelling to the Conference, Summit, and Student Awards when these take place in England.
  - b. UJS shall make reasonable efforts to minimise the additional financial burden placed students at universities in the devolved nations when

travelling to UJS events

3. Online voting

- a. UJS should ensure that there are continued possibilities to vote at the UJS Conference digitally which would make the conference more accessible not only to students in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland but other sidelined communities.

4. Inclusion

- a. UJS should do more to work with Scottish, Northern Irish and Welsh J-Socs and ensure their voices are being heard.
- b. UJS should host a yearly conference in Scotland based on the model of the 2019 Scottish Summit which introduced Scottish J-Soc Committees to the UJS President and Sabbatical Officers. This helped Scottish J-Socs engage more with UJS throughout the year and also strengthened existing networks between the societies themselves.



*This policy lapses in 2023*

Motion Title: UJ2 J-Socs to Collect and Donate Sanitary Products

Proposer's name: Grace Silverstein

Proposer's J-Soc: Leeds

Seconders name: Ariel Simble

Seconders J-Soc: Leeds

What's the idea?

1. Have a national campaign to increase awareness within J-Socs of the period poverty issue.
2. Period poverty stops women getting an education and affects women in the UK and Northern Ireland.
3. Idea is to have sanitary product collection points in all student centres that UJS owns.
4. As part of Tikkun Olam, we should be actively helping in our local communities to help stop period poverty.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS owned and Hillel House, or other Jewish centres of Student life will be offered permanent sanitary product collection points.
2. Each collection point will have a designated 'officer': the social action officer on J-Soc where appropriate or another committee member if not.
3. They will be in contact with charity Bloody Good Period who will support the people running the collection points.
4. All sanitary products will be donated to Bloody Good Period with information by the donation point for those who may be affected by period poverty.



*This policy lapses in 2023*

Motion Title: UJ13 UJS Inclusivity Review

Proposer's name: Toby Kunin

Proposer's J-Soc: Warwick

Seconder's name: Melanie Goldberg

Seconder's J-Soc: Glasgow

What's the idea?

1. J-Socs across the country can be and often are exclusionary environments to large numbers of Jewish students.
2. This specifically applies to:
3. Jews of colour, non-zionist and anti-zionist Jews
4. Jews from outside the UK, especially those from smaller communities
5. Jews of patrilineal descent and Jewish converts
6. LGBTQ Jews, particularly trans and non-binary Jews
7. Recognising that Jewish Societies and the Union of Jewish Students must represent, include and provide a community for all Jewish students, and that the current failure to do so provides a betrayal of the organisation's core purpose.

How do you want it to happen?

1. Compile a report with testimonials, especially from excluded Jewish students and former students, as well as data, with specific recommendations.
2. Mandate use of the UJS platform for consultation, as well as UJS funding so as to reach as many students as possible.
3. Present the findings to the President, National Council and Board of Trustees for implementation, as well as making publicly available the report (where appropriate).
4. Set up a process of review by which the impact of the report may be ascertained, and the steps towards implementation may be modified and improved.

*This policy lapses in 2023*

Motion Title: UJ17 Racial Inclusivity

Proposer's name: Elijah Michael

Proposer's J-Soc: Bristol

Seconder's name: Toby Kunin

Seconder's J-Soc: Warwick

What's the idea?

1. UJS has a responsibility to ensure that Jews of colour are fully included and represented.
2. The status quo within Jewish spaces broadly and J-Socs more specifically is often exclusionary and we must take tangible steps to improve this culture.
3. The concept of 'BAME' and its relationship with Judaism are complex and fundamentally flawed.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS and J-Socs should explore the intersectionality between black and Jewish identity, and anti-black and anti-Jewish racism, through running events that platform black Jews and discuss this connectedness.
2. UJS should encourage J-Socs to acknowledge and fully abandon unconscious biases by facilitating training and workshops.
3. UJS should encourage J-Socs to reach out to other liberation and minority societies, both ethnic and religious, so as to foster solidarity.
4. UJS should commemorate & run events for Black History Month annually, especially centring black Jews.
5. UJS should make a racial inclusivity booklet, outlining a no tolerance policy on racism, how to report racist incidents within Jewish community and points of contact for mental health support.
6. It should be written in consultation with BAME Jewish students and should be given out to all new students in freshers' pack.



*This policy lapses in 2023*

Motion Title: UJ5 Supporting Jewish Healthcare Students

Proposer's name: Charlotte Buchalter

Proposer's J-Soc: Birmingham

Seconder's name: Malka Weissler

Seconder's J-Soc: Middlesex

What's the idea?

1. Jewish healthcare students have been at the front line of the global pandemic, putting their lives at risk.
2. With their busy schedules from placements to intense studying, they have less opportunities to engage with Jewish life on campus.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to campaign for healthcare students rights.
2. UJS to examine the opportunities it offers ensuring that it is accessible to all students.
3. UJS to improve its representation of healthcare students by setting up open forums for their voices to be heard.



*This policy lapses in 2023*

Motion Title: UJ9 Liberation Committee

Proposer's name: Nina Freedman

Proposer's J-Soc: Bristol

Seconder's name: Sabrina Miller

Seconder's J-Soc: Bristol

What's the idea?

1. UJS Presidents do not always have the lived experience of all minorities.
2. Liberation networks deserve more representation.
3. We should give representatives of Liberation networks the power to represent themselves and use their lived experience to decide what is best for them.

How do you want it to happen?

1. Advisory committee appointed every year by the UJS President and sabbatical officers.
2. People can apply to be on the committee if they self-identify as being in one of the Liberation groups.
3. Committee has no constitutional power but the President should take their direction on Liberation events and matters.

*This policy lapses in 2023*

Motion Title: UJ15 UJS Values Historical Research and Commits to Showing Competing Narratives on its Trips

Proposer's name: Daniel Sacks

Proposer's J-Soc: Birmingham

Seconders name: Josh Lee

Seconders J-Soc: Nottingham

What's the idea?

1. Archaeology provides real insight into history and shows the Jewish character of Jerusalem long before the advent of Islam.
2. The Clinton Parameters for Peace constituted the largest and comprehensive peace agreement ever offered to the Palestinians and it was rejected as it gave the right to digging under Jerusalem to Israeli authorities.
3. The story of the City of David began over 3,000 years ago, when King David left the city of Hebron for a small hilltop city known as Jerusalem, establishing it as the unified capital of the tribes of Israel.
4. Years later, David's son, King Solomon, built the First Temple next to the City of David on top of Mount Moriah, the site of the binding of Isaac, and with it, this hilltop became one of the most important sites in the world.
5. Today, the story of the City of David continues. Deep underground, the City of David is revealing some of the most exciting archaeological finds of the ancient world. The Palestinian Authority has instructed a media campaign against this area as it exposes a real and undeniable Jewish claim to their land and has since funded court filibustering methods to lock citizens in using them as pawns in their territory claim.
6. Unlike the PA, UJS is a student educational organisation that believes in academic scrutiny and therefore rejects claims that ignore evidence and will not subscribe to historical tampering for political purpose.

How do you want it to happen?

1. All UJS trips should encompass a true and accurate historical portrayal. To facilitate, it will be encouraged to visit contested sites or certain sites of significance as decided by the President to guarantee a clear and fully informed perspective for all trip participants.
2. UJS trips will not be overtaken by the agendas of niche interest groups as it undermines their stated aims of providing perspective and exposure to all



contesting narratives. UJS will therefore define no site as being too controversial to visit in the interest of objectivity.

3. Neither the Arafat mausoleum, nor territories transferred between powers at Oslo, nor the Temple mount and any areas under the guardianship of the WAQF, nor the City of David, nor Qalandiya and Ramallah, nor the Herodian National Park are defined as 'too controversial for Jewish students to visit' and see for themselves.

*This policy lapses in 2023*

Motion Title: UJ19 Reaffirmation of CST As the Port of Call on Campus in Dealing with Antisemitism and Protecting Jewish Students on Campus

Proposer's name: Nathan Kelion & Greg Kraftman

Proposer's J-Soc: Leeds & Birmingham

Seconders name: Edward Green & Daniel Marcus

Seconders J-Soc: Sheffield & Nottingham

What's the idea?

1. Antisemitism is on the rise worldwide and on campus.
2. Jewish students need to be protected and supported on the ground.
3. CST have many student volunteers on campuses who work with the J-Socs to provide security for events and support Jewish students when antisemitic incidents arise.
4. Each J-Soc should have one member of the committee/ J-Soc who is trained by CST to ensure that every J-Soc is protected. It wishes to thank the CST for all the work it has done to ensure that Jewish students are safe on campus and guarantee the continuation of the vital work.
5. Jewish students must be continually aware of the work CST do, and should be encouraged to be involved in their localized teams. It also wishes to reaffirm CST's place as the port of call for antisemitic incidents on campus.

How do you want it to happen?

1. CST to work with their student volunteers and J-Soc committee to ensure that at least one member of the committee/J-Soc has been trained by CST.
2. For CST to deliver a session as part of J-Soc Chazon.
3. Any member of the J-Soc committee can be trained, it doesn't need to be a separate position.
4. UJS and CST continue to work together to ensure students are protected on campus. Conference must push UJS to continue to utilize the CST-UJS antisemitism guide not just during fresher's but all year round. This motion will mandate UJS to promote the course which trains student volunteers.
5. The course helps protect both Jewish students on campus, whilst providing them with invaluable skills that helps them when they leave university in dealing with

antisemitism.

6. The Student Security Coordinators should be available to Jewish students who should have their contact details when they begin their term to ensure the swift dealing with incidents.
7. UJS will actively encourage students to join CST in protecting Jewish events at university, recognising that recruitment of new members is essential to the continuation of safe and secure Jewish events on and off campus.



*This policy lapses in 2023*

Motion Title: UJ12 Digital Poverty Support

Proposer's name: Stav Salpeter

Proposer's J-Soc: Edinburgh

Seconder's name: Dora Hirsh

Seconder's J-Soc: Sheffield

What's the idea?

