UJS CUP GRAND FINAL

MACCABI SELLY OAK

VS

HAPOEL HYDE PARK

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Welcome to the UJS Cup Final

Welcome to the UJS Cup Final! The UJS Cup has quickly become one of the most anticipated events in the student calendar. What began as an exciting new initiative last year has returned bigger and better, bringing together sixteen teams from across the country in a celebration of sport, teamwork, and Jewish student life.

Sixteen teams have battled it out since November through to today's final, demonstrating commitment, resilience, and a genuine passion for JSoc sport. Today's finalists have made it through the group stage and semi-final, built momentum, and experienced the thrill of JSoc football over several months.

One of the defining features of the UJS Cup is the atmosphere it creates. From the first kick-off in November, it was clear that students were fully invested in the competition. Matches were well-attended, teams trained hard, and the sense of pride in representing their JSocs was unmistakable. The Cup has become more than a series of matches; it is a shared experience that brings Jewish students together through sport, camaraderie, and competition.

Thank you for coming to the UJS Cup Final. Today, we're celebrating not only the two teams who have made it this far, but everyone who has contributed to the success of this year's tournament. Players, supporters, volunteers, and organisers have all helped shape the UJS Cup into an event that continues to grow in ambition and impact.

Running Order

- Fans Arrive
- Players' Walk Out
- Kick Off 19:30
- Half-Time
- Game Ends
- Trophy Presentation

Check out the Slice'd meat food van on site for some incredible Kosher food options!

UJS Cup Groups

NORTH A:

Nottingham, Liverpool, Manchester, Loughborough

NORTH B: Edinburgh, Durham, Leeds, York

SOUTH A: Bristol, Bath, UCL, Brighton/Sussex

SOUTH B: Oxford, Cambridge, Warwick, Birmingham

UJS Cup Top Scorers

Rank	Player	Team	Goals
1	Noah Cruise	Loughborough	6
2	Josh Woolf	Leeds	4
2	Jacob Leigh	Bristol	4
2	Jake Coburn	Manchester	4
2	Ben Torns	Edinburgh	4
2	Joseff Rubinoff	Birmingham	4
3	Kodo	UCL	3
3	Alex Brickman	Bristol	3
3	Sami Hirshler	Leeds	3

MACCABI SELLY OAK

Harry Weiniger
Benjy Selig
Oliver Ziff
Max Conway
Joey Goldblatt
Jake Stockman
Josh Rockman
Joseff Rubinoff
Joel Lipman

Oliver Grant
Noah Bohm
Ethan Swead
Aitan Zeital
Rafi Sweiry
Adam Rubin
Joe Corney
Gidon Simon
Josh Stonefield

Manager:

David Blitz

HAPOEL HYDE PARK

Sam Jacobs
Jamie Margolis
Mason Gold
Max Sherick
Joel Herman
Ilai Amitai
Harry Cohen
Seth Lyons
Raff Collins

Ben Masson
Zac Gold
Daniel Attar
Adir Sasto
Ben freedman
Phelan Bairfelt
Josh Woolf
Zak Samuel's
Sami Hirshler

Managers:

Sam Rosenberg, Josh Bull

Maccabi Selly Oak

Maccabi Selly Oak was founded as Fortune Academicals in 1998, serving as the primary Jewish team for students in Birmingham. Competing primarily in the campus league system, in 2021 they arranged a one off friendly with Hapoel Hyde Park (Ollie Lenga scoring the winner for the Oaks), and this system eventually bloomed into the UJS cup.

This year they also played a one off fixture in Europe against Inter Maccabi of Madrid. The Oaks currently have one first team squad but are hoping to start a second string side, coexisting alongside the parallel organisations of Maccabi Selly Oak women's Football and Maccabi Selly Oak Netball.

Maccabi Selly Oak

Funniest moment of the season?
Fresher Swead scoring Selly's fifth in Madrid before knee sliding in front of their bench and reigniting Anglo-Spanish tensions not seen since 1588.

This final matters to Selly for a few reasons. 'Firstly, we'd like to win every game we play in and this is no different. Secondly, we've got a title to defend. And most importantly, playing Hapoel is always going to be UJS's biggest fixture; these games are historic and have been fiercely contested as friendlies, let alone cup finals.'

The team is special because of the group of boys. Every Oak is willing to put their body on the line for each other, whether it is those extra yards ran on the pitch, or extra effort at a social.

When asked his proudest moment, co-captain Harry Weiniger said it was winning in Madrid. Organising such a trip, winning and then celebrating in the Spanish capital was fantastic.

Three words for the club? Historic, Brilliant, Noisy

Hapoel Hyde Park

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History of the Club:

The club was founded by Joshua Freddie Carr, a remarkable person who sadly passed away a few years ago. Every week Hapoel Hyde Park play for him and honour him. Hapoel have his shirt number 12 retired in honour of him and framed in the Hillel house where everyone is reminded of where the club came from.

Hapoel Hyde Park have never won any league or any trophy. This final matters so much to them not just as a team but also as a community and a family in Leeds. There is something so special about this cohort of players. Not only could they potentially win the cup, but they also are in a strong position in their league too.

Hapoel Hyde Park

Funniest moment of the Season?

Max Sherick having multiple crashouts in Edinburgh when the team took a trip to Scotland for the second round of the UJS Cup.

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Manager Josh Bull: 'The proudest moment for the club is the fact that this is our first ever cup final in our 7 years existence. What makes this club so special is because we are more than just a football team, we are all different year groups at uni but we all become so close because of Jsoc football.'

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3 words for the club? Silliness, Passion and Pigs

UJS Cup Teams

Bristol

PSJ (Established 2022) represents Bristol JSoc in the UJS Cup. The Cup has given us some unforgettable memories we were runners up in the inaugural 2025 Final, and semi-finalists this year in 2026. With two teams, our CF and XI, we are proud to be the biggest JSoc Football team in the whole country, giving the most amount of Jewish students the opportunity to represent their university as well as weekly socials. We've had statement wins against the likes of Sussex, UCL and most notably Loughborough who we breezed past as 4-1 victors in last years Semi-Final. As well as this, PSJ are so proud to partner with the charity ShineforShani during every match of our UJS Cup run, spreading awareness and raising money for children with heart defects.

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Loughborough

Maccabi African Violet (MAV) sits at the core of Jewish life at Loughborough. As a smaller JSOC, the team plays an important role in uniting the community, offering the opportunity for anyone to get involved, man or women whether in the weekly 6-a-side social league or the larger national UJS Cup competition.

MAV consistently defies the odds. The team has reached back-to-back UJS Cup semi finals, as well as the semi final of the Loughborough social league.

Founded in February 2024, MAV has achieved a huge amount in just over two years. With strong team spirit, growing participation, and real momentum on the pitch, there is still plenty left to aim for, including that next step of reaching a UJS Cup final and ultimately bringing home the trophy

Cambridge

Baruch HaBridge, est: 2024

This year has been our first full season as a club. We won the Cambridge 6 a side league last term winning 8/9 games and dominating from start to finish. Our cup run was less fruitful but we will be back next year for more!

Highlight of the cup were the beers on the way home from Warwick.

UJS Cup Teams

Warwick

The Warwick Matzah Ballers, founded in January 2024, is a central part of Jewish life at Warwick and the growing team is beginning to form its own community and make waves on the pitch.

The club hit new heights this year with new manager, UJS Sportsperson of the Year, Charlie Cohen at the helm. Across two terms we won the Sunday intramural 5 a-side league and came 3rd in the Wednesday equivalent with the season peaking with a 3-1 win in the UJS Cup, over Baruch Habridge. With new captains Jake and Zach, the club will continue its ascension to the top of the Warwick Leagues and UJS Cup with our eyes on winning it all next year.

Despite being a smaller JSOC, the team are punching above their weight and plan on looking for more victories and special moments along the way. The team will continue to bring people together on and off the pitch and the future is bright for the ballers.

Edinburgh

Maccabi Marchmont were founded in 2023, and have dominated the divisions in our intramural league. We have recently found our first wins against other JSoc sides, and we will continue to grow in this competition in the future!

Brighton/Sussex

Maccabi Moulsecoomb, set up three years ago and built on the strength of community, as well as the incredible support shown by the wider non-Jewish community for the Jewish community we've created here in Brighton.

Over the past three years, we've raised money for a number of charities, with much of our focus going to Chai Cancer Care, a cause that holds deep meaning for many individuals on our team.

Year after year, we've continued to grow, improve, and strengthen the bonds within our group. May this amazing, close-knit team continue to thrive for many years to come.