1. In light of Covid-19 restrictions, Jewish student life has moved substantially from campus to online.
2. This has exposed discrepancies between student wealth levels and their ability to access online events and resources.
3. This is an access problem and affects students' ability to attend national and J-Soc Online events provision is likely to continue into 2021.

How do you want it to happen?

1. As long as social distancing impedes the ability to congregate in person, UJS should support students materially who are unable to access online events due to digital poverty.
2. UJS should raise the public profile and campaign on the issue of digital poverty.
3. UJS should lobby to ensure that universities furnish their students materially so that they can access online events and teaching.

*This policy lapses in 2023*

Motion Title: UJ11 UJS Commits to Subscribing to the Jerusalem Program in Full as Detailed by the World Zionist Organisation (WZO)

Proposer's name: Daniel Sacks

Proposer's J-Soc: Birmingham

Seconder's name: Josh Lee

Seconder's J-Soc: Nottingham

What's the idea?

1. Zionism, the national liberation movement of the Jewish people, brought about the establishment of the State of Israel, and views a Jewish, Zionist, democratic and secure State of Israel to be the expression of the common responsibility of the Jewish people for its continuity and future.
2. The foundations of Zionism are:
  - a. The unity of the Jewish people, its bond to its historic homeland Eretz Yisrael, and the centrality of the State of Israel and Jerusalem, its capital, in the life of the nation;
  - b. Aliyah to Israel from all countries and the effective integration of all immigrants into Israeli society.
  - c. Strengthening Israel as a Jewish, Zionist and democratic state and shaping it as an exemplary society with a unique moral and spiritual character, marked by mutual respect for the multi-faceted Jewish people, rooted in the vision of the prophets, striving for peace and contributing to the betterment of the world.
  - d. Ensuring the future and the distinctiveness of the Jewish people by furthering Jewish, Hebrew and Zionist education, fostering spiritual and cultural values and teaching Hebrew as the national language;
  - e. Nurturing mutual Jewish responsibility, defending the rights of Jews as individuals and as a nation, representing the national Zionist interests of the Jewish people, and struggling against all manifestations of antisemitism;
  - f. Settling the country as an expression of practical Zionism.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS will adopt this as policy.

*This policy lapses in 2023*

Motion Title: CO13 Solidarity with Refugee and Asylum Seeking Communities Proposer's name:

Stav Salpeter

Proposer's J-Soc: Edinburgh

Seconder's name: Melanie Goldberg

Seconder's J-Soc: Glasgow

What's the idea?

1. As Jews, we have a historical experience of displacement, and asylum seeking.
  - a. It is estimated that around 100,000 'illegal' or 'clandestine' Jewish immigrants tried to travel to the British Mandate between 1939 and 1948, fleeing the persecution that surrounded the Holocaust. The British Mandate authorities detained the Jewish asylum seekers and sent some of them to what we would now call 'off-shore detention centres' in Cyprus and Mauritius.
  - b. The current international legal system protecting refugees under the 1951 UN Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees was shaped in relation to the Holocaust.
2. Values in solidarity with refugees are rooted in our tradition, with a deeply-held commitment to "treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and love him as yourself, for you too were strangers in the land of Egypt." (Vayikra 19:34). On Passover we emphasise that "In every generation a person is obligated to see themselves as if they had left Egypt." Our historical experience compels us to act.
3. Refugees and asylum seekers currently face a "culture of denial" (Souter 2011).
4. The Home Office has recently proposed an offshore detention centre for asylum seekers on the Australian model. This carries disturbing echoes of the Jewish experience of offshore detention in Cyprus and Mauritius. The Australian offshore detention model has led to numerous human rights abuses and has been condemned internationally.
5. There have been commendable examples of Jewish solidarity with refugees by organisations such as René Cassin, and there is a lot of room to build on existing initiatives.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS shall commemorate World Refugee Day annually on June 20th.
2. UJS shall make information booklets available to all students including (but not limited to):
  - a. An outline of the legal protection of refugees under International Law and the United Kingdom's obligations.
  - b. Stories of historical (and/or contemporary) British Jewish refugee experiences. These can be inspired by the Association of Jewish Refugees which is the

- national charity supporting Holocaust refugees and survivors living in Great Britain.
- c. Suggestions for organisations that Jewish Students can be involved with in solidarity with refugee communities in the UK. These can include but are not limited to Student Action for Refugees (STAR) and René Cassin.
  - d. Testimonies from students who have been involved with refugee support and solidarity on their campuses to provide inspiration for potential initiatives. This can include but is not limited to Solidaritee and student-led tutoring programmes.
3. UJS shall platform refugee and asylum seeker speakers and emphasise the Jewish values and historical experience underlying solidarity with refugee and asylum seeking communities. This can include organisations such as HIAS and Freed Voices ("experts by-experience").
  4. UJS shall categorically oppose offshore detention centres based on the historical Jewish experience of such centres and the proven human rights abuses that take place within them contemporaneously.
  5. UJS Sabbatical Officers shall support J-Soc committees in getting involved with projects in solidarity with refugee and asylum seeking communities. This can include but is not limited to organisations such as STAR and Solidaritee, in addition to grassroots student-led tutoring and fundraising programme.



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: UJ15 Becoming a Real Living Wage Employer

Proposer's name Sophie Hasenson

Proposer's J-Soc: Sussex

Seconder's name: Toby Kunin

Seconder's J-Soc: Warwick

What's the idea?

1. UJS employs new graduates who work incredibly hard for the benefit of all students, some of whom have to move to London to work, which can be financially straining.
2. UJS also employs other staff and many contractors such as cleaners and other workers.
3. The UK's current "Living Wage" is a minimum wage which does not reflect the accurate cost of living, especially in London. The "Real Living Wage" is a research based wage calculated and defined by the Living Wage Foundation as an accurate representation of the cost of living, with a different weighting for London.
4. For example, for a 21 year old graduate the Government minimum wage is £8.36 an hour whereas the research based Real Living Wage is £11.05 in London.
5. Research has found that paying the "Real Living Wage" encourages more applications for jobs and with less concern over living costs staff work harder. Concerns about expenses and living costs should not put highly skilled graduates whose families do not live in London off applying for the job and should not stop UJS staff working to their full potential.
6. The Living Wage Foundation also provide support to aid organisations in putting the Real Living Wage into place without financially harming the organisation. Current Living Wage Employers include companies such as IKEA and small, city based charities.

How do you want it to happen?

1. For UJS to endeavour to become a "Real Living Wage Employer" within the next three years. This involves paying all permanent staff the Real Living Wage and involves working towards a plan to pay contracted staff the Real Living Wage in new and renewed contracts.



2. This should also involve a moral responsibility of UJS to work towards paying all employees fairly for every hour they are required to work in order to do their jobs sufficiently.

*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: UJ11 Representation of Sephardi/Mizrahi Jewish Traditions at UJS

Proposer's name Guy Dabby-Joory

Proposer's J-Soc: Oxford

Seconder's name: Joel Azulay

Seconder's J-Soc: Queen Mary

What's the idea?

1. Sephardi Jews are the oldest Jewish community in the UK and Bevis Marks is the oldest synagogue in continuous use in the UK
2. The need for better representation of Sephardi/Mizrahi culture already led to a focus group in 2017
3. At important events such as the UJS Summit 2018 there was no Sephardi/Mizrahi service, prayer or tune, although even the Senior Rabbi of the S&P Sephardi Community of the UK was present
4. Furthermore, UJS does not discuss the inequalities that we face both in the Jewish community and in wider society. It is vital to the health of UJS' cross-communal and representative values that this changes

How do you want it to happen?

1. Make sure more Sephardi/Mizrahi tunes and prayers are included in services at UJS events. This may include encouraging service leaders to include some Sephardi/Mizrahi tunes in services, or organising a Sephardi/Mizrahi service if there is enough demand.
2. Wherever possible, include one Sephardi dish at Shabbat meals.
3. Ensure non-Ashkenazi siddurim, such as Birkat Shelomo or the "Daily and occasional prayers" used by S&P in London, are bought by UJS for events
4. Encourage J-Socs to invite Sephardi/Mizrahi speakers, make services and events inclusive of Sephardi/Mizrahi traditions, and help J-Socs run events on Sephardi/Mizrahi traditions
5. If there are enough Sephardi/Mizrahi students present, sing Bendigamos in addition to Birkat Hamazon at UJS events
6. Run events on Sephardi/Mizrahi cultures, for example music, films, clothing and food/history/teachings and halakha
7. Commemorate the expulsion of Spanish Jewry and of Jews from Arab Countries
8. Work with Sephardi and Mizrahi groups, such as Spanish and Portuguese synagogues, to make their spaces friendly and accessible to students



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: UJ7 Extra Funding for Smaller J-Socs

Proposer's name Daniel Burns

Proposer's J-Soc: UEA

Seconder's name: Tristan Benhamou

Seconder's J-Soc: Goldsmiths

What's the idea?

1. Due to economies of scale it is often more expensive to put on events at smaller J-Socs (fewer than 50 members) than it would be at a larger J-Soc
2. Often times this forces these J-Socs to charge more per head for an event
3. As a result the growth of these J-Socs are hindered because fewer Jewish students go to J-Soc events
4. With a lack of growth, smaller J-Socs cannot reach the size where their costs per head will decrease

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS will provide smaller J-Socs (fewer than 50 members) with extra funding in order to facilitate their growth and engage a larger proportion of Jewish students on these campuses.





*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: UJ25 Creation of a London J-Soc Forum

Proposer's name Joel Azulay

Proposer's J-Soc: Queen Mary

Seconder's name: Jordan Passe

Seconder's J-Soc: Imperial

What's the idea?