Oxford

Radcam rabbis were founded in 2023 by Freddie Assor and Jojo Sugarman. After a year of organising friendlies, we were able to join the Oxford college league system from which we achieved our first promotion (admittedly largely by default). Our first season in the UJS cup saw us defeat Cambridge in the first round before a tight loss to Bristol sent us packing. This year too, a victory against Cambridge was followed by a defeat to a larger JSoc, this time Birmingham, which consigned us to another early exit.

UJS Cup Teams

Durham

Durham JSOC Football was founded in 2023, starting out in a 6-a-side league before stepping up to play our first 11-a-side match in the inaugural UJS cup. Since then, we've grown from a small group of around five players into a squad of nearly 20, building a strong and welcoming community while filling an important gap for Jewish sport at Durham.

Our standout moment so far has to be last season's cup run. Reaching the semi-finals as a newly established team was a huge achievement, and our win against Nottingham along the way definitely turned a few heads.

Looking ahead, we're excited to keep building on that momentum and aim to cement our place in the top division of Durham's inter-society six-a-side league.

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York

Founded in 2025, the York JSOC Clifford Maccabees took part in their first UJS cup. Our lack of experience playing as a team showed both in the results and the numerous formation switches mid-game, but we enjoyed our trips to Leeds and Durham and putting York JSOC on the map

Nottingham

Lenton Orient founded 2023. Ran by Jacob Hirshler and Zak Nyman. Managed by Arron Myer. Captained by whoever isn't injured. Playing in Nottingham's IMS football league. #Godsplan

Quote from the club: "We keep beating whoever wins this cup so we look like idiots for not making the final again."

UJS Cup Teams

UCL

B'nei Bloomsbury was founded by Tristan Sampson-Yamoah in 2024.
B'nei Bloomsbury are the first and only official Jsoc team from a London University. Representing UCL in the JSoc cup and representing Judaism in their UCL leagues, "The Bloos" may not exactly demonstrate the greatest footballing ability (despite their star-studded XI) - but they sure know how to have a good time. Vibes FC, because who needs to win games anyway?

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Liverpool

Founded at the start of this year, the Liverpool JSoc football team (Chopped Liver-pool) have truly made their mark on the JSoc football scene. Liverpool have also made a strong impression in their university's IMS league, competing with confidence and quickly establishing themselves as a team to watch. Their first season has set an exciting foundation for what's to come.

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Manchester

Manchester Jewnited, captained by Jake and Noah, are building a legacy one match at a time. Having completely dominated their University's society league, they've been a force to be reckoned with this year and are destined for even more success next year and beyond.

Bath

As the newest team in the cup this year, Bath JSoc football team have come in and made a serious impact. With their captain Matan and the support of the whole JSoc behind them, the Bath JSoc football team are one to watch!

Thank you to our Community Partners:

This cup would not have been possible without the help of two amazing Jewish community organisations. Their support and advice throughout the whole process has been greatly appreciated by everyone involved.

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A huge thank you to Maccabi GB for all their help and support with JSoc sports this year. The netball programme has been revolutionised thanks to their help, and their expertise in running sports competitions has been highly valued throughout this cup.

JATHLETE

Thank you to Aaron Black and Jonah Lazarus of Jathlete for their creativity on social media throughout this competition, as well as the extraordinary kits they've created for the teams.

Why UJS Invests in Student Sport

For many students, University is the first time they are away from home and from the communal structures they grew up with. JSoc Sport fills that gap by creating a welcoming, consistent point of connection on campus. It also offers Jewish students who may never have engaged with Jewish life before a comfortable entry point into the community.

Through sport, students develop teamwork, communication, and organisational skills, setting them up to lead both in Jewish communal roles and in wider professional life after university.

JSoc Sport is a platform for community, physical/mental wellbeing, and an opportunity for participants to be proud of their Jewish identity. At a time when the atmosphere on many campuses can feel tense or isolating, JSoc provides a safe, positive space where Jewish students can connect, feel part of something bigger, and express their identity in a positive way.

The next two pages highlight other sports which our JSocs are involved in!

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

Women's football has become one of the fastest-growing areas of Jewish student sport, and its rise sits proudly alongside the success of the UJS Cup.
Over the past year, more JSocs have formed women's football squads than ever before.

This year also saw the return of the UJS Women's Football Tournament, another brilliant showcase of talent, teamwork, and competitive spirit. Teams travelled from across the country, bringing with them a level of energy that matched and in many ways mirrored the excitement of the men's UJS Cup.
After a day of matches and a fiercely contested final, Birmingham JSoc emerged as champions for the second year running. Their win reflected not only their quality on the pitch but the rising standard of women's football across all JSocs.