1. Despite being in close proximity, the 20+ J-Socs in London each have their own committees, organise their own events, and often work independently of each other
2. Although there are many students in London, cross-city events run solely by the J-socs are rare due to difficulties in communication between them
3. More collaboration between London J-Socs would allow more events, bringing more students together and sharing the burden of organising
4. More collaboration between London J-Socs would also allow resources and knowledge to be shared as these J-Socs face similar issues on campus
5. UJS should support J-Socs in London in collaborating so that they can work more effectively with each other

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should create a London J-Soc Forum, which should meet a minimum of six times a year
2. The London J-Soc Forum should include one representative from each J-Soc from universities in the Greater London area
3. A Chair and two Vice-Chairs of the Forum should be elected on a yearly basis by the members of the forum.
4. UJS should work closely with the London J-Soc Forum, helping them organise meetings and cross-city events, to bring the most students together.



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: UJ9 Improving Access to Kosher Food at Small or Remote J-Socs

Proposer's name Daniel Burns

Proposer's J-Soc: UEA

Seconders name: Itamar Mayshar

Seconders J-Soc: Swansea

What's the idea?

1. Smaller and more remote Jewish societies often have limited access to kosher food. Often times the lack of access to Kosher food is due to a lack of knowledge of where to buy it from
2. Improving access to kosher food allows more religious Jewish students to live an observant Jewish lifestyle at their university

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS will survey students to find out where Kosher food can be bought and create a publicly accessible database that students and J-Socs can use to find Kosher food in their local area
2. UJS will work with Chaplaincy and similar organisations to provide Kosher food to J-Socs where there is otherwise no access

*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: UJ5 Neurodiversity and Inclusion  
Proposer's name Dora Hirsh and Katie Freedman  
Proposer's J-Soc: Sheffield  
Seconder's name: Xander Ross  
Seconder's J-Soc: Manchester

#### What's the idea?

1. Being neurodivergent in a world built for neurotypical people can be disabling, and J-Socs are not always as accessible as they could be to neurodivergent students.
2. Neurodiversity refers to the natural diversity between individuals regarding the way they process information, communicate, think, express emotions, manage their attention, and respond to the world.
3. People who vary more widely than average in ways that significantly impact them can be called 'neurodivergent'. Examples of neurodivergence are autism, ADHD and processing disorders.
4. Neurodivergent students often require additional support and accommodations to engage and participate in J-Soc events. Educating J-Soc committees and members in accommodating and supporting the needs of neurodivergent members can ensure they are not only accepted, but embraced and valued.
5. Many neurodivergent people like who they are and do not want to change this part of themselves. We note that neurodivergent people are more likely to be excluded, picked on, misunderstood or spoken about unkindly by their peers. Sadly, this does happen at J-Socs as well.
6. Historically, women, AFAB people and people of colour have been underdiagnosed and overlooked regarding neurodivergence. Many will have struggled most of their lives without support for their difficulties, and may only be diagnosed during their time at university.
7. J-Socs should be aware that some neurodivergent people may be new to advocating for themselves and learning about their needs.

#### How do you want it to happen?

1. J-Soc Inclusions Officers (or equivalent positions) should receive training specific to neurodiversity and disability so they can ensure that all J-Soc events are genuinely inclusive and accessible.
2. This training should always be delivered by neurodivergent and disabled students, or organisations that include neurodivergent and disabled people at their centre.
3. All J-Soc events must be planned with inclusion and accessibility in mind. For neurodivergent students, this might include: creating and maintaining a quiet area at events, and providing details such as timetables of events, menus, noise levels ('social stories').

4. All support directed towards neurodivergent students will be aimed at empowering them to make decisions for themselves.
5. UJS affirms that neurodivergent students know themselves and their needs best, and can thrive when empowered to create an environment that works for them.
6. UJS will encourage and support individual J-Socs to run sessions to educate their members on disability and neurodiversity, to help foster an environment of friendship and inclusion.
7. Noting that most disabled and neurodivergent people prefer 'identity first' language, UJS and J-Socs will always use identity first language unless an individual has expressed a different preference. For example 'autistic person' is preferable to 'person with autism'.
8. UJS will condemn any organisation which promotes 'cures' for neurodivergence, treatments which do not respect the individual's sense of self, or ABA 'therapies' as hate groups, and as such, will never work with them.
9. UJS will actively check that organisations do not fall into these categories before working with them.
10. UJS affirms that neurodivergent and disabled students are valued and loved members of the Jewish community, and condemns all forms of ableism.



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: UJ32 UJS for ALL Jewish students

Proposer's name Toby Kunin

Proposer's J-Soc: Warwick

Seconder's name: David Bush

Seconder's J-Soc: Warwick

What's the idea?

1. Acknowledging that all Jewish Students should feel welcome at their Jewish Societies, not just those that align to a certain set of political beliefs
2. Noting that in many cases there have been patterns of exclusion and abuse towards Jewish students who do not identify as Zionist
3. Recognising that the UJS constitution contains 'Israel engagement' and 'political pluralism' at its core, rather than a specific commitment to Zionism
4. Recognising that Zionism means many different things to many different people, and that there is no correct or incorrect definition

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to draft guidance for J-Socs on how to ensure the inclusion of all Jewish students on their campuses, regardless of their identification with Zionism
2. UJS to explicitly recognise exclusion based on Zionism or lack thereof as a breach of the Code of Conduct clause pertaining to 'emotionally abusive [and] offensive' behaviour and to treat instances of such as seriously as any other breach
3. UJS to use its official social media platforms to explicitly reach out to non-Zionist Jewish students, reassuring them that J-Socs are places for them too, and explaining the steps above
4. UJS to ensure representation on panels and at events for the 40 percent of Jews in the UK, including many Jewish students, who do not identify themselves as Zionist.



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: UJ2 Make Convention Happen at an Accessible Time for All

Proposer's name: Kesem Iglinsky- Frenkel

Proposer's J-Soc: Glasgow

Seconder's name: Abel Keszler

Seconder's J-Soc: Glasgow

What's the idea?

1. Convention is a time for us to meet fellow Jews across the UK as well as be involved with UJS policies and procedures.
2. As Jewish students in Scotland we miss the opportunity to go to convention as this occurs over our exam diet.
3. This results in us being left out of the loop for UJS events.
4. We propose that convention is moved to a time which is accessible for all, so it doesn't fall on the exam diet in Scotland or England.

How do you want it to happen?

1. For the organisers of convention to speak to students at both English and Scottish universities and co-ordinate a time which works for both parties.
2. Provide a platform where students can join online so that if they are unable to attend in person they are able to partake in the voting of motions.



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: UJ4 To Create Regional Boards for J-Soc Representation

Proposer's name Melanie Goldberg

Proposer's J-Soc: Glasgow

Seconder's name: Ella Lambert

Seconder's J-Soc: Edinburgh

What's the idea?

1. Since Covid, J-Socs have been collaborating more online together, however more needs to be done in person
2. Some of the issues J-Socs face are regional specific, and it would be easier to work with other J-Socs in those regions

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS and J-Socs to set up regional boards, specifically for Scotland, Wales and Ireland
2. The other regional boards can be set up based on the geography and linkages already created through shared Chaplains
3. Each region to have a dedicated sabbatical officer to best support them



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: UJ6 UJS Law Network

Proposer's name Theo Robin

Proposer's J-Soc: Warwick

Seconder's name: Sadie Jacob

Seconder's J-Soc: Surrey

What's the idea?

1. To support Jewish students interested in pursuing a career in law by providing a forum for them to engage with legal professionals.
2. Becoming a lawyer is incredibly competitive whilst Jewish students studying at legal institutions do not have a Jewish society/network to benefit from.
3. To celebrate and recognise the accomplishments of Jews in the legal profession.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to support the UJS Law Network that will be run by students.
2. UJS to use its resources to help support the network to attract speakers and to host events.
3. UJS to support the Network's fellowship scheme that will aid Jewish students in becoming more attractive law candidates by awarding fellows a certificate of completion at the annual UJS Awards





*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: UJ8 UJS to Support Art Students

Proposer's name Daniel Burns

Proposer's J-Soc: UEA

Seconder's name: Tsafia Lauber

Seconder's J-Soc: University of the Arts London

What's the idea?

1. The number of Jewish art students in the UK is relatively low and they are spread out across the country
2. At the present time there is no way for Jewish art students to contact one another or showcase their art within the Jewish community

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS will provide Jewish art students with a way to contact one another
2. UJS will provide Jewish art students with access to prominent Jewish artists
3. UJS will provide Jewish art students with the opportunity to showcase their work to the wider Jewish community



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: UJ10 Social Action Network

Proposer's name Sara Felberg

Proposer's J-Soc: UCL

Seconder's name: Jessica Baker

Seconder's J-Soc: Leeds

What's the idea?

1. I propose that this year a 'social action network' is created as a sub-set of the UJS organisation.
2. This group will focus on both national and international activism to support those who need it most.

How do you want it to happen?

1. Working with the relevant sabbatical officer and a group of students from across the UK will form the group.
2. UJS will help support the group and ensure that their aims are being met.
3. Protest, rallies ect. the group or attending or have organised will be widely publicised on UJS social media for others to attend if they wish.
4. Create opportunities for students to get involved with social activism on a wide range of issues
5. The network will work with all relevant students and groups to ensure UJS focuses on tangible actions they can take to support social action issues across the world



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: UJ12 Defending Balfour Declaration

Proposer's name Bella Jackson

Proposer's J-Soc: LSE

Seconder's name: Davina Mahgehrefteh

Seconder's J-Soc: Warwick

What's the idea?

1. UJS will defend the legality of the establishment of the Jewish State, including through the Balfour Declaration.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS will release a statement along the lines of agreeing to the legality of a Jewish state and accepting the Balfour Declaration.



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: UJ16 UJS @ Pride

Proposer's name Ariel Simble

Proposer's J-Soc: Leeds

Seconder's name: Joel Rosen

Seconder's J-Soc: Cambridge

What's the idea?

1. As a cross-communal organisation, it is important that UJS celebrates LGBT+ culture and demonstrates publically its support for students from marginalised identities.
2. This commitment to allyship and solidarity is shown throughout the year through the liberation network/ conference and with LGBT+ inclusion and celebration training at Summit.
3. Pride is one of the most prominent ways in which UJS can celebrate LGBT+ identity and culture, and as a prominent voice in the Jewish community, it is imperative that UJS has a visible presence.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should continue to participate and organise with youth movements and LGBT+ organisations to have a bloc at London Pride.
2. We should be visible by getting UJS rainbow flags (or similar merch) made.
3. Wherever possible, UJS should participate in other pride marches nationally



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: UJ17 Including Irish and Northern Irish Students

Proposer's name Jodi Mejury

Proposer's J-Soc: Dublin

Seconder's name: Luke Pätzold

Seconder's J-Soc: Dublin

What's the idea?

1. It is difficult for Irish students to engage properly with and feel supported by UJS given the fact that UJS is a UK-based organisation.
2. A residential weekend/summit in Ireland or Northern Ireland would help to support Irish students, giving us a chance to build relationships with each other and bring two small Jewish communities together under UJS.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should facilitate a residential Shabbaton weekend in Ireland/Northern Ireland every year for the Dublin and Belfast J-Socs to meet up, strengthening the bond between Jewish students that don't live in mainland UK.



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: UJ18 Motion to Reduce Waste at J-Soc Events

Proposer's name Naomi Reiter

Proposer's J-Soc: Oxford

Seconder's name: Guy Dabby-Joory

Seconder's J-Soc: Oxford

What's the idea?

1. J-Socs should aim to be more environmentally conscious

How do you want it to happen?

1. This can be done by aiming for using reusable cutlery, cups, and plates at events wherever possible



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: UJ19 Mental Health Awareness Shabbat

Proposer's name Hedva Engle

Proposer's J-Soc: Manchester

Seconder's name: Boruch Michaels

Seconder's J-Soc: Manchester

What's the idea?

1. UJS' current policy is to make mental health resources available to all students through our website. Whilst this is a good step, more work needs to be done on campus to promote positive wellbeing for Jewish students.
2. UJS should provide resources for campuses to hold a student mental health awareness Shabbat. This can be in conjunction with, or separate to, a Jami Shabbat on campus.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should create a resource guide for all J-Socs, explaining how to create an inclusive and informative Shabbat for all Jewish students, with a mental health focus.
2. UJS should recommend ways to make this Shabbat exciting and innovative, for example well-being activities, alcohol-free events and panel discussions.



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: UJ20 Peer Led Liberation Groups

Proposer's name: Ariel Simble

Proposer's J-Soc: Leeds

Seconder's name: Sophie Hasenson

Seconder's J-Soc: Sussex

What's the idea?

1. UJS' peer led liberation groups go only some way to empower the voices of marginalised peoples and champion the fight for equality.
2. It is inappropriate for those who do not define into liberation groups to be leading campaigns and activities, and therefore it is imperative that these networks are peer-led, in line with UJS' core values.
3. The UJS Staff should work to facilitate the realisation of these projects.

How do you want it to happen?

1. Move the liberation groups to a peer-led structure
2. There should be a student led steering group responsible for developing and overseeing the peer led liberation groups.
3. The caucuses should cover groups such as Jews of Colour, LGBTQ+, Women, Disability, and Working Class.
4. These areas covered should be amended as appropriate based on the involvement of people with lived experience.
5. Ensure that the strategy and direction of UJS Liberation Conference is in consultation with students who define in the relevant liberation group.
6. UJS should provide these peer-led liberation groups with a healthy budget to run events on a national and local scale.





*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: UJ21 Supporting J-Socs with Friday Night Dinner

Proposer's name Aimee Harris

Proposer's J-Soc: Birmingham

Seconder's name: Maital Abrahams

Seconder's J-Soc: Leeds

What's the idea?

1. Many J-Socs put on Friday night dinners and shabbat officers have a lot of cooking to do as well as supporting the other members of committee.
2. Finding variety of food to cater for all students can be difficult
3. During the winter months when shabbat comes in early, preparing dinner in advance is difficult. Some J-Socs have been known to burn the soup, or have to compromise and cook food after shabbat has come in.
4. UJS should give more support to the shabbat reps when cooking for FND.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to create a recipe book for J-Socs to use to help them with easy and simple recipes, targeted at mass cooking and catering for all needs including vegan, vegetarian. This book will also include recipes that don't need the use of an oven or a hob.
2. UJS to provide shomer training for a member of the J-Soc community
3. Sabbatical officers to support shabbat officers in sourcing kosher food
4. Supply hot plates for all J-Socs to ensure the food can be prepared before Shabbat



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: UJ26 Alumni-Student Networking Events

Proposer's name Joel Azulay

Proposer's J-Soc: Queen Mary

Seconder's name: Alex Ani

Seconder's J-Soc: Leeds

What's the idea?

1. A networking event would connect current students with alumni.
2. An event like this would be invaluable for students looking to find work experience or information in a specific sector.
3. This would also encourage people to remain connected to UJS, once they have finished their degrees.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should commit to hosting a minimum of one such event a term
2. These events should be in the style of careers fairs or networking conferences
3. UJS should commit to hosting the events in different regions, so that its accessible for as many students as possible



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: UJ27 Secondary School Student Sessions

Proposer's name Joel Azulay

Proposer's J-Soc: Queen Mary

Seconder's name: Alex Ani

Seconder's J-Soc: Leeds

What's the idea?

1. Many secondary school students have an inaccurate understanding of the work UJS does and how that would affect them at university
2. Many secondary school students who attend Jewish schools or schools that contain large Jewish contingents won't be likely to engage with UJS because they believe they already have their 'Jewish support networks'
3. UJS should attempt to form bonds with students before they start at university, so that they can provide an accurate picture of Jewish life on campus and help them settle into Jewish student life

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should commit to reaching out to Jewish secondary schools or Jewish societies at other schools.
2. Where possible, UJS should deliver sessions/assemblies aimed at explaining their role and how they can help Jewish students on campus.
3. These sessions should also contain information about how Jewish students can get involved on campus.
4. Where possible, these sessions should be targeted at older years, primarily years 12 and 13.



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: UJ34 UJS Not Being a Space for Any Proselytism (Including J-Socs)

Proposer's name Lara Kay

Proposer's J-Soc: Nottingham (Trent)

Seconder's name: Harry Levy

Seconder's J-Soc: Nottingham (UoN)

What's the idea?

1. UJS spaces should not be a place for proselytism. In the past, there have been incidences which have created uncomfortable situations where potential proselytising of other religions has occurred.
2. Proselytism (like Jews for Jesus) is problematic in any scenario. But even more so in a space where young Jewish adults are a big part of an organisation like UJS.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS will not be a space for proselytism. UJS will encourage ALL J-Socs to amend their constitution to include that their society will not be a space for any proselytism. (The opportunity to amend a societies constitution is usually when a new committee takes over).
2. UJS will follow up and support the re-writing of their constitution when every Jewish Society hands over to a new committee.



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CA18 UJS United Against Racism on Campus

Proposer's name: Toby Kunin

Proposer's J-Soc: Warwick

Seconder's name: Peter Strauss

Seconder's J-Soc: Oxford Brookes

What's the idea?

1. Recognising that our fight against antisemitism on campus is inseparable from the fight against broader racism on campus
2. Accepting that some on the far right have attempted to use the fight against antisemitism as an excuse to not combat other kinds of racism
3. Noting the commonality in experience and frustration between Jewish students and other ethnic minority students at their universities' failures to take their concerns around racism seriously

How do you want it to happen?

1. All IHRA motions worked upon with the consultation of UJS to include a clause explicitly referencing wider problems of racism on campus, with references to specific definitions to improve the situation, for example advocating also for the adoption of the APPG Definition of Islamophobia or the IHRA Definition of antigypsyism/anti-Roma discrimination
2. UJS to actively facilitate conversations between J-Socs and other ethnic minority societies, as well as broader civil society groups from other communities, to make sure this combined fight is most effective
3. UJS to use the opportunities it has with government officials and changemakers to advocate for a holistic approach to fighting racism on campus, supporting partner organisations from across other communities.



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CA2 To Continue to Adopt the IHRA Definition of Antisemitism.

Proposer's name: Jasmine San, Jack Lubner and Davina Mahgerefteh

Proposer's J-Soc: UEA, Warwick and Cambridge

Seconder's name: Samuel Pitch, Joel Rosen and Joel Azulay

Seconder's J-Soc: UEA, Cambridge and Queen Mary

What's the idea?

1. The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of antisemitism is used by the overwhelming majority of the Jewish community to define contemporary antisemitism. It has also been adopted by the Government, all major political parties in the UK, many public institutions including 100 universities.
2. UJS adopted this definition in 2016, reaffirmed it in 2018 and since has successfully campaigned for the adoption of IHRA at over a hundred universities across the United Kingdom.
3. The IHRA definition highlights the importance of context in understanding what may be antisemitic and provides useful examples. It is not a legal instrument; it simply remains as a tool that can be used for clarifying what is and is not antisemitism and why.
4. However, some universities which have adopted IHRA have continued to fail Jewish students as they lack effective complaints procedures. Therefore, UJS recognises that mere adoption of the definition is not sufficient without following up to ensure it has been successfully implemented. The impact on Jewish students should be the barometer of success for evaluating how successfully IHRA has been implemented on campus.
5. Over the past year, Jewish people's self-definition of antisemitism has seen unprecedented attacks. Both inside and outside of student spaces, factions within both the Jewish community and wider population have sought to undermine and block the IHRA definition.
6. UJS must be clear and active in our response that anything other than the definition of antisemitism that we choose for ourselves is inadequate.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to reaffirm adoption of the IHRA definition.
2. UJS to actively campaign for Students Unions and Universities to adopt the IHRA definition, in collaboration with individual J-Socs.
3. UJS should run talks and stalls at universities for all students to educate people on the importance of this definition
4. Where appropriate, UJS should lobby other local, national, or international bodies to adopt the IHRA definition.
5. Ensure that the IHRA definition of antisemitism is not misused to shut down legitimate criticism of the Israeli government, as the IHRA itself says: "criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country cannot be regarded as antisemitic".