Photo Credits: Lukas Black

NETBALL

This year UJS hosted a large inter-JSoc Netball Tournament , a day packed with competitive matches, loud sidelines, and brilliant team spirit. With squads travelling in from across the country, the tournament showcased the depth of talent and enthusiasm within our student communities. After a series of tight matches, Leeds JSoc emerged as champions, lifting the trophy with well-deserved celebration.

Beyond the tournament, JSoc teams have been making their mark in their universities' IMS leagues, competing weekly against other student groups and societies. These leagues have given players the chance to bring Jewish student representation into mainstream campus sport.

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Shine for Shani
(Bristol's Fundraising Cause)

This year PSJ (the Bristol JSoc football team) have been raising money for Shine for Shani:

Shine for Shani is a family-run charity that raises money to improve the lives and life chances of children with serious heart conditions. It was established in 2018 by the family and friends of Shani Berman, an adorable and inspiring young girl who sadly died before her 6th birthday following open heart surgery for her complex heart condition.

Over the past two years, Bristol Jewish Society's PSJ has used its participation in the UJS InterJSoc Cup to raise funds and awareness for Shine for Shani, raising over £3,000. Their efforts were recognised at last year's UJS Awards, where they received the Social Action Project of the Year Award.

Shine for Shani is currently working to raise £100,000 to help create a state-of-the-art cardiac theatre at Great Ormond Street Hospital, improving patient care, surgical precision, and outcomes.

In Shani's memory the charity aims to improve the lives of children with "magic hearts" and ensure that something positive and meaningful comes from the tragic loss of a precious girl.

In keeping with the football theme, Shine for Shani's next event is a 12-hour football marathon on 6th September. To stay updated, follow @shine4shani on Instagram.

@SHINE4SHANI

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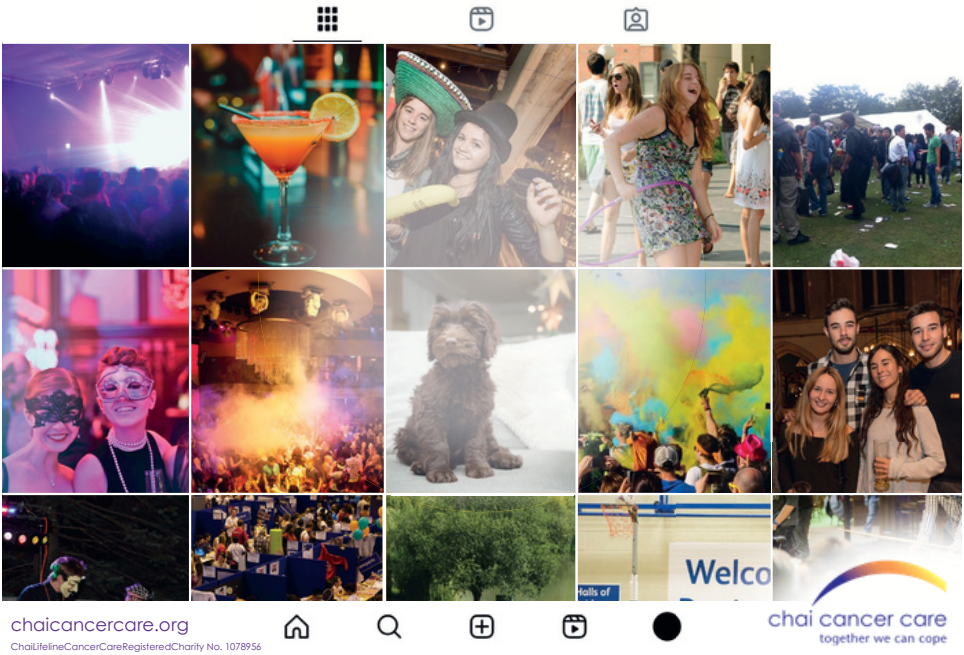
(Brighton/Sussex and Liverpool's Fundraising Cause)

Over the past few years, Brighton/Sussex and Liverpool JSoc football teams have been raising money for a number of charities, with much of the focus going to Chai Cancer Care, a cause that holds deep meaning for many players on the team.
Chai Cancer Care provides free, professional and expert support to any member of the Jewish community affected by cancer, as well as their family and friends.



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