6. Adopt the position that the IHRA definition is not complete without all its examples.
7. Commit to working with universities after they have adopted IHRA to ensure it is being used effectively.



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CA7 Tackling Antisemitism... Proactively

Proposer's name: Edward Isaacs

Proposer's J-Soc: Bristol

Seconder's name: Joel Rosen

Seconder's J-Soc: Cambridge

What's the idea?

1. Antisemitism on campus is a perennial problem for Jewish students. Jewish students deserve a long-term, proactive and robust strategy to combat this antisemitism.
2. While this motion will not create the strategy per se, it will firstly mandate the next UJS President to create such a strategy and secondly, it will outline the key areas the strategy needs to focus on.
3. This strategy is necessary to enable future UJS Presidents to successfully tackle high-profile cases of antisemitism as well as giving UJS the scope to proactively educate all students, both Jewish and non-Jewish about the dangers of antisemitism.

How do you want it to happen?

1. 5 year strategy to combat antisemitism on campus.
2. This strategy will be proactive in nature and will be created alongside key actors including the CST and the Department for Education.
3. The strategy will recognise key structural issues in combatting antisemitism:
  - a. The lack of scope UJS has to educate students from all backgrounds about antisemitism.
  - b. The inadequacy of complaints procedures for students to use.
4. The strategy will be formed with the Department for Education to shape additions to curricula which will educate students about antisemitism in line with the IHRA definition as adopted by the UK Government.
5. The strategy will also be formed alongside the Department for Education and CST to review complaints procedures such that they will effectively deal with both high-profile and student on student cases of antisemitism.
6. In particular, the review should focus upon the principle of antisemitic incidents, rather than entirely focusing upon their impacts as seen currently.





*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CA6 Misogyny on Campus

Proposer's name: Sara Felberg

Proposer's J-Soc: UCL

Seconder's name: Jessica Baker

Seconder's J-Soc: Leeds

What's the idea?

1. Misogyny and sexual harassment are still rife on campus and UJS needs to ensure the proper support is given to the relevant students.

How do you want it to happen?

1. Events that work to tackle the patriarchal and misogynistic nature of society are supported by UJS. For example, having a 'UJS block' at as many Reclaim the Night Marches as possible.
2. On International Woman's Day, a yearly fundraiser is to be held for a charity of the student's choice in relation to sexual assault on campus or sexual assault generally. The charity will be voted on at conference.
3. UJS work with Safer Dating and Jewish Women's Aid to create workshops across campus' to educate about misogyny and signs of abuse in relationships



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CA4 To Combat Antisemitism Amongst the UCU and Academic Bodies

Proposer's name: Dora Hirsh and Noah Katz

Proposer's J-Soc: Sheffield and Lancaster

Seconder's name: Josh Samuel

Seconder's J-Soc: Queen Mary

What's the idea?

1. The impact of the David Miller case has led to many academic bodies and individual lecturers to be more open about their views and has also led to antisemitic incidents.
2. Jewish students are nervous to be open and report these incidents, as they may impact their grades
3. There is a fundamental issue within UCU, of anti-Zionist rhetoric that leads Jewish students and Jewish members of staff to feel isolated and scared on campus

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to call out academic bodies when they engage with antisemitic speakers
2. UJS to work more closely with Jewish academics to combat antisemitism in UCU



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CA3 Holocaust Education

Proposer's name: Olivier Cahn

Proposer's J-Soc: Leicester

Seconder's name: Hedva Engle

Seconder's J-Soc: Manchester

What's the idea?

1. As the survivors of the Shoah sadly fade from the scene, UJS will work to ensure that the memory of the Shoah will remain at the forefront of the consciousness of the Jewish people and the community.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS will continue to affirm the importance of post-Holocaust generations transmitting the memories of the survivors, together with their moral legacies, into the future.
2. UJS will work with community organisations and relevant groups to ensure the continuance of Holocaust Education on campus.
3. In order to ensure the transmittal of Holocaust memory, it is imperative to gear the UJS' programming and activities in this regard to younger generations, and to involve all parts of civil society.
4. UJS is also committed to fight against all manifestations of Holocaust denial, trivialization, or minimization, or any distortion, falsification, or misrepresentation of Holocaust history.



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CA5 To Expand Antisemitism Awareness Training to All Senior Management at University Campuses

Proposer's name: Noah Katz

Proposer's J-Soc: Lancaster

Seconder's name: Josh Samuel

Seconder's J-Soc: Queen Mary

What's the idea?

1. The Jewish community is incredibly small and many university staff members may have never met a Jewish person before or ever engaged in some of the Jewish culture
2. Antisemitism as a form of racism, manifests itself differently to other forms of racism and so needs specific understanding and educating
3. Senior management teams, at universities, are key to all decision making and it is important they are aware of the experiences of Jewish students
4. UJS currently runs antisemitism awareness training for Student Unions and Student society committees.

How do you want it to happen?

1. For UJS to expand and refocus the antisemitism awareness training to university senior management.
2. To work with the J-Socs on the campus to deliver the training together



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CA8 Eruvs on Campus

Proposer's name: Rafi Kleiman

Proposer's J-Soc: Leeds

Secunder's name: Rafi Davis

Secunder's J-Soc: Leeds

What's the idea?

1. For many J-Socs, Jewish students host Shabbat/Chagim services on campus
2. For Jewish students who do not want to carry on Shabbat this can be very difficult for them to be able to come to services without an eruv.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS and J-Socs to lobby the universities about introducing eruv's on campus and student accommodation to make the Jewish student experience on campus more inclusive.

*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CA9 Combatting Antisemitism in NUS

Proposer's name: Gavriel Solomons

Proposer's J-Soc: Hertfordshire

Seconder's name: Abbie Saul

Seconder's J-Soc: Birmingham

What's the idea?

1. There is a history of antisemitism within NUS, with Jewish members of the NEC receiving abuse for years due to their Jewish identity. Luciana Berger was famously forced to resign over this.
2. The Home Affairs Select Committee report on Antisemitism in the UK, published in 2016, said the then NUS President's language "smacked of outright racism" after calling Birmingham University "a Zionist outpost".
3. An NUS NEC member resigned in 2018 after comparing Israeli policies to those of the Nazis.
4. NUS endorsed BDS in 2015 and their consistent anti-Israel agenda spreads misinformation, ignores antisemitism related to Israel and contributes to the toxic and antisemitic environment that many Jewish students face on campus.
5. In October 2021, the NUS President spoke alongside infamous antisemite Omar Barghouti at a BDS event.
6. NUS have, to their credit, adopted the IHRA definition of antisemitism, yet despite their claims to be an anti-racist movement with 'zero tolerance' towards antisemitism, the organisation has often failed to put their words into action.
7. NUS' Code of Conduct is not fit for purpose for a 'zero-tolerance' stance on antisemitism, as it only covers full time staff or volunteers at NUS events. Therefore, if a non-paid elected representative of NUS posts an antisemitic statement online, which violates NUS' own definition of antisemitism, this is permitted under NUS code of conduct.
8. For the NUS Code of Conduct to be fit for purpose, it is imperative NUS update their code of conduct to include the actions of NUS volunteers outside of NUS events.
9. It is likely that if UJS had not in the past put significant pressure on NUS, antisemitism would not have been dealt with in a satisfactory manner. Such pressure includes advocating for the adoption of the IHRA definition at NUS conference in 2017. Before this, NUS had used the EUMC working definition since 2000.
10. Since Motion CA4 was passed in 2018, UJS has not managed to successfully lobby NUS to satisfy that motion's concerns, therefore it is important that UJS continues to work to make NUS a body that Jewish students can be confident both represents and does not tolerate racism towards them.



How do you want it to happen?

1. Mandate UJS to fight antisemitism within NUS and the wider student movement.
2. Mandate UJS to put pressure on NUS to update their Code of Conduct to include the actions of NUS volunteers outside of NUS events.
3. For UJS to put pressure on NUS to follow through with its adoption of the IHRA definition by tackling “new” antisemitism (antisemitism related to Israel).
4. For UJS to continue to work with those in the student movement who stand with Jewish students against antisemitism.
5. For UJS to make a particular effort to reach out to groups who represent students facing other forms of racism, and work towards having a better and more constructive relationship with these groups.



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CA10 The Placement of a Siddur in Every Religious Space on Campus.

Proposer's name: Boruch Michaels

Proposer's J-Soc: Manchester

Seconder's name: Shalom Treblow

Seconder's J-Soc: Manchester

What's the idea?

1. The placement of a Siddur in every religious space on campus so that at any time, students will be able to pray in time of need. It was is important that religious spaces are open and able to accommodate every religion.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should provide a Siddur with English in every religious space on every UK campus.





*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CA12 Taking a Proactive Approach to Fighting Antisemitism

Proposer's name: Joel Azulay

Proposer's J-Soc: Queen Mary

Seconder's name: Guy Dabby-Joory

Seconder's J-Soc: Oxford

What's the idea?

1. It is tempting to respond to antisemitism by reacting to incidents when they occur instead of proactively working to prevent them from occurring
2. UJS already does good work on training SUs and NUS leadership in accordance with Policy CA1 from 2019, but this should go further
3. Antisemitism awareness training in freshers week was piloted in Oxford in October, and was very successful, with sessions delivered to over 600 students by Oxford J-Soc with UJS' help
4. Many cases of small-scale antisemitic incidents on campus are due partly to lack of awareness instead of pure malice
5. The training of freshers to be aware of antisemitism and be good allies for Jewish students is both important and effective

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should strongly urge J-Socs to hold antisemitism awareness sessions in freshers week for incoming students
2. UJS should work with J-Socs, SUs, and universities to ensure that these sessions are compulsory for as many students as possible
3. Where possible, UJS should train J-Soc committees in delivering these sessions so that they will be as effective and accurate as possible

*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CA13 UJS Commitment in Combatting Xenophobia Towards Israelis

Proposer's name: Abbie Saul

Proposer's J-Soc: Queen Mary

Seconder's name: Davina Mahgerefteh

Seconder's J-Soc: Warwick

What's the idea?

1. On UK campuses, discussions on the Arab-Israeli conflict have largely been sensationalist with many advocating for cultural, economic, and social boycotts. Such attitudes and actions have been attributed to hostility towards Israeli civilians based on their nationality.
2. Israelis have been the subject of vile dehumanisation, for example only recently with Eli Kay, a 26-year-old murdered by a Hamas terrorist in Jerusalem. Students and popular social media accounts were calling him an illegal settler, blaming him for getting murdered and subsequently defending the Hamas terrorist. The Jewish community was unable to mourn in peace with large sums of people– including students - celebrating his death.
3. This was also seen during the stampede in Hebron which saw the death of 41 Jews.
4. Many students promote the idea that Jews are illegal occupiers that come from Poland/ even propagate the Khazar myth. This is irrespective of the origins of the Jewish diaspora and our identity as an ethnic religion. Telling Jews to 'return' to the countries that violently kicked them out/ were heavily persecuted is morally reprehensible.
5. UJS is an organisation that has a zero-tolerance policy towards bigotry, that same standard must be applied for all peoples irrespective of their nationality.
  - a. With half the world's Jewry residing in Israel, UJS has a moral and social responsibility to defend Israeli civilians from abuse.
6. UJS must recognise that condemnations of antisemitism which include caveats and exclusion clauses that legitimise and attempt to justify antisemitism - especially pertaining to Israeli Jews - should not be accepted as a serious condemnation.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS must commit it's time to educate students on Israeli society demonstrating it as a politically and culturally diverse civilisation.
2. UJS must conduct outreach to both Jewish and non-Jewish students educating about the origins of the Jewish diaspora and our classification as an ethnoreligious group, utilising appropriate Jewish leaders and educators.
3. UJS must ensure their fight against antisemitism extends to fighting prejudice/ discrimination against Israelis.



4. UJS must promote/ help facilitate the safety of Israeli students and speakers on university campuses demonstrating their inalienable right to speak as a free individuals.
5. UJS must create safe spaces for Israeli students to demonstrate their national identity without slander and libel.



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CA14 UJS Commitment to Israel Advocacy

Proposer's name: Davina Mahgerefteh

Proposer's J-Soc: Warwick

Seconder's name: Gabriel Solomons

Seconder's J-Soc: Hertfordshire

What's the idea?

1. In 2018, UJS' Former President publicly stated that the organisation had 'an unwavering commitment to Israel activism.'
2. In 2015, UJS conference passed motion CA10, and in 2018 motion UJ16, committing the organisation to combat BDS in all its forms.
3. UJS has for years consistently launched and supported pro-Israel campaigns, including the recurring 'Bridges not Boycotts' campaign which combats 'Israeli Apartheid Week.'
4. UJS has in effect consistently supported pro-Israel advocacy, and this should be reflected by formal policy passed by conference.

How do you want it to happen?

1. To commit UJS' Campaigns Staff and the UJS National Council to continue to devote their time and resources to support pro-Israel advocacy led by individual students, Jewish Societies and Israel Societies.
2. To ensure that UJS Campaign Staff continue to promote and create national pro-Israel campaigns on campus.
3. To ensure that the National Council endorse and partner with appropriate and legitimate organisations who pursue Israel advocacy work on campus for joint campaigns and educational programming.



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CA15 Commitment to Combating Misinformation and Misconceptions About Israeli Society

Proposer's name: Abbie Saul

Proposer's J-Soc: Birmingham

Seconder's name: Boruch Michaels

Seconder's J-Soc: Manchester

What's the idea?

1. When it comes to the Arab-Israeli conflict, people often speak with high levels of conviction from a position of total ignorance.
2. This problem is made more prevalent on social media – especially within the student demographic.
3. Israelis are often mis-categorised as 'white' 'illegal occupiers' and 'apartheid apologists' - this massive overarching assumption does nothing to create a peaceful future for those living in Israel/ Palestine. It generates further divides and hostility between both groups.
4. Israeli society is often portrayed as a barbaric, extremist rightwing society irrespective of the intracommunity debates/ politics within Israel itself. Anti-Zionists often over-represent extremist groups (for example Lehava) framing them as mainstream. With the largest Jewish population residing in Israel, UJS has the responsibility to devote its time to correctly portray Israel as a democracy consisting of peoples that hold a variety of views.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should facilitate events educating people on the diversity of Israeli society.
2. UJS should actively fight against these overarching assumptions on university campuses.



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CA16 UJS to Campaign for Reform and Awareness of Complaints Reporting at Universities

Proposer's name: Ben Heath

Proposer's J-Soc: Southampton

Seconder's name: Noah Katz

Seconder's J-Soc: Lancaster

What's the idea?

1. Most universities have dated complaints systems which are flawed in several ways; they can be inaccessible to students or not transparent enough to be accountable to victims.
2. Many antisemitic incidents go unreported to universities due to these shortcomings and UJS needs to lobby universities to improve systems.
3. UJS should build on the work and relationships built by past campaigns and press universities to take real action in reforming complaints processes.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should conduct a survey of students' experience with reporting antisemitism on campus and accordingly campaign for reform of student non-academic misconduct complaints across universities in the UK.
2. UJS should also raise awareness for students on how to report incidents to make sure appropriate action is taken.

*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CA17 Strengthening UJS' Commitment to Fighting Hate Speech on Campus

Proposer's name: Davina Mahgerefteh

Proposer's J-Soc: Warwick

Seconder's name: Avigdor Bouaziz

Seconder's J-Soc: Queen Mary

#### What's the idea?

1. On campus it is understood that there are many groups that can cause students to feel uneasy or uncomfortable. There are some groups though which directly threaten to physically harm innocent students and UJS should always ensure it works with the relevant organisations to ensure they are allowed no presence in campus life.
2. The NUS has set clear guidelines on what organisations should be not platformed and this allows for stronger mobilization against these abhorrent groups.
3. UJS should stand side by side with NUS in strongly enforcing this policy to ensure the continued physical wellbeing of students simply trying to attain an education.
4. Last year at conference a policy was passed which was far too broad in defining hate, stating that UJS should not be associated with organisations who "hold extremist beliefs, a far-right ideology, homophobic attitude are racist or discriminatory based on religious grounds".
5. Loose language will not help us tackle the roots of hatred and could potentially lead to divisive partisanship if Labour were to be deemed 'racist' or the Conservatives were labelled 'far-right'.

#### How do you want it to happen?

1. To ensure there are clear guidelines on what UJS defines as hateful or extremist organisations, UJS should use NUS' no-platforming policy to dictate the organisations it defines as hateful. The policy includes the following organisations: Al-Muhajiroun; British National Party; English Defence League; Hizb-ut-Tahrir; Muslim Public Affairs Committee. National Action.
2. UJS should further include any organisation proscribed by the British Government as a terrorist organisation, if not included in NUS' no-platforming policy.
3. UJS should work closely with NUS and continue to lead by example by not associating itself with any of these extremist, hateful organisations. UJS will renew its commitment to combating hate and continue its work in tandem with other organisations to ensure the future success of this policy.
4. UJS should oppose members from these groups and support the no-platforming of any group or organisation that meets the above criteria, any of that group or organisation's members and any individual, group or organisation proved to be associated with, have supported or have links with any of those groups and organisations.



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CO24 UJS Supports Peace in The Middle East

Proposer's name: Toby Kunin

Proposer's J-Soc: Warwick

Seconders name: James Konn

Seconders J-Soc: Birmingham

What's the idea?

1. Noting that under current UJS policy, support for a peaceful future in Israel is a key priority
2. Recognising the unique possibility of the 'International Fund for Israeli-Palestinian Peace' to unite those from across the political spectrum under a shared platform of peace, including the Labour, Conservative, Republican and Democratic parties
3. Recognising the huge diversity of organisations supported, for example the Parents Circle which brings bereaved families together, joint educational charities like Givat Haviva and dozens more, all with a shared vision of lasting peace in the region of Israel-Palestine

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to advocate for the Peace Fund when given platforms to speak about Israel, both within the community and beyond it.
2. UJS to publicise information related to using Israel web portal and other online resources
3. UJS to meet with some of these amazing civil society organisations while on trips to the region, allowing Jewish students to engage with the frontline of peace-building in the Middle East
4. UJS to facilitate speakers from these constituent organisations to speak to Jewish students in the UK, whether online or ideally via in-person campus tours.





*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CO4 Stop the Uyghur genocide

Proposer's name: Melanie Goldberg

Proposer's J-Soc: Glasgow

Seconder's name: Sara Felberg

Seconder's J-Soc: UCL

What's the idea?

1. There are currently over a million Uyghurs imprisoned in "re-education" camps in China. The Chinese government is persecuting its Muslim minority population through a ruthless, industrialized campaign of brainwashing, torture, and dehumanisation.
2. We have seen video evidence of the genocide that is occurring right now in China. As Jews we know what state sponsored genocide looks like in its most extreme form, and we must stand up for human rights.
3. As young people, we believe in championing and strengthening diversity in our societies. China is threatening those very values. We must stand in solidarity with those whose diversity is under attack.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should work towards an action-focused campaign to raise our collective voice against injustice, and break the world's silence on the Uyghurs' plight.
2. UJS should provide opportunities to Jewish students to learn more and take part in initiatives.
3. UJS should work closely with other initiatives that share our values such as Never Again Right Now, Stop Uyghur Genocide, Renee Cassin to support their work.
4. UJS should lobby for actions such as an independent investigation into atrocities in the Uyghur Region and a government-commissioned independent tribunal into Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide against Uyghurs and other Muslim minorities.



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CO9 Improving J-Soc Connections with Their Local Jewish Community

Proposer's name: Shalom Treblow

Proposer's J-Soc: Manchester

Seconders name: Hedva Engle

Seconders J-Soc: Manchester

What's the idea?

1. Jewish students want to be a part of the wider Jewish community in their areas
2. Some J-Socs struggle putting on lots of events especially if they need the access to local synagogues and kosher food.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS help facilitate and make connections with J-Socs that are in close proximity with large local Jewish communities
2. More events for the Jewish festivals to integrate Jewish students with the wider Jewish community



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CO2 To Combat Online Hate Speech and Antisemitism

Proposer's name: Melanie Goldberg

Proposer's J-Soc: Glasgow

Seconder's name: Jessica Baker

Seconder's J-Soc: Leeds

What's the idea?

1. Antisemitism and online hate speech has risen drastically in the last year, impacting Jewish student experience.
2. Jewish students have been victims to hate speech across all social media platforms, e.g. in Facebook groups, WhatsApp groups and Instagram
3. Universities are failing to support Jewish students when dealing with online hate, so more must be done.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to lobby MPs and Government to push for an online harms bill that will best support Jewish students
2. UJS and J-Socs to lobby universities to expand their jurisdiction of complaints to include online
3. UJS and J-Socs to lobby Student Unions to tackle online hate within student society spaces.



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CO3 UJS to Commit to Implementing The Board Of Deputies Recommendations on Combatting Racial Inequality Within the Jewish Community

Proposer's name: Dora Hirsh

Proposer's J-Soc: Sheffield

Seconder's name: Ella Lambert

Seconder's J-Soc: Edinburgh

What's the idea?

1. Last year, the Board of Deputies published landmark report on racial inclusivity in the Jewish community. The report had a large section devoted to community organisations, and how they can implement changes to encourage racial inclusivity.
2. The report had myriad findings, and made suggestions about how organisations such as UJS can improve

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should ensure that the relevant team members have read through the report in full
2. The report should be analysed and the parts that are relevant to UJS should be summarised
3. The relevant findings and recommendations should be circulated to all J-Socs
4. The relevant team members should ensure the recommendations are implemented in a timely fashion



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CO13 UJS' Commitment to Encourage Critical Thinking Amongst Jewish Students and the Wider Community When it Comes To Discussing the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Proposer's name: Abbie Saul

Proposer's J-Soc: Birmingham

Seconder's name: Gavriel Solomons

Seconder's J-Soc: Hertfordshire

What's the idea?

1. Current attitudes towards the Arab-Israeli conflict are incredibly sensationalist, with people often promoting one-sided thinking. This generates further divides and hostility.
2. Israel's enemies often use buzzwords such as 'apartheid', 'genocide' and 'settler colonial state', which negate 4000 years' worth of history along with any modern context or nuance.
3. Debates on the Arab-Israeli conflict are often so divisive and toxic that they often lead to the demonisation of people that hold opposing positions. This ultimately prevents productive conversations.
4. During Operation 'Guardian of the Walls', revisionist and pseudo-historical versions of Jewish history went somewhat viral on social media platforms – notably: 'Palestinians saved the Jews during the holocaust,' 'Jews and Palestinians lived in peace and harmony before 1948,' 'Rothchild Zionists moved to Israel for oil' etc. These often explicitly antisemitic takes begin to fall apart when factual evidence is introduced.
5. Confirmation biases and echo chambers are especially prevalent in the context of the Israel/Palestine debate, and severely inhibit proper engagement and understanding of the conflict.
6. It is reckless and irresponsible to take everything that is read online at face value.
7. Not only do critical thinking skills mitigate these issues, but they are a widely applicable skill whose utilisation is critical to achieving academic success.
8. To mitigate this issue, UJS should teach critical thinking skills to students - both Jewish and non-Jewish - in order to reach a more comprehensive understanding on what is already an incredibly misunderstood conflict.



How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should work with a variety of experts (throughout the political spectrum) to teach students vital critical thinking skills, encouraging them to read and research below the surface of what they generally see in the media and online.
2. UJS should actively work with students to investigate the different sources where they gain information and news, and what those sources' biases are.
3. UJS should work with and utilise published resources from organisations, such as NGO monitor, which critically examine the information proliferated regarding the conflict.
4. UJS should actively promote and encourage students to consume a wide range of sources with an open and critical mind.



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CO1 For J-Socs to Form a Better Relationship with the Progressive Movements on Campus

Proposer's name: Dora Hirsh

Proposer's J-Soc: Sheffield

Seconder's name: Noah Katz

Seconder's J-Soc: Lancaster

What's the idea?

1. Cross-communalism is a core value of UJS, and by default, of the J-Socs
2. J-Socs are meant to be an inclusive space for all Jewish students, however most of campus is dominated by the more religious denominations
3. There are many stigmas towards the Progressive movement and it's important to combat this in J-Soc spaces

How do you want it to happen?

1. To work more closely with the PJS, to supply prayer books and resources to educate J-Socs about the Progressive movement
2. To ensure that every UJS event has a PJS service
3. For J-Socs and UJS to run events on intrafaith



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CO5 UJS Goes Global

Proposer's name: Toby Kunin

Proposer's J-Soc: Warwick

Seconder's name: Guy Dabby-Joory

Seconder's J-Soc: Oxford

What's the idea?

1. UJS is just one of dozens of Jewish Student-Unions across the world
2. The UK is very close to continental Europe, where many of these Unions of Jewish Students are based
3. Increased integration with our European neighbours is an incredible opportunity for us to learn from each other about how to best represent Jewish students, learn about each others histories, cultures and identities and make friends for life around the world

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to offer at least one Europe trip each year with a specific focus on connecting with European partners
2. UJS to offer this trip at an accessible price, and with a capacity large enough to include a wide variety of Jewish students



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CO7 Partner with the Sue Harris Trust for Jewish Swab Week

Proposer's name: Shaina Lesser

Proposer's J-Soc: University of the Arts London

Seconder's name: Lyle Mordecai

Seconder's J-Soc: Birmingham

What's the idea?

1. If someone has a blood cancer, such as Leukaemia, the only chance of saving their life could be a stem cell transplant. But those stem cells have to come from someone with a matching tissue type, which, if you are Jewish, is far more likely to be from someone who is also Jewish.
2. Every year, there are over 1,000 Jewish people around the world needing an unrelated stem cell donor to save their life and there is now an urgent need to replenish the stock of Jewish stem cell donors on the national register.
3. As a student at Manchester University, Sue Harris was an active member of UJS. Then in 1992, whilst training to be a lawyer, she was diagnosed with Chronic Myeloid Leukaemia. At the time there were only 48 Jewish donors on the national register, so she launched a campaign to find her donor and added more than 15,000. By the time she received a transplant, it was too late for it to work and Sue sadly passed away on 19 February 1997. For 25 years, her campaign has continued to recruit stem cell donors and now focuses on encouraging those aged 16-24, who offer the best option medically, to become potential lifesavers.
4. Every year, a new group of healthy Jews, eligible to join the national register, come to campus. Each has the potential be a lifesaver but we can't know until they are tested. It takes just a few minutes to be swabbed and join the register, and UJS could partner with the Sue Harris Trust to educate Jewish students on the importance of joining the register.

How do you want it to happen?

1. Mandate UJS to partner with the Sue Harris Trust for their annual Jewish recruitment drive in February known as Jewish Swab Week.
2. Encourage J-Socs to hold recruitment drives during Jewish Swab Week, to ensure every Jewish student has the chance to become a potential life-saver.
3. The Sue Harris Trust will provide all necessary materials and guidance on how to set up a swabbing session, and will support J-Socs to promote signing up to the donor registry.



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CO8 Supporting International Students

Proposer's name: Ella Lambert

Proposer's J-Soc: Edinburgh

Seconder's name: David Kulp

Seconder's J-Soc: St Andrews

What's the idea?

1. Being away from home is hard for international students, but especially those who come from abroad.
2. As the first port of call for students on campus, UJS should make a specific effort to engage international students.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should work closely with organisations such as Kahal to support their wider efforts in engaging students on campus.
2. UJS should make a specific effort to ensure international students have provisions for Jewish holidays.
3. UJS should work to connect international students with each other by have an international students summit each year.
4. UJS should endeavour to support networking opportunities for international students by utilising their network of alumni.



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CO10 UJS Supporting Refugees

Proposer's name: Elana Keiles

Proposer's J-Soc: Birmingham

Seconder's name: Sara Felberg

Seconder's J-Soc: UCL

What's the idea?

1. UJS stands with refugees and asylum seekers and students are always looking for practical and useful methods of support for these communities.
2. Refugees in the UK are being excluded from educational and other opportunities due to not owning adequate technology.
3. Screen Share is a new charity trying to solve this problem by collecting old laptops and restoring them for young refugees and asylum seekers to use.

How do you want it to happen?

UJS to support and advertise this project by:

1. Encouraging students to bring donated technology to UJS events
2. Sharing opportunities to volunteer for Screen Share with students
3. Reaching out to Screen Share to find out what other support UJS could offer and then endeavouring to act on those findings.
4. Reaching out to similar charities around the country such as Solidaritech in Bradford for opportunities for non-London student



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CO11 UJS to Attend the AJEX Parade

Proposer's name: Zach Igielman

Proposer's J-Soc: Leeds

Seconder's name: Sam Steinburg

Seconder's J-Soc: Cambridge

What's the idea?

1. It's important that we remember and commemorate the many Jewish soldiers who fought for the UK to remain free and safe for the Jewish community.
2. Every year AJEX (The Jewish Military Association) hold a parade the week after Remembrance Sunday, to commemorate the lives lost in the World Wars.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS ensure they are involved and attend the parade every year to show support for AJEX
2. UJS to do more to educate its members about AJEX, given that many members may be relatives of Jewish students.
3. UJS to collaborate with student JLGB volunteers to create a marching UJS delegation in the parade



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CO12 Recognise the Value of and Uphold the UJS Birthright Trips

Proposer's name: Abbie Saul

Proposer's J-Soc: Birmingham

Seconder's name: Gavriel Solomons

Seconder's J-Soc: Hertfordshire

What's the idea?

1. Birthright trips offer students the opportunity to engage with their Jewish identity in a way that few programs could ever do. It is fundamentally an outreach program; transcending denominational, class, economic status, and gender boundaries.
2. For many students, Birthright is their first time visiting Israel, and for others, Israel is a country they visited many times before, but never in an educational capacity. The program therefore offers a unique opportunity for students to investigate the importance of Israel to their Jewish identity.
3. Given that Zionism is a factor in the vast majority of Jewish Students' identities, students who have not previously been able to should be given the opportunity to experience Israel. The value of birthright must be recognized.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS shall commit to continue offering Birthright trips for Jewish students of all backgrounds from across the UK.
2. UJS shall recognise the importance of Birthright trips in allowing Jewish students to explore their identity.



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CO14 Peace in the Middle East

Proposer's name: Gavriel Solomons

Proposer's J-Soc: Hertfordshire

Seconder's name: Abbie Saul

Seconder's J-Soc: Birmingham

What's the idea?

1. The Arab-Israeli conflict is still on-going over 70 years after the establishment of the State of Israel and the situation with Judea & Samaria and Gaza remains unresolved.
2. Recent peace agreements and improving relations between Israel and its Arab neighbours, as shown in the normalisation of relations with the UAE, Bahrain, Sudan and Morocco, are a positive step forward and show that a peaceful resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict is possible.
3. It is of utmost importance that peace is achieved between Israel and its neighbours, including the Palestinians.
4. The Jewish People have an inalienable right to national self-determination in their historic homeland, which has been exercised in the thriving existence of the State of Israel.
5. The State of Israel must be both Jewish and democratic.
6. A lasting, peaceful solution is necessary for Israel's long-term security and the wellbeing of all those living in the region.
7. While a two-state solution is the ideal outcome, UJS policy must reflect the reality of the situation in the region. The two-state paradigm has been used by certain factions to stagnate any progression to a resolution and imaginative alternatives might be the way forward to a permanent solution.
8. Any solution must not compromise Israel's security or status as a democratic and Jewish state.
9. Any solution must respect the rights and interests of the various peoples living in the region.
10. Any long-term solution is only achievable through the reconciliation and agreement of those living in the region.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to continue to advocate for a Two-State Solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict, but acknowledge that any peaceful resolution to the conflict which maintains Israel's



security and status as a both Jewish and democratic nation, and respects the rights of all groups in the region, is preferable to the current, static situation.

2. UJS to acknowledge that any serious, long-term solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict must be decided by those living in that region.
3. UJS to reaffirm its opposition to BDS.
4. UJS to continue to work with organisations in the UK advocating for a Two-State Solution, e.g bringing them to J-Socs.



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CO15 UJS Uphold Commitment to Commemorate and Educate Jewish History and Identity

Proposer's name: Davina Mahgerefteh and Abbie Saul

Proposer's J-Soc: Warwick and Birmingham

Seconders name: Boruch Michaels

Seconders J-Soc: Manchester

What's the idea?

1. Jewish identity is too often misconstrued as a religion that emerged in Europe. Jews are often categorised as white Europeans, overlooking Jewish History and Mizrahi, Beta Israel, and Sephardi Jews, as well as the cultural diversity that exists within Judaism.
2. The understandings that Judaism is not only a religion but an ethnicity that originated in Israel/Judea, and the significance of the Jewish Diaspora to contemporary Jewish identity are critical to combating antisemitism. The origins of antisemitism, including antisemitism within other Abrahamic religions and across the political spectrum must be acknowledged in order to combat antisemitism today.
3. There are also loads of attempts to rewrite history (both modern and biblical) for example: holocaust inversion and denying the existence of the first and second temple. In recent years, students are often motivated to revise Jewish history in order to slander Israel, for example by claiming 'Rothchild Zionists' moved to Israel for oil.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS must commit resources to educate both the Jewish and wider community on the history of Jewish people as an ancient and scattered civilization.
2. UJS should reach out to professionals and academics in the field of Jewish history to explain the origins of Judaism in Israel, and our status as an ethno-religion.
3. UJS should make a greater effort to teach the history of Mizrahi and Sephardi communities.
4. UJS should facilitate education of ancient Jewish history in the kingdoms of Israel and Judea, by using archaeological, genealogical, and cultural facts as well as the preservation of cultural practices.
5. UJS must bring in appropriate Jewish leaders and educators into J-Socs to give basic lessons on Jewish history, equipping them with the knowledge to fight against these fabrications.
6. UJS must be proactive in combatting Jewish history revision when they see it on university campuses.





*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CO17 Donating Leftover FND Food

Proposer's name: Robert Auerbach

Proposer's J-Soc: Imperial

Seconder's name: Dora Hirsh

Seconder's J-Soc: Sheffield

What's the idea?

1. UJS subsidise FNDs all over the country. Often there is leftover food that is wasted at Friday night dinners.
2. It is important that this food is not wasted and is used to help others.

How do you want it to happen?

1. Each J-Soc should have a dedicated person on committee to find a local charity to collaborate with, to ensure no food at FND is wasted.
2. J-Soc committees and local charities should work together to arrange the transportation of leftover food to the less fortunate.
3. Shabbat officers should be in charge of ensuring food is only donated if it is deemed food safe
4. UJS Sabbatical officers should help J-Socs to find suitable local charities

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Motion Title: CO18 UJS Applauds British Government in Classifying Hamas as a Terrorist

Organisation

Proposer's name: Abbie Saul

Proposer's J-Soc: Birmingham

Seconder's name: Gavriel Solomons

Seconder's J-Soc: Hertfordshire

What's the idea?

1. Hamas is a genocidal, antisemitic organisation hell-bent on murdering every last Jew.
2. Hamas' charter explicitly call for the murder and genocide of Jews in unambiguous terms:
  - a. Article 7: 'The day of Judgment will not come about until Moslems fight Jews and kill them. Then the Jew will hide behind rocks and trees and the rocks will cry out: 'O Moslem, there is a Jew hiding behind me, come kill him.'
  - b. Article 22: 'The enemy have been scheming for a long time... they have accumulated huge and influential material wealth. With their money they took control of their media... with their money they stirred revolutions in various parts of the globe... [lists various revolutions] which are spreading around the world in order to destroy societies and carry out Zionist interests.'
  - c. Article 32: 'Zionism scheming has not ended, and after Palestine they will covet expansion from the Nile to the Euphrates river... their scheme has been laid out in the protocols of the Elders of Zion.'
  - d. Article 32: '[Hamas] are best for the future role in the fight against the warmongering Jews.'
3. Further, Hamas have openly called for Genocide against Jews, instructing people to purchase knives and stab Jews in the neck.
4. Hamas indoctrinate their children into believing they have a moral responsibility to martyr themselves and murder Jews.
5. Hamas openly call for the violent Eradication and liquidation of Israel in its entirety
6. Only recently, a Hamas member, who'd indoctrinated children in his job as a teacher, murdered 26 year old Eli Kay - a Jewish worshipper in Jerusalem. Thousands took to twitter and social media to celebrate, downplaying the brutality to 'resistance' and blaming Eli Kay for his own murder. Hamas handed out sweets in Gaza and Eli's murderer's image was put up in Al-Aqsa to celebrate him as a "hero".
7. The indiscriminate murder of Jews because they are Jews and the targetting of civilian areas, with hundreds of unguided missiles is not resistance, but terror and indiscriminate murder in other words every rocket is a war crime.
8. The UK recently finally officially proscribed Hamas as a terrorist organisation in its entirety, including both its military and political wings, under the Terrorism Act 2000.



9. Anyone who officially endorses, backs and encourages Hamas could face up to 10 years in prison.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should release an official statement applauding the British Government for recognising Hamas as a terror organisation decision.
2. UJS must treat Hamas' military and political wings as one and the same organisation.
3. UJS must take a zero tolerance stance on any endorsement of, support for or affiliation with Hamas both within and without student spaces.



*This policy lapses in 2024*

Motion Title: CO19 For UJS to Partner with International Jewish Nonprofit Organizations And Collaborate on Student Initiatives

Proposer's name: David Kulp

Proposer's J-Soc: St Andrews

Seconder's name: Ella Lambert

Seconder's J-Soc: Edinburgh

What's the idea?

1. International students, particularly from North America, benefit greatly from Hillel international and Chabad on campus. Both organizations serve different, but similar, purposes on campuses across the globe.
2. With 550 Hillels in 17 different countries, the organization is a prime partner for UJS—financially, programmatically, culturally, and strategically. Specifically, the Student Cabinet is a diverse body of ~18 students in various different countries that collaborate to innovate programming.
3. Utilizing the sabbatical officers and J-Soc committees in collaboration with the Hillel International Student Cabinet has the potential to revolutionize international Jewish nonprofit partnership.
4. This idea proposes increased communication and collaboration between the two organizations as a strategic priority of UJS.
5. Ultimately, this will assist with leadership development of sabbatical officers, and Hillel/UJS student leaders.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS administration and sabbatical officers contact the Hillel International staff to start dialogue about inter-organizational partnerships
2. UJS sabbatical officers/president collaborate with co-chairs of the Hillel International Student Cabinet to discuss student-facing initiative



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Policy Lapse from 2021 challenged at Conference

Motion Title: CO4 Stop the Stigma – Men's mental health

Proposer's name: Nathan Boroda

Proposer's J-Soc: Warwick

Seconder's name: Noah Libson

Seconder's J-Soc: Goldsmith's

What's the idea? s

It is clear that poor mental health, linked to body image and peer pressure, disproportionately affects young men. Statistically, suicide is the biggest killer of men under the age of 35. UJS does fantastic work on combatting poor mental health, but is yet to recognise its unique and devastating impact on men. Through targeted action, UJS must tailor its campaigns and lobbying of services to address these issues.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should run a specific social media campaign on mens' mental health
2. UJS, when lobbying services or service providers, must specifically address the unique issues that men face
3. UJS should provide education on the specific issues that men face